

Lecture 8: example problems.

4.2.18

Find the linear approx. $L(x)$ to $f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+x}}$ near $a=0$.

$$\text{Well, } f'(x) = \frac{d}{dx} (1+x)^{-1/2} = -\frac{1}{2} (1+x)^{-3/2} \frac{d}{dx} (1+x) = \frac{-1}{2(1+x)^{3/2}}$$

$$\text{so } f'(0) = \frac{-1}{2(1+0)^{3/2}} = -1/2$$

$$\text{and } f(0) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+0}} = 1$$

So $L(x)$ is a line w/slope -1 that passes through $(0,1)$.

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

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

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$$f(x) = e^{-x} \Rightarrow f'(x) = e^{-x} \frac{d}{dx} (-x) = -e^{-x}$$

$$\text{so } f'(0) = -1$$

$$\text{and } f(0) = e^{-0} = 1$$

So again, $L(x)$ has slope -1 , passes through $(0,1)$

$$L(x) = 1 - x \text{ as above.}$$

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$$f(x) = \ln(1+x) \Rightarrow f'(x) = \frac{\frac{d}{dx} (1+x)}{1+x} = \frac{1}{1+x}$$

$$\text{so } f'(0) = \frac{1}{1+0} = 1$$

$$\text{and } f(0) = \ln(1+0) = 0$$

So $L(x)$ has slope 1 , passes through $(0,0)$

$$\text{Thus } L(x) - 0 = 1(x-0) \Rightarrow$$

$$L(x) = x.$$

4.2.26 Approximate $\sqrt{102}$ using lin. approx. 12

Let $f(x) = \sqrt{x}$ and $a = 100$. Note $f(100) = 10$,

$$\text{and } f'(x) = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}} \Rightarrow f'(100) = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{100}} = \frac{1}{20}$$

Thus, $L(x)$ has slope $\frac{1}{20}$ and passes through $(100, 10)$,

$$L(x) - 10 = \frac{1}{20}(x - 100) \Rightarrow L(x) = 5 + \frac{1}{20}x$$

$$\text{Thus, } L(102) = 5 + \frac{102}{20} = \frac{202}{20} = \frac{101}{10} = 10.1$$

So $\sqrt{102} \approx 10.1$ using local lin. approx.

4.2.32 $\sin 32^\circ$. Let $f(x) = \sin(x)$, and $a = 30^\circ$.

Note that $\sin(30^\circ) = 0.5$ exactly; note also that $f'(x) = \cos(x) \Rightarrow f'(30^\circ) = \cos(30^\circ) = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$ exactly.

Thus, $L(x)$ has slope $\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$, passes through $(30, \frac{1}{2})$.

$$L(x) - \frac{1}{2} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}(x - 30) \Rightarrow L(x) = \frac{1 - 30\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{3}x}{2}$$

$$\text{So } L(32) = \frac{1 - 30\sqrt{3} + 32\sqrt{3}}{2} = \frac{1 + 2\sqrt{3}}{2} = \frac{1}{2} + \sqrt{3}$$

Thus, $\sin(32^\circ) \approx \frac{1}{2} + \sqrt{3}$ using local linear approx.

4.2.45

The range $R = \frac{1}{32} v^2 \sin 2\theta$, $\theta = 45^\circ$ and v inc. from $80 \frac{\text{ft}}{\text{sec}}$ to $81 \frac{\text{ft}}{\text{sec}}$.Well, find $L(v)$ for $R = \frac{1}{32} v^2 \sin(2 \cdot 45) = \frac{1}{32} v^2 (1) = \frac{v^2}{32}$,
around $a = 80 \text{ ft/sec}$ ($v = a$). Note, $R|_{v=80} = \frac{80^2}{32} = 200$.

$$\frac{dR}{dv} = \frac{2v}{32} = \frac{v}{16} \Rightarrow \left. \frac{dR}{dv} \right|_{v=80} = \frac{80}{16} = 5$$

$$\text{So } L(v) - 200 = 5(v - 80) \Rightarrow L(v) = 5v - 120$$

$$\text{So, } L(81) = 5(81) - 120 = 328 - 120 = 208$$

Thus,

$$\left. R \right|_{v=81} \approx 208 \text{ ft.}$$

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Range $R = \frac{1}{32} v^2 \sin(2\theta)$, $v = 80 \text{ ft/sec}$ fixed,
 θ inc. from 60° to 61° .

$$\text{Well, } R = \frac{1}{32} (80^2) \sin(2\theta) = 200 \sin(2\theta); \quad \left. R \right|_{\theta=60^\circ} = 200 \sin(2 \cdot 60^\circ) = 200 \sin(120^\circ) \\ = 200 \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \right) = 100\sqrt{3}$$

$$\frac{dR}{d\theta} = 200 \cos(2\theta) \cdot \frac{d}{d\theta}(2\theta) = 400 \cos(2\theta)$$

$$\Rightarrow \left. \frac{dR}{d\theta} \right|_{\theta=60^\circ} = 400 \cos(2 \cdot 60^\circ) = 400 \cdot \cos(120^\circ) = -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$\text{So, } L(\theta) - 100\sqrt{3} = -\frac{1}{2}(\theta - 60) \Rightarrow L(\theta) = 30 + 100\sqrt{3} - \frac{1}{2}\theta$$

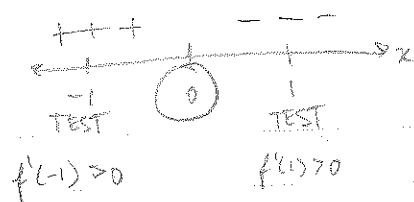
$$L(61^\circ) = 30 + 100\sqrt{3} - \frac{61}{2} = 100\sqrt{3} - \frac{1}{2}$$

Thus,

$$\left. R \right|_{\theta=61^\circ} \approx 100\sqrt{3} - \frac{1}{2}$$

4.3.1

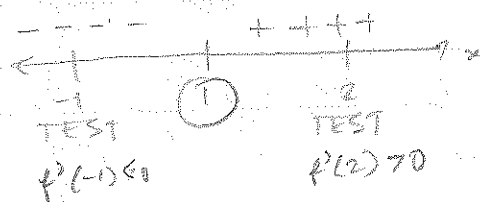
$f(x) = 4 - x^2 \Rightarrow f'(x) = -2x$, and so $f'(x) = 0$ only when $x = 0$, and is always defined. Test:

Inc. on $(-\infty, 0)$ Dec. on $(0, +\infty)$

Must be graph (c).

4.3.2

$f(x) = x^2 - 2x - 1 \Rightarrow f'(x) = 2x - 2 = 2(x - 1)$, which is zero only when $x = 1$, and is always defined.

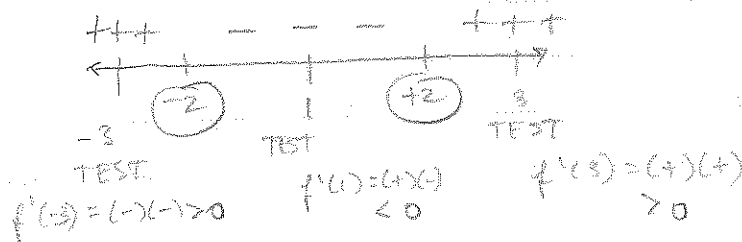
Inc. on $(1, +\infty)$ Dec. on $(-\infty, 1)$

Must be graph (b)

4.3.4

$f(x) = \frac{x^3}{4} - 3x \Rightarrow f'(x) = \frac{3}{4}x^2 - 3 = 3\left(\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^2 - 1\right) = 3\left(\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) + 1\right)\left(\frac{x}{2} - 1\right)$

And so $f'(x) = 0$ only when $x = -2$ or $x = +2$, and is always defined.

Inc. on $(-\infty, -2) \cup (2, +\infty)$ Dec. on $(-2, 2)$

4.3.5 Know $f'(x) = 3\sqrt{x}$, $f(0) = 4$. Find $f(x)$. \ 5

Well, we know $\frac{d}{dx} [x^{3/2}] = \frac{3}{2} x^{1/2}$, so $\frac{d}{dx} [2x^{3/2}] = 3\sqrt{x}$.

By the corollary to the MVT, then, we must have that

$f(x) = 3\sqrt{x} + K$, some $K \in \mathbb{R}$. But we knew $f(0) = 4$, so

$$f(0) = 3\sqrt{0} + K = K \Rightarrow K = 4; \text{ finally, } \boxed{f(x) = 3\sqrt{x} + 4.}$$

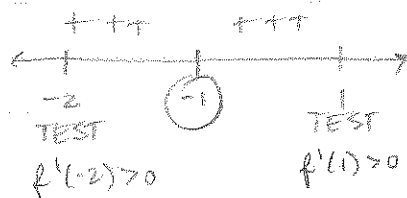
4.3.18 Find intervals when inc, dec, $f(x) = \frac{x}{x+1}$.

$$\text{Note, } f'(x) = \frac{d}{dx} [x(x+1)^{-1}] = \frac{d}{dx} [x] (x+1)^{-1} + x \frac{d}{dx} [(x+1)^{-1}]$$

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

Now, $f'(x)$ is undefined when $(x+1)^2 = 0$, or when $x = -1$.

Test:



so the function f is always increasing i.e., on $(-\infty, +\infty)$ and is never decreasing.

4.3.26

Show that f satisfies hypotheses of Rolle's theorem, and find all $x \in (a, b)$ that satisfy the conclusion of Rolle's theorem, on that interval.

$$f(x) = 9x^2 - x^4 \text{ on } [-3, 3].$$

- Need to show:
- ① f is cts. on $[-3, 3]$.
 - ② f is diff'ble on $(-3, 3)$.
 - ③ $f(-3) = 0 = f(3)$.

Now, observe that f is diff'ble everywhere on \mathbb{R} (its derivative is $f'(x) = 18x - 4x^3$), and so is cts. on all \mathbb{R} as well, including on $[-3, 3]$.

$$\text{Also, } f(-3) = 9(-3)^2 - (-3)^4 = 81 - 81 = 0$$

$$f(3) = 9(3)^2 - (3)^4 = 81 - 81 = 0$$

so Rolle's theorem holds on $[-3, 3]$, and we are guaranteed the existence of some $c \in (-3, 3)$ s.t. $f'(c) = 0$.

For us, this c satisfies $18c - 4c^3 = 0 \Leftrightarrow 2c(9 - 2c^2) = 0$.

Thus, $c = 0$, or $c = \pm\sqrt{4.5}$; all of these are in $(-3, 3)$, and all satisfy the conclusion of Rolle's theorem.

4.3.30

$f(x) = 1 - (2-x)^{2/3}$, $[1, 3]$ is not diff'ble at $x=2$, so doesn't satisfy the hypotheses of Rolle's theorem.

Consider $f'(x) = +\frac{2}{3}(2-x)^{-1/3}$, which is never 0 on $[1, 3]$, so the conclusion of Rolle's theorem doesn't hold here.

4.3.34 $f(x) = \sqrt{x-1} \Rightarrow f'(x) = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x-1}}$, which exists on $(2, 5)$, so f is diff'ble and cts. there; also, is left cts. at $x=5$ and right cts. at $x=2$, so the hypotheses of the MVT are satisfied. 17

Now, $f(2) = \sqrt{2-1} = \sqrt{1} = 1$, $f(5) = \sqrt{5-1} = \sqrt{4} = 2$, so $\frac{f(5)-f(2)}{5-2} = \frac{2-1}{5-2} = \frac{1}{3}$.

We seek $c \in (2, 5)$ st. $f'(c) = \frac{1}{3}$, i.e., $\frac{1}{2\sqrt{c-1}} = \frac{1}{3} \Leftrightarrow \sqrt{c-1} = \frac{3}{2} \Leftrightarrow c-1 = \frac{9}{4} \Leftrightarrow c = \frac{5}{4} = 1.25$.

4.3.44 Prove $\sin x = 3x - 1$ has exactly one soln in $[-1, 1]$.

Well, first apply the IVT to $f(x) = \sin x - 3x + 1$, noting that f is cts. on all \mathbb{R} , including on $[-1, 1]$. We have $f(-1) = \sin(-1) + 4 > 0$, and $f(1) = \sin(1) - 2 < 0$, so $\exists c \in (-1, 1)$ st. $f(c) = 0$.

But $f'(x) = \cos x - 3 < 0$ on $[-1, 1]$, and so f is decreasing on $[-1, 1]$ and cannot have more than one zero on this interval.