

## Math 2080: Differential Equations

### Worksheet 1.3: Approximating solutions to differential equations

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1. Consider the initial value problem  $y' = t + y$ ,  $y(0) = 1$ .
- (a) When computing a solution by hand using Euler's method, it is beneficial to arrange your work in a table, as shown below where the first step is computed. Continue with Euler's method using step-size  $h = 0.1$  and complete all missing entries of the table.

$k$	$t_k$	$y_k$	$f(t_k, y_k) = t_k + y_k$	$h$	$f(t_k, y_k) \cdot h$
0	0.0	1.0	1.0	0.1	0.1
1	0.1	1.1			
2	0.2				
3	0.3				
4	0.4				
5	0.5				

- (b) The general solution of  $y' = t + y$  is  $y(t) = Ce^t - t - 1$ . Using this, compute the actual value of  $y(0.5)$ . Use a calculator to see how close this is to the approximated answer you got using Euler's method.