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Quiz 4

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Problem 1: The width of a rectangle is shrinking at a rate of 1 cm/min while the length of the rectangle is increasing at a rate of 3 cm/min. Find the rate at which the area of the rectangle changes when the width is 12 cm and the length is 40 cm.

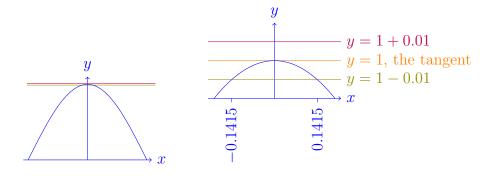
Given:
$$\frac{y}{dx} = 3, \frac{dy}{dt} = -1.$$
 The area is $A = xy$, so $\frac{dA}{dt} = \frac{dx}{dt}y + x\frac{dy}{dt}$, so when $x = 40$ and $y = 12$,
$$\frac{dA}{dt} = 3 \cdot 12 + 40 \cdot (-1) = -4 \text{ cm}^2/\text{min}$$

So the area of the rectangle is decreasing at $4 \,\mathrm{cm}^2$ per minute.

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Problem 2: Use the technique of linear approximation to estimate cos(0.03) within 0.01 accuracy. State clearly your f(x) and anchor point a before applying Linear Approximation Formula. Draw the graph and specify the interval for x around x = a where accuracy is attained.

$$f(x) \approx f(a) + f'(a)(x - a)$$
. Here $a = 0$ and $f(x) = \cos(x)$, so $f'(x) = -\sin(x)$ and $\cos(x) \approx \cos(0) - \sin(0)(x - 0) = 1$, so $\cos(0.03) \approx 1$

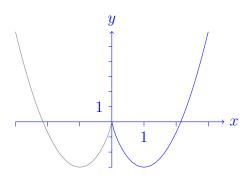


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Problem 3: For the following function, find the absolute extrema over the specified interval and state where those values occur. Draw the function.

$$f(x) = 2x^2 - 5x^{4/5}, \quad x \in [0, 3]$$

 $f'(x) = 2 \cdot 2x - 5 \cdot \frac{4}{5}x^{-1/5} = 4x - 4x^{-1/5} = 4(x - x^{-1/5})$, so f'(x) is undefined when x = 0, and f'(x) = 0when $x = x^{-1/5}$, so $x^5 = x^{-1}$, so $x^6 = 1$, so $x = \pm 1$. Since $x \in [0,3]$, that leaves x = 0 and x = 1 as the critical values. Evaluating at the critical values and the endpoints yields f(0) = 0, f(1) = -3, and f(3) = $18 - 5(3)^{4/5} \approx 5.959$. Therefore the absolute minimum is (1, -3) and the absolute maximum is (3, 5.959).



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