

Instructions: Include all relevant work to get full credit.

## Quiz #5

1. Calculate the slope of the tangent line to the curve  $y = 3\sqrt{x}$  at  $x = 4$  using the limit definition. Then obtain the equation of the tangent line. [3]

$$m = \lim_{x \rightarrow 4} \frac{f(x) - f(a)}{x - a} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 4} \frac{3\sqrt{x} - 3\sqrt{4}}{x - 4} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 4} \frac{3(\sqrt{x} - 2)}{(\sqrt{x} - 2)(\sqrt{x} + 2)} = \frac{3}{4}$$

When  $x = 4$ ,  $y = 3\sqrt{4} = 6 \Rightarrow 6 = \frac{3}{4}(4) + b \rightarrow b = 3$

$\Rightarrow$  Equation of the T.L is  $y = \frac{3}{4}x + 3$

2. If a ball is thrown into the air with an initial velocity of 60 ft/s, its height (in feet) after  $t$  seconds is given by  $y = 60t - 3t^2$ .

- a. Use the limit definition to derive the (instantaneous) velocity function  $v(a)$ . [2]

$$\begin{aligned} v(a) &= \lim_{t \rightarrow a} \frac{f(t) - f(a)}{t - a} = \lim_{t \rightarrow a} \frac{(60t - 3t^2) - (60a - 3a^2)}{t - a} \\ &= \lim_{t \rightarrow a} \frac{60(t - a) - 3(t^2 - a^2)}{(t - a)} \\ &= \lim_{t \rightarrow a} \frac{(t - a)(60 - 3(t + a))}{(t - a)} = 60 - 6a \end{aligned}$$

- b. Use the function you obtained in part (a) to evaluate the velocity at time  $a = 12$  seconds. Explain the meaning of this value in the context of the problem. Is the rock moving upwards or downwards at that time? [2]

$$v(12) = 60 - 6(12) = -12 \text{ ft/s}$$

This means that the ball is going down at the rate of 12 ft/s.

3. Let

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 - 2x, & x \leq 5 \\ 3x, & x > 5 \end{cases}$$

Determine if  $f(x)$  is differentiable at  $x = 5$ .

$$\begin{aligned} f'_-(5) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 5^-} \frac{f(x) - f(5)}{x - 5} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 5^-} \frac{(x^2 - 2x) - (25 - 10)}{x - 5} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 5^-} \frac{x^2 - 2x - 15}{(x - 5)} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 5^-} \frac{(x - 5)(x + 3)}{(x - 5)} = 8 \end{aligned}$$

$$f'_+(5) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 5^+} \frac{f(x) - f(5)}{x - 5} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 5^+} \frac{3x - 3(5)}{x - 5} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 5^+} \frac{3(x - 5)}{(x - 5)} = 3$$

Since  $f'_-(5) \neq f'_+(5)$ , then  $f'(5)$  d.n.e.

Therefore,  $f(x)$  is NOT differentiable at  $x = 5$ .