

Math 1290 HW 26 Sec 3.7: 2, 3, 6, 9, 12, 18, 19

2. $(3.03)^2$ base point: $a=3$ $f(x)=x^2$ $f'(x)=2x$

Tangent line: $\hat{f}(x) = f(a) + f'(a)(x-a) = 9 + 6(x-3) = \boxed{6x-9}$

$(3.03)^2 \approx 6(3.03) - 9 = \boxed{9.18}$

Secant line: using $x=2$ & $x=3$ (ok to use other points)

$m_{\text{sec}} = \frac{\Delta f}{\Delta x} = \frac{9-4}{3-2} = \frac{5}{1} = 5$

$y = 5x + b$

$9 = 5(3) + b \Rightarrow b = -6$

$\hat{f}_s(x) = 5x - 6$

$(3.03)^2 \approx 5(3.03) - 6 = \boxed{9.15}$

Actual: $(3.03)^2 = 9.1809$

The tangent line approximation is better, but both approximations are close.

3. $\sqrt{4.01}$ base point: $a=4$ $f(x)=\sqrt{x}$ $f'(x)=\frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}}$

Tangent line: $\hat{f}(x) = f(a) + f'(a)(x-a) = 2 + \frac{1}{4}(x-4) = 1 + \frac{1}{4}x$

$\sqrt{4.01} \approx 1 + \frac{1}{4}(4.01) = \boxed{2.0025}$

Secant line: using $x=4$ & $x=5$ (again ok to use other points)

$m_{\text{sec}} = \frac{\Delta f}{\Delta x} = \frac{\sqrt{5}-2}{5-4} = \frac{\sqrt{5}-2}{1} = \sqrt{5}-2$

$y = (\sqrt{5}-2)x + b$

$2 = (\sqrt{5}-2)(4) + b$

$b \approx 1.0557$

$\hat{f}_s(x) = (\sqrt{5}-2)x + 1.0557$

$\hat{f}_s(x) \approx 0.24x + 1.0557$

$\sqrt{4.01} \approx 0.24(4.01) + 1.0557 = \boxed{2.0023}$

Actual: $\sqrt{4.01} = 2.002498439$

The tangent line approximation is better, but both approximations are close.

6. $\cos(0.02)$ base point: $a=0$ $f(x)=\cos x$ $f'(x)=-\sin x$

Tangent line $\hat{f}(x) = f(a) + f'(a)(x-a) = 1 + 0(x-0) = \boxed{1}$

$\cos(-0.02) \approx 1$

Secant line: using $x=0$ $x=\pi$

$m_{\text{sec}} = \frac{\Delta f}{\Delta x} = \frac{\cos(\pi) - \cos(0)}{\pi - 0} = \frac{-1-1}{\pi} = -\frac{2}{\pi}$

$y = -\frac{2}{\pi}x + b$

$1 = -\frac{2}{\pi}(0) + b \Rightarrow b = 1$

$\hat{f}_s(x) = -\frac{2}{\pi}x + 1$

$\cos(-0.02) \approx -\frac{2}{\pi}(-0.02) + 1 = 1.0127$

Actual: $\cos(-0.02) = 0.9998$

Both approximations are over estimates but the tangent line approximation is closer.

9. $f(x) = \sqrt{x}$ $f'(x) = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}} = \frac{1}{2}x^{-\frac{1}{2}}$ $f''(x) = \frac{1}{4}x^{-\frac{3}{2}} = \frac{-1}{4x^{\frac{3}{2}}}$ base point $a=4$

$$\hat{f}(x) = f(a) + f'(a)(x-a) + \frac{f''(a)}{2}(x-a)^2$$

$$= \sqrt{4} + \frac{1}{2\sqrt{4}}(x-4) + \frac{-1}{4(4)^{\frac{3}{2}}}(x-4)^2 = 2 + \frac{1}{4}(x-4) - \frac{1}{32}(x-4)^2$$

$$\sqrt{4.01} \approx 2 + \frac{1}{4}(4.01-4) - \frac{1}{32}(4.01-4)^2 = 2.002497$$

Actual $\sqrt{4.01} = 2.0025$ So, the quadratic approximation very closely matches the actual value.

12. $f(x) = \cos x$ $f'(x) = -\sin x$ $f''(x) = -\cos x$ base point $a=0$

$$f(0) = \cos(0) = 1 \quad f'(0) = -\sin(0) = 0 \quad f''(0) = -\cos(0) = -1$$

$$\hat{f}(x) = f(a) + f'(a)(x-a) + \frac{f''(a)}{2}(x-a)^2 = 1 + 0(x-0) + \frac{-1}{2}(x-0)^2 = \boxed{1 - \frac{1}{2}x^2}$$

$$\cos(-0.02) \approx 1 - \frac{1}{2}(0.02)^2 = 0.9998$$

This is very close to the actual value of $\cos(-0.02)$

18. $\ln(1.1)$ $\ln(0.9)$ $f(x) = \ln(x)$ $f'(x) = \frac{1}{x}$ base point: $a=1$

$$\hat{f}(x) = f(a) + f'(a)(x-a) = \ln(1) + 1(x-1) = \boxed{x-1}$$

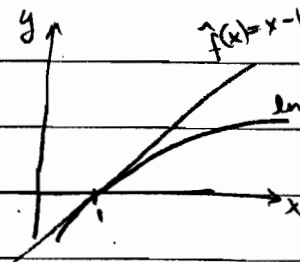
$$\ln(1.1) \approx 1.1 - 1 = 0.1$$

$$\text{actual } \ln(1.1) = 0.0953$$

$$\ln(0.9) \approx 0.9 - 1 = -0.1$$

$$\ln(0.9) = -0.1053$$

Both approximations are over estimates because the tangent line lies above the graph.



19. $(1.1)^2$ $(0.9)^2$ $f(x) = x^2$ $f'(x) = 2x$ base point: $a=1$

$$\hat{f}(x) = f(a) + f'(a)(x-a) = f(1) + f'(1)(x-1) = 1 + 2(x-1) = \boxed{2x-1}$$

$$(1.1)^2 \approx 2(1.1) - 1 = 1.2$$

$$\text{actual } (1.1)^2 = 1.21$$

$$(0.9)^2 \approx 2(0.9) - 1 = 0.8$$

$$(0.9)^2 = 0.81$$

Both approximations are under estimates because the tangent line lies below the graph.

