

Lecture 6

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$$A \leftrightarrow B$$

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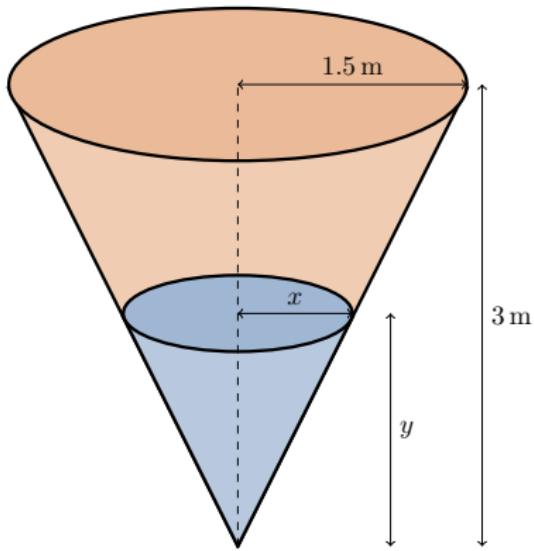


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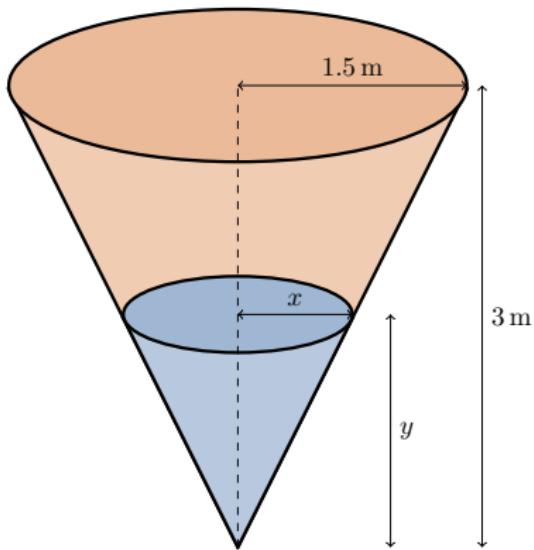
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Example

Water runs into a conical tank at the rate of $0.25 \text{ m}^3/\text{min}$. The tank stands point down and has a height of 3 m and a base radius of 1.5 m. How fast is the water level rising when the water is 1.8 m deep?

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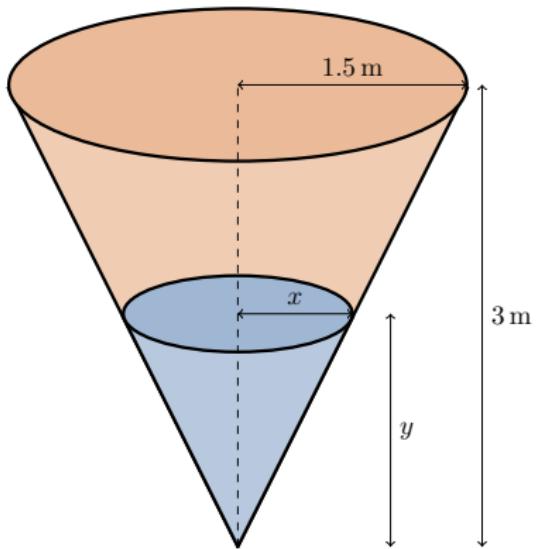
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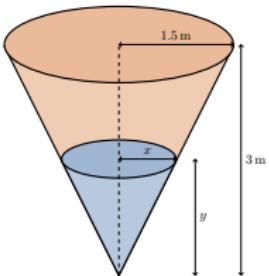
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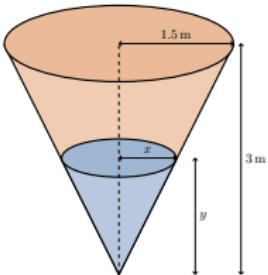
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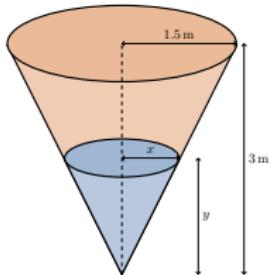
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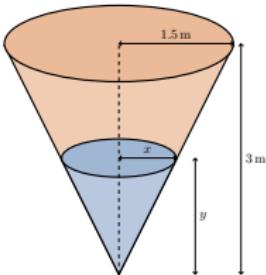
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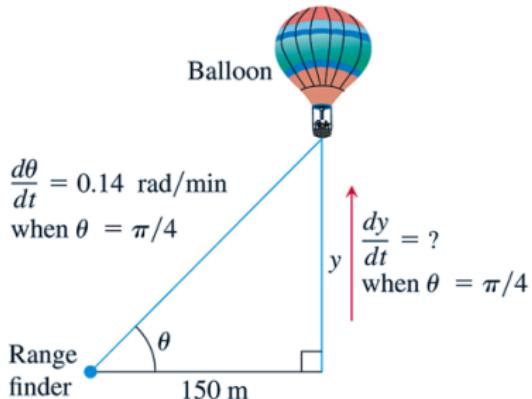
It follows that

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = \frac{1}{3.24\pi} \approx 0.098 \text{ m/min.}$$

Related Rates Problem Strategy

1. *Draw a picture and name the variables and constants.* Use t for time. Assume that all variables are differentiable functions of t .
2. *Write down the numerical information* (in terms of the symbols you have chosen).
3. *Write down what you are asked to find* (usually a rate, expressed as a derivative).
4. *Write an equation that relates the variables.* You may have to combine two or more equations to get a single equation that relates the variable whose rate you want to the variables whose rates you know.
5. *Differentiate with respect to t .* Then express the rate you want in terms of the rates and variables whose values you know.
6. *Evaluate.* Use known values to find the unknown rate.

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EXAMPLE 2 A hot air balloon rising straight up from a level field is tracked by a range finder 150 m from the liftoff point. At the moment the range finder's elevation angle is $\pi/4$, the angle is increasing at the rate of 0.14 rad/min . How fast is the balloon rising at that moment?

Solution We answer the question in the six strategy steps.

1. Draw a picture and name the variables and constants (Figure 3.34). The variables in the picture are

θ = the angle in radians the range finder makes with the ground.

y = the height in meters of the balloon above the ground.

We let t represent time in minutes and assume that θ and y are differentiable functions of t .

The one constant in the picture is the distance from the range finder to the liftoff point (150 m). There is no need to give it a special symbol.

- 2.** Write down the additional numerical information.

$$\frac{d\theta}{dt} = 0.14 \text{ rad/min} \quad \text{when} \quad \theta = \frac{\pi}{4}$$

- 3.** Write down what we are to find. We want dy/dt when $\theta = \pi/4$.

- 4.** Write an equation that relates the variables y and θ .

$$\frac{y}{150} = \tan \theta \quad \text{or} \quad y = 150 \tan \theta$$

- 5.** Differentiate with respect to t using the Chain Rule. The result tells how dy/dt (which we want) is related to $d\theta/dt$ (which we know).

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = 150 (\sec^2 \theta) \frac{d\theta}{dt}$$

- 6.** Evaluate with $\theta = \pi/4$ and $d\theta/dt = 0.14$ to find dy/dt .

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = 150(\sqrt{2})^2(0.14) = 42 \quad \sec \frac{\pi}{4} = \sqrt{2}$$

At the moment in question, the balloon is rising at the rate of 42 m/min. ■

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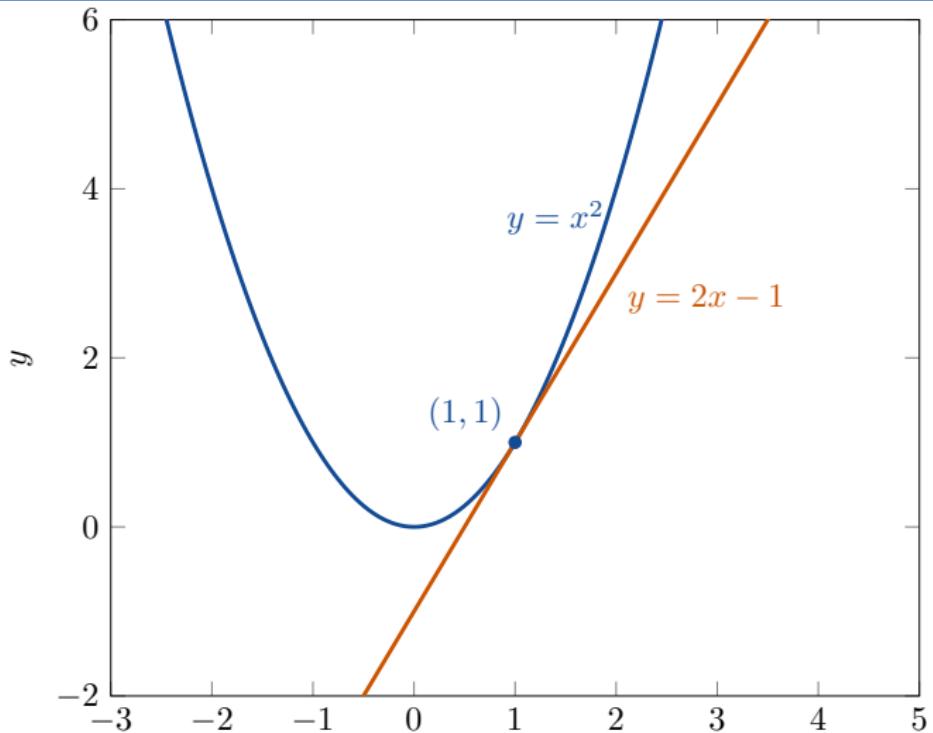


Please read examples 3-6 in your textbook.



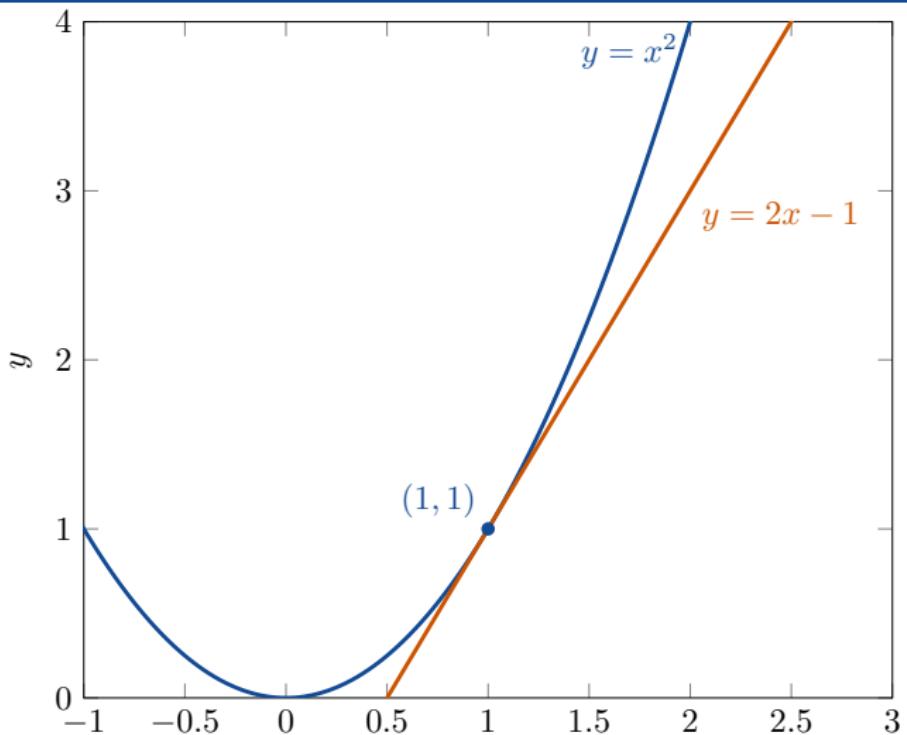
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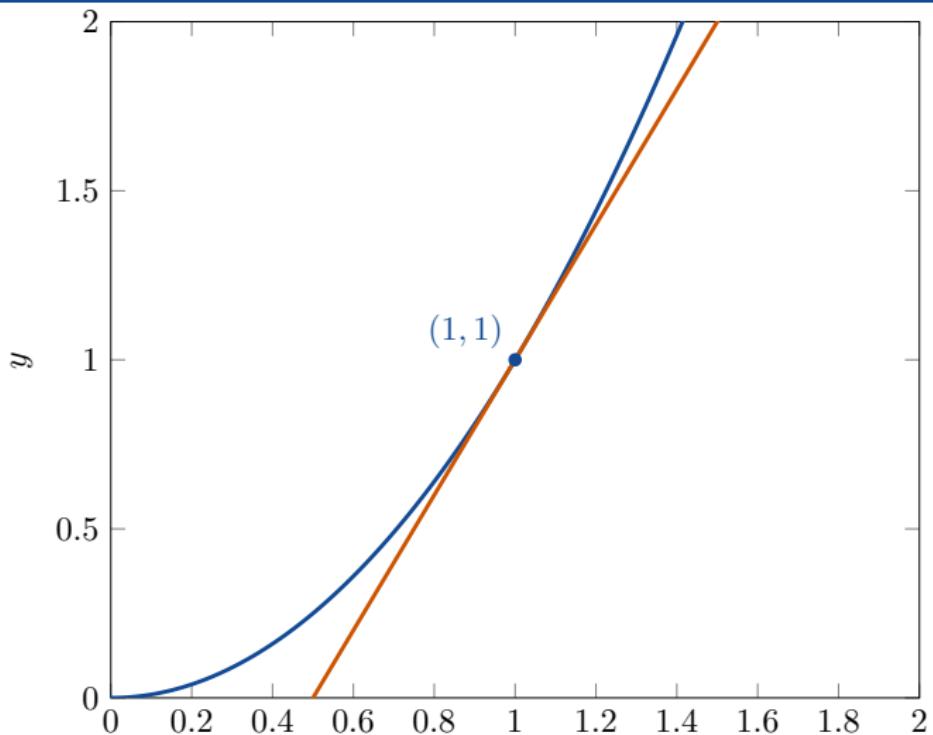
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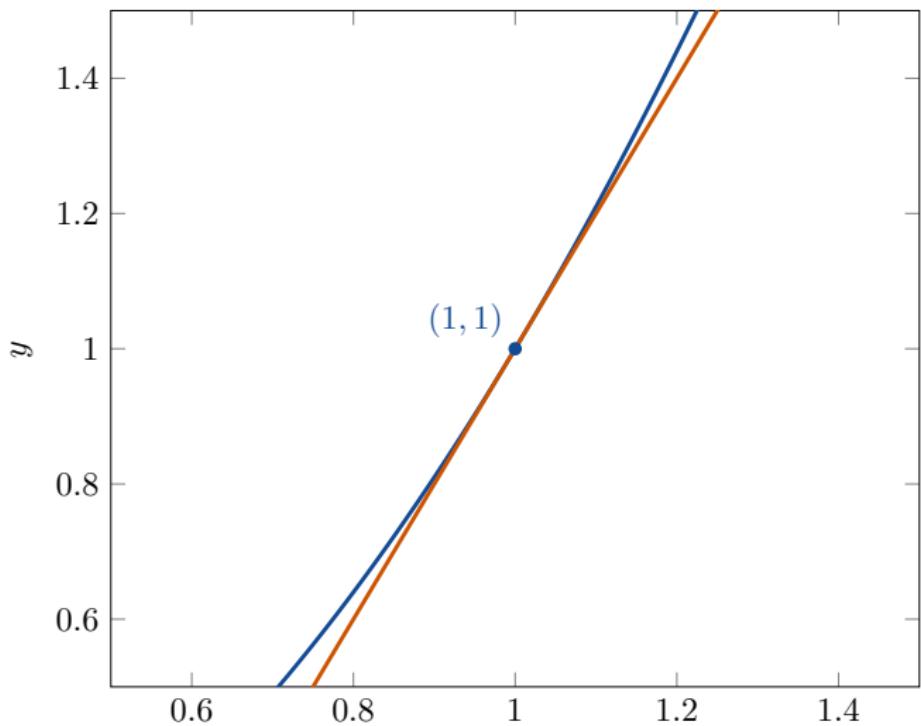
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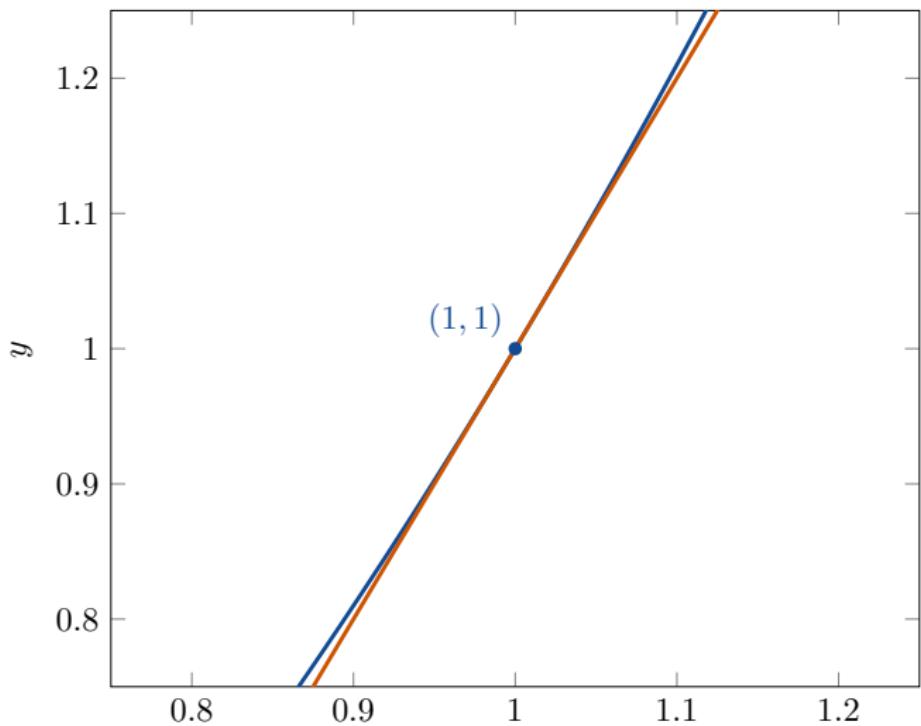
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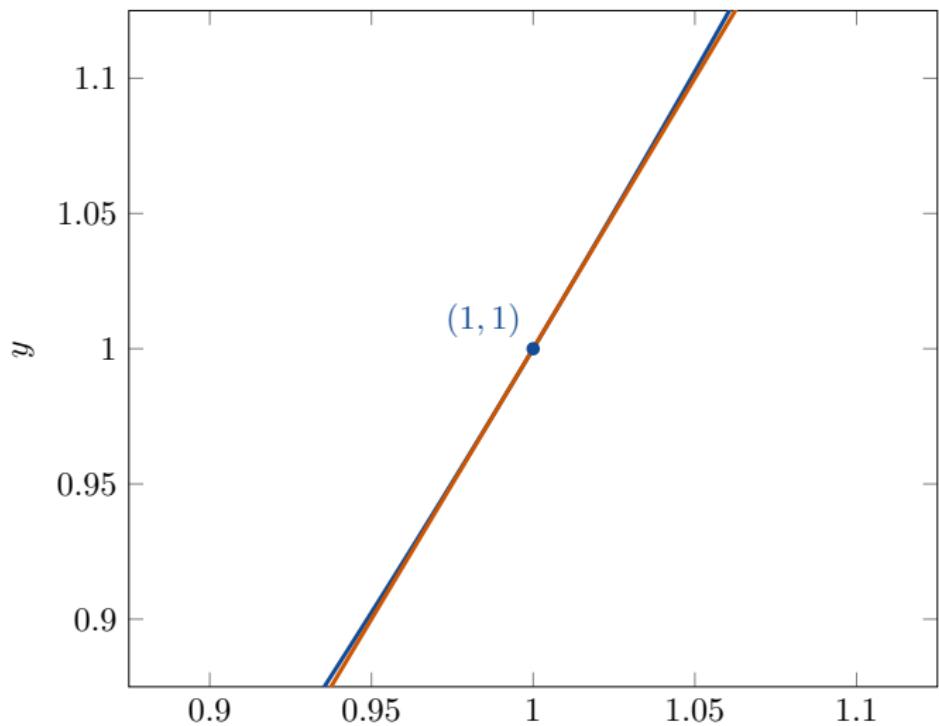
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The approximation

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of f by L is called the *standard linear approximation* of f at a .
The point $x = a$ is the *centre* of the approximation.

EXAMPLE 1 Find the linearization of $f(x) = \sqrt{1 + x}$ at $x = 0$ (Figure 3.41).

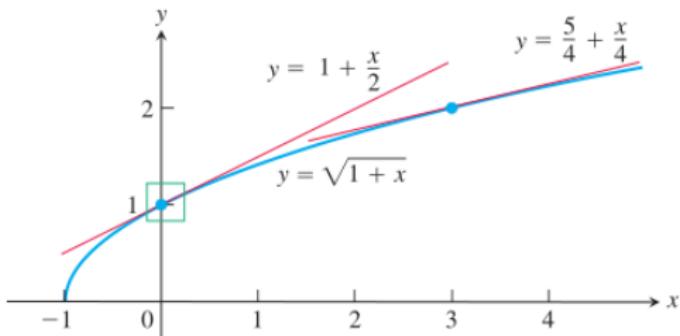


FIGURE 3.41 The graph of $y = \sqrt{1 + x}$ and its linearizations at $x = 0$ and $x = 3$. Figure 3.42 shows a magnified view of the small window about 1 on the y -axis.

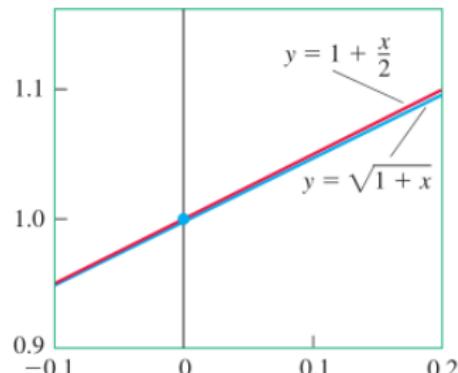


FIGURE 3.42 Magnified view of the window in Figure 3.41.

Solution Since

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

we have $f(0) = 1$ and $f'(0) = 1/2$, giving the linearization

$$L(x) = f(a) + f'(a)(x - a) = 1 + \frac{1}{2}(x - 0) = 1 + \frac{x}{2}.$$

See Figure 3.42. ■

The following table shows how accurate the approximation $\sqrt{1 + x} \approx 1 + (x/2)$ from Example 1 is for some values of x near 0. As we move away from zero, we lose accuracy. For example, for $x = 2$, the linearization gives 2 as the approximation for $\sqrt{3}$, which is not even accurate to one decimal place.

Approximation	True value	$ \text{True value} - \text{approximation} $
$\sqrt{1.005} \approx 1 + \frac{0.005}{2} = 1.00250$	1.002497	$0.000003 < 10^{-5}$
$\sqrt{1.05} \approx 1 + \frac{0.05}{2} = 1.025$	1.024695	$0.000305 < 10^{-3}$
$\sqrt{1.2} \approx 1 + \frac{0.2}{2} = 1.10$	1.095445	$0.004555 < 10^{-2}$

EXAMPLE 2 Find the linearization of $f(x) = \sqrt{1 + x}$ at $x = 3$. (See Figure 3.41.)

Solution We evaluate the equation defining $L(x)$ at $a = 3$. With

$$f(3) = 2, \quad f'(3) = \frac{1}{2}(1 + x)^{-1/2} \Big|_{x=3} = \frac{1}{4},$$

we have

$$L(x) = 2 + \frac{1}{4}(x - 3) = \frac{5}{4} + \frac{x}{4}.$$

At $x = 3.2$, the linearization in Example 2 gives

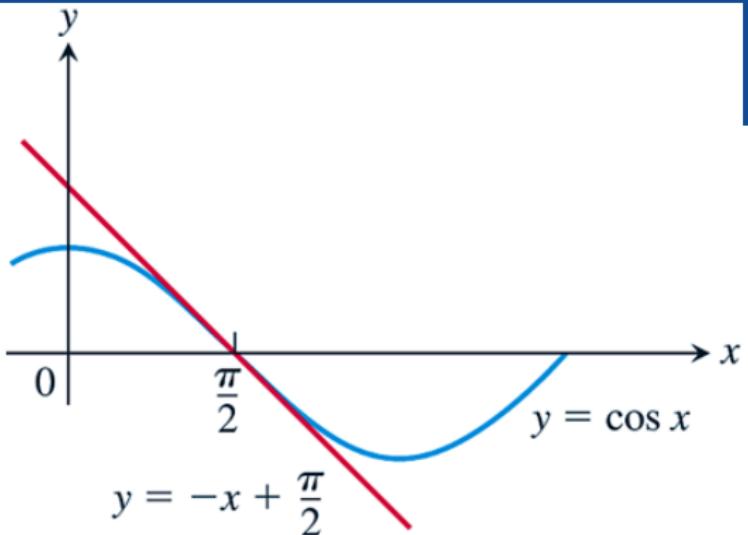
$$\sqrt{1 + x} = \sqrt{1 + 3.2} \approx \frac{5}{4} + \frac{3.2}{4} = 1.250 + 0.800 = 2.050,$$

which differs from the true value $\sqrt{4.2} \approx 2.04939$ by less than one one-thousandth. The linearization in Example 1 gives

$$\sqrt{1 + x} = \sqrt{1 + 3.2} \approx 1 + \frac{3.2}{2} = 1 + 1.6 = 2.6,$$

a result that is off by more than 25%.





EXAMPLE 3 Find the linearization of $f(x) = \cos x$ at $x = \pi/2$ (Figure 3.43).

Solution Since $f(\pi/2) = \cos(\pi/2) = 0$, $f'(x) = -\sin x$, and $f'(\pi/2) = -\sin(\pi/2) = -1$, we find the linearization at $a = \pi/2$ to be

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



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$$\begin{aligned}f'(x) &= k(1 + x)^{k-1} \\f'(0) &= k(1 + 0)^{k-1} = k,\end{aligned}$$

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$$(1 + x)^k \approx 1 + kx$$



So for example,

$$\sqrt{1+x} = (1+x)^{\frac{1}{2}} \approx 1 + \frac{1}{2}x$$

$$\frac{1}{1-x} = (1+(-x))^{-1} \approx 1 + (-1)(-x) = 1 + x$$

$$\sqrt[3]{1+5x^4} = (1+5x^4)^{\frac{1}{3}} \approx 1 + \frac{1}{3}(5x^4) = 1 + \frac{5}{3}x^4$$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} = (1-x^2)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \approx 1 + \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)(-x^2) = 1 + \frac{1}{2}x^2$$

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EXAMPLE 4

- (a) Find dy if $y = x^5 + 37x$.
- (b) Find the value of dy when $x = 1$ and $dx = 0.2$.

Solution

- (a) $dy = (5x^4 + 37) dx$
- (b) Substituting $x = 1$ and $dx = 0.2$ in the expression for dy , we have

$$dy = (5 \cdot 1^4 + 37)0.2 = 8.4.$$



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$$\frac{d}{dx}(u + v) = \frac{du}{dx} + \frac{dv}{dx} \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{d}{dx}(\sin u) = \cos u \frac{du}{dx}$$

has a corresponding differential form like

$$d(u + v) = du + dv \quad \text{or} \quad d(\sin u) = \cos u \, du.$$

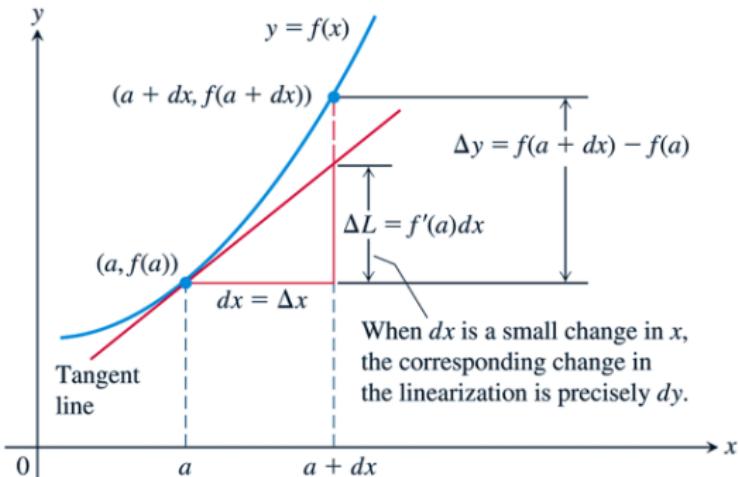
EXAMPLE 5 We can use the Chain Rule and other differentiation rules to find differentials of functions.

(a) $d(\tan 2x) = \sec^2(2x) d(2x) = 2 \sec^2 2x dx$

(b) $d\left(\frac{x}{x+1}\right) = \frac{(x+1)dx - x d(x+1)}{(x+1)^2} = \frac{xdx + dx - xdx}{(x+1)^2} = \frac{dx}{(x+1)^2}$ ■

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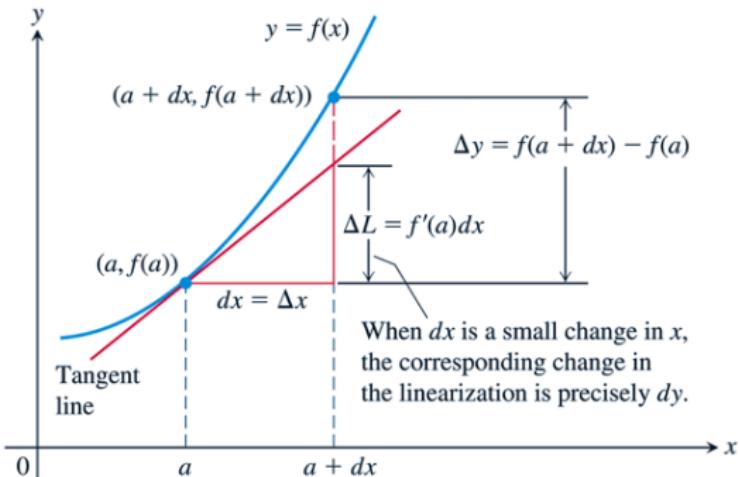
Estimating with Differentials



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EXAMPLE 6 The radius r of a circle increases from $a = 10$ m to 10.1 m (Figure 3.45). Use dA to estimate the increase in the circle's area A . Estimate the area of the enlarged circle and compare your estimate to the true area found by direct calculation.

Solution Since $A = \pi r^2$, the estimated increase is

$$dA = A'(a) dr = 2\pi a dr = 2\pi(10)(0.1) = 2\pi \text{ m}^2.$$

Thus, since $A(r + \Delta r) \approx A(r) + dA$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} A(10 + 0.1) &\approx A(10) + 2\pi \\ &= \pi(10)^2 + 2\pi = 102\pi. \end{aligned}$$

The area of a circle of radius 10.1 m is approximately $102\pi \text{ m}^2$.

The true area is

$$\begin{aligned} A(10.1) &= \pi(10.1)^2 \\ &= 102.01\pi \text{ m}^2. \end{aligned}$$

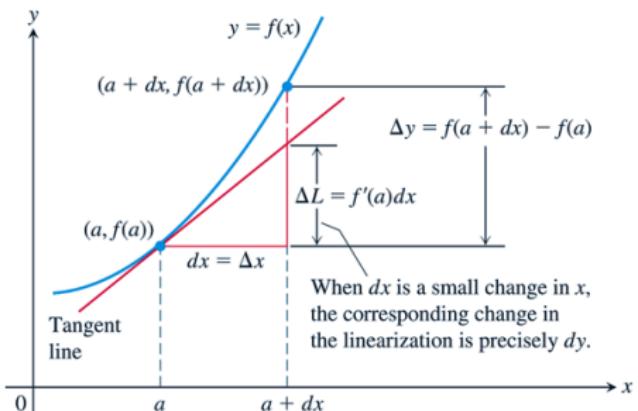
The error in our estimate is $0.01\pi \text{ m}^2$, which is the difference $\Delta A - dA$.



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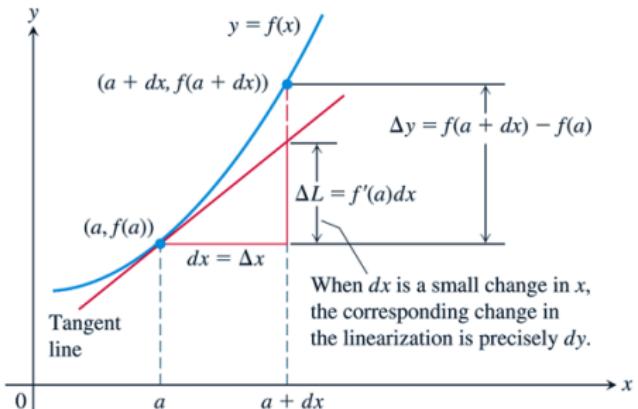


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Therefore

$$\boxed{\Delta y = f'(a) dx + \varepsilon dx.}$$

In Example 6 we found that

$$\Delta A = \pi(10.1)^2 - \pi(10)^2 = (102.01 - 100)\pi = (\underbrace{2\pi}_{dA} + \underbrace{0.01\pi}_{\text{error}}) \text{ m}^2$$

so the approximation error is $\Delta A - dA = \varepsilon \Delta r = 0.01\pi$ and $\varepsilon = 0.01\pi/\Delta r = 0.01\pi/0.1 = 0.1\pi$ m.



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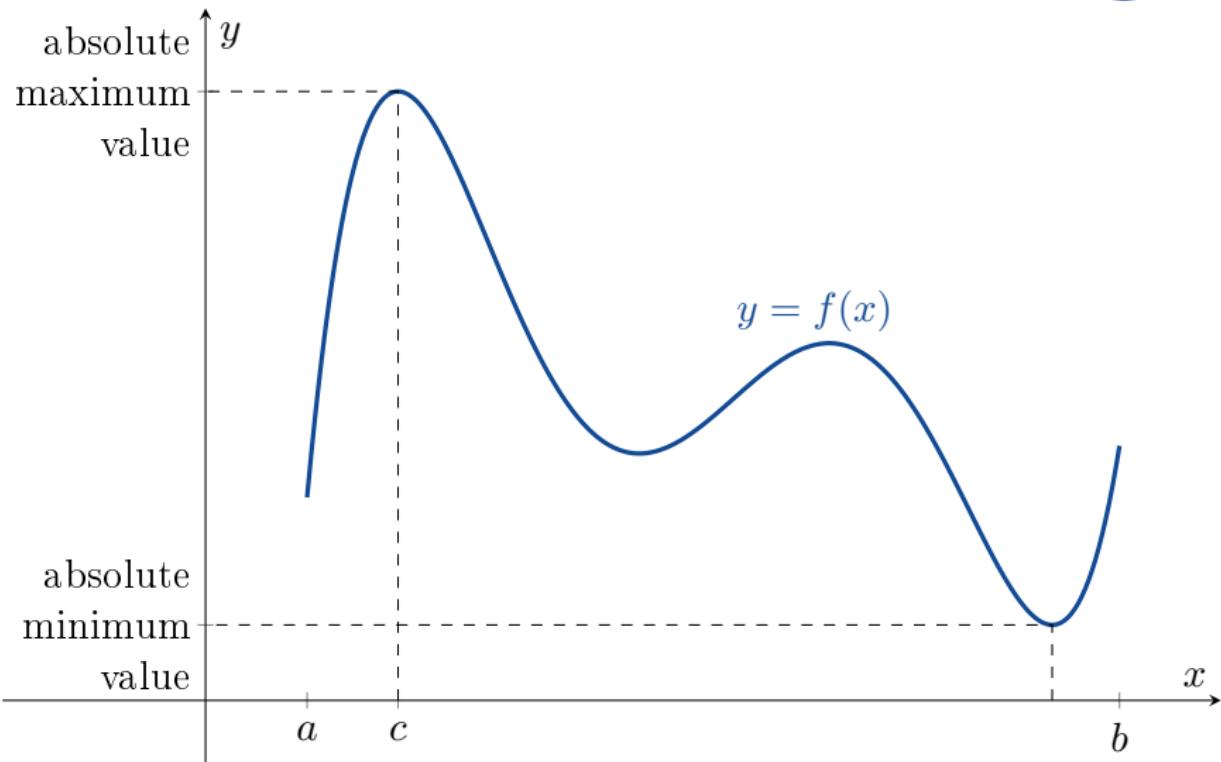
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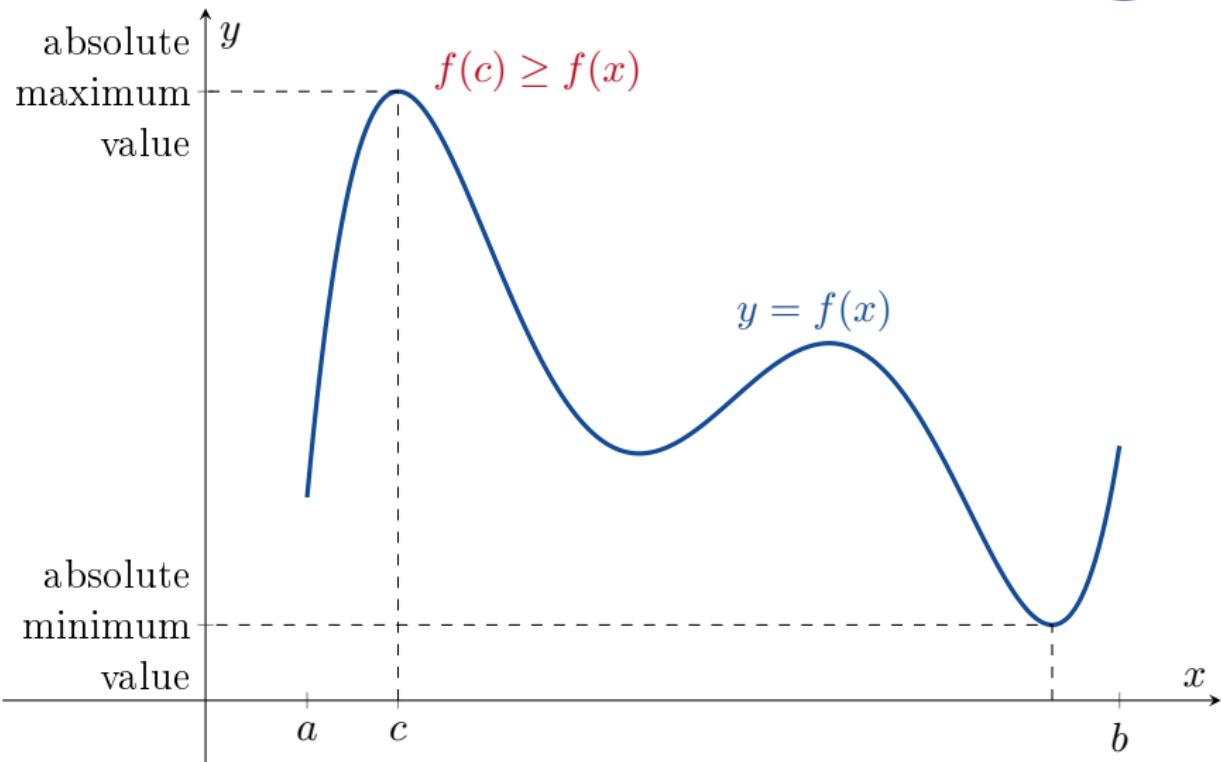


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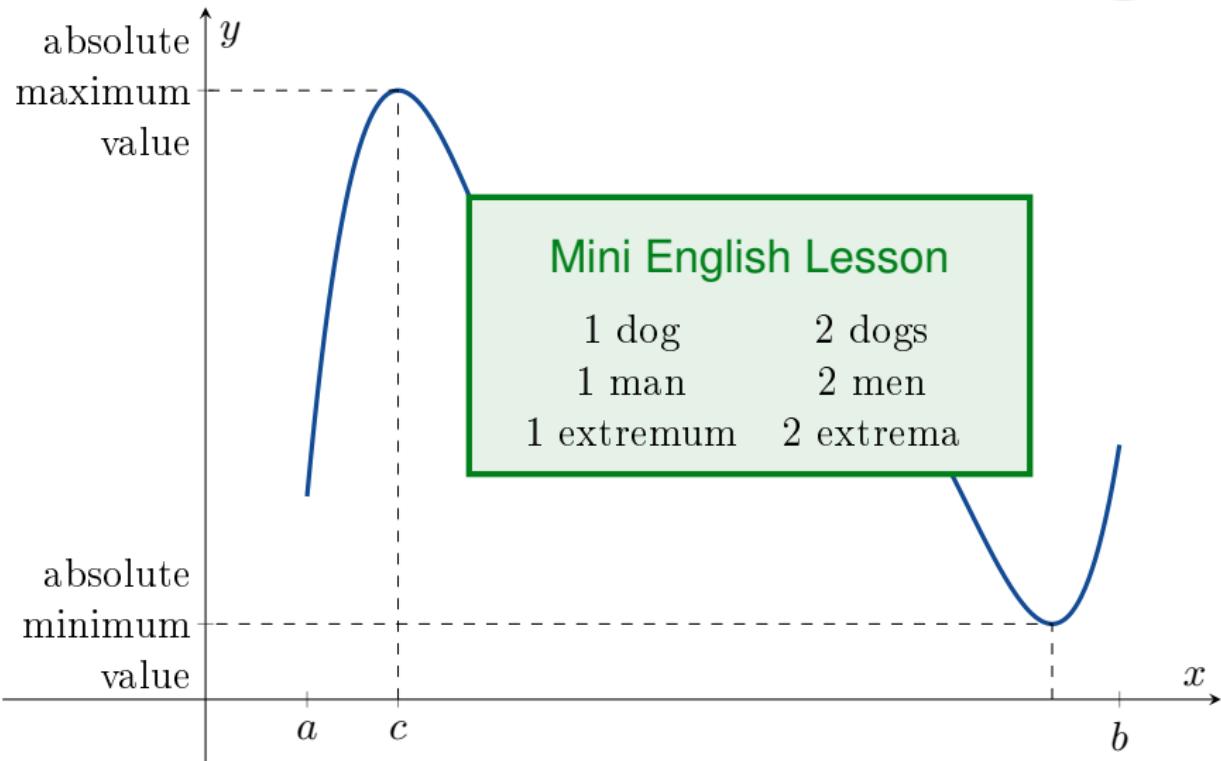
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Let $f : D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a function.

- f has an *absolute maximum value* on D at a point c if

$$f(x) \leq f(c)$$

for all $x \in D$.

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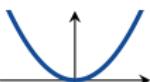
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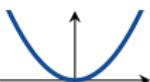
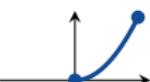
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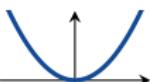
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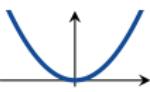
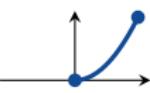
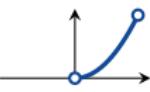
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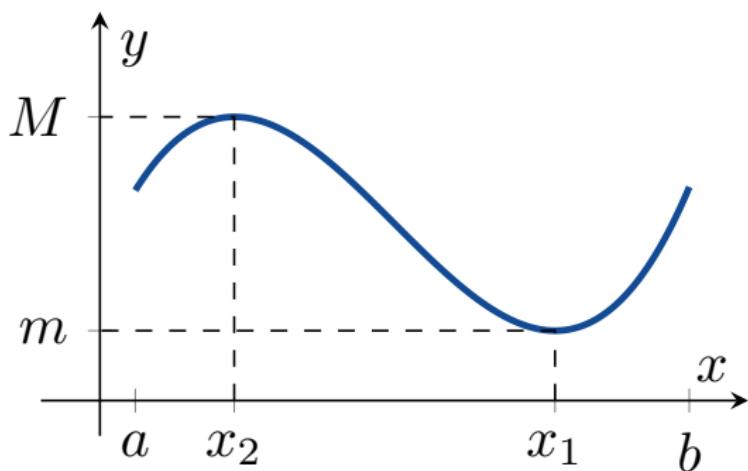
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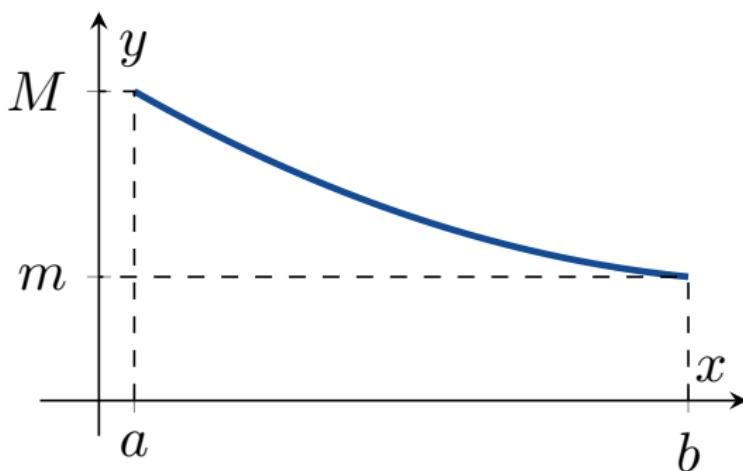
- $f(x_1) = m$;
- $f(x_2) = M$; and
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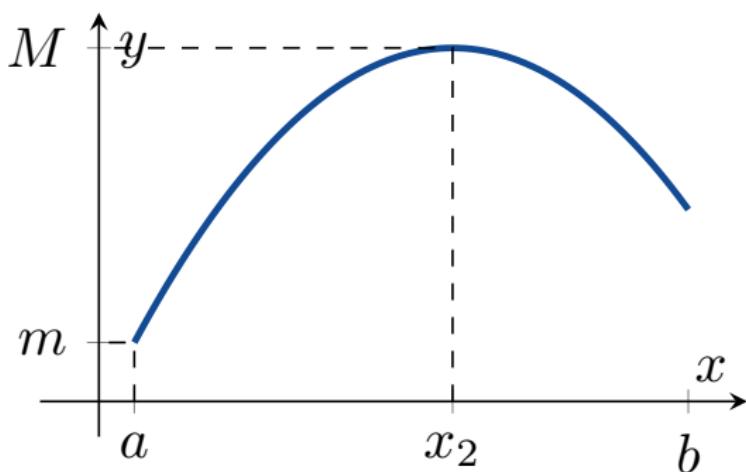
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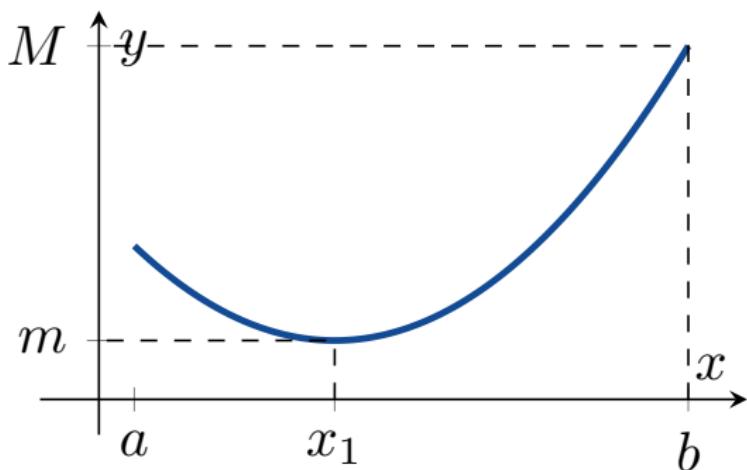
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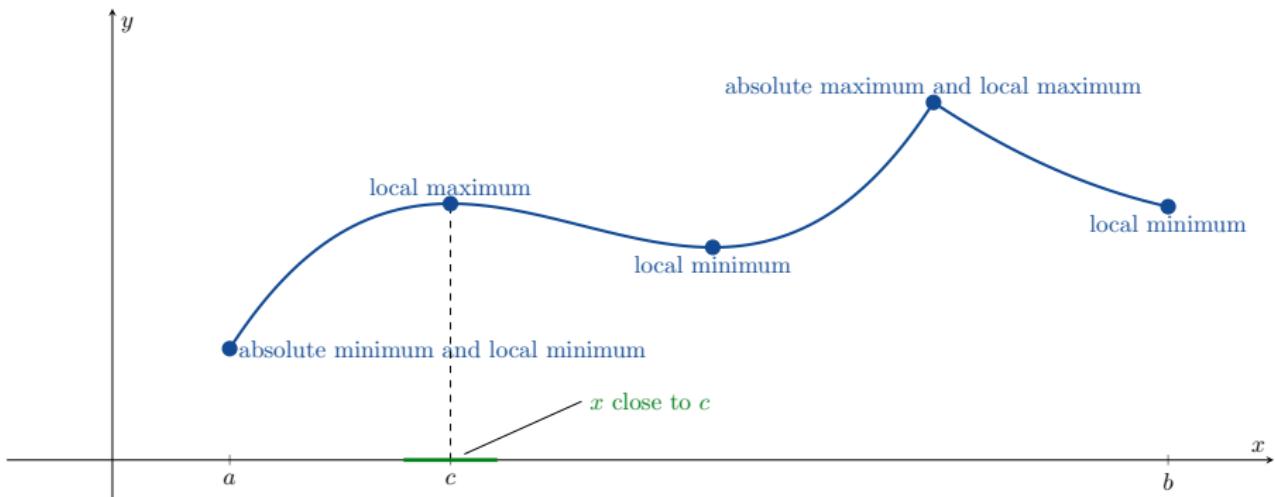


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Local Extreme Values



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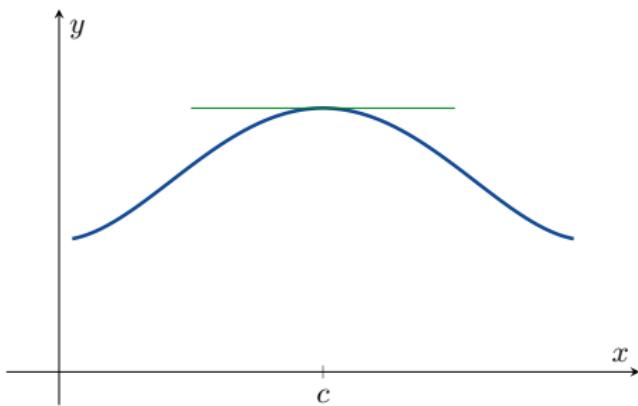


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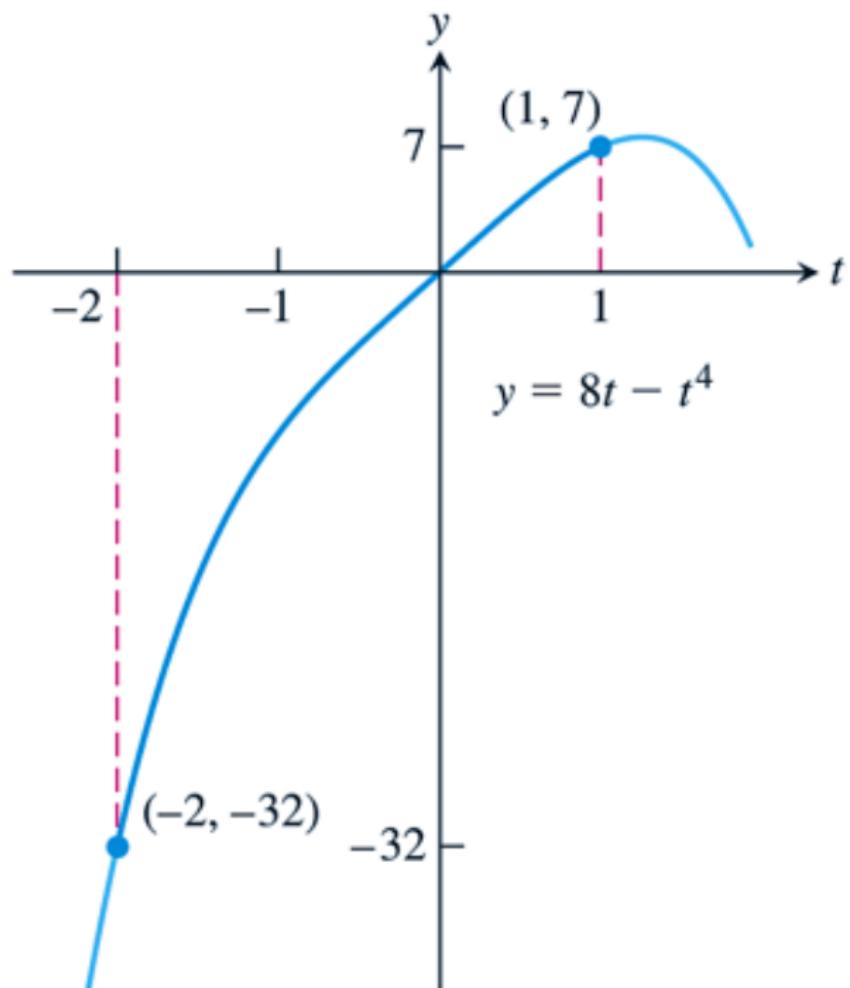
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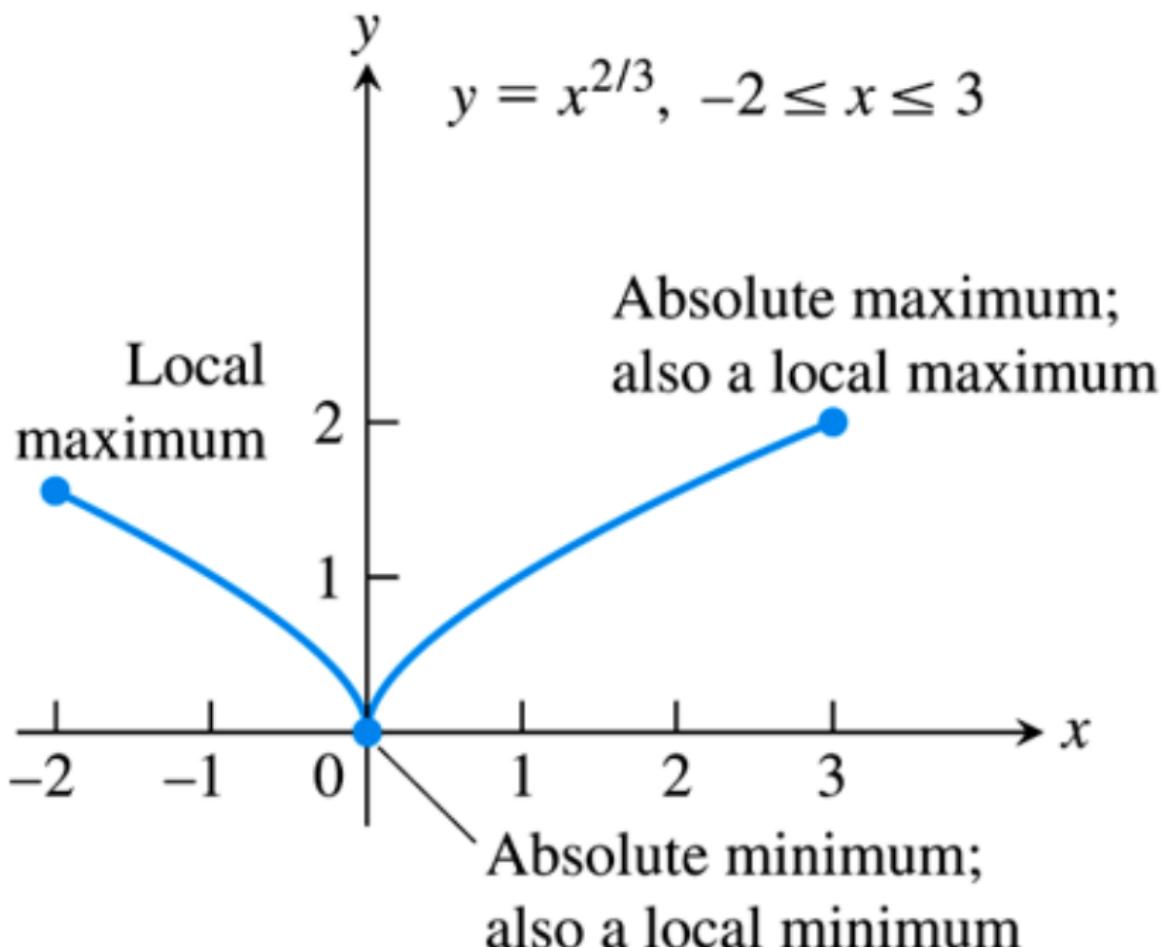
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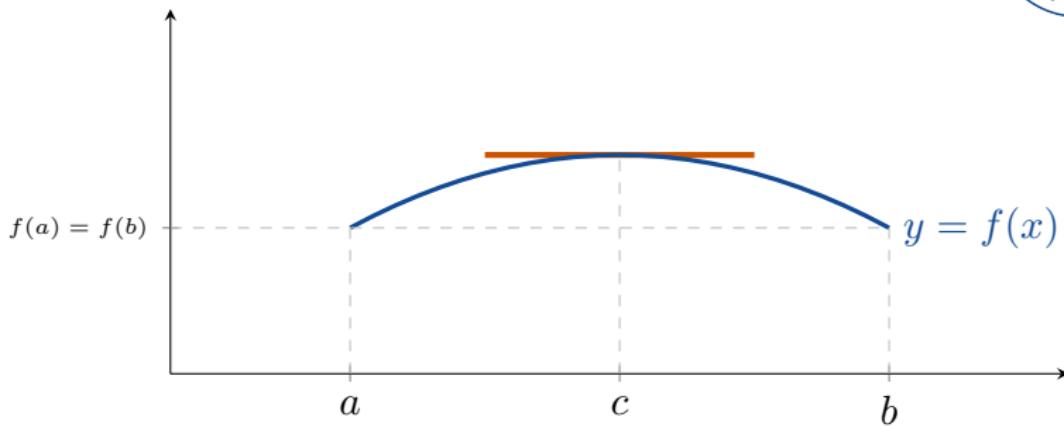
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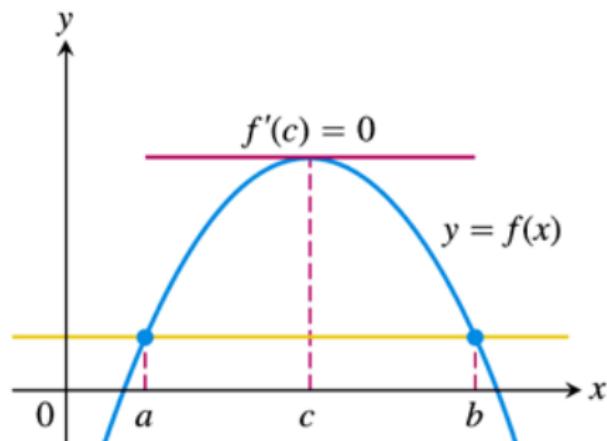


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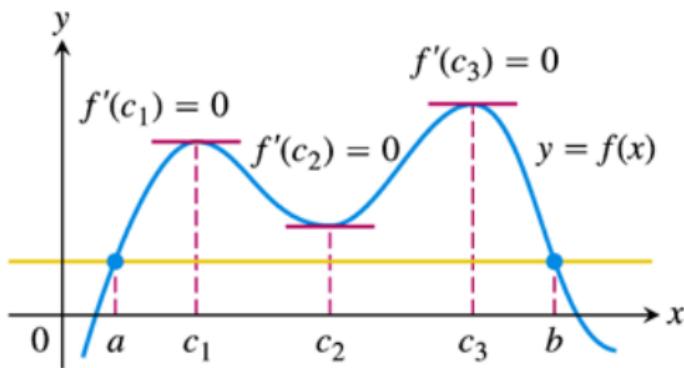
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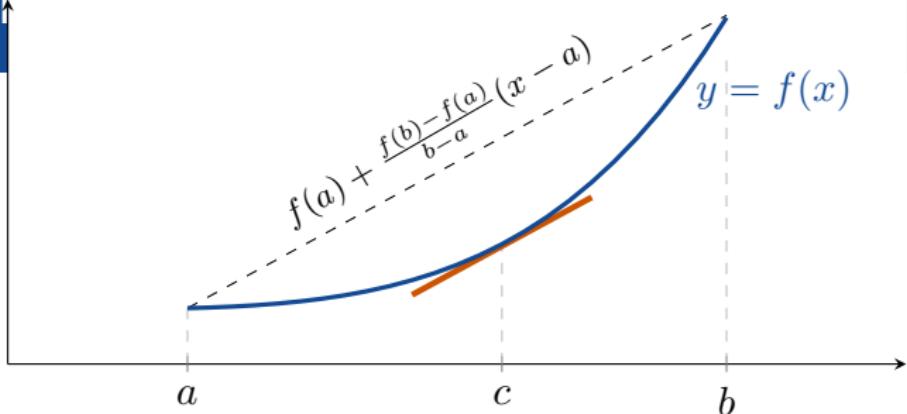
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Mathematical Consequences

Corollary

If $f'(x) = 0$ at each point $x \in (a, b)$, then $f(x) = C$ for all $x \in (a, b)$, where C is a constant.

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If $f'(x) = g'(x)$ at each point $x \in (a, b)$, then $f(x) = g(x) + C$ for all $x \in (a, b)$, where C is a constant.



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