AB Calculus AB 5.5 – Linearization and Differentials Review

1) a) Find the linearization, L(x), of $f(x) = x^3 - 3x^2 + 2x + 1$ at x = 2.

b) Use L(x) to estimate f(1.98).

- c) What is the exact value of f(1.98)?
- d) What is the approximation error?

2) Consider the function
$$y = \ln(x^2 + 2)$$

- a) find the differential dy
- b) Evaluate dy for x = 3 and dx = 0.02

A box has a square base and its height is three times the length of its base edge (x), giving the box volume and surface area equations of:

 $V = 3x^3 \qquad SA = 14x^2$

- a) Write a differential formula that estimates the change in volume when x changes from a to a + dx
- b) Using your fomula, what would the change in volume be if x changes from 10 inches to 10.05 inches?
- c) Repeat (a) and (b) for surface area