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AB Calculus AB 4.5 – Linearization, Differentials, and Tolerance Review

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

$$f(2) = 1 \text{ pt } (2, 1)$$

$$f'(x) = 3x^2 - 6x + 2$$

$$f'(2) = 2(2)^2 - 6(2) + 2 = 2 \text{ slope} = 2$$

$$y - 1 = 2(x - 2)$$

$$L(x) = 1 + 2(x - 2)$$

$$\text{or } L(x) = 2x - 3$$

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

$$f(1.98) \approx L(1.98) = 1 + 2(1.98 - 2) = \boxed{.96}$$

- c) What is the exact value of  $f(1.98)$ ?

$$f(1.98) = \boxed{.961192}$$

- d) What is the approximation error?

$$|.96 - .961192| = \boxed{.001192} \text{ (less than } 10^{-2})$$

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

- a) find the differential  $dy$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{(x^2 + 2)} \cdot 2x$$

$$dy = \frac{2x dx}{x^2 + 2}$$

- b) Evaluate  $dy$  for  $x = 3$  and  $dx = 0.02$

$$dy = \frac{2(3)(.02)}{(3)^2 + 2} = .0109 \approx \boxed{.011}$$

- 3) 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:

$$V = 3x^3$$

$$\frac{dV}{dx} = 9x^2$$

$$SA = 14x^2$$

$$\frac{dA}{dx} = 28x$$

- a) Write a differential formula that estimates the change in volume when  $x$  changes from  $a$  to  $a + dx$

$$dV = 9a^2 dx$$

- b) Using your formula, what would the change in volume be if  $x$  changes from 10 inches to 10.05 inches?  $a = x = 10$

$$dx = .05$$

$$dV = 9(10)^2(.05) = \boxed{45 \text{ in}^3}$$

- c) Repeat (a) and (b) for surface area

$$dA = 28a dx$$

$$dA = 28(10)(.05) = \boxed{14 \text{ in}^2}$$