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If $a > 0$, then

$$a) \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^a}{e^x} = 0$$

$$b) \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln x}{x^a} = 0 \quad \leftarrow \text{Proof done in F. 4.2 (Using Squeeze Theorem)}$$

$$c) \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} |x|^a \cdot e^x = 0$$

$$d) \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} x^a \ln x = 0 \quad \leftarrow \text{Proof done based on (b) & Change of variable}$$

Proof (b) \Rightarrow (a)
Hypothesis thesis

If $x = \ln t$ then $t \rightarrow \infty$ as $x \rightarrow \infty$. So

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^a}{e^x} &= \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(\ln t)^a}{e^{\ln t}} = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(\ln t)^a}{t} = * t = t^1 = t^{a/a} = (t^{1/a})^a \\ &= \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{\ln t}{t^{1/a}} \right)^a \stackrel{\text{By continuity}}{=} \left(\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln t}{t^{1/a}} \right)^a \stackrel{\text{By (b)}}{=} (0)^a = (0). \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

Proof (a) \Rightarrow (c)

$$(a) \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^a}{e^x} = 0, \quad a > 0.$$

Consider the following Change of variable: $x = -t$

$$\text{So } \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} |x|^a e^x = \lim_{t \rightarrow +\infty} | -t |^a \cdot e^{-t} =$$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{| -t |^a}{e^t} \quad \text{since } | -t | = t, \quad t \rightarrow t \rightarrow \infty, \quad \text{we have:}$$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{t^a}{e^t} = 0 \quad (\text{by (b)})$$

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$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{x}{n}\right)^n = e^x$$

Proof:

Case 1: if $x=0$ $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (1+0)^n = 1 = e^0 = 1$.

Case 2 $x \neq 0$. Let's assume the change of variable $h = \frac{x}{n}$ so $n \rightarrow \infty \Rightarrow h \rightarrow 0$.

In this way, we have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \ln \left(\left(1 + \frac{x}{n}\right)^n \right) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} n \ln \left(1 + \frac{x}{n}\right) =$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n \cdot \frac{x}{x} \ln \left(1 + \frac{x}{n}\right) = x \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n \ln \left(1 + \frac{x}{n}\right)}{x}$$

$$= x \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln \left(1 + \frac{x}{n}\right)}{\left(\frac{x}{n}\right)} \quad \text{where } h = \frac{x}{n} \quad =$$

$n \rightarrow \infty \Rightarrow h \rightarrow 0$

$$= x \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{\ln(1+h)}{h} \right)$$

Since $\ln(1) = 0$, we have:

$$= x \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{\ln(1+h) - \ln(1)}{h} \right)$$

$$= x \left(\frac{d}{dt} \ln(t) \right) \Big|_{t=1} \quad \text{By the definition of derivative}$$

$$= x \frac{1}{t} \Big|_{t=1} = x \cdot 1 = x \quad (\otimes)$$

$$= x \frac{1}{t} \Big|_{t=1} = x \cdot 1 = x \quad \textcircled{*}$$

Since the $\ln x$ function is differentiable, it is continuous.

Hence, by Theorem 7 of section 1.4

$$\ln \left(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{x}{n} \right)^n \right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \ln \left(1 + \frac{x}{n} \right)^n \stackrel{\textcircled{*}}{=} x$$

But this implies that

$$\ln \left(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{x}{n} \right)^n \right) = x$$

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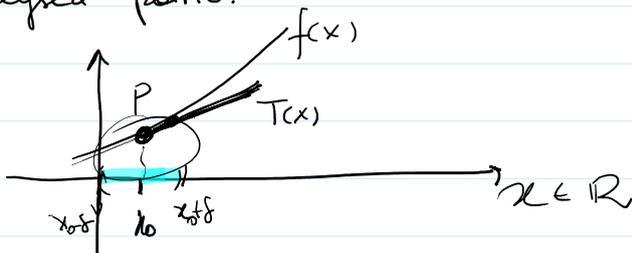
$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{x}{n} \right)^n$$

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§ 4.9 Linear Approximations.

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One powerful application of the derivative is its capability of providing a local linear approximation for the original function, obtained by the tangent line in the vicinity of the analysed point.



Definition 8
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The linearization of the function f about a point a is the function L defined by (the tangent line)

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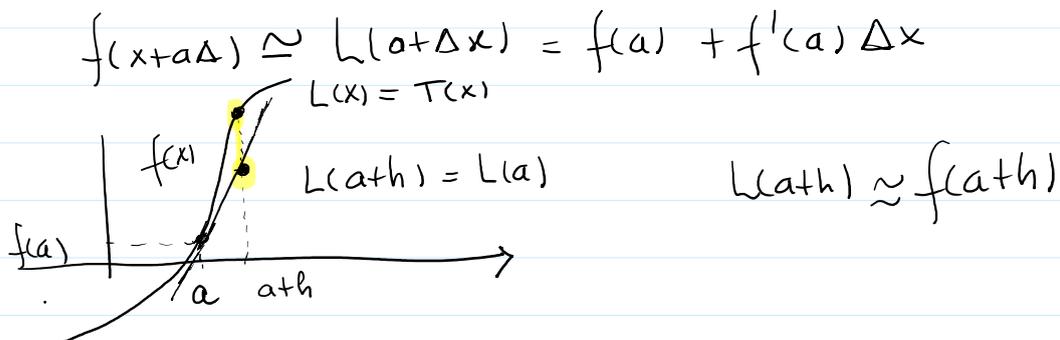
is the function L defined by (the tangent line)
 $L(x) = f(a) + f'(a)(x-a)$

Obs We say that $f(x) \approx L(x) = f(a) + f'(a)(x-a)$
provides linear approximations for values
of f near a .

Obs When we discussed about differentials

$$\frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x} \approx \frac{dy}{dx} \iff \Delta y \approx \frac{dy}{dx} \cdot \Delta x$$

And $\Delta y = f(a+\Delta x) - f(a)$ small changes for f
where associated with small changes on the domain.



Error Analysis

Error := true value - approximate value.

$$f(x) = L(x) = f(a) + f'(a)(x-a)$$

Theorem 11 Error formula for linearization

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If $f''(t)$ exists for all $t \in (a-\delta, a+\delta)$, $x \in (a-\delta, a+\delta)$

Then $\exists \delta$, $a-\delta < a < \delta < x < a+\delta$, such that
the error $E(x) = f(x) - L(x)$ in the linear

approximation $f \approx L(x) = L(a) + f'(a)(x-a)$ satisfies

$$E(x) = \frac{f''(\xi)}{2!} (x-a)^2$$

Proof: Assumption: $x > a$. (in case $x < a$, the proof is analogous)

$$\begin{aligned} E(t) &= f(t) - L(t) \\ &= f(t) - (f(a) + f'(a)(t-a)) \quad E(a) = f(a) - f(a) - 0 = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$E'(t) = f'(t) - f'(a)$$

By the Generalized Mean Value Theorem (The 16, A.2.8) applied to $E(t)$ and $(t-a)^2$ on $[a, x]$, we can obtain:

$$(A) \quad \frac{E(x)}{(x-a)^2} = \frac{E(x) - \overbrace{E(a)}^{=0}}{(x-a)^2 - \underbrace{(a-a)^2}_{=0}} = \frac{E'(u)}{2(u-a)} = \frac{f'(u) - f'(a)}{2(u-a)} \stackrel{\text{By the G.MVT.}}{=} \frac{1}{2} f''(\xi),$$

for some $\xi \in (a, u)$.

$$(A) \Rightarrow \frac{E(x)}{(x-a)^2} = \frac{1}{2} f''(\xi) \quad \therefore \quad \boxed{E(x) = \frac{1}{2} f''(\xi)(x-a)^2} \quad \square$$

Corollary A If $f''(t)$ has constant sign $\forall t \in (a, x)$ then $E(x)$ has the same sign.

$$f''(t) > 0 \Rightarrow f(x) > L(x)$$

$$f''(t) < 0 \Rightarrow f(x) < L(x)$$

Corollary B If $|f''(t)| < k$ for $t \in (a, x)$ $k \equiv \text{constant}$
Then $|E(x)| < \frac{k}{2} (x-a)^2$

Corollary C: i) If $f''(t)$ satisfies $M < f''(t) < N \quad \forall t \in (a, x)$ $M, N \equiv \text{constants}$
then

$$L(x) + \frac{M}{2}(x-a)^2 < f(x) < L(x) + \frac{N}{2}(x-a)^2$$

(i) If M & N have the same sign, we can obtain a better approximation to $f(x)$ considering the mid-point of this interval containing $f(x)$.

f is approximated by

$$f(x) \approx L(x) + \left(\frac{M+N}{4}\right)(x-a)^2$$

And the error is $|\text{Error}| < \frac{N-M}{4}(x-a)^2$

Example: i) Determine the sign and estimate the size of the error in the approximation $\sqrt{26} \approx 5.1$ obtained by the linearization of \sqrt{x} near $a=25$.

ii) Use this to estimate a small interval that surely contains $\sqrt{26}$.

Resolution.

Ø) Initially, let's construct the linearization of $f(x) = \sqrt{x}$ to confirm that the approximated value 5.1 came from the linearization.

i) We compute the necessary results

ii) we estimate the interval.

Ø) $f(x) = \sqrt{x}$ $a=25$ $f(a) = \sqrt{25} = 5$

$f'(x) = \frac{1}{2}x^{-1/2} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}}$ $f'(a) = \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{25}} = \frac{1}{2 \cdot 5} = \frac{1}{10} = 0,1$

$L(x) = f(25) + f'(25)(x-25)$ Linear approximation of $f(x) = \sqrt{x}$

$L(26) = 5 + 0,1(26-25) = 5 + 0,1 = \underline{5,1}$

Thus $\sqrt{26} \approx L(26) = 5,1$.

i) Now, we need to compute $f''(x)$ to in order to estimate

the error

$$f(t) = \sqrt{t} = t^{1/2}$$

$$f'(t) = \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{t}} = \frac{1}{2} t^{-1/2}$$

$$f''(t) = \frac{1}{2} \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right) t^{-1/2-1} = -\frac{1}{4} t^{-3/2} = -\frac{1}{4} \frac{1}{\sqrt{t^3}}$$

Now

for $25 < t < 26$, we have:

$$a) \quad f''(t) < 0 \quad \left(f''(25) = -\frac{1}{4} \frac{1}{\sqrt{(25)^3}} \quad \& \quad f''(26) = -\frac{1}{4} \frac{1}{\sqrt{(26)^3}} \right), \quad \overset{\text{both}}{< 0}$$

So, By Corollary A

$$f''(t) < 0 \Rightarrow f(x) < L(x) \quad \therefore \underline{\sqrt{26} < 5.1}$$

$$b) \quad |f''(25)| = \frac{1}{4} \frac{1}{125} = \frac{1}{500}$$

$$25 < 26$$

$$\sqrt{25} < \sqrt{26} \Rightarrow \sqrt{25^3} < \sqrt{26^3}$$

$$\Rightarrow |f''(x)| < \frac{1}{500} = k.$$

$$k = \boxed{\frac{1}{\sqrt{25^3}}} > \frac{1}{\sqrt{26^3}}$$

Now, By Corollary B

$$|E(x)| < \frac{k}{2} \cdot (x-a)^2$$

$$|E(x)| < \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{500} (x-a)^2$$

$$|E(26)| < \frac{1}{1000} (26-25)^2 = \frac{1}{1000} = 0,001.$$

$$1) \quad f(x) < L(x) \quad (\text{By C.A})$$

$$\therefore \boxed{\sqrt{26} < 5.1}$$

$$2) \quad |E(26)| < 0,001 \quad (\text{By C.B})$$

$$-0,001 < \sqrt{26} - 5.1 < 0,001 \Rightarrow$$

$$-0,001 < \sqrt{26} - 5,1 < 0,001 \Rightarrow$$

$$5,1 - 0,001 < \sqrt{26} < 5,1 + 0,001 \Rightarrow$$

$$5,099 < \sqrt{26} < \underline{\underline{5,1001}}$$

$$\text{So } \sqrt{26} \in (5,099, \underline{\underline{5,1}})$$

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