



**Do Now:**

1. Write the simplest rule possible for each of the functions based solely on the graph.

$y_1 = 2x$

$y_2 = 2$

$y_3 = -\frac{2}{3}x - 1$

2. The above graphs are actually functions displayed on a zoomed in window. Match each graph with the correct function. Justify your answer.

$y = x^3 + 0.002$   $y_2 = 2$

$y = -\frac{2}{3}x - 0.001$   $y_3 = -\frac{2}{3}x - 1$

$y = \sin(2x)$   $y_1 = 2x$

3. What is the scale of the above graph?  $.001$

4. Algebraically find the equation of the tangent line at  $x = 0$  for each function in question 2.

$y' = 3x^2$ $y' _0 = 0$ (0, .002) $y = .002$	}	$y' = -\frac{2}{3}$ $y' _0 = -\frac{2}{3}$ (0, -.001) $y = -\frac{2}{3}x - .001$	}	$y' = 2 \cos(2x)$ $y' _0 = 2$ (0, 0) $y = 2x$
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All differentiable curves are **locally linear**, since we can make the curve appear linear if we get close enough to a specific point. The *tangent line* provides a useful representation of the curve itself if we stay close enough to the point of tangency and creates the **linear approximation** at that point.

**Class Work and Homework:**

1. Graph the equation  $y = \tan\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)$  on a zoom 4 decimal window. Zoom into a very small window.

Write the equation of the line that can be used as the linear approximation (i.e. the tangent line) for this function at  $x = 0$ . Graph both in the same window.

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

$$y'|_{x=0} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$y - 0 = \frac{1}{2}(x - 0)$$

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

2. Find the linearization of  $f(x) = \sqrt{x}$  (i.e. the tangent line) at  $x = 1$  and use it to approximate  $\sqrt{1.02}$  without a calculator. Then use a calculator to determine the accuracy of the approximation. Is your approximation an overestimation or an underestimation?

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

$$(1, 1)$$

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

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

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

$$f''(x) = \frac{-1}{4x^{3/2}}$$

$$L(1.02) \approx \frac{1}{2}(1.02 - 1) + 1 = \frac{1}{2}(.02) + 1 = 1.01$$

$$\sqrt{1.02} = 1.00995$$

$f''(1) = -\frac{1}{4} < 0$ , Since the function is concave down, the approximation is an overestimation.

3. The slope of a function at any point  $(x, y)$  is  $-\frac{x+1}{y}$ . The point  $(3, 2)$  is on the graph of  $f$ .

(a) Write an equation of the line tangent to the graph of  $f$  at  $x = 3$ .  $y - 2 = -2(x - 3)$

(b) Use the tangent line in part (a) to approximate  $f(3.1)$ .  $y = -2x + 8$

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

$$L(3.1) = -2(3.1) + 8 = 1.8$$

$$y'|_{(3,2)} = -2$$

$$f(3.1) \approx L(3.1) = 1.8$$

4. Let  $f$  be the function that is differentiable for all real numbers. The table below gives the values of  $f$  and its derivative for selected values in the interval  $-0.9 \leq x \leq 0.9$ . The second derivative is always positive, which means the function is concave up, on the same closed interval. Write an equation of the line tangent to the graph of  $f$  where  $x = -0.6$ . Use this line to approximate the value of  $f(-0.5)$ . Is this approximation greater or less than the actual value of  $f(-0.5)$ ? Give a reason to support your answer.

$x$	-0.9	-0.6	-0.3	0	0.3	0.6	0.9
$f(x)$	-34	-87	-99	-100	-84	-51	21
$f'(x)$	-69	-30	-9	0	1	9	90

$$y + 87 = -30(x + 0.6)$$

$$L(x) = -30x - 105$$

$$f(-0.5) \approx L(-0.5) = -30(-0.5) - 105 = -90$$

$f''(x) > 0 \rightarrow$  concave up (tangent line below curve)

$\therefore$  under approximation

5. Find the linearization of  $f(x) = \cos(x)$  at  $x = \frac{\pi}{2}$  and use it to approximate  $\cos(1.75)$  without a calculator. Then use a calculator to determine the accuracy of the approximation.

$$f'(x) = -\sin x$$

$$f(1.75) \approx L(1.75) = -1.75 + \frac{\pi}{2} \approx -1.179$$

$$f'\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = -1$$

$$f(1.75) = \cos(1.75) \approx -1.178$$

$$y - 0 = -1\left(x - \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$$

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

6. Use linearization to approximate (a)  $\sqrt{123}$  and (b)  $\sqrt[3]{123}$  without a calculator. Then compare the result to the actual value.

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{a) } f'(x) = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}} \\ f'(121) = \frac{1}{22} \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} y - 11 = \frac{1}{22}(x - 121) \\ L(x) = \frac{1}{22}(x - 121) + 11 \end{array}$$

$$L(123) = 11 + \frac{1}{22}(123 - 121) = 11 + \frac{2}{22} \approx 11.091$$

$$f(123) = \sqrt{123} = 11.0905$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{b) } f'(x) = \frac{1}{3x^{2/3}} \\ f'(125) = \frac{1}{75} \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} y - 5 = \frac{1}{75}(x - 125) \\ L(x) = \frac{1}{75}(x - 125) + 5 \end{array}$$

$$L(123) = \frac{1}{75}(123 - 125) + 5 = 4.973$$

$$f(123) = \sqrt[3]{123} = 4.9732$$

7. Estimate  $(16.5)^{\frac{1}{4}} - 16^{\frac{1}{4}}$  using linear approximation.

$$f(x) = x^{\frac{1}{4}} \quad L(x) = \frac{1}{32}(x-16) + 2 \quad L(16.5) = \frac{1}{64} + 2$$

$$f'(x) = \frac{1}{4x^{\frac{3}{4}}} \quad (16.5)^{\frac{1}{4}} - 16^{\frac{1}{4}} \approx \frac{1}{64} + 2 - 2 = \frac{1}{64}$$

$$f'(16) = \frac{1}{32}$$

8. Approximate the value of  $\sin 31^\circ$  using radians.

$$f(x) = \cos(x) \quad L(x) = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}(x - \frac{\pi}{6}) + \frac{1}{2}$$

$$f'(\frac{\pi}{6}) = \cos(\frac{\pi}{6}) = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

$$L(\frac{\pi}{6} + \frac{\pi}{180}) = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}(\frac{\pi}{6} + \frac{\pi}{180} - \frac{\pi}{6}) = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{3}\pi}{360} = 0.515115$$

$$\sin(31) = .515038$$

9. If  $f$  is a differentiable function,  $f(2) = 6$  and  $f'(2) = -\frac{1}{2}$ , find the approximate value of  $f(2.1)$ .

$$L(x) = -\frac{1}{2}(x-2) + 6$$

$$f(2.1) \approx L(2.1) = 5.95$$

10. Write an equation of the tangent line to  $f(x) = x^3$  at  $(2, 8)$ . Use the tangent line to find the approximate values of  $f(1.9)$  and  $f(2.01)$ . Are these estimations greater or less than the actual value of  $f(1.9)$  and  $f(2.01)$ ?

$$f'(x) = 3x^2 \quad L(x) = 12(x-2) + 8$$

$$f'(2) = 12$$

$$f(1.9) \approx L(1.9) = 6.8$$

$$f(2.1) \approx L(2.1) = 9.2$$

$$f''(x) = 6x$$

$$f''(2) = 12 > 0 \quad \text{concave up (tangent line below)}$$

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