

# Approximations

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## Use of Derivative in Approximation

### Differentials:-

Let  $y = f(x)$  be a differential function of a function of  $x$ . and let  $\Delta x$  be small change in  $x$ .  
and let the corresponding change in  $y$  be  $\Delta y$ , We define

- (a) The differential of  $x$ , denote by  $dx$  is given by  $dx \cong \Delta x$ .
- (b) The differential of  $y$ , denoted by  $dy$ , is given by  $dy = f'(x)dx$

In case  $dx = \Delta x$  is very small in comparison to  $x$  then  $dy \cong \Delta y$

$$\Delta y = \frac{dy}{dx} \Delta x.$$

## Absolute Error:

The error  $\Delta x$  in  $x$  is called absolute error in  $x$ .

## Relative Error:

If  $\Delta x$  is an error in  $x$ , then,  $\frac{\Delta x}{x}$  is called the relative error in  $x$ .

## Percentage Error:

If  $\Delta x$  is an error in  $x$ , then,  $\frac{\Delta x}{x} \times 100$  is called the Relative error in  $x$

## Remember

Let  $y = f(x)$  be a function of  $x$  and let  $\Delta x$  be a small change in  $x$ . Let corresponding change in  $y$  be,  $\Delta y$  then

$$y + \Delta y = f(x + \Delta x)$$

$$\text{But, } \Delta y = \frac{dy}{dx} \Delta x = f'(x) \Delta x \text{ (approximately)}$$

$$f(x + \Delta x) = y + f'(x) \Delta x$$

$$f(x + \Delta x) = f(x) + f'(x) \times \Delta x \text{ (approximately)}$$

## Example:- 1

Use differential to approximate  $(25)^{\frac{1}{3}}$

## Example:- 2

Find the approximate value of  $f(3.02)$ , where  $f(x) = 3x^2 + 5x + 3$

### Example:- 3

If the radius of a sphere is measured as 9 cm with an error of 0.03 cm, then find the approximate error in calculate the volume.

## Example:- 4

Find the approximate change in volume  $V$  of a cube of side  $x$  meters caused by increasing the side by 1%.

## HOME ASSIGNMENT

Q1. Find the approximate value of  $f(5.001)$ , where  $f(x) = x^3 - 7x^2 + 15$ .

Q2. Find the approximate value of  $(0.009)^{\frac{1}{3}}$

Q3. If the radius of the sphere is measured as 7m with an error of 0.02 m, then find the approximate error in calculating its volume.

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