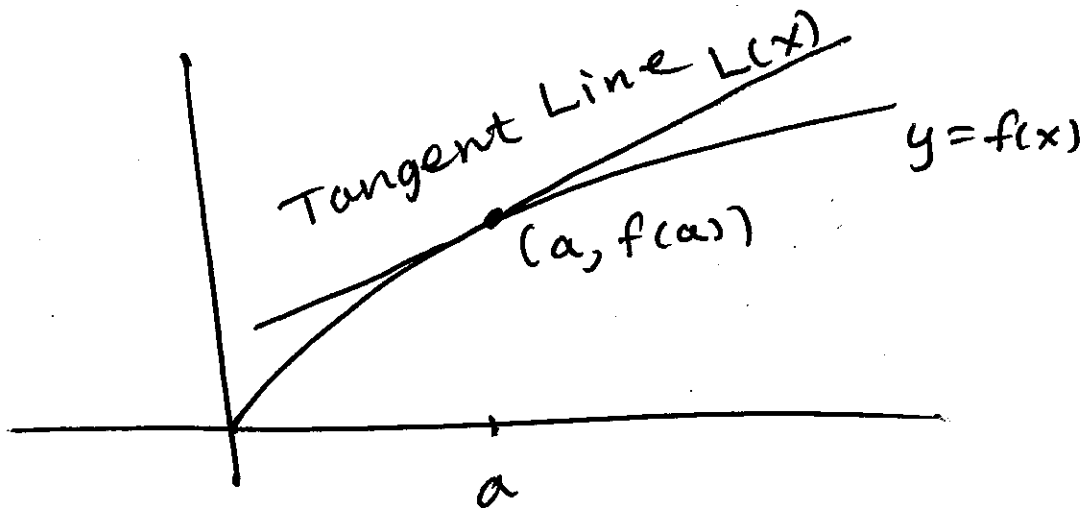


# §3.10 Linear Approximations and Differentials

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When  $x$  is close to  $a$ ,  
the tangent line,  $L(x)$ ,  
is a good approximation  
for  $f(x)$ .

Let's find a general formula  
for the tangent line to  $f$  at  $a$ .

$$y - y_1 = m(x - x_1)$$

$$x_1 = a$$

$$y_1 = f(a)$$

$$m = f'(a)$$

$$y - f(a) = f'(a)(x - a)$$

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

We call this the linear approximation to  $f$  at  $a$ . Math 180, Weds. 10-Mar-2010

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

Example: Let  $f(x) = \sqrt{x}$ .

- a) Find the the linear approximation to  $f(x) = \sqrt{x}$  at  $x=4$ .

SOLUTION:  $a=4$

$$f(a) = f(4) = \sqrt{4} = 2$$

$$f(x) = x^{1/2}$$

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

$$f'(a) = f'(4) = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{4}} = \frac{1}{4}$$

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

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

- b) Find an approximation for  $\sqrt{4.1}$  using  $L(x)$ .

SOLUTION  $\sqrt{4.1} = f(4.1) \approx L(4.1)$

$$L(4.1) = 2 + \frac{1}{4}(4.1-4)$$

$$= 2 + (0.25)(0.1)$$

$$= 2 + 0.025 = 2.025$$

Using a calculator

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$$f(4.1) = \sqrt{4.1} \approx 2.0248$$

The difference is .0002.

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## Differentials.

Let's look at the formula for  $L(x)$ .

$$L(x) = f(a) + \underbrace{f'(a)(x-a)}_{dx}$$

this is called  
the differential  
in  $y$ , denoted  $dy$

For the last problem,  $f(x) = \sqrt{x}$ ,  
 $a = 4$ , we had

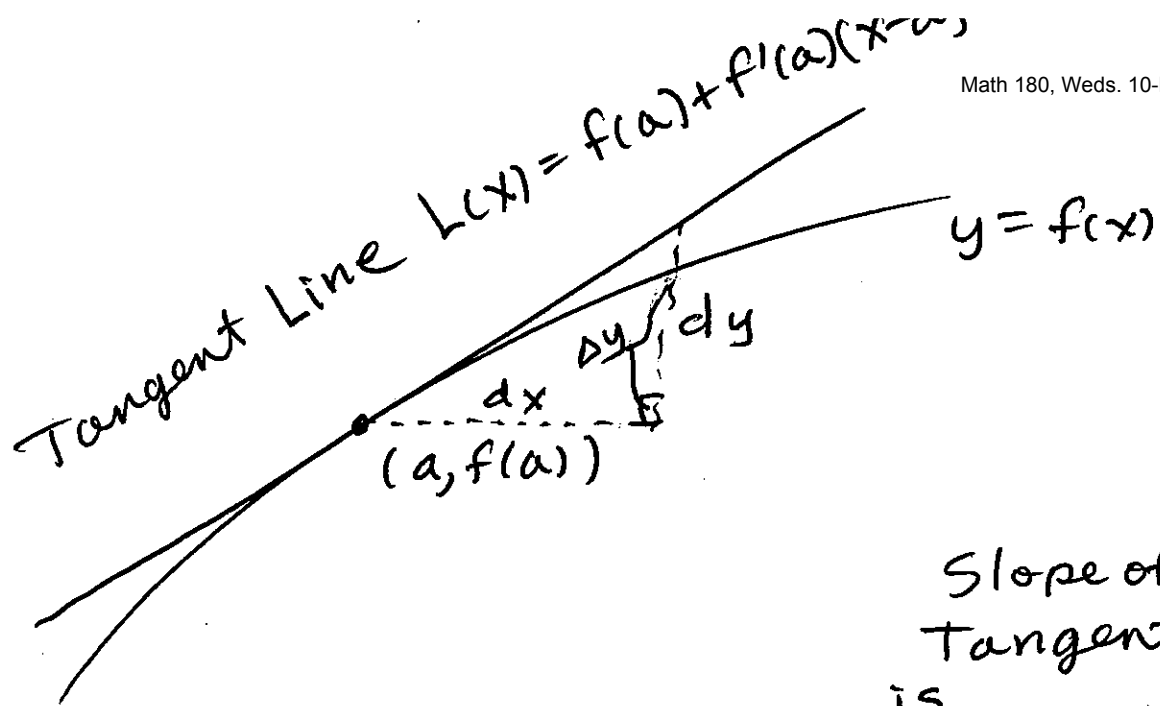
$$L(x) = \underbrace{2}_{\sqrt{4}} + \frac{1}{4}(x-4)$$

$$dy = \frac{1}{4}(x-4)$$

$$L(4.1) = \underbrace{2}_{\sqrt{4}} + \frac{1}{4}(\underbrace{4.1-4}_{dy})$$

We call  $x-a$  the differential  
in  $x$ ,  $dx = x-a$ .

$$\text{So } dy = f'(a) dx$$
$$dy = \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right) dx$$



Slope of  
Tangent Line

is

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{\text{rise}}{\text{run}}$$

run =  $dx$

~~rise~~

$$\text{rise} = \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right) \text{run}$$

$$= \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right) dx$$

So  $dy = \text{rise}$

We have

$$dy = \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right) dx$$

Define  $\Delta y = f(x) - f(a)$

We see that

$$\Delta y \approx dy$$

when  $dx$  is  
small,

i.e.  $x$  is close to  $a$ .

Example The radius of a sphere was measured and found to be 21 cm with a possible error in measurement of at most 0.05 cm. What is the maximum error in the calculated value of the volume?

SOLUTION  $V = \frac{4}{3}\pi r^3$

$$r = 21 \text{ cm}$$

$$dr = 0.05 \text{ cm}$$

Find  $dV$ .

$$dV = \left(\frac{dV}{dr}\right) dr$$

Find  $\frac{dV}{dr} = \frac{4}{3}\pi \cdot 3r^2 = 4\pi r^2$

$\frac{dV}{dr}$  when  $r = 21$  is  $\frac{dV}{dr} = 4\pi(21)^2$

So  $dV = \left(\frac{dV}{dr}\right) dr = 4\pi(21)^2 \cdot (0.05)$   
 $\approx 277 \text{ cm}^3$

b) What is the relative error in volume? Math 180, Weds, 10 Mar 2010

$$\text{relative error} = \frac{dV}{V} = \frac{277}{\left(\frac{4}{3}\pi(21)^3\right)} \approx 0.007$$

$$V(21) = \frac{4}{3}\pi(21)^3$$

c) What is the relative error in the radius?

$$= \frac{dr}{r} = \frac{0.05}{21} \approx 0.0024$$

d) Let's find a formula relating relative error in volume to relative error in radius.

$$\text{rel. error in vol} \frac{dV}{V} = \frac{\left(\frac{dV}{dr}\right)dr}{V} = \frac{(4\pi r^2)dr}{\left(\frac{4}{3}\pi r^3\right)} = 3\left(\frac{dr}{r}\right)$$

§ 3.5 #19

$$e^y \cdot \cos x = 1 + \sin(xy)$$

Find  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  using impl. diff.

$$\overset{\text{product rule}}{(e^y)'}(\cos x) + (e^y)\overset{\text{chain rule}}{(\cos x)'} = 0 + \cos(xy) \cdot (xy)'$$

$$(e^y)(y')(\cos x) + (e^y)(-\sin x) = \cos(xy) \cdot ((x)'(y) + (x)(y)')$$

$$e^y \cos x y' - e^y \sin x = \cos(xy) (1 \cdot y + x y')$$

$$e^y \cos x y' - e^y \sin x = y \cos(xy) + x \cos(xy) y'$$

$$e^y \cos x y' - x \cos(xy) y' = y \cos(xy) + e^y \sin x$$

$$y' (e^y \cos x - x \cos(xy)) = y \cos(xy) + e^y \sin x$$

$$y' = \frac{y \cos(xy) + e^y \sin x}{e^y \cos x - x \cos(xy)}$$

§ 3.5 #33 Find  $y''$  by implicit differentiation.

$$9x^2 + y^2 = 9$$

See § 3.5 Example 4 p. 211

SOLUTION

$$18x + 2yy' = 0$$

$$2yy' = -18x$$

$$y' = \frac{-18x}{2y}$$

$$y' = \frac{-9x}{y}$$

$$y'' = \frac{(-9x)'(y) - (-9x)(y)'}{(y)^2}$$

$$y'' = \frac{-9y + 9xy'}{y^2}$$

put in  $y' = \frac{-9x}{y}$

$$y'' = \left( \frac{-9y + 9x\left(\frac{-9x}{y}\right)}{y^2} \right) \cdot y$$

$$y'' = \frac{-9y^2 - 81x^2}{y^3}$$

$$y'' = \frac{-9(y^2 + 9x^2)}{y^3} = \frac{-9(9)}{y^3}$$

Note  $9x^2 + y^2 = 9$

$$y'' = \frac{-81}{y^3}$$

§3.5#17 Find  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  using implicit differentiation.

$$\sqrt{xy} = 1 + x^2y$$

$$(xy)^{1/2} = 1 + x^2y$$

$$\frac{1}{2}(xy)^{-1/2} \cdot \underbrace{((x)'(y) + (x)(y)')} = 0 + ((x^2)'(y) + (x^2)(y)')$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(xy)$$

use  
product  
rule

$$= 0 + ((x^2)'(y) + (x^2)(y)')$$

$$\frac{1}{2}(xy)^{-1/2}(1 \cdot y + xy') = 2xy + x^2y'$$

$$\frac{y + xy'}{2(xy)^{1/2}} = 2xy + x^2y'$$

$$y + xy' = (2xy + x^2y')2(xy)^{1/2}$$

$$y + xy' = 4xy(xy)^{1/2} + 2(xy)^{1/2}x^2y'$$

$$xy' - 2(xy)^{1/2}x^2y' = 4xy(xy)^{1/2} - y$$

$$y'(x - 2x^2\sqrt{xy}) = 4xy\sqrt{xy} - y$$

$$y' = \frac{4xy\sqrt{xy} - y}{x - 2x^2\sqrt{xy}}$$

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§ 3.5 #45

Find the derivative.

$$y = \tan^{-1} \sqrt{x}$$

$$y = \tan^{-1}(x^{1/2})$$

FORMULA

$$\frac{d}{dx} (\tan^{-1} x) = \frac{1}{1+x^2}$$

$$y' = \left( \frac{1}{1+(x^{1/2})^2} \right) \cdot \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(x^{1/2})$$

$$y' = \left( \frac{1}{1+x} \right) \left( \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}} \right)$$

$$y = \tan^{-1} u$$

$$\frac{dy}{du} = \frac{1}{1+u^2}$$

$$u = x^{1/2}$$

$$\frac{du}{dx} = \frac{1}{2} x^{-1/2} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}}$$

§ 3.4#17

$$g(x) = (1+4x)^5 (3+x-x^2)^8$$

$$g'(x) = \left[ (1+4x)^5 \right]' (3+x-x^2)^8$$

Product rule

$$+ (1+4x)^5 \left[ (3+x-x^2)^8 \right]'$$

$$= 5(1+4x)^4 \cdot 4(3+x-x^2)^8$$

$$+ (1+4x)^5 \cdot 8(3+x-x^2)^7 (1-2x)$$

$$= 4(1+4x)^4 (3+x-x^2)^7 \left( 5(3+x-x^2) + (1+4x) \cdot 2 \cdot (1-2x) \right)$$

$$= 4(1+4x)^4 (3+x-x^2)^7 (15+5x-5x^2 + 2(1-2x+4x-8))$$

$$= 4(1+4x)^4 (3+x-x^2)^7 (15+5x-5x^2 + 2+4x-16x^2)$$

$$= 4(1+4x)^4 (3+x-x^2)^2 (-21x^2 + 9x + 17)$$

$$\S 3.6 \# 21 \quad y = 2x \log_{10} \sqrt{x}$$

Find  $y'$

$$y = 2x \log_{10} x^{1/2}$$

$$y = 2x \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \log_{10} x$$

$$y = x \log_{10} x$$

$$y' = (x)' (\log_{10} x) + (x) (\log_{10} x)'$$

$$y' = 1 \cdot \log_{10} x + x \cdot \frac{1}{x \ln 10}$$

$$y' = \log_{10} x + \frac{1}{\ln 10}$$

Aside

$$\frac{d}{dx} (\log_a x) = \frac{1}{x \ln a}$$

§3.6 #33

Find the equation of the tangent line to

$$y = \ln(xe^{x^2}) \text{ at the point } (1, 1).$$

SOLUTION FIND THE SLOPE.

Find  $y'$ !

First expand.

$$y = \ln x + \ln e^{x^2}$$

$$y = \ln(x) + x^2$$

$$y' = \frac{1}{x} + 2x$$

$$m = y'(1) = \frac{1}{(1)} + 2(1) = 3$$

Find the equation of the line.

$$y - y_1 = m(x - x_1)$$

$$x_1 = 1, y_1 = 1, m = 3$$

$$y - 1 = 3(x - 1)$$

$$y - 1 = 3x - 3$$

$$\boxed{y = 3x - 2}$$

$$\S 3.6 \#34 \quad y = \ln(x^2 - 7)$$

Find the tangent line  
at the point  $(2, 0)$ .

SOLUTION

Find the slope.

$$y' = \left( \frac{1}{x^2 - 7} \right) (2x)$$

$$m = y'(2) = \left( \frac{1}{(2)^2 - 7} \right) 2(2)$$

$$= \left( \frac{1}{-3} \right) 4 = -\frac{4}{3}$$

$$x_1 = 2, y_1 = 0, m = -\frac{4}{3}$$

$$y - y_1 = m(x - x_1)$$

$$y - 0 = -\frac{4}{3}(x - 2)$$

$$y = -\frac{4}{3}x + \frac{8}{3}$$

$$\S 3.6 \# 17 \quad y = \ln |2 - x - 5x^2|$$

SOLUTION

$$y' = \left( \frac{1}{2 - x - 5x^2} \right) (-1 - 10x)$$

$$y' = \frac{-1 - 10x}{2 - x - 5x^2}$$

Aside

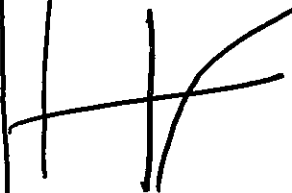
$$\frac{d}{dx} \ln |x| = \frac{1}{x}$$

$$\text{Pf} \quad |x| = \begin{cases} x & \text{if } x \geq 0 \\ -x & \text{if } x < 0 \end{cases}$$

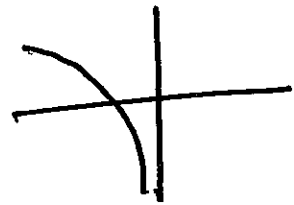
$$\ln |x| = \begin{cases} \ln x & \text{for } x > 0 \\ \ln(-x) & \text{for } x < 0 \\ \text{undef} & x = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \ln |x| = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{x} & \text{for } x > 0 \\ \frac{1}{(-x)} \cdot -1 = \frac{1}{x} & \text{for } x < 0 \\ \text{undef} & x = 0 \end{cases}$$

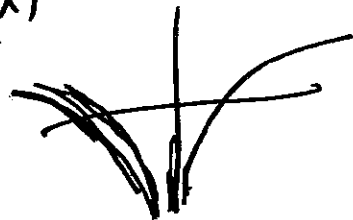
$$y = \ln x$$



$$y = \ln(-x)$$



$$y = \ln |x|$$



§3.6 #5 Differentiate.

$$y = \log_2(1-3x)$$

$$y' = \frac{1}{(1-3x)\ln 2} \cdot (-3)$$

$\uparrow$   
 $\frac{d}{dx}(1-3x)$

Aside

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\log_a x) = \frac{1}{x \ln a}$$

$$y' = \frac{-3}{(1-3x)\ln 2}$$

Quiz Thurs.  
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§ 3.5 #15 Find  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  using implicit differentiation.

$$e^{(x/y)} = x - y$$

SOLUTION

$$e^{(x/y)} \cdot \left(\frac{x}{y}\right)' = 1 - y'$$

chain rule

$$e^{x/y} \left( \frac{x'y - xy'}{y^2} \right) = 1 - y'$$

Quotient Rule

$$e^{x/y} \left( \frac{1 \cdot y - xy'}{y^2} \right) = 1 - y'$$

$$e^{x/y} (y - xy') = (1 - y')y^2$$

$$ye^{x/y} - xy'e^{x/y} = y^2 - y^2y'$$

$$y^2y' - xy'e^{x/y} = y^2 - ye^{x/y}$$

$$y'(y^2 - xe^{x/y}) = y^2 - ye^{x/y}$$

$$y' = \frac{y^2 - ye^{x/y}}{y^2 - xe^{x/y}}$$

Solve for  $y'$