

$$f(x, y) = \ln(x - 6y) \Rightarrow f_x(x, y) = \frac{1}{x - 6y} \text{ and}$$

$f_y(x, y) = -\frac{6}{x - 6y}$, so $f_x(13, 2) = 1$ and $f_y(13, 2) = -6$. Then the linear approximation of f at $(13, 2)$ is given by

$$f(x, y) \approx f(13, 2) + f_x(13, 2)(x - 13) + f_y(13, 2)(y - 2) \\ = 0 + 1(x - 13) - 6(y - 2) = x - 6y - 1.$$

Thus $f(12.94, 2.07) \approx 12.94 - 6(2.07) - 1 = -0.48$. The graph shows that our

approximated value is slightly greater than the actual value.

