

Exercise walk-through

4.6

Approximating Values of a Function Using Local Linearity and Linearization

AP Calculus AB

You must be able to

- write the **linearization**
- use it to approximate a value

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

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The method

Method — Linearization

Near $x = a$,

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

– the tangent line at a .

Exercises 2.1-2.3

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

(a)

- $(x - a)f'$

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- $f(4) = 2; f'(4) = \frac{1}{4}$

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- the value of $f(x)$ for x near a

Exercises 3.1-3.2

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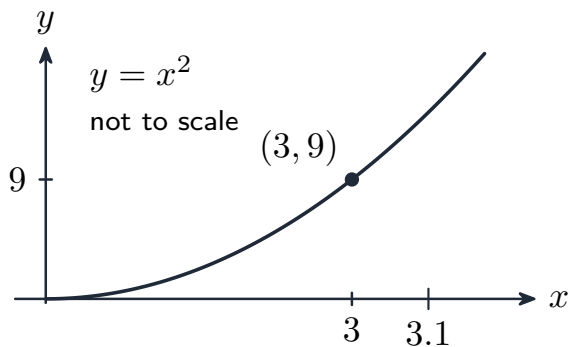
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Exercise 3.3 (c)

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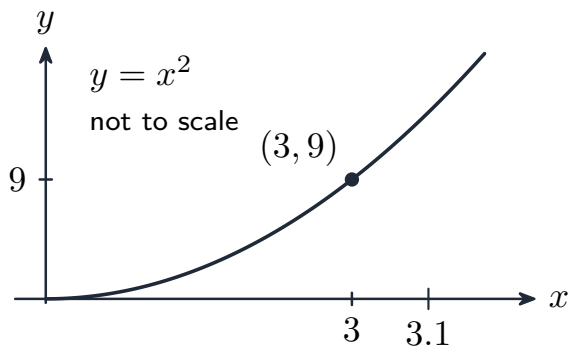


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