

AB 6

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = xy^3 \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = y^3(1 + 3x^2y^2) \quad \text{and} \quad f(1) = 2$$

(a) At (1, 2) the slope = $\frac{dy}{dx} = (1)(2^3) = 8 \Rightarrow$ Tangent line is $y - 2 = 8(x - 1)$

(b) $y - 2 = 8(x - 1)$ so $y(1.1) \approx 2 + 8(1.1 - 1) = 2 + 0.8 = 2.8$

$f''(1) = 2^3(1 + 3(1^2 \cdot 2^2)) > 0$ so f is concave up and the tangent line lies below the graph of f .
Hence, the approximation above is **less than** the actual value.

(c) $\frac{dy}{y^3} = x dx \Rightarrow -\frac{1}{2y^2} = \frac{1}{2}x^2 + C$

Since $f(1) = 2$, $-\frac{1}{8} = \frac{1}{2} + C \Rightarrow C = -\frac{5}{8}$

So, $-\frac{1}{2y^2} = \frac{1}{2}x^2 - \frac{5}{8}$

Solving for y : $\frac{4}{y^2} = -4x^2 + 5 \Rightarrow y^2 = \frac{4}{-4x^2 + 5} \Rightarrow y = \sqrt{\frac{4}{-4x^2 + 5}}$

Note: The positive square root was used since $f(1) = 2 > 0$