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**Worksheet 3.7—Linearization & Differentials**

Show all work. Calculator permitted. Show all set-ups and analysis. Report all answers to 3 decimals and avoid intermediate rounding error.

**Multiple Choice**

1. What is the linearization of  $f(x) = e^x$  centered at  $x = 1$ ?  
(A)  $L(x) = e$    (B)  $L(x) = ex$    (C)  $L(x) = e^x$    (D)  $L(x) = x - e$    (E)  $L(x) = e(x - 1)$
  
2. Let  $f$  be the function given by  $f(x) = x^2 - 2x + 3$ . The tangent line to the graph of  $f$  at  $x = 2$  is used to approximate values of  $f(x)$ . Which of the following is the greatest value of  $x$  for which the error resulting from this tangent line approximation is less than 0.5?  
(A) 2.4   (B) 2.5   (C) 2.6   (D) 2.7   (E) 2.8
  
3. Let  $f$  be a differentiable function such that  $f(3) = 2$  and  $f'(3) = 5$ . If the tangent line to the graph of  $f$  at  $x = 3$  is used to find an approximation to a zero of  $f$ , that approximation is  
(A) 0.4   (B) 0.5   (C) 2.6   (D) 3.4   (E) 5.5

4. If  $y = \tan x$ ,  $x = \pi$ , and  $dx = 0.5$ , what does  $dy$  equal?  
(A)  $-0.25$       (B)  $-0.5$       (C)  $0$       (D)  $0.5$       (E)  $0.25$

**Free Response:**

5. Find the linear approximation of the function  $f(x) = \sqrt{1-x}$  at  $a = 0$  and use it to approximate the numbers  $\sqrt{0.9}$  and  $\sqrt{0.99}$ . Illustrate by sketching a graph of  $f$  and the tangent line.

6. (i) Find the differential  $dy$  and (ii) evaluate  $dy$  for the given values of  $x$  and  $dx$ .
- (a)  $y = x^2 + 2x$ ,  $x = 3$ ,  $dx = \frac{1}{2}$       (b)  $y = e^{x/4}$ ,  $x = 0$ ,  $dx = 0.04$

7. Compute  $\Delta y$  and  $dy$  for the given values of  $x$  and  $dx = \Delta x$ . Then sketch a diagram showing the line segments with lengths  $dx$ ,  $\Delta x$ ,  $dy$ , and  $\Delta y$

(a)  $y = x^2$ ,  $x = 1$ ,  $\Delta x = 0.5$

(b)  $y = \sqrt{x}$ ,  $x = 1$ ,  $\Delta x = 1$

8. Use linearization to estimate the given numbers.

(a)  $(8.06)^{2/3}$

(b)  $\ln 1.07$

9. The radius of a circular disk is given as 24 cm with a maximum error in measurement of 0.2 cm. Use differentials to estimate the maximum error in the calculated area of the disk.

10. (2010 AB6) If  $f(1) = 2$  and  $\frac{dy}{dx} = xy^3$  and  $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = y^3(1 + 3x^2y^2)$ .

(a) Write an equation for the line tangent to the graph of  $y = f(x)$  at  $x = 1$ .

(b) Use the tangent line equation from part (a) to approximate  $f(1.1)$ . Given that  $f''(x) > 0$  for  $1 < x < 1.1$ , is the approximation for  $f(1.1)$  greater than or less than  $f(1.1)$ ? Explain your reasoning.

11. (2009 AB5)

$x$	2	3	5	8	13
$f(x)$	1	4	-2	3	6

Let  $f$  be a function that is twice differentiable for all real numbers. The table above gives values of  $f$  for selected points in the closed interval  $2 \leq x \leq 13$ .

(a) Estimate  $f'(4)$ . Show the work that leads to your answer (this means showing the difference quotient!!)

(b) Suppose  $f'(5) = 3$  and  $f''(x) < 0$  for all  $x$  in the closed interval  $5 \leq x \leq 8$ . Use the line tangent to the graph of  $f$  at  $x = 5$  to show that  $f(7) \leq 4$ . Use the secant line for the graph of  $f$  on  $5 \leq x \leq 8$  to show that  $f(7) \geq \frac{4}{3}$ .

12. The volume of a spherical hot air balloon expands as the air inside the balloon is heated. The radius of the balloon, in feet, is modeled by a twice-differentiable function  $r$  of time  $t$ , where  $t$  is measured in minutes. For  $0 < t < 12$ , the graph of  $r$  is concave down. The table below gives selected values of the rate of change,  $r'(t)$ , of the radius of the balloon over the time interval  $0 \leq t \leq 12$ . The radius of the balloon is 30 feet when  $t = 5$ .

$t$ (minutes)	0	2	5	7	11	12
$r'(t)$ (feet per minute)	5.7	4.0	2.0	1.2	0.6	0.5

Estimate the radius of the balloon when  $t = 5.4$  using the tangent line approximation at  $t = 5$ . Is your estimate greater than or less than the true value? Give a reason for your answer.