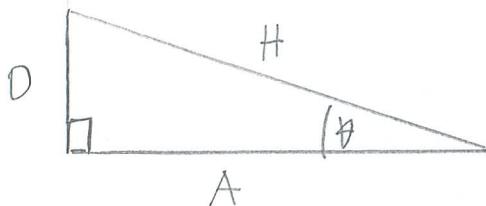


# TRIG FUNCTIONS & THEIR INVERSES

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$$\text{Pythagoras: } D^2 + A^2 = H^2 \quad (1)$$

This can be realized by defining functions  $\sin \theta$  &  $\cos \theta$  so that:

$$\frac{D}{H} \equiv \sin \theta \Rightarrow D = H \cdot \sin \theta ; \quad \frac{A}{H} = \cos \theta \Rightarrow A = H \cdot \cos \theta \quad (2)$$

$$\text{Then Pythagoras} \Rightarrow H^2 \sin^2 \theta + H^2 \cos^2 \theta = H^2 \Rightarrow \boxed{\sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta = 1} \quad (3)$$

Having previously defined  $e^x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n!}$  we can then define

$$\cos \theta \equiv \frac{1}{2} (e^{i\theta} + e^{-i\theta}) \Rightarrow \cos^2 \theta = \frac{1}{4} (e^{2i\theta} + e^{-2i\theta} + 2) \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \text{add these} \\ (4) \end{array} \right\}$$

$$\sin \theta = \frac{1}{2i} (e^{i\theta} - e^{-i\theta}) = \sin^2 \theta = \frac{-1}{4} (e^{2i\theta} - e^{-2i\theta} - 2) \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \text{add these} \\ (4) \end{array} \right\}$$

$$(4) \Rightarrow \sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta = 1 \quad \checkmark$$

Note that this formula must hold for any system of units. However, when we define  $\cos \theta$  &  $\sin \theta$  in this way,  $\theta$  is in radians. These can be checked by noting from (4) that

$$e^{i\theta} = \cos \theta + i \sin \theta \Rightarrow \underbrace{e^{i\pi}}_{\text{EULER}} = \underbrace{-1}_{-1} = \underbrace{\cos(\pi)}_{-1} + i \underbrace{\sin(\pi)}_0 \quad \checkmark \quad (5)$$

The series expansions for  $\cos \theta$  &  $\sin \theta$  then follow from (4):

$$\cos \theta = 1 - \frac{\theta^2}{2!} + \frac{\theta^4}{4!} + \dots = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{\theta^{2n}}{(2n)!} \quad (6)$$

$$\sin \theta = \theta - \frac{\theta^3}{3!} + \frac{\theta^5}{5!} + \dots = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{\theta^{2n+1}}{(2n+1)!} \quad (7)$$

COMMENT: The technique of defining functions in terms of exponentials can be extended so that

$$e^x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n!} \quad \text{Can be applied and used when}$$

$x = \text{complex, matrix, quantum mechanical operator, ...}$

In the latter case, care must be taken to define what an  $\infty$  series of matrices or operators mean. More on this question later.

DERIVATIVES: Given the series expansions, we can now use those results to find the derivatives of  $\sin x$  &  $\cos x$ .

(Henceforth the arguments of  $\sin$  &  $\cos$  will be assumed to be in radians, unless otherwise stated)

$$\frac{d}{dx} \sin x = \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(x+\Delta x) - \sin x}{\Delta x} = \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x \cos \Delta x + \cos x \sin \Delta x - \sin x}{\Delta x}$$

From the previous series solutions in (6) & (7) we see that when  $\Delta x$  is very small  $\cos(\Delta x) \approx 1 - \frac{1}{2}(\Delta x)^2 \approx 1$ ,  $\sin \Delta x \approx \Delta x$

(Recall our previous result that  $\frac{\sin \theta}{\theta} \xrightarrow{\theta \approx 0} 1 \Rightarrow$ )

Hence (8)  $\Rightarrow$

$$\therefore \frac{d}{dx} \sin x \approx \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x \cdot 1 + \cos x \cdot \Delta x - \sin x}{\Delta x} = \cos x \quad (9)$$

$$\text{Similarly, } \frac{d}{dx} \cos x = \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \left\{ \frac{\cos(x+\Delta x) - \cos x}{\Delta x} \right\} = \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \left\{ \frac{\cos x \cos \Delta x - \sin x \sin \Delta x - \cos x}{\Delta x} \right\}$$

$$\therefore \frac{d}{dx} \cos x \approx \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \left\{ \frac{\cos x \left(1 - \frac{(\Delta x)^2}{2}\right) - \sin x \cdot \Delta x - \cos x}{\Delta x} \right\} = -\sin x \quad (10)$$

## INVERSE TRIG FUNCTIONS:

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$$\text{Define } y(x) = \sin^{-1}(x) \quad (1)$$

"y is the angle whose sine is x"  $\Rightarrow \sin y = \sin(\sin^{-1}(x)) = x$

To find  $\frac{dy}{dx} \approx \frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x}$  we write

$$\frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x} = \frac{1}{\Delta x / \Delta y} ; \quad x = \sin(y) \Rightarrow \frac{dx}{dy} = \cos(y) \quad (2)$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{dx/dy} = \frac{1}{\cos(y)} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-\sin^2 y}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} \quad (3)$$

Hence:  $y(x) = \sin^{-1}(x) \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} ; \quad (4)$

Similarly:  $y(x) = \cos^{-1}(x) \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} y(x) = \cos^{-1}(x) \\ x = \cos y \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{dx/dy} = \frac{-1}{\sin y} = \frac{-1}{\sqrt{1-\cos^2 y}} = \frac{-1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} \quad (5)$

Hence  $y(x) = \cos^{-1} x \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{-1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} \quad (6)$

Having introduced  $e^x$  and  $\ln x$  we can derive a useful explicit expression for  $\sin^{-1}(x)$ , which holds for an arbitrary complex argument z. Start with

$$z = \sin \theta = \frac{1}{2i} (e^{i\theta} - e^{-i\theta}) \quad < \quad e^{i\theta} = y \quad (7)$$

$$e^{i\theta}, 2iz = e^{2i\theta} - 1 \Rightarrow e^{2i\theta} - 2ize^{i\theta} - 1 = 0 \quad (8)$$

$$y^2 - 2izy - 1 = 0$$

$$\therefore y = e^{i\theta} = \frac{2iz \pm \sqrt{-4z^2 + 4}}{2} = iz \pm \sqrt{1-z^2} \quad (9)$$

Choosing + root  $\Rightarrow$

Taking  $\ln(\dots)$  of both sides of (9)  $\Rightarrow$

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$$\ln(e^{i\theta}) = i\theta = \ln(i'z + \sqrt{1-z^2}) \quad (10)$$

$$\text{But } z = \sin \theta \Rightarrow \theta = \sin^{-1}(z) \Rightarrow \boxed{\sin^{-1}(z) = -i \ln(i'z + \sqrt{1-z^2})} \quad (11)$$

Using this formula we can directly check the previous result for the derivative of  $\sin^{-1}(z)$ . Let  $u(z) = (i'z + \sqrt{1-z^2})$

$$\text{Then } \frac{d}{dz} \sin^{-1}(z) = -i \frac{d \ln(u)}{du} \cdot \frac{du}{dz} = -i \cdot \frac{1}{(i'z + \sqrt{1-z^2})} \frac{d(\dots)}{dz} \quad (12)$$

$$\frac{d}{dz} (\dots) = i + \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-z^2}} (-2z) = \frac{i\sqrt{1-z^2} - z}{\sqrt{1-z^2}} \quad (13)$$

Combining (12) & (13) we find.

$$\frac{d}{dz} \sin^{-1}(z) = \frac{-i}{(i'z + \sqrt{1-z^2})} \otimes \frac{(i\sqrt{1-z^2} - z)}{\sqrt{1-z^2}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-z^2}} \quad (14)$$

which is the same result found previously.

## HYPERBOLIC FUNCTIONS

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$$\cosh x = \frac{1}{2}(e^x + e^{-x}); \sinh x = \frac{1}{2}(e^x - e^{-x}) \quad (1)$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \cosh x = \frac{1}{2}(e^x - e^{-x}) = \sinh x \quad (2)$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \sinh x = \frac{1}{2}(e^x - (-)e^{-x}) = \cosh x \quad (3)$$

$$\cosh^2 x - \sinh^2 x = 1; \sinh(x+y) = \sinh x \cdot \cosh y + \cosh x \cdot \sinh y \quad (4)$$

## Inverse Hyperbolic Functions

In analogy to  $\sin x$  &  $\cos x$  we write

$$y = \sinh^{-1} x \Leftrightarrow x = \sinh y$$

Using the "inverse function" trick we have:

$$\frac{dx}{dy} = \frac{d}{dy} \sinh y = \frac{d}{dy} \frac{1}{2}(e^y - e^{-y}) = \cosh y \quad (5)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{\cosh y} \xrightarrow{(4)} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+\sinh^2 y}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+x^2}} \quad (6)$$

Hence  $y = \sinh^{-1} x \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+x^2}}$  (7)

Similarly:  $y = \cosh^{-1} x \Rightarrow x = \cosh y \Rightarrow \frac{dx}{dy} = \sinh y \quad (8)$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{\sinh y} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\cosh^2 y - 1}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2 - 1}} \quad (9)$$

In a similar manner we can define  
the hyperbolic tangent function  $\equiv \tanh x$  as

$$\tanh x = \frac{\sinh x}{\cosh x} = \frac{e^x - e^{-x}}{e^x + e^{-x}} \quad (10)$$

This function is interesting in MACHINE LEARNING because of its limits:

$$\tanh(-\infty) = \frac{e^{-\infty} - e^{+\infty}}{e^{-\infty} + e^{+\infty}} \stackrel{x \rightarrow 0}{\approx} \frac{-e^{+\infty}}{e^{+\infty}} = -1 \quad (11)$$

$$\tanh(+\infty) = \frac{e^{+\infty} - e^{-\infty}}{e^{+\infty} + e^{-\infty}} \stackrel{x \rightarrow 0}{\approx} \frac{e^{+\infty}}{e^{+\infty}} = +1$$

$$\tanh(0) = 0$$

Hence this function maps the whole real line (from  $-\infty$  to  $+\infty$ ) into the narrow range  $[-1, 1]$ , for any parameter of interest.

This allows one to study different parameters that might describe the performance of a car engine (for example) on a common footing. For example, we might want to study the fuel efficiency of an engine as a function of bore, stroke, and compression ratio.

CONNECTION BETWEEN TRIG (CIRCULAR) FUNCTIONS  
AND HYPERBOLIC FUNCTIONS

$$\sin x = \frac{1}{2i} (e^{ix} - e^{-ix}) \Rightarrow \sin(ix) = \frac{1}{2i} (e^{i(ix)} - e^{-i(ix)}) \quad (1)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2i} (\underbrace{e^{-x} - e^x}_{-2\sinh x}) \Rightarrow \boxed{\sinh x = i \sin(ix)} \quad (2)$$

$$\cos x = \frac{1}{2} (e^{ix} + e^{-ix}) \Rightarrow \boxed{\cos(ix) = \frac{1}{2} (e^{-x} + e^x) = \cosh x} \quad (3)$$

$$\tan x = \frac{\sin x}{\cos x} \Rightarrow \boxed{\tan(ix) = \frac{\sin(ix)}{\cos(ix)} = \frac{i \sinh x}{\cosh x} = i \tanh x} \quad (4)$$

We can similarly show that

$$\coth x = i \cot(ix)$$

$$\operatorname{sech} x = \sec(ix)$$

$$\operatorname{csch} x = i \csc(ix)$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\sin^{-1} x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\cot^{-1} x) = \frac{-1}{1+x^2}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\cosh x) = \sinh x$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\coth x) = -\operatorname{csch}^2 x$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\sinh^{-1} x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+x^2}}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\operatorname{sech}^{-1} x) = \frac{-1}{x\sqrt{1-x^2}}$$

$$\sinh^{-1} x = \ln\left(x + \sqrt{x^2 + 1}\right)$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\cos^{-1} x) = \frac{-1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\sec^{-1} x) = \frac{1}{|x|\sqrt{x^2-1}}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\sinh x) = \cosh x$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\operatorname{sech} x) = -\operatorname{sech} x \cdot \tanh x$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\cosh^{-1} x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2-1}}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\operatorname{csch}^{-1} x) = \frac{-1}{|x|\sqrt{1+x^2}}$$

$$\cosh^{-1} x = \ln\left(x + \sqrt{x^2-1}\right)$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\tan^{-1} x) = \frac{1}{1+x^2}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\csc^{-1} x) = \frac{-1}{|x|\sqrt{x^2-1}}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\tanh x) = \operatorname{sech}^2 x$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\operatorname{csch} x) = -\operatorname{csch} x \cdot \coth x$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\tanh^{-1} x) = \frac{1}{1-x^2}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\coth^{-1} x) = \frac{1}{1-x^2}$$

$$\tanh^{-1} x = \frac{1}{2} \ln\left(\frac{1+x}{1-x}\right)$$

## GRAPHING FUNCTIONS

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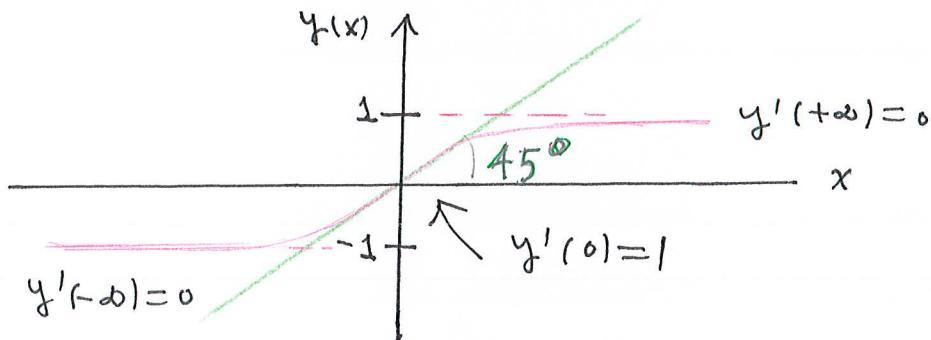
To have a physical feeling for a mathematical function it is optimally helpful to graph it. Although this can always be done numerically, insight can usually be obtained by considering various limiting cases of some variable ( $x=0, x \rightarrow \pm\infty, \dots$ ) and also by examining its derivatives.

The previously discussed function  $\tanh(x)$  is an example. We have already shown that  $\tanh(0) = 0$  and  $\tanh(\pm\infty) = \pm 1 \equiv y(\pm\infty)$ . Further insight can be had by looking at its derivative:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dx} \underbrace{\tanh(x)}_{y(x)} &= \frac{d}{dx} \left( \frac{\sinh(x)}{\cosh(x)} \right) = \frac{\cosh x \cdot \cosh x - \sinh x \cdot \sinh x}{(\cosh x)^2} \\ &= \frac{1}{(\cosh x)^2} = \frac{1}{\left[ \frac{1}{2}(e^x + e^{-x}) \right]^2} \quad (1) \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d}{dx} \underbrace{\tanh(x)}_{y(x)} = \frac{4}{(e^x + e^{-x})^2} \equiv y'(x) \Rightarrow y'(+\infty) = y'(-\infty) = 0 \quad (2)$$

Combining these results with the previous results,  $y(\pm\infty) = \pm 1$  we can sketch  $y(x) = \tanh(x)$  as follows:



$$[\text{EXAMPLE 2}] \quad y = f(x) = x^n e^{-x} \quad (x \geq 0, n \geq 1)$$

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We see immediately that :  $y(0) = 0$  ;  $y(\infty) = 0$

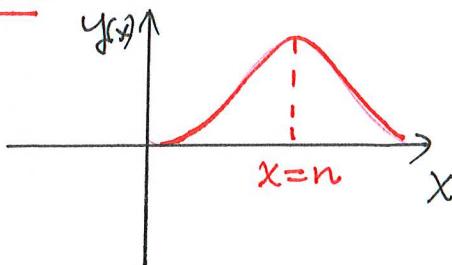
$$y'(x) = \underbrace{x^n \left\{ \frac{d}{dx} e^{-x} \right\}}_{-e^{-x}} + e^{-x} \underbrace{\left\{ \frac{d}{dx} x^n \right\}}_{nx^{n-1}} = e^{-x} \left\{ -x^n + nx^{n-1} \right\} \quad (1)$$

$$\Rightarrow y'(x) = e^x \cdot x^{n-1} \{-x+n\} \Rightarrow \underline{y'(x)=0 \text{ when } x=n} \quad (2)$$

Recall that  $y'(x) = 0$  can signify either a maximum or a minimum. To determine which it is we evaluate the 2nd derivative  $y''(x)$  at  $x=n$ : From (1)

Since  $y''(x=n) < 0 \Rightarrow$  maximum.\*

Hence  $y = x^n e^{-x}$  looks like



## \* USEFUL MNEMONIC:

Consider  $y = x^2$

$$y'(x) = 2x = 0$$

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$\Rightarrow x=0$



$$\Rightarrow x=0$$

$$y'' = 2 \Rightarrow y''(0) = 2 = \text{positive} \Rightarrow$$

$y'' = \text{positive} \Rightarrow \text{minimum}$

$y'' = \text{negative} \Rightarrow \text{maximum}$

[Example 3] From the text p.23

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$$y = f(x) = \frac{(x^2 - 5x + 6)}{x-1} \cdot e^{-x/5} \quad (1)$$

Step [1]: Examine  $x \rightarrow +\infty$ ; We immediately note that  $e^{-\infty/5} \rightarrow 0$ .

Since  $e^{-x/5}$  contains all powers of  $x$  (recall  $e^y = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{y^n}{n!}$ )  
the behavior of  $f(x)$  as  $x \rightarrow \infty$  is dominated by  $e^{-x/5}$   
 $\Rightarrow f(x) \rightarrow 0$  as  $x \rightarrow \infty$

Step [2]: Examine the behavior of  $f(x)$  as  $x \rightarrow -\infty$ . In this case

$$e^{-x/5} \rightarrow e^{|x|/5} \rightarrow \infty \quad (2)$$

At the same time the rational function multiplying  $e^{-x/5}$  is  
dominated by  $x^2$  in the numerator, and by  $x$  in the denominator

Hence  $f(x) \xrightarrow{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{x^2}{x} e^{|x|/5} = x e^{|x|/5} \quad (3)$

Step [3]: Examine  $f(x)$  for other finite values of  $x$ .

Here we note that (by inspection)  $f(x)$  can be rewritten in the form

$$f(x) = \frac{(x-2)(x-3)}{x-1} e^{-x/5}$$

Hence  $f(x=2)=0$  and  $f(x=3)=0$ , but  $f(x=1) \rightarrow \infty$

For homework you will be asked to compute  $f'(x)$ , and then use  
that result to reproduce Figure 1.6 of the text.

[Example 4] Study the function  $y = f(x) = x^n \ln x$

$n \geq 1$  is an integer

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Here the behavior as  $x \rightarrow \infty$  is obvious:  $f(x) \rightarrow \infty$

The interesting question is what happens as  $x \rightarrow 0$ . Bear in mind that  $\ln(0) \rightarrow -\infty$ .

A convenient way to analyze  $y$  is to substitute  $z = 1/x$  so that  $x \rightarrow 0$  becomes  $z \rightarrow \infty$ . Then

$$f \rightarrow \frac{1}{z^n} \ln\left(\frac{1}{z}\right) = \frac{1}{z^n} (\ln 1 - \ln z) = -\frac{\ln z}{z^n} \xrightarrow{z \rightarrow \infty} \frac{0}{\infty} \quad (1)$$

$$\text{Applying l'Hopital's Rule: } f \rightarrow \frac{\frac{d}{dz}(-\ln z)}{\frac{d}{dz} z^n} = \frac{(-\frac{1}{z})}{n z^{n-1}} = -\frac{1}{n z^n} \quad (2)$$

Hence as  $x \rightarrow 0 \Leftrightarrow z \rightarrow \infty \Rightarrow f \rightarrow 0$ .

$$\text{So } y = f(x) = x^n \ln x \xrightarrow{x \rightarrow 0} 0 \quad (3)$$

Hence the growth of  $\ln x$  as  $x \rightarrow \infty$  is weaker (slower) than the growth of any polynomial  $x^n$ .

Note that in this case we could have obtained the same result by applying l'Hopital's Rule directly in the form

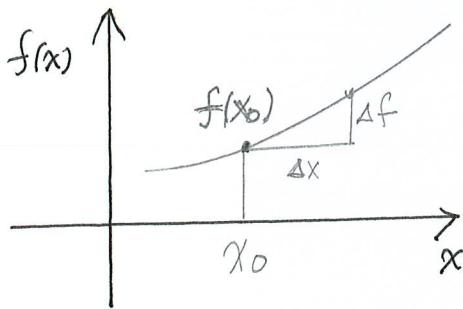
$$y = f(x) = x^n \ln x \xrightarrow{x \rightarrow 0} \left( \frac{d}{dx} x^n \right) \left( \frac{d}{dx} \ln x \right) = (nx^{n-1}) \frac{1}{x} = nx^{n-2}$$

$\xrightarrow{x \rightarrow 0} 0$

But you should be careful doing this elsewhere!!

## DIFFERENTIALS

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SEE FIG. 1.8 of text

From the figure, the change  $\Delta f$  in  $f(x)$  from  $x_0$  to  $x_0 + \Delta x$  is given by

$$\Delta f = \frac{df}{dx} \Big|_{x_0} (\Delta x) + \text{terms of order } (\Delta x)^2 \text{ and higher} \quad (1)$$

denoted by ...

In the limit as  $\Delta x \rightarrow dx$ ,  $\Delta f \rightarrow df$  and we can write

$$df(x_0) = \frac{df(x)}{dx} \Big|_{x_0} \cdot dx \quad (2)$$

As a practical matter we often use the approximation in (1) to estimate the small change  $\Delta f$  that will result from changing  $x_0 \rightarrow x_0 + \Delta x$ .