

Newton's Law of Gravitation says that the magnitude  $F$  of the force exerted by a body of mass  $m$  on a body of mass  $M$  is

$$8. F = \frac{GmM}{r^2} = GmMr^{-2} \rightarrow \frac{dF}{dr} = -2GmMr^{-3}$$

where  $G$  is the gravitational constant and  $r$  is the distance between the bodies.

(a) Find  $dF/dr$ .

$$\text{(b)} \quad \left. \frac{dF}{dr} \right|_{r=30000} = -2 \frac{N}{\cancel{km}} = -2 GmMr^{-3} = -2 \frac{GmM}{(30000)^3}$$

$$\text{Want } \left. \frac{dF}{dr} \right|_{r=15000} = -2 GmM \left( \frac{1}{15000^3} \right)$$

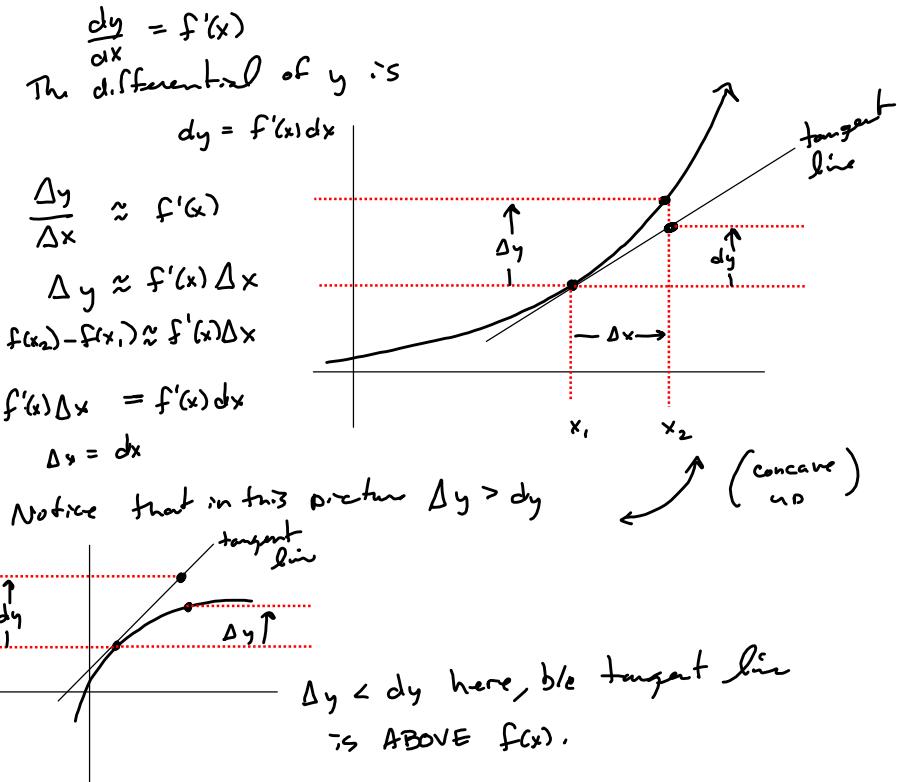
$$= -2 (30000)^3 \left( \frac{1}{15000^3} \right) = -4 \frac{N}{\cancel{km}}$$

$$= -2 (2^3) = -16 \frac{N}{\cancel{km}}$$

(b) Suppose it is known that the earth attracts an object with a force that decreases at the rate of  $2 \text{ N/km}$  when  $r = 30,000 \text{ km}$ . How fast does this force change when  $r = 15,000 \text{ km}$ ?

$$GmM \frac{d}{dr} \left[ \frac{1}{r^2} \right] = GMm \frac{d}{dr} [r^{-2}] = GMm [-2r^{-3}]!$$

## Section 2.9 - Differentials



Sometimes the differential is simpler/less work than the actual calculation.

Use a differential to estimate the volume of paint needed to coat a sphere of radius 10 meters with a coat that is 0.1 cm thick.

The trick is that the *newly painted sphere* has a radius that is 0.1 cm greater than the unpainted sphere. We find the difference in volume directly:

$$\begin{aligned} V &= \frac{4}{3}\pi r^3 = \text{volume of sphere} \\ \Delta V &= V(10\text{m} + .1\text{cm}) - V(10\text{m}) \\ &\quad \left( (.1\text{cm})\left(\frac{1\text{m}}{100\text{cm}}\right) = .001\text{m} \right) \\ &= V(10.001) - V(10) \\ &= \frac{4}{3}\pi (10.001)^3 - \frac{4}{3}\pi (10)^3 \approx \boxed{1.256763 \text{ m}^3} \\ V &:= r \mapsto \frac{4}{3} \cdot \pi \cdot r^3 \\ V &:= r \mapsto \frac{4 \cdot \pi \cdot r^3}{3} \end{aligned}$$

$$V(10.001) - V(10)$$

$$1.256763$$

Now, use a differential

$$\begin{aligned} V &= \frac{4}{3}\pi r^3 \implies \frac{dV}{dr} = 4\pi r^2 \\ \implies dV &= 4\pi r^2 dr \\ dr &= \Delta r = .001\text{m} \\ \frac{r=10}{dV} &= 4\pi (10)^2 (.001) = 4\pi (.01) \end{aligned}$$

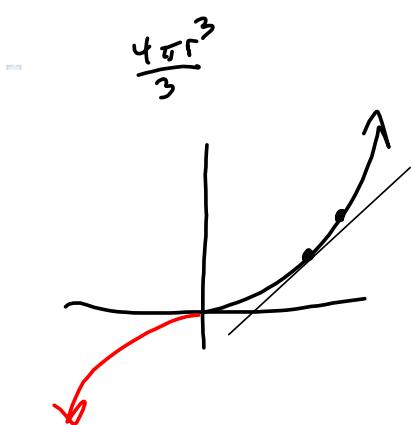
$$V := r \mapsto \frac{4}{3} \cdot \text{Pi} \cdot r^3$$

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$$V(10.001) - V(10)$$

$$\Delta V \approx 1.256763 \text{ Direct } m^3$$

$$4 \cdot \text{Pi} \cdot .1$$



$$dV = 4\pi r^2 dr \approx 1.256637062 \text{ m}^3$$

The differential is easier if you're doing this by hand or with a scientific calculator, generally.

Notice that the differential gives us a small underestimate. This is because the slope of the curve is growing, but the slope of the tangent line is constant and less than the slope to the right of  $r = 10$ .

Estimate  $\sin(42^\circ)$  with a tangent line.

Note that we know that  $\sin(45^\circ) = \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$

That's where we build the tangent line.

NOTE This only works in radians.

Tangent line for  $\sin(x)$  at  $x = \frac{\pi}{4}$ :

$$\frac{d}{dx} [\sin(x)] = \cos(x) = f'(x)$$

$$f'\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) = \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$$

$$x_1 = \frac{\pi}{4}$$

$$\begin{aligned} y &= f'(x_1)(x - x_1) + f(x_1) = \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right)(x - \frac{\pi}{4}) + \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}(x - \frac{\pi}{4}) + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \end{aligned}$$

$$42^\circ = 45^\circ - 3^\circ$$

$$\Delta x = -3^\circ$$

CONVERT TO RADIANS.

$$\left(-\frac{\pi}{60}\right)\left(\frac{\pi}{180^\circ}\right) = -\frac{\pi}{60} \quad \text{This will replace the } (x - x_1)$$

$$(42^\circ)\left(\frac{\pi}{180^\circ}\right) = \frac{42}{180}\pi = \frac{7\pi}{30}$$

$$y = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\left(\frac{7\pi}{30} - \frac{\pi}{4}\right) + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \quad \frac{7\pi}{30} - \frac{\pi}{4} = \frac{14\pi - 15\pi}{60} = -\frac{\pi}{60}$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\left(-\frac{\pi}{60}\right) + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$$

$$\approx -\frac{\sqrt{2}\pi}{120} + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \cdot \frac{60}{60} = -\frac{\sqrt{2}\pi + \sqrt{2} \cdot 60}{120}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 2130 \\ 315 \end{array}$$

$$-\frac{\sqrt{2} \cdot \text{Pi}}{120} + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$$

$$-\frac{\sqrt{2} \pi}{120} + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$$

*evalf( % )*

0.6700827565

$$\sin\left(\frac{42 \cdot \text{Pi}}{180}\right)$$

$$\sin\left(\frac{7 \pi}{30}\right)$$

*evalf( % )*

0.6691306063

I love these kinds of questions. Other variations:

$$\begin{aligned} & \sqrt{97} \\ & x_1 = 100, f(x) = \sqrt{x} = x^{\frac{1}{2}} \rightarrow f'(x) = \frac{1}{2} x^{-\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}} \\ & f(100) = \sqrt{100} = 10 \\ & f'(100) = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{100}} = \frac{1}{20} \\ & y = f'(x_1)(x - x_1) + f(x_1) \\ & = \frac{1}{20}(97 - 100) + 10 \\ & = -\frac{3}{20} + 10 = \frac{-3 + 200}{20} = \frac{197}{20} \end{aligned}$$

$f := x \rightarrow \text{sqrt}(x)$ 

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 $fp := D(f)$ 

$$fp := x \mapsto \frac{1}{2 \cdot \sqrt{x}}$$

 $y := x \rightarrow fp(100) \cdot (x - 100) + f(100)$ 

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 $y(97)$ 

$$-\frac{3\sqrt{100}}{200} + 10$$

 $\text{simplify}(\%)$ 

$$\frac{197}{20}$$

 $\text{evalf}(\%)$ 

$$9.850000000$$

 $\text{evalf}(\text{sqrt}(97))$ 

$$9.848857802$$