

03.09 Linearization

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ADO HW 4.3 Webassign!

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Lecture: Section 3.9: Linear Approximation

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Today's Goal: Learn how to approximate functions using calculus.

Logistics: We will start and finish this section on Monday. There is a check-in Friday, it's set to cover the topics we are covering this week: linear approximation, min/max problems, and extreme value theorem (Sections 3.9 & 4.2).

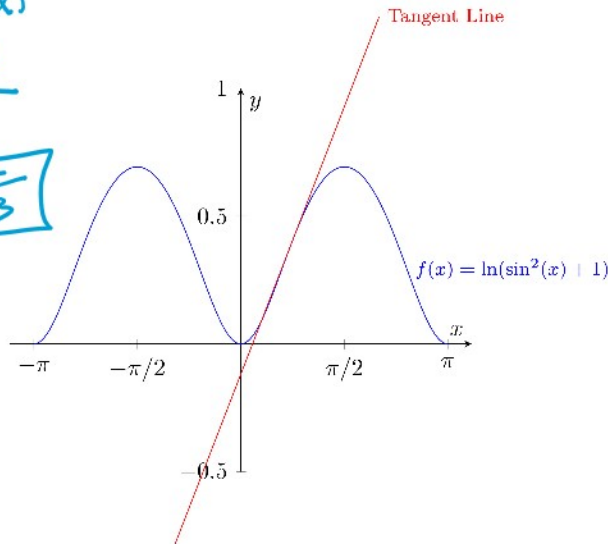
Warm-Up 1.1 Find the equation of the tangent line to the curve $y = \ln(\sin^2(x) + 1)$ at $x = \pi/4$.

- $y = \ln(\sin^2(x) + 1)$
- (A) $y - \frac{3}{2}(x - \pi/4) + \ln(3/2)$
 - (B) $y = \frac{2}{3}(x - \pi/4) + \ln(3/2)$
 - (C) $y - \frac{3}{2}(x - \pi/4) - \ln(2/3)$
 - (D) $y - \frac{2}{3}(x + \pi/4) + \ln(2/3)$
 - (E) None of the above.

point: $y = \ln(\sin^2(\pi/4) + 1)$
 $y = \ln((\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2})^2 + 1)$
 $y = \ln(\frac{2}{4} + 1) = \ln(\frac{3}{2})$
 $\rightarrow \ln(\frac{2}{3}) = \ln((\frac{2}{3})^{-1}) = \ln(\frac{3}{2})$

$$y' = \frac{1}{\sin^2(x) + 1} \cdot 2 \sin(x) \cdot \cos(x)$$

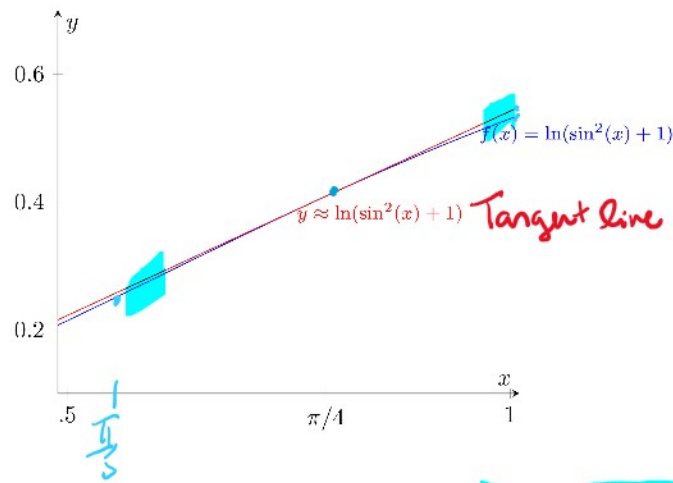
$$y' @ x = \pi/4 = \frac{2 \cdot \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}}{\frac{3}{2}} = \frac{1 \cdot \frac{2}{2}}{\frac{3}{2}} = \frac{1}{\frac{3}{2}} = \frac{2}{3}$$



$\frac{1}{\frac{3}{2}} = \frac{2}{3}$

1.1 Why Tangent Lines?

What can we use the tangent line to a curve for?



Close to the point of tangency, the values of the function can be approximated by the values of the tangent line.

Definition 1.2 To capture this idea of approximation, we call the tangent line to the curve $y = f(x)$ at $x = a$ the **linearization** of $f(x)$ at a .

Example 1.3 Use the linearization of $y = \ln(\sin^2(x) + 1)$ at $x = \pi/4$ to estimate the value $\ln(\sin^2(\pi/5) + 1)$.

$$y = \frac{2}{3}(x - \frac{\pi}{4}) + \ln(3/2)$$

$$f(x) = \ln(\sin^2(x) + 1)$$

$$f(\pi/5)$$

$f(\pi/5) \approx$ value of tangent line @ $\pi/5$

$$f(\pi/5) \approx \frac{2}{3} \left(\frac{\pi}{5} - \frac{\pi}{4} \right) + \ln(3/2)$$

Example 1.4 Find the linearization of $y = \sqrt[5]{x+1}$ at $a = 1$ and use it to approximate the value $\sqrt[5]{2.1}$

Find slope: $y = (x+1)^{1/5}$

$$y' = \frac{1}{5}(x+1)^{-4/5}$$

slope @ $x=1$:

$$y' = \frac{1}{5} \cdot (2)^{-4/5} = \frac{1}{5\sqrt[5]{16}}$$

linearization: $L(x) = \frac{1}{5\sqrt[5]{16}}(x-1) + \sqrt[5]{2}$

$$L(1.1) \approx y \text{ at } x=1.1$$

$$L(1.1) \approx \sqrt[5]{2.1}$$

$$L(1.1) = \frac{1}{5\sqrt[5]{16}}(1.1-1) + \sqrt[5]{2}$$

$$= \frac{.1}{5\sqrt[5]{16}} + \sqrt[5]{2} \approx \sqrt[5]{2.1}$$

what $(x-1)$ do I plug into y to get this number? Take that $(x-1)$ and plug into the linearization

Example 1.5 Use the linearization of some function to estimate the value of $\ln(1.1)$ without using a calculator. Justify your choice of function and the location of the linearization.

Function to "linearize": $f(x) = \ln(x)$

Where to linearize: $x = 1$

Linearization: Point: $(1, \ln(1) = \text{exp. you raise } e \text{ to, to get } 1)$
 $(1, 0)$

Slope: $f'(x) = \frac{1}{x}$

$$f'(1) = 1$$

$$L(x) = 1(x-1) + 0$$

$$L(x) = x - 1$$

To estimate $\ln(1.1) = f(1.1) \approx L(1.1)$

$$L(1.1) = 1.1 - 1$$

$$= 0.1 \approx \ln(1.1)$$

$$\ln(e) = 1 \iff e^1 = e$$

$$\text{"ln(x)" } \rightsquigarrow e^{\ln x} = x$$

$$\ln(1) = 0 \iff e^0 = 1$$