10360 - Euler's Method Exercises

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1. Consider the initial value problem:

$$y' = y^3 + 1,$$
 $y(2) = 0.$

a. Using Euler's method with 4 steps of equal size to estimate y(2.4), what is the value of the step size h? Answer:

b. Using Euler's method, estimate the value of y(2.4). Fill in each of the steps that you should take below.

 $y(2.1) \approx$

 $y(2.2) \approx$

 $y(2.3) \approx$

 $y(2.4) \approx$

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2. The number of cellphones (in millions) owned by the residents of a city is given by the equation

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = ye^{-t}; \qquad \qquad y(0) = 1$$

where t is the time in years from 2008. Use Euler's method with **four equal steps** to estimate the number of cellphones owned in the year **2010**.

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3. The number y(t), in thousands, of pine trees t years after year 2000 in a 100 sq. miles region is approximately modeled by the differential equation:

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = 1 + t - 0.1y^2$$

Suppose the number of trees is 2 thousand in the year of 2002.

a. What is the value of y(2)? Answer: _____

b. Using Euler's Method with $\Delta t = 2$ estimate the number of trees in the region in the year of 2006.