

(10 pts) A rectangular storage container with an open top is to have a volume of  $10 \text{ ft}^3$ . The length of its base is twice the width of the base. Material for the base costs \$10 per square foot. Material for the sides costs \$6 per square foot. Find the cost of materials for the cheapest such container.

$$l = 2w \quad V = w \cdot 2w \cdot h = 10 \Rightarrow \cancel{5w^2 h = 10} \Rightarrow h = \frac{5}{w^2}$$

$$\text{Area of base} = 2w^2, \quad \text{area of sides} = 2lh + 2wh = 4wh + 2wh = 6wh = \frac{30}{w}$$

$$\therefore \text{total cost is } C = 20w^2 + \frac{180}{w}$$

$$\frac{dC}{dw} = 40w - \frac{180}{w^2} = 0 \Rightarrow 40w = \frac{180}{w^2} \Rightarrow w^3 = \frac{18}{4} = \frac{9}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow w = \left(\frac{9}{2}\right)^{1/3}$$

$$\frac{d^2C}{dw^2} = \left(40 + \frac{360}{w^3}\right) \Big|_{\left(\frac{9}{2}\right)^{1/3}} = 40 + \frac{720}{9} > 0 \Rightarrow w = \left(\frac{9}{2}\right)^{1/3} \text{ is min.}$$

$$\text{so the cost is } C = 20\left(\frac{9}{2}\right)^{2/3} + 180\left(\frac{9}{2}\right)^{-1/3}$$

(10 pts) (a) Use the tangent line approximation for  $f(x) = \sqrt{x}$  near  $x = 16$  to approximate  $\sqrt{16.2}$ .

$$\text{note } f(16) = 4, \quad f'(x) = \frac{1}{2}x^{-1/2}, \quad f'(16) = \frac{1}{8}$$

$$\therefore \sqrt{16.2} \approx f(16) + (16.2 - 16) \cdot f'(16) = 4 + \frac{1}{5} \cdot \frac{1}{8}$$

$$= 4 + \frac{1}{40} = \frac{161}{40}$$

(b) The approximation you found in (a) should be slightly larger than the actual value of  $\sqrt{16.2}$ . Show how you can use the **The Racetrack Principle** to predict that this is the case. (Hint: Let  $f(x) = \sqrt{x}$  and let  $g(x)$  be the local linearization of  $\sqrt{x}$ . You want to show that  $g(x) > f(x)$  when  $x = 16.2$ .)

$$\text{let } f = \sqrt{x}, \quad g = 4 + (x-4) \cdot \frac{1}{8}$$

$$\text{then } f' = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}}, \quad g' = \frac{1}{8} \quad \text{so for } x \geq 16, \quad f'(x) \leq g'(x)$$

$$\text{also, } f(16) = 4 = g(16)$$

so by the racetrack principle  $f(x) < g(x)$  for  $x > 16$ .