

MATH 2301 Section 110 (Barsamian) Day 24 (Mon Feb 27) (1)

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Today: Section 2.8 Linear Approximations and Differentials

Tomorrow in Recitation: Section 2.7 (Related Rates) and Section 2.8

Wednesday: Section 3.1 Exponential Functions

Fri: Quiz Q5 and Section 3.2

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One More Section 2.7 Example (related rates) (similar to 2.2#27)

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Gravel being dumped at a rate of  $50 \text{ ft}^3/\text{min}$

forms a conical pile whose base diameter and height are always equal.

How fast is the height growing when the height is 20 ft?

Solution Follow Procedure from wed

Step 1 Draw Picture

Step 2 Label picture with important quantities ( $d, h, V$ )

Step 3 Label known values  
or known rates



$d = h = 20 \text{ ft}$   
 $h'$  unknown  $\leftarrow$  Find  $h'$   
 $V$  unknown  
 $V' = 50 \text{ ft}^3/\text{minute}$

Step 4 Find  $h'$

Step 5 Find an equation that relates the quantities ( $d, h, V$ )

$$V = \frac{1}{3} \cdot \text{area of base} \cdot h = \frac{1}{3} \cdot \pi r^2 \cdot h = \frac{1}{3} \cdot \pi \left(\frac{d}{2}\right)^2 \cdot h = \frac{1}{3} \pi \left(\frac{h}{2}\right)^2 \cdot h = \frac{\pi h^3}{12}$$

Step 6 Find  $\frac{d}{dt}$  of both sides using implicit differentiation (3)

$$V = \frac{\pi h^3}{12}$$

Equation relating  $V, h$

$$\frac{d}{dt}(V) = \frac{d}{dt}\left(\frac{\pi h^3}{12}\right)$$

$$V' = \frac{\pi}{12} \frac{d}{dt}(h(t)^3)$$

$$= \frac{\pi}{12} \frac{d}{dt} \text{outer}(\text{inner}(t))$$

Chain Rule

$$= \frac{\pi}{12} \cdot \text{Outer}'(\text{inner}(t)) \cdot \text{inner}'(t)$$

$$= \frac{\pi}{12} \cdot 3(h(t))^2 \cdot h'(t)$$

$$V' = \frac{\pi h^2 \cdot h'}{4}$$

Equation relating  $V', h', V, h$

Chain Rule Detail

$$\text{inner}(t) = h(t)$$

$$\text{inner}'(t) = h'(t)$$

unknown  
Find it !!

$$\text{outer}( ) = ( )^3$$

$$\text{outer}'( ) = 3( )^2$$

Step 7 Solve for the unknown rate

Solve for  $h'$

$$V' = \frac{\pi h^2 \cdot h'}{4}$$

multiply by 4, divide by  $\pi h^2$

$$h' = \frac{V' \cdot 4}{\pi h^2}$$

Step 8 Substitute in known values and simplify

$$\begin{aligned}
 h' &= \frac{(50 \text{ ft}^3/\text{min}) \cdot 4}{\pi \cdot (20 \text{ ft})^2} = \frac{(50 \text{ ft}^3)}{\text{min}} \frac{4}{\pi (20 \text{ ft})^2} = \frac{50 \text{ ft}^3 \cdot 4}{\cancel{\text{min}} \pi \cdot 400 \text{ ft}^2} \\
 &= \frac{50 \cdot 4}{\pi \cdot 400} \frac{\text{ft}^{\cancel{3}}}{\text{min} \cdot \cancel{\text{ft}^2}} = \frac{200}{\pi \cdot 400} \cdot \frac{\text{ft}}{\text{min}} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{\text{ft}}{\text{min}}
 \end{aligned}$$

End of Example

## 2.8 Linear Approximations and Differentials

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### The Linearization of a function

Given a function  $f$ ,

we know that the equation for the line tangent to  $f(x)$  at  $x=a$ ,  
(can somebody say it?!?)

$$y - \underline{f(a)} = \underline{f'(a)}(x - \underline{a})$$

$a, f(a), f'(a)$  are all constants. Real numbers.

This equation expresses relationship between variables  $x, y$   
for all points on the tangent line.

Solve this equation for  $y$  by adding  $f(a)$  to both sides (6)

$$y = \underline{f(a)} + \underline{f'(a)}(x - \underline{a})$$

constants  $a, f(a), f'(a)$

This equation gives  $y$  as a function of  $x$   
for all points on the tangent line

Invent a name for this function.

name: The Linearization of  $f$  at  $a$ .

Symbol:  $L(x)$

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

Example (2.8#1)  $f(x) = x^4 + 3x^2$

Find the linearization of  $f$  at  $a = -1$ .

Solution We need to build

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

Get parts

$$a = -1$$

$$f(a) = f(-1) = (-1)^4 + 3(-1)^2 = 1 + 3 \cdot 1 = 4$$

$$f'(x) = 4x^3 + 6x$$

$$f'(a) = f'(-1) = 4(-1)^3 + 6(-1) = 4(-1) - 6 = -4 - 6 = -10$$

Assemble the function Oddly, Don't simplify ~~all~~ all the way

$$L(x) = 4 + (-10)(x - (-1)) = 4 - 10(x+1)$$

Example 2  $f(x) = x^{1/3}$

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Find the linearization of  $f$  at  $a=1000$

Solution We need to build

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

Get parts

$$a = 1000$$

$$f(a) = f(1000) = (1000)^{1/3} = 10$$

$$f'(x) = \frac{d}{dx} x^{1/3} \quad n=1/3 = \left(\frac{1}{3}\right) x^{\frac{1}{3}-1} = \left(\frac{1}{3}\right) x^{-2/3} = \left(\frac{1}{3}\right) \frac{1}{x^{2/3}} = \frac{1}{3 x^{2/3}}$$

$$f'(a) = f'(1000) = \frac{1}{3(1000)^{2/3}} = \frac{1}{3((1000^{1/3})^2)}$$

$$(a^{b \cdot c}) = (a^b)^c$$

$$= \frac{1}{3 \cdot (10)^2} = \frac{1}{3 \cdot 100} = \frac{1}{300}$$



Build the Linearization.

$$L(x) = 10 + \left(\frac{1}{300}\right)(x - 1000)$$

Use the linearization to get an approximate value  
for  $\sqrt[3]{1001}$

Solution ~~exact value~~

function involved:  $f(x) = \sqrt[3]{x} = x^{1/3}$

convenient nearby  $x$  value =  $a = 1000$

~~Actual exact value of  $f(a) = (1000)^{1/3}$~~

Our  $x$  value  $x = 1001$

exact value of  $f(x)$  would be  $f(1001) = (1001)^{1/3}$

But it is easy to get  $L(1001)$

~~$f(1001)$~~

$$3\sqrt[3]{1001} = (1001)^{1/3} = f(1001) \approx L(1001) = 10 + \frac{1}{300}(1001-1000)$$

$$= 10 + \frac{1}{300}(1)$$

$$= 10 + \frac{1}{300}$$

Observe

$$f(1001) = (1001)^{1/3} \approx 10.0033322$$

$$L(1001) = 10 + \frac{1}{300} \approx 10.00\overline{333}$$