

## 8.7 Differential

Functions:  $f, u, v$

Independent variable:  $x$

Derivative of a function:  $y'(x), f'(x)$

Real constant:  $C$

Differential of function  $y = f(x)$ :  $dy$

Differential of  $x$ :  $dx$

Small change in  $x$ :  $\Delta x$

Small change in  $y$ :  $\Delta y$

**838.**  $dy = y' dx$

**839.**  $f(x + \Delta x) = f(x) + f'(x)\Delta x$

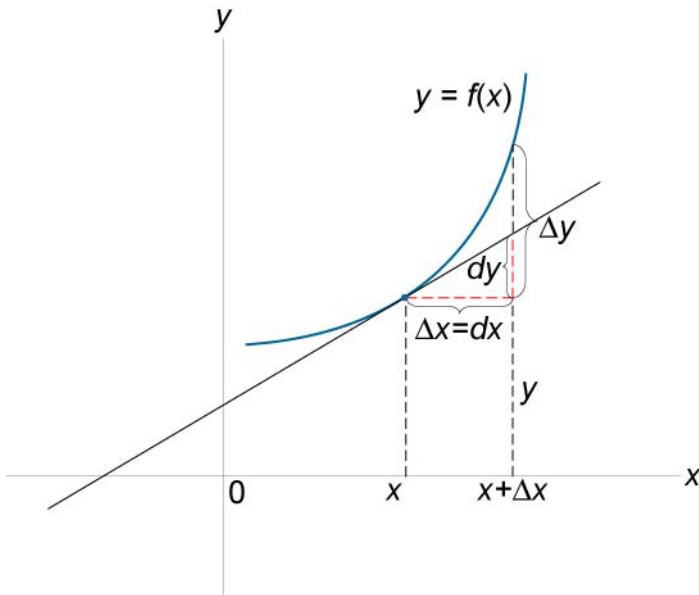


Figure 178.

**840.** Small Change in  $y$   
 $\Delta y = f(x + \Delta x) - f(x)$

**841.**  $d(u + v) = du + dv$

**842.**  $d(u - v) = du - dv$

**843.**  $d(Cu) = Cdu$

**844.**  $d(uv) = vdu + udv$

**845.**  $d\left(\frac{u}{v}\right) = \frac{vdu - udv}{v^2}$