

# 1 | linear approximations

## 1.1 | cube root

### 1.1.1 | approximation

$$(1+x)^{\frac{1}{3}} \rightarrow \frac{1}{3}(1+x)^{-\frac{2}{3}}$$

at  $x = 0$  is

$$\frac{1}{3}(1+0)^{-\frac{2}{3}} = \frac{1}{3}$$

so the linear approximation is

$$y \approx m(x-0) + f(0) = \frac{1}{3}x + 1$$

### 1.1.2 | estimations

value	estimate
0.05	1.016666
-0.25	0.916666

These will be overestimates because the graph is concave down in this region.

## 1.2 | sin(x)

### 1.2.1 | approximation

$$y \approx \frac{d}{dx} \sin x \Big|_0 (x-0) + \sin 0 = x$$

### 1.2.2 | estimates

value	estimate
-0.1	-0.1
0.1	0.1

The first estimate will be an underestimate because  $\sin x$  is concave up in that region. The opposite is true for the second estimate.

## 1.3 | unknown function (only some points known)

### 1.3.1 | approximation

$$y \approx \frac{d}{dx} f(x) \Big|_c (x-c) + f(c)$$

plugging in  $c = 1$ ,

$$y \approx 5(x-1) - 4$$

### 1.3.2 | estimations

value	estimate
1.2	-3

This will be an underestimate because the second derivative is positive and the graph is thus concave up.

## 2 | differentials

For a function  $y = f(x)$ ,  $dy$  and  $dx$  are differentials and the relationship is  $dy = f'(x)dx = \frac{L(a+\Delta a) - L(a)}{\Delta x} dx$ .

For a function written  $f(x) = (\text{something})$ , the differentials are  $df$  and  $dx$  and the relationship is the same:  $df = f'(x)dx$ .

### 2.1 | cube error

#### 2.1.1 | differential

$$\begin{aligned} df &= f'(x)dx \\ &= 3x^2 dx \end{aligned}$$

#### 2.1.2 | volume error

If I understand the use of differentials correctly, then  $x$  is the measured value (2) and  $dx$  is the uncertainty (delta  $x$ ), or 0.2ft. Then, the change in the volume (change in function or  $df$ ) would be  $3(2)^2(0.2) = 2.4$

#### 2.1.3 | max error for some $\epsilon$

$$\begin{aligned} df &\approx 3x^2 dx \\ dx &\approx \frac{df}{3x^2} \\ \left[ \right. &\approx \frac{1}{3(2)^2} \left. \right] \\ &\approx \frac{1}{12} \text{ ft} = 1\text{in} \end{aligned}$$

### 2.2 | sphere measuring

$$\begin{aligned} f(r) &= \frac{4}{3}\pi r^3 \\ \left[ \right. &\frac{df}{dr} = 4\pi r^2 \left. \right] \\ df &= 4\pi r^2(dr) \\ &= 4\pi 21^2(0.05) = \pm 88.4\pi \text{ cm}^3 \end{aligned}$$