

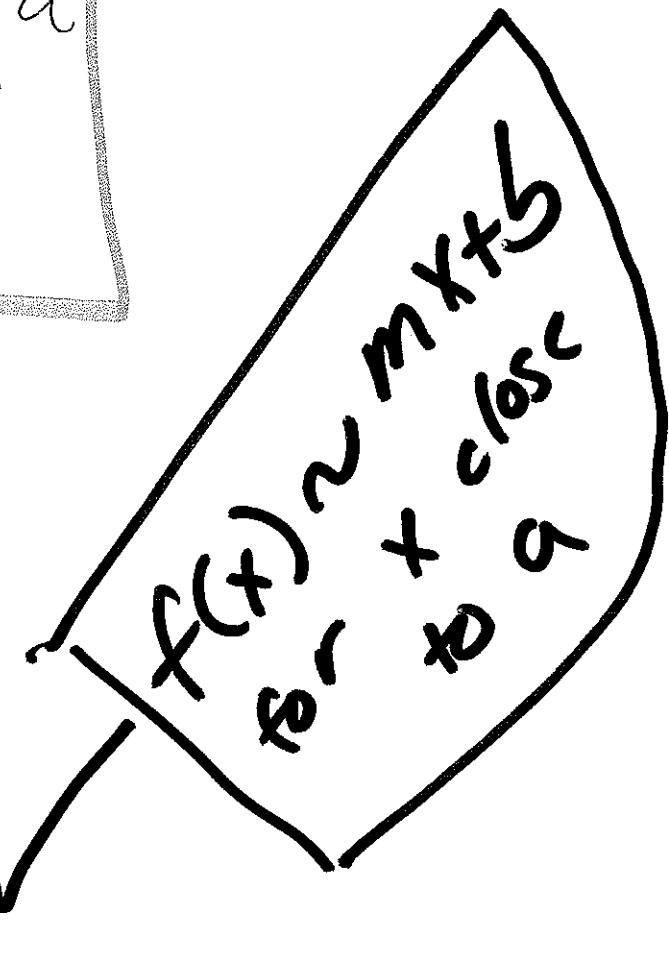
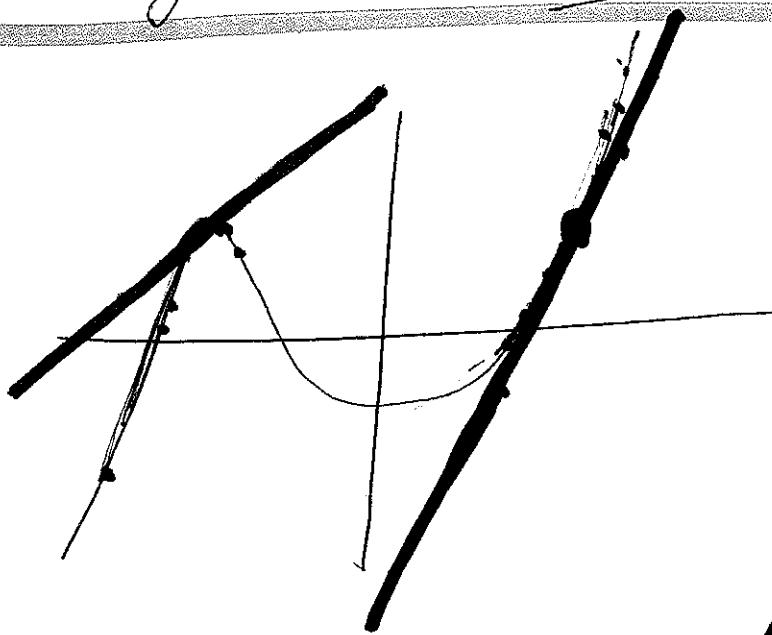
Given  $y = f(x)$

the tangent line

to  $y = f(x)$  at  $x = a$

is a good approx

to  $y = f(x)$  near  $a$



3.6 : Solve  $f(x) = 0$

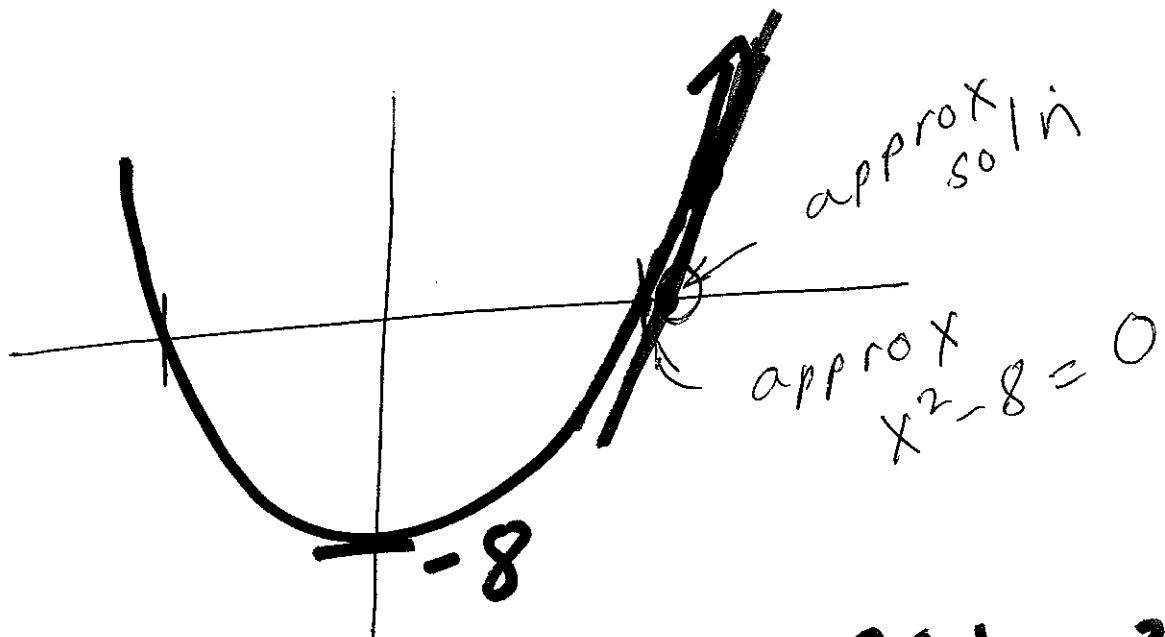
Note tangent at  $x = a$  is  
good approx to  $y = f(x)$  near  $x = a$

$$y = mx + b \approx \text{tangent line}$$

Solve:  $mx + b = 0$  to approx  
 $f(x) = 0$

Solve  $x^2 - 8 = 0$

$$f(x) = x^2 - 8 = 0$$



Find tangent line to  $f(x) = x^2 - 8$

at  $x = 3$

slope;  $f'(x) = 2x$   
 $f'(3) = 6$

point on line  $(3, f(3))$

$(3, 1)$

$$\frac{y-1}{x-3} = 6$$

$$y-1^* = 6(x-3) = 6x-18^{*1}$$

$y = 6x-17$  or tangent line

Near  $x = 3$

$$f(x) = x^2 - 8 \approx 6x - 17$$

$$\text{Solve } x^2 - 8 = 0$$

$$\text{Approx } 6x - 17 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{17}{6}$$

first  
approx  
using  
Newton's  
method

When to use log-log paper:

Suppose you suspect your data points satisfy polynomial growth of the form  $y = At^m$  for some constants  $A$  and  $m$ .

$$y = At^m \rightarrow 10^b t^m = y$$

$\log(y) = \log(At^m)$   
 $\log(y) = \log(A) + m\log(t)$  Let  $z = \log(y)$  and  $x = \log(t)$ . Then  
 $z = \log(A) + mx.$

$z = mx + \log(A)$ . That is we have the equation of a line where slope =  $m$  and  $z$ -intercept =  $\log(A)$ .

If  $z = mx + b$ , then  $\log(A) = b$ . Hence  $A = 10^{\log(A)} = 10^b$ .

Hence to determine the constants  $A$  and  $m$  in  $y = At^m$ , graph  $(t, y)$  on log-log paper (note this is the same as taking  $z = \log(y)$  and  $x = \log(t)$ ), and determine equation of best fit line,  $z = mx + b$ . Then  $y = 10^b t^m$ .

However if the data points do not satisfy a best fit line, then the data points do NOT satisfy polynomial growth of the form  $y = At^m$

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When to use semi-log paper:

Suppose you suspect your data points satisfy exponential growth of the form  $y = Ac^t$  for some constants  $A$  and  $c$ .

$$y = Ac^t$$
$$\log(y) = \log(Ac^t)$$
$$\log(y) = \log(A) + t\log(c)$$
 Let  $z = \log(y)$ . Then  
 $z = \log(A) + t\log(c).$

$z = [\log(c)]t + \log(A)$ . I.e. we have the equation of a line where slope =  $\log(c)$  and  $z$ -intercept =  $\log(A)$ .

If  $z = mt + b$ , then (i)  $\log(A) = b$ . Hence  $A = 10^{\log(A)} = 10^b$ . (ii)  $\log(c) = m$ . Hence  $c = 10^m$ .

Hence to determine the constants  $A$  and  $c$  in  $y = Ac^t$ , graph  $(t, y)$  on semi-log paper (note this is the same as taking  $z = \log(y)$ ), and determine equation of best fit line,  $z = mx + b$ . Then  $y = 10^b(10^m)^t$ . I.e.,  $y = 10^b(10^{mt})$

However if the data points do not satisfy a best fit line, then the data points do NOT satisfy polynomial growth of the form  $y = Ac^t$

Semi-log and log-log plots problems (not HW, but highly recommended).

For each of the data sets below, graph these points on either semi-log or log-log paper and determine the function which best models these data points from the choices below.

- 1.) (1, 10), (8, 40), (32, 100), (8000, 4000)
- 2.) (1, 10000), (2, 3900), (6, 620), (7, 290)
- 3.) (1, 10000), (5, 400), (15, 50), (73, 2)
- 4.) (0, 1), (1.4, 3), (4.4, 30), (8, 480)
- 5.) (0, 100), (2, 45), (3.2, 7), (4, 2)
- 6.) (1, 1), (60, 4), (200, 6), (3200, 15), (8000, 20)
- 7.) (1, 1000), (5, 200), (20, 50), (515, 2)
- 8.) (0, 10), (0.6, 40), (1.8, 605), (2, 1000)
- 9.) (1, 100), (35, 600), (400, 2000), (8100, 9000)

- A)  $y = 0$       B)  $y = t^{\frac{1}{3}}$       C)  $y = t^{\frac{1}{2}}$       D)  $y = t^{\frac{2}{3}}$       E)  $y = 10^t$       F)  $y = t^{\frac{3}{2}}$       G)  $y = t^2$   
 H)  $y = 1$       I)  $y = t^{-\frac{1}{3}}$       J)  $y = t^{-\frac{1}{2}}$       K)  $y = t^{-\frac{2}{3}}$       L)  $y = t^{-1}$       M)  $y = t^{-\frac{3}{2}}$       N)  $y = t^{-2}$   
 O)  $y = 10$       P)  $y = 10t^{\frac{1}{3}}$       Q)  $y = 10t^{\frac{1}{2}}$       R)  $y = 10t^{\frac{2}{3}}$       S)  $y = 10t$       T)  $y = 10t^{\frac{3}{2}}$       U)  $y = 10t^2$   
 V)  $y = 10t^{-\frac{1}{3}}$       W)  $y = 10t^{-\frac{1}{2}}$       X)  $y = 10t^{-\frac{2}{3}}$       Y)  $y = 10t^{-1}$       Z)  $y = 10t^{-\frac{3}{2}}$       ZZ)  $y = 10t^{-2}$   
 a)  $y = 100$       b)  $y = 100t^{\frac{1}{3}}$       c)  $y = 100t^{\frac{1}{2}}$       d)  $y = 100t^{\frac{2}{3}}$       e)  $y = 100t$       f)  $y = 100t^{\frac{3}{2}}$       g)  $y = 100t^2$   
 h)  $y = 100t^{-\frac{1}{3}}$       i)  $y = 100t^{-\frac{1}{2}}$       j)  $y = 100t^{-\frac{2}{3}}$       k)  $y = 100t^{-1}$       l)  $y = 100t^{-\frac{3}{2}}$       m)  $y = 100t^{-2}$   
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