

Calculus 3 Workbook

Linear approximation and linearization



LINEAR APPROXIMATION IN TWO VARIABLES

■ 1. Find the linear approximation of the function at (1,1) and use it to approximate f(0.99,0.99). Compare it to the exact value of f(0.99,0.99).

$$f(t,s) = \sqrt{3t^2 + s^2}$$

■ 2. Calculate the percentage error of the linear approximation of the function at f(0.9e,0.81). Use the initial point (e,1).

$$f(x,y) = \ln\left(\frac{x^2}{y}\right)$$

■ 3. Find the linear approximation of the function at (0,0) and use it to approximate f(0.2,0.01). Round to two decimal places.

$$f(u, v) = 3e^{2u-7v}$$

■ 4. Find the values of a and b and write down the linear approximation of the function at (a,b), given that $f_x(a,b) = -5$ and $f_y(a,b) = 11$.

$$f(x, y) = x^2 - 3y^2 - 7x - y$$

■ 5. Find $f_x(1,2)$ and $f_y(1,2)$, given that f(1,2) = 5, L(1,2.1) = 5.5, and L(1.1,1.95) = 5.4, where L(x,y) is the linear approximation of f(x,y) at (1,2).

LINEARIZATION OF A MULTIVARIABLE FUNCTION

■ 1. Find the percentage error of the linear approximation of the function at (3.2, -1.1, 0.8), if the initial point is (3, -1, 1).

$$f(x, y, z) = 2xy^2z^3$$

■ 2. Find the linear approximation of the function at $(2,\pi/6, -\pi/6)$ and use it to approximate R(2,0.5, -0.5). Round to two decimal places.

$$R(r, \phi, \theta) = r^2 \sin(2\phi)\cos(\theta + \pi)$$

■ 3. Find the values of the first order partial derivatives of f(x, y, z) at (3,4,-8), where L(x,y,z) is the linear approximation of the function f(x,y,z) at (3,4,-8), and f(3,4,-8)=3.

$$L(3.1,4.2, -8.1) = 3$$

$$L(3.2,3.9, -7.8) = 3.4$$

$$L(2.9,4.3, -8.1) = 2.8$$



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