

Goals: Linearization + Extrema SMC Hours 11AM-12PM Today  
Sapling 8, 23, 2 & Written Hwk 2b) Office Hours 1PM-2PM Today

Linearization | Approximate a function  $f(x)$  by a line

Derivation | We have  $\lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(a+\Delta x) - f(a)}{\Delta x} = f'(a)$

So when  $\Delta x$  is small  $\frac{f(a+\Delta x) - f(a)}{\Delta x} \approx f'(a)$

(\*)  $f(a+\Delta x) \approx \Delta x f'(a) + f(a)$   
this is just the tangent line

Example | Sapling #2

Estimate  $\Delta f$  using a linear approximation and use a calculator to approximate

$f(x) = \sqrt{3+x}$   $a=2$ ,  $\Delta x = .1$

Solution |  $\Delta f = f(a+\Delta x) - f(a)$

$f(a+\Delta x) \approx \Delta x f'(a) + f(a)$

So  $f(a+\Delta x) - f(a) \approx \Delta x f'(a) = .1 f'(a)$

$f'(x) = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{3+x}}$  so  $f'(a) = f'(2) = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{3+2}} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{5}}$

So  $\Delta f \approx .1 \left[ \frac{1}{2\sqrt{5}} \right]$  ← approximate error

Actual error is  $|\Delta f - .1 \left[ \frac{1}{2\sqrt{5}} \right]|$  ← plug in calc to get  $\Delta f$   
Percentage error is

$\frac{|\text{error}|}{|\Delta f|}$

Sapling #8 | A player located at 19.7 ft from a basket

launches a successful jumpshot at a height of 10 ft at an angle  $\theta = 30^\circ$  and initial velocity  $v = 27 \text{ ft/sec}$ .

Find an approximation for  $\Delta S$  if the toss angle is changed by  $\Delta \theta$  [in degrees]

Hint |  $S = \frac{1}{32} v^2 \sin(2\theta)$

$\Delta S = S(\theta + \Delta \theta) - S(\theta) \approx S'(\theta) \Delta \theta$

$S' = \frac{1}{32} v^2 \cos(2\theta) \cdot 2 = \frac{1}{16} v^2 \cos(2\theta) = \frac{(27)^2}{16} \cos(2\theta)$

At  $\theta = 30^\circ = \pi/6$  radian

$S'(\theta) = \frac{(27)^2}{16} \cos(\pi/6)$

$\Delta S = \frac{(27)^2}{16} \cos(\pi/6) \Delta \theta^\circ$   
↑ in degrees

$= \frac{(27)^2}{16} \cos(\pi/6) \left( \frac{\Delta \theta}{180} \pi \right)$   
↑ in radian

Extrema

Sapling 23) Let  $\phi(w) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{(w_0^2 - w^2)^2 + 4D^2 w^2}}$   $w > 0$

$w_0$  &  $D$  are positive constants

a) Find the values of  $D$  for which  $\phi$  obtains a maximum in  $(0, \infty)$

Note that  $\lim_{w \rightarrow \infty} \phi(w) = 0$  [because  $\phi(0) > 0$ ]

If there was a max on  $(0, \infty)$  then  $\phi'(w) = 0$  or DNE

$\phi'(w) = \frac{-1}{2((w_0^2 - w^2)^2 + 4D^2 w^2)^{3/2}} \cdot 2(w_0^2 - w^2)(-2w) + 8D^2 w$

$= \frac{-4w(w_0^2 - w^2) + 8D^2 w}{2((w_0^2 - w^2)^2 + 4D^2 w^2)^{3/2}}$  (bottom not zero on  $(0, \infty)$ )

$\phi'(w) = 0$  means

$8D^2 w - 4w(w_0^2 - w^2) = 0$

$\cancel{4} (2D^2 - (w_0^2 - w^2)) = 0$

$2D^2 - (w_0^2 - w^2) = 0$

$2D^2 - w_0^2 + w^2 = 0$

$2D^2 - w_0^2 = -w^2$

$w^2 = w_0^2 - 2D^2$

$w = \sqrt{w_0^2 - 2D^2}$

has to be real

need  $w_0^2 - 2D^2 > 0$  ←

$w_0^2 > 2D^2$

$\frac{w_0}{\sqrt{2}} > D$  ← (might be reversed)

Compare  $\phi(0)$  with  $\phi(w^*)$  where  $w^*$  on  $(0, \infty)$  with  $\frac{d\phi}{dw}(w^*) = 0$

See that the critical point is a max

b) Find  $w_r$  s.t.  $\phi(w_r)$  is max if a max exists in  $(0, \infty)$

$w_r$  has to be the critical pt that is not zero

$w_r = \sqrt{w_0^2 - 2D^2}$

Written Hwk 2b) Modified

Prove that  $x^7 + 20x^3 + 6x$  has no zeros on  $(0, \infty)$

Soln

Let  $f(x) = x^7 + 20x^3 + 6x$

Note that  $f(0) = 0^7 + 20 \cdot 0^3 + 6 \cdot 0 = 0$

$f'(x) = 7x^6 + 60x^2 + 6 > 0$  on  $(0, \infty)$

This means that  $f(x)$  is increasing on  $(0, \infty)$  i.e.

for any  $x > 0$

$f(x) > f(0) = 0$  so

$f(x)$  cannot be zero on  $(0, \infty)$ . □

