Calculus I Homework #4 Section 2.8

3. 
$$f(x) = \cos x \implies f'(x) = -\sin x$$
, so  $f\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = 0$  and  $f'\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = -1$ .  
Thus,  $L(x) = f\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) + f'\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right)\left(x - \frac{\pi}{2}\right) = 0 - 1\left(x - \frac{\pi}{2}\right) = -x + \frac{\pi}{2}$ .

10. 
$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{4-x}} \Rightarrow f'(x) = \frac{1}{2(4-x)^{3/2}}$$
 so  $f(0) = \frac{1}{2}$  and  
 $f'(0) = \frac{1}{16}$ . So  $f(x) \approx \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{16}(x-0) = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{16}x$ . We need  
 $\frac{1}{\sqrt{4-x}} - 0.1 < \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{16}x < \frac{1}{\sqrt{4-x}} + 0.1$ , which is true when  
 $-3.91 < x < 2.14$ .



13. To estimate (8.06)<sup>2/3</sup>, we'll find the linearization of f(x) = x<sup>2/3</sup> at a = 8. Since f'(x) = <sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub>x<sup>-1/3</sup> = 2/(3 <sup>3</sup>√x), f(8) = 4, and f'(8) = <sup>1</sup>/<sub>3</sub>, we have L(x) = 4 + <sup>1</sup>/<sub>3</sub>(x - 8) = <sup>1</sup>/<sub>3</sub>x + <sup>4</sup>/<sub>3</sub>. Thus, x<sup>2/3</sup> ≈ <sup>1</sup>/<sub>3</sub>x + <sup>4</sup>/<sub>3</sub> when x is near 8, so (8.06)<sup>2/3</sup> ≈ <sup>1</sup>/<sub>3</sub>(8.06) + <sup>4</sup>/<sub>3</sub> = <sup>12.06</sup>/<sub>3</sub> = 4.02.

**18.** (a) For 
$$y = f(s) = \frac{s}{1+2s}$$
,  $f'(s) = \frac{(1+2s)(1)-s(2)}{(1+2s)^2} = \frac{1}{(1+2s)^2}$ , so  $dy = \frac{1}{(1+2s)^2} ds$ .  
(b)  $y = 1/(x+1) \Rightarrow dy = -\frac{1}{(x+1)^2} dx$   
**20.** (a)  $y = \sqrt{x} \Rightarrow dy = \frac{1}{2}x^{-1/2}dx = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}} dx$   
(b)  $x = 1$  and  $dx = 1 \Rightarrow dy = \frac{1}{2(1)}(1) = \frac{1}{2}$ .  $\Delta y = f(x + \Delta x) - f(x) = \sqrt{1+1} - \sqrt{1} = \sqrt{2} - 1 \approx 0.414$ .  
(c)  $y = \sqrt{x} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} \sqrt{x}$   
Remember,  $\Delta y$  represents the amount that the curve  $y = f(x)$  rises or falls when  $x$  changes by an amount  $dx$ , whereas  $dy$  represents the amount that the tangent line rises or falls (the change in the linearization).

(a) If x is the edge length, then V = x<sup>3</sup> ⇒ dV = 3x<sup>2</sup> dx. When x = 30 and dx = 0.1, dV = 3(30)<sup>2</sup>(0.1) = 270, so the maximum possible error in computing the volume of the cube is about 270 cm<sup>3</sup>. The relative error is calculated by dividing the change in V, ΔV, by V. We approximate ΔV with dV.

Relative error 
$$=$$
  $\frac{\Delta V}{V} \approx \frac{dV}{V} = \frac{3x^2 dx}{x^3} = 3 \frac{dx}{x} = 3\left(\frac{0.1}{30}\right) = 0.01$ 

Percentage error = relative error  $\times 100\% = 0.01 \times 100\% = 1\%$ .

(b)  $S = 6x^2 \Rightarrow dS = 12x \, dx$ . When x = 30 and dx = 0.1, dS = 12(30)(0.1) = 36, so the maximum possible error in computing the surface area of the cube is about 36 cm<sup>2</sup>.

Relative error 
$$=$$
  $\frac{\Delta S}{S} \approx \frac{dS}{S} = \frac{12x \, dx}{6x^2} = 2 \frac{dx}{x} = 2\left(\frac{0.1}{30}\right) = 0.00\overline{6}.$ 

Percentage error = relative error  $\times 100\% = 0.00\overline{6} \times 100\% = 0.\overline{6}\%$ .

23. (a) For a sphere of radius r, the circumference is  $C = 2\pi r$  and the surface area is  $S = 4\pi r^2$ , so

$$r = \frac{C}{2\pi} \quad \Rightarrow \quad S = 4\pi \left(\frac{C}{2\pi}\right)^2 = \frac{C^2}{\pi} \quad \Rightarrow \quad dS = \frac{2}{\pi}C\,dC. \text{ When } C = 84 \text{ and } dC = 0.5, \, dS = \frac{2}{\pi}(84)(0.5) = \frac{84}{\pi},$$

so the maximum error is about  $\frac{84}{\pi} \approx 27 \text{ cm}^2$ . Relative error  $\approx \frac{dS}{S} = \frac{84/\pi}{84^2/\pi} = \frac{1}{84} \approx 0.012$ 

(b)  $V = \frac{4}{3}\pi r^3 = \frac{4}{3}\pi \left(\frac{C}{2\pi}\right)^3 = \frac{C^3}{6\pi^2} \Rightarrow dV = \frac{1}{2\pi^2}C^2 dC$ . When C = 84 and dC = 0.5,  $dV = \frac{1}{2\pi^2}(84)^2(0.5) = \frac{1764}{\pi^2}$ , so the maximum error is about  $\frac{1764}{\pi^2} \approx 179$  cm<sup>3</sup>.

The relative error is approximately  $\frac{dV}{V} = \frac{1764/\pi^2}{(84)^3/(6\pi^2)} = \frac{1}{56} \approx 0.018.$ 

- **28.** (a)  $g'(x) = \sqrt{x^2 + 5} \Rightarrow g'(2) = \sqrt{9} = 3$ .  $g(1.95) \approx g(2) + g'(2)(1.95 2) = -4 + 3(-0.05) = -4.15$ .  $g(2.05) \approx g(2) + g'(2)(2.05 - 2) = -4 + 3(0.05) = -3.85$ .
  - (b) The formula g'(x) = √x<sup>2</sup> + 5 shows that g'(x) is positive and increasing. This means that the slopes of the tangent lines are positive and the tangents are getting steeper. So the tangent lines lie *below* the graph of g. Hence, the estimates in part (a) are too small.