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## 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

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

#### 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

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

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  $dy = f'(x)dx$ .

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

$$df = f'(x)dx = 3x^2 dx$$