

### 3.9 Differentials



$$y - y_1 = m(x - x_1) \quad ; \quad (c, f(c))$$

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

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

Equation of Tangent line  
to  $f$  @  $c$ .

$$2. f(x) = \frac{6}{x} \quad ; \quad (2, \frac{3}{2})$$

Compare actual function values w/  
tangent line approximation near 2

$$\text{tangent: } y = f(c) + f'(c)(x - c)$$

$$f(x) = 6x^{-2}$$

$$f'(x) = -12x^{-3} = -\frac{12}{x^3}$$

$$f'(2) = -\frac{12}{8} = -\frac{12}{8} = -\frac{3}{2}$$

$$y = \frac{3}{2} + \left(-\frac{3}{2}\right)(x - 2)$$

$$= \frac{3}{2} - \frac{3}{2}x + 3$$

$$y = \frac{9}{2} - \frac{3}{2}x \quad \text{Tangent line } T(x)$$

$$\text{v. } f(x) = \frac{6}{x^2}$$

$x$	1.9	1.99	2	2.01	2.1
$f(x)$	1.66	1.51	1.5	1.49	1.36
$T(x)$	1.65	1.515	1.5	1.485	1.35

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

$$\begin{aligned} y - f(c) &= f'(c) \underbrace{(x-c)}_{\Delta x} \\ &= f'(c) \Delta x \quad \text{← } dx \end{aligned}$$

$$\Delta y = f(x+c) - f(x)$$

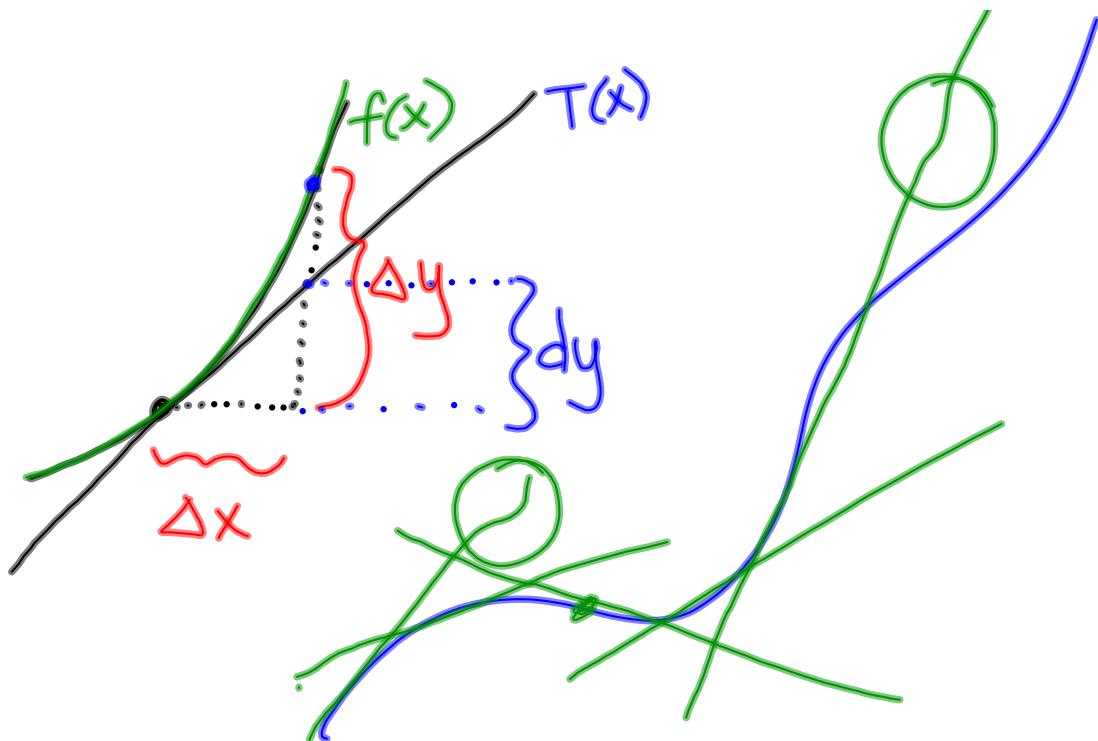
$$\Delta y \approx f'(c) dx$$

$$dy = f'(c) dx$$

The differential of  $y$  is

$$dy = f'(x) dx$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = f'(x)$$



$$8. y = 1 - 2x^2 = f(x); \quad x=0 \quad ; \quad \Delta x = dx = -0.1$$

compare  $dy$  &  $\Delta y$

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta y &= f(c + \Delta x) - f(c) \\ &= f(0 + (-0.1)) - f(0) \\ &= 1 - 2(0 + (-0.1))^2 - [1 - 2(0)^2] \\ &= 1 - 0.02 - 1 = -0.02\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}dy &= f'(c) \cdot dx \quad f'(x) = -4x \\ &= -4(0) \cdot (-0.1) \\ &= 0\end{aligned}$$

Find the differential  $dy$ .

$$dy = f'(x)dx$$

$$12. y = 3x^{2/3}$$

$$dy = 2x^{-1/3} dx$$

$$14. y = \sqrt{9-x^2}$$

$$dy = \frac{1}{2}(9-x^2)^{-1/2}(-2x) dx$$

$$16. y = \sqrt{x} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}}$$

$$dy = \left(\frac{1}{2}x^{-1/2} - \frac{1}{2}x^{-3/2}\right) dx$$

$$20. y = \frac{\sec^2 x}{x^2 + 1}$$

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

$$46. \quad \sqrt[3]{26}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= x^{1/3} \\ f'(x) &= \frac{1}{3}x^{-2/3} = \frac{1}{3(\sqrt[3]{x})^2} \end{aligned}$$

$$f(x) = \sqrt[3]{x} \quad ; \quad x = 27 \quad ; \quad \Delta x = dx = -1$$

$$\begin{aligned} f(x + \Delta x) - f(x) &\approx \frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x} \approx f'(x) \cdot \Delta x \\ f(x + \Delta x) &\approx f(x) + f'(x) \Delta x \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sqrt[3]{26} &= \sqrt[3]{27 - 1} \approx \sqrt[3]{27} + \left( \frac{1}{3(\sqrt[3]{27})^2} \right) (-1) \\ &\approx 3 - \frac{1}{27} \approx 2.96296 \end{aligned}$$

$$x^{m/n} = (x^m)^{1/n} = (x^{1/n})^m$$

$$= \sqrt[n]{x^m} = (\sqrt[n]{x})^m$$

$$50. \quad \tan(0.05)$$

$$x = 0 \quad ; \quad \Delta x = 0.05$$

$$f(x + \Delta x) = f(x) + f'(x) \Delta x$$

$$\tan(0.05) = \tan 0 + \sec^2(0)(0.05)$$

$$= 0 + 1 \cdot 0.05$$

$$\approx \boxed{0.05}$$

t(w)

39 # 5, 9,  
11-19 odd

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