

Assignment 17: Euler's Method (7.3)
Please provide a handwritten response.

Name _____

1a. To apply Euler's method to the differential equation $y' = \sin y - x^2$, first define $f(x, y) = \sin y - x^2$ by executing

```
f := (x, y) -> sin(y) - x^2;
```

In *Maple* functions of two or more variables are handled similarly to functions of one variable; for example, execute `f(-3, Pi/2)`; to find $f\left(-3, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$ and record the result below; is it correct?

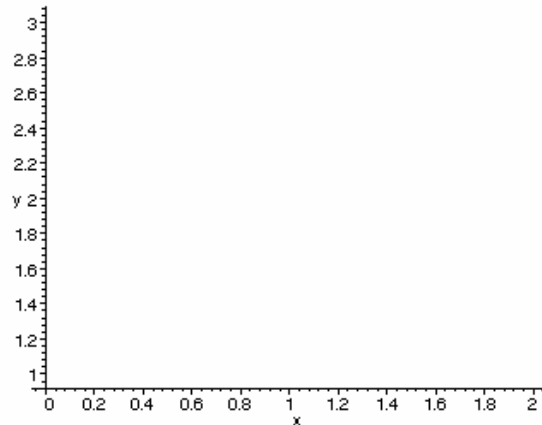
1b. To draw a direction field using *Maple* we must first load in a package; execute

```
with(plots);
```

and

```
fieldplot([1, f(x, y)], x=0..2, y=1..3);
```

Roughly sketch the result on the axes at right. (The `fieldplot` command draws at the point (x, y) an arrow in the plane whose slope is $\frac{f(x, y)}{1}$, or $f(x, y)$; following the arrows therefore leads to a curve which is a solution to the differential equation.)



1c. We will store the steps of Euler's method in what *Maple* calls a "list"; at each step we add one more ordered pair to our list using the `op` command. For example, execute (using square brackets, not parentheses!)

```
sample := [[-2, 3]];
```

representing a list consisting of the one ordered pair $(-2, 3)$, and then execute

```
sample := [op(sample), [-3, Pi/2]];
```

What did this do to `sample`?

1d. Execute `[3, -2] + [4, 7]`; and record the result below; what do you think happened here? (This “list addition” will come in handy in part **g**.)

1e. At each step of Euler’s method we must evaluate $f(x, y)$ at the last ordered pair in our list, in order to compute the next ordered pair. This will take just a bit of fancy stuff: Execute `sample[2]`; and tell below what you think the `[]` command does to a list.

1f. Because *Maple* will not do much with `f(sample[2])`; (try it), we need specify the x and y values to “apply” `f` to the two numbers in `sample[2]`. Earlier we calculated $f\left(-3, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$; now execute `f(sample[2, 1], sample[2, 2])`; and record the result below. Is it correct?

1g. Now we can go ahead with the Exercise. We will begin our list with the initial condition $y(0) = 2$ given in the Exercise. To approximate $y(2)$ we will take 20 steps starting from $x_0 = 0$. Using the `proc` command we now can generate our list of Euler steps all at once; execute

```
P:=proc(n,h)m:=[[0,2.0]];
f:=(x,y)->sin(y)-x^2;
for i from 1 to n do m:=[op(m),m[i]+[h,h*f(m[i,1],m[i,2])]];
od;end;
```

(Careful! You must enter `m` as `m:=[[0,2.0]]`; using the decimal on the 2, to generate a list in decimal form.) Now execute the command `euler1:=P(20,0.1)`; to set the step size $h = 0.1$ and compute the first 20 iterations. What are $y(1)$ and $y(2)$ according to this approximation?

1h. The command `plot` will plot the points of our list. Execute

```
plot([euler1]);
```

1i. Execute `euler2:=P(40,0.05)`; to set the step size to $h = 0.05$ and compute the first 40 iterations. Tell below the values of $y(1)$ and $y(2)$ according to this approximation.

1j. Now execute

```
plot([euler2]);
```

followed by `plot([euler1,euler2])`; to combine the graphs, and sketch the result on your direction field in part **b**, labeling both curves clearly.