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**Assignment:** 3.9 Linearization and  
Differentials

Find the linearization  $L(x)$  at  $x = a$ .

$$f(x) = 2x^3 - 3x - 4 \quad a = -1$$

The definition of linearization states if  $f$  is differentiable at  $x = a$ , then the approximating function  $L(x) = f(a) + f'(a)(x - a)$  is the linearization of  $f$  at  $a$ .

Use the definition of linearization.

$$\begin{aligned} L(x) &= f(a) + f'(a)(x - a) \\ L(x) &= f(-1) + f'(-1)(x - (-1)) \end{aligned}$$

Evaluate  $f(-1)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= 2x^3 - 3x - 4 \\ f(-1) &= 2(-1)^3 - 3(-1) - 4 \\ f(-1) &= -3 \end{aligned}$$

To evaluate  $f'(-1)$ , first find  $f'(x)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= 2x^3 - 3x - 4 \\ f'(x) &= 6x^2 - 3 \end{aligned}$$

Now evaluate  $f'(-1)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} f'(x) &= 6x^2 - 3 \\ f'(-1) &= 6(-1)^2 - 3 \\ f'(-1) &= 3 \end{aligned}$$

Simplify.

$$\begin{aligned} L(x) &= f(-1) + f'(-1)(x - (-1)) \\ L(x) &= -3 + 3(x + 1) \\ L(x) &= 3x \end{aligned}$$

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Find the linearization  $L(x)$  at  $x = a$ .

$$f(x) = 4x^3 + 5x + 2 \quad a = 1$$

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Use the definition of linearization.

$$L(x) = f(a) + f'(a)(x - a)$$
$$L(x) = f(1) + f'(1)(x - (1))$$

Evaluate  $f(1)$ .

$$f(x) = 4x^3 + 5x + 2$$
$$f(1) = 4(1)^3 + 5(1) + 2$$
$$f(1) = \boxed{11}$$

(Simplify your answer.)

To evaluate  $f'(1)$ , first find  $f'(x)$ .

$$f(x) = 4x^3 + 5x + 2$$
$$f'(x) = \boxed{12x^2 + 5}$$

(Simplify your answer. Do not factor.)

Now evaluate  $f'(1)$ .

$$f'(x) = 12x^2 + 5$$
$$f'(1) = 12(1)^2 + 5$$
$$f'(1) = \boxed{17}$$

(Simplify your answer.)

Simplify.

$$L(x) = f(1) + f'(1)(x - (1))$$
$$L(x) = 11 + 17(x - 1)$$
$$L(x) = \boxed{17x - 6}$$

(Simplify your answer. Do not factor.)

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Find the linearization  $L(x)$  at  $x = a$ .

$$f(x) = -x - \frac{1}{x}, \quad a = 1$$

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Use the definition of linearization.

$$L(x) = f(a) + f'(a)(x - a)$$

$$L(x) = f(1) + f'(1)(x - (1))$$

Evaluate  $f(1)$ .

$$f(x) = -x - \frac{1}{x}$$

$$f(1) = -(1) - \frac{1}{1}$$

$$f(1) = -2$$

To evaluate  $f'(1)$ , first find  $f'(x)$ .

$$f(x) = -x - \frac{1}{x}$$

$$f'(x) = -1 + \frac{1}{x^2}$$

Now evaluate  $f'(1)$ .

$$f'(x) = -1 + \frac{1}{x^2}$$

$$f'(1) = -1 + \frac{1}{1^2}$$

$$f'(1) = 0$$

Simplify.

$$L(x) = f(1) + f'(1)(x - (1))$$

$$L(x) = -2 + 0(x - 1)$$

$$L(x) = -2$$

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Find the linearization  $L(x)$  of  $f(x) = \cot x$  at  $x = \frac{\pi}{2}$ .

The linearization  $L(x)$  of  $f(x)$  at  $x = a$  is  $L(x) = f(a) + f'(a)(x - a)$ .

At  $a = \frac{\pi}{2}$ ,  $f(a) = \cot\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = 0$ .

If  $f(x) = \cot x$ , then  $f'(x) = -\csc^2 x$ . Then,  $f'(a) = -\csc^2\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = -1$ .

Substitute these values in the equation for  $L(x)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} L(x) &= f(a) + f'(a)(x - a) \\ &= 0 + (-1)\left(x - \frac{\pi}{2}\right) \\ &= \frac{\pi}{2} - x \end{aligned}$$

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Find a linearization that will replace the function over an interval that includes the given point  $x_0$ . Center each linearization not at  $x_0$  but at a nearby integer,  $x = a$ , at which the given function and its derivative are easy to evaluate.

$$f(x) = x^4 + 13x, x_0 = .01$$

A linear approximation normally loses accuracy away from its center. The closer the center is to the desired point of linearization the better the linearization approximation will be. If  $x_0 = .01$ , the linearization should be centered at the nearest integer.

Set the center of the linearization as  $x = 0$ .

If  $f$  is differentiable at  $x = a$ , then the approximating function  $L(x) = f(a) + f'(a)(x - a)$  is the linearization of  $f$  at  $a$ . Start by finding  $f(a)$  for  $a = 0$ .

$$f(0) = 0$$

Now find the derivative of the function  $f(x) = x^4 + 13x$ .

$$f'(x) = 4x^3 + 13$$

Evaluate  $f'(x)$  at  $a = 0$ .

$$f'(0) = 13$$

Substitute and simplify.

$$\begin{aligned} L(x) &= f(a) + f'(a)(x - a) \\ &= 0 + 13(x - 0) \\ &= 13x \end{aligned}$$

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Find a linearization at a suitably chosen integer near  $a$  at which the given function and its derivative are easy to evaluate.

$$f(x) = 2x^2 + 12x - 4, a = -0.9$$

A linear approximation normally loses accuracy away from its center. The closer the center is to the desired point of linearization the better the linearization approximation will be. If  $a = -0.9$ , the linearization should be centered at the nearest integer.

Set the center of the linearization as  $x = -1$ .

If  $f$  is differentiable at  $x = a$ , then the approximating function  $L(x) = f(a) + f'(a)(x - a)$  is the linearization of  $f$  at  $a$ , where,  $x = a$  is the center of linearization; in this case  $a = -1$ . Start by finding  $f(a)$  for  $a = -1$ .

$$\begin{aligned} f(-1) &= 2(-1)^2 + 12(-1) - 4 \\ f(-1) &= -14 \end{aligned}$$

Now find the derivative of the function  $f(x) = 2x^2 + 12x - 4$ .

$$f'(x) = 4x + 12$$

Evaluate  $f'(x)$  at  $a = -1$ .

$$\begin{aligned} f'(-1) &= 4(-1) + 12 \\ f'(-1) &= 8 \end{aligned}$$

Substitute and simplify.

$$\begin{aligned} L(x) &= f(a) + f'(a)(x - a) \\ &= -14 + 8(x + 1) \\ &= 8x - 6 \end{aligned}$$

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$$f(x) = \sqrt[5]{x}, x_0 = 31.7$$

A linear approximation normally loses accuracy away from its center. The closer the center is to the desired point of linearization the better the linearization approximation will be. If  $x_0 = 31.7$ , the linearization should be centered at the nearest integer.

Set the center of the linearization as  $x = 32$ .

If  $f$  is differentiable at  $x = a$ , then the approximating function  $L(x) = f(a) + f'(a)(x - a)$  is the linearization of  $f$  at  $a$ . Start by finding  $f(a) = \sqrt[5]{a}$  for  $a = 32$ .

$$f(32) = 2$$

Now find the derivative of the function  $f(x) = \sqrt[5]{x}$ .

$$f'(x) = \frac{1}{5}x^{-\frac{4}{5}}$$

Evaluate  $f'(x)$  at  $a = 32$ .

$$f'(32) = \frac{1}{80}$$

Substitute and simplify.

$$\begin{aligned} L(x) &= f(a) + f'(a)(x - a) \\ &= 2 + \frac{1}{80}(x - 32) \\ &= \frac{1}{80}x + \frac{8}{5} \end{aligned}$$

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Find  $dy$  for  $y = 2x^4 - 3\sqrt{5x}$ .

Let  $y = f(x)$  be a differentiable function. The differential  $dx$  is an independent variable. The differential  $dy$  is  $dy = f'(x) dx$ .

First, find  $f'(x)$ .

$$f(x) = 2x^4 - 3\sqrt{5x}$$

$$f'(x) = 8x^3 - 3 \cdot \frac{1}{2}(5x)^{-1/2} \cdot 5$$

$$f'(x) = 8x^3 - \frac{15}{2\sqrt{5x}}$$

Use the definition of differential to find  $dy$ .

$$dy = \left( 8x^3 - \frac{15}{2\sqrt{5x}} \right) dx$$



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Find  $dy$ .

$$y = \cos(27\sqrt{x})$$

The differential  $dy$  is  $f'(x)dx$ . To find the differential  $dy$  it is necessary to use the chain rule shown below.

if  $y = f(u)$  and  $u = g(x)$  then

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{du} \cdot \frac{du}{dx}$$

The differential  $dy$  is defined by  $f'(x)dx$ . To find the differential  $dy$ , use the chain rule shown below.

$$\text{If } y = f(u) \text{ and } u = g(x) \text{ then } f'(x) = \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{du} \cdot \frac{du}{dx}.$$

Start by identifying  $f(u)$  and  $g(x)$ . Let  $f(u) = \cos u$ . Find  $g(x)$ .

$$g(x) = 27\sqrt{x}$$

Use  $f(u) = \cos u$ ,  $g(x) = 27\sqrt{x}$  to find  $\frac{dy}{du}$  and  $\frac{du}{dx}$ .

$$\frac{dy}{du} = -\sin u$$

$$\frac{du}{dx} = \frac{27}{2\sqrt{x}}$$

Now substitute back into the chain rule formula,  $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{du} \cdot \frac{du}{dx}$ . Remember that  $u = 27\sqrt{x}$ .

$$dy = -\frac{27 \sin 27\sqrt{x}}{2\sqrt{x}} dx$$

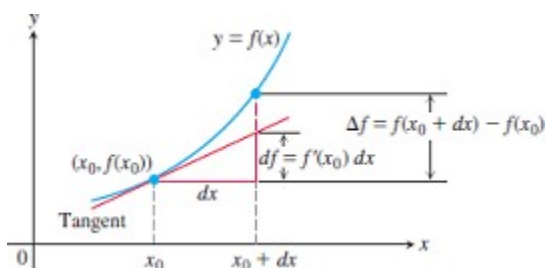
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Each function  $f(x)$  changes value when  $x$  changes from  $x_0$  to  $x_0 + dx$ . Find the change  $\Delta f = f(x_0 + dx) - f(x_0)$ , the value of the estimate  $df = f'(x_0) dx$ , and the approximate error  $|\Delta f - df|$ .

$$f(x) = 8x^2 - 9x, \quad x_0 = -1, \quad dx = 0.1$$



To find the change  $\Delta f$ , substitute the values of  $x_0$  and  $dx$  into the equation for  $\Delta f$  and evaluate.

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta f &= f(x_0 + dx) - f(x_0) \\ &= f(-1 + 0.1) - f(-1) \\ &= 8(-1 + 0.1)^2 - 9(-1 + 0.1) - \\ &\quad (8(-1)^2 - 9(-1)) \\ &= -2.42 \end{aligned}$$

To find the value of the estimate  $df$ , first find  $f'(x)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= 8x^2 - 9x \\ f'(x) &= 16x - 9 \end{aligned}$$

Now substitute the values of  $x_0$  and  $dx$  into the equation and evaluate to find  $df$ .

$$\begin{aligned} df &= f'(x_0) dx \\ &= (16x_0 - 9) dx \\ &= (16(-1) - 9)(0.1) \\ &= -2.5 \end{aligned}$$

To find the approximate error, substitute the values of  $\Delta f$  and  $df$  into the expression for the approximate error and evaluate.

$$\begin{aligned} |\Delta f - df| &= |-2.42 - (-2.5)| \\ &= 0.08 \end{aligned}$$

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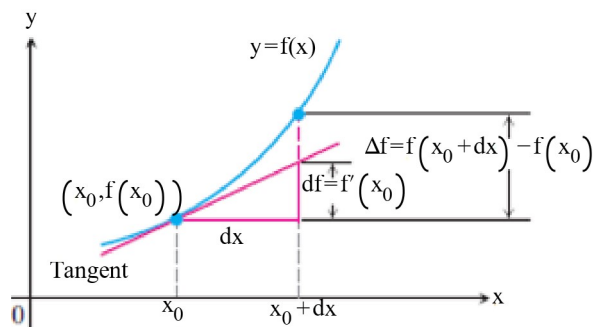
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The function  $f(x)$  changes value when  $x$  changes from  $x_0$  to  $x_0 + dx$ .

$$f(x) = 10x^2 + 7x - 3, x_0 = 2, dx = 0.1$$

- Find the change  $\Delta f = f(x_0 + dx) - f(x_0)$ .
- Find the value of the estimate  $df = f'(x_0) dx$ .
- Find the approximate error  $|\Delta f - df|$ .



- To find the change  $\Delta f$ , substitute the values of  $x_0$  and  $dx$  into the equation for  $\Delta f$  and evaluate.

$$\Delta f = f(x_0 + dx) - f(x_0)$$

$$\Delta f = f(2 + 0.1) - f(2)$$

$$\Delta f = [10(2 + 0.1)^2 + 7(2 + 0.1) - 3] - [(10(2)^2 + 7(2)) - 3]$$

$$\Delta f = 4.8$$

- First determine  $f'(x)$  of  $f(x) = 10x^2 + 7x - 3$ .

$$f'(x) = 20x + 7$$

Next substitute the values of  $x_0$  and  $dx$  into the equation and evaluate.

$$df = f'(x_0) dx$$

$$df = (20x_0 + 7) dx$$

$$df = (20(2) + 7)(0.1)$$

$$df = 4.7$$

- To find the approximate error, substitute the values of  $\Delta f$  and  $df$  into the expression for the approximate error and evaluate.

$$|\Delta f - df| = |4.8 - (4.7)|$$

$$|\Delta f - df| = 0.1$$

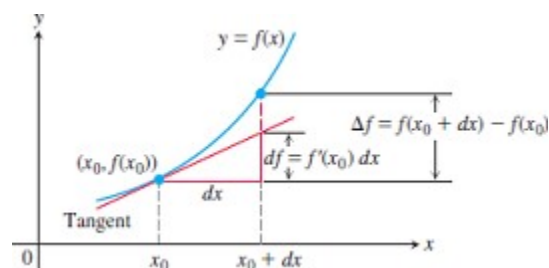
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$$f(x) = 5x^{-2}, \quad x_0 = -1.1, \quad dx = 0.1$$



To find the change  $\Delta f$ , substitute the values of  $x_0$  and  $dx$  into the equation for  $\Delta f$  and evaluate.

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta f &= f(x_0 + dx) - f(x_0) \\ &= f(-1.1 + 0.1) - f(-1.1) \\ &= 5(-1.1 + 0.1)^{-2} - 5(-1.1)^{-2} \\ &= 0.868 \\ &\text{(rounded to the nearest thousandth)} \end{aligned}$$

To find the value of the estimate  $df$ , first find  $f'(x)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= 5x^{-2} \\ f'(x) &= -10x^{-3} \end{aligned}$$

Now substitute the values of  $x_0$  and  $dx$  into the equation and evaluate to find  $df$ .

$$\begin{aligned} df &= f'(x_0) dx \\ &= (-10x_0^{-3}) dx \\ &= (-10(-1.1)^{-3})(0.1) \\ &= 0.751 \\ &\text{(rounded to the nearest thousandth)} \end{aligned}$$

To find the approximate error, substitute the values of  $\Delta f$  and  $df$  into the expression for the approximate error and evaluate.

$$\begin{aligned} |\Delta f - df| &= |0.868 - (0.751)| \\ &= 0.117 \\ &\text{(rounded to the nearest thousandth)} \end{aligned}$$

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Estimate the volume of material in a cylindrical shell with height 36 in., radius 3 in., and shell thickness 0.7 in. Assume the height is fixed.

The volume of a cylinder is  $V(r) = \pi r^2 h$ , where  $r$  is the radius and  $h$  is the height. The estimated volume of material in a cylindrical shell is  $dV = V'(r) dr$ .

To find the estimated volume of material, first find  $V'(r)$  and  $dr$ .

$$V(r) = \pi r^2 h$$
$$V'(r) = 2\pi rh$$

The value of  $dr$  is the shell thickness. Thus,  $dr = 0.7$  in.

Now, substitute the values of  $r$ ,  $h$ , and  $dr$  into the equation and evaluate to find  $dV$ .

$$\begin{aligned} dV &= V'(r) dr \\ &= (2\pi rh)dr \\ &= 2\pi(3)(36)(0.7) \\ &= 475 \end{aligned}$$

(rounded to the nearest tenth)

Thus, the estimated volume of material is  $475 \text{ in.}^3$ .

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The volume of a solid can be expressed as  $V = 8x^3$ . The volume is to be calculated with an error of no more than 6% of the true value. Find approximately the greatest error that can be tolerated in the measurement of  $x$ , expressed as a percentage of  $x$ .

Use the fact that the change in volume is approximately equal to the differential of the volume,  $\Delta V \approx dV$ , and the change in volume should be less than or equal to 6% of the true value. This second condition corresponds to the inequality,  $|\Delta V| \leq (6\%)V$ .

Next find the differential term  $dV$  of the volume  $V = 8x^3$ .

$$dV = 24x^2 dx$$

Because  $\Delta V \approx dV$ , substitute  $dV$  and  $V$  into the inequality.

$$\begin{aligned} |\Delta V| &\leq (6\%)V \\ |dV| &\leq (6\%)V \\ 24x^2 dx &\leq \left(\frac{3}{50}\right) 8x^3 \end{aligned}$$

Solve for  $dx$ .

$$\begin{aligned} 24x^2 dx &\leq \left(\frac{3}{50}\right) 8x^3 \\ dx &\leq \frac{1}{50}x \end{aligned}$$

Now multiply  $dx$  by 100 to get the percent tolerance in terms of  $x$ .

The greatest tolerated error in the measurement of  $x$  is 2%.