

• *Worksheet 2*

1. For the following, find the equation for the tangent line to the curve at the given point.

(a) $f(x) = 4 - x^2$, $(-1, 3)$

(b) $f(x) = 2\sqrt{x}$, $(1, 2)$

(c) $f(x) = \frac{1}{x^2}$, $(-1, 1)$

(d) $f(x) = \frac{x-1}{x+1}$, $(0, -1)$

2. For the following problems, recall that if height $s(t)$ is given as a function of time t , then the velocity at time t is $v(t) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{s(t+h) - s(t)}{h}$.

(a) An object is dropped from a 100 meter tower. Its height after time t is given as $s(t) = 100 - 4.9t^2$. How fast is the object going after 2 seconds? How fast will the object be travelling right before it hits the ground?

(b) A rocket is launched straight upward. Its height (in meters) as a function of time t (in seconds) is given by

$$s(t) = -t^2 + 10t$$

How fast is the rocket going after 2 seconds? Also, what is the maximum height that the rocket reaches?

(c) What is the rate of change of the area of a circle with respect to the radius when $r = 3$?

3. Decide whether or not the following two functions have a well defined tangent line at the origin:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 \sin(1/x), & x \neq 0 \\ 0, & x = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$g(x) = \begin{cases} x \sin(1/x), & x \neq 0 \\ 0, & x = 0 \end{cases}$$

4. Using the definition of the derivative $f'(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h}$, find the following

derivatives:

$$\begin{aligned}(a) \ f(x) &= x^2 + 8, & (b) \ g(t) &= \frac{1}{t^2}, \\(c) \ r(s) &= \sqrt{2s+1}, & (d) \ F(x) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}}, \\(e) \ g(x) &= \frac{x}{x-1}, & (f) \ R(\theta) &= \theta - \frac{1}{\theta},\end{aligned}$$

5. Using *only the power rule*, find the following derivatives:

$$\begin{aligned}(a) \ f(x) &= -x^2 + 3 & (b) \ s(t) &= 5t^3 - 3t^5 \\(c) \ w(z) &= 3z^7 - 7z^3 + 21z^2 & (d) \ f(x) &= \sqrt[3]{x} \\(e) \ s(t) &= -2t^{-1} + \frac{4}{t^2} & (f) \ r(s) &= \frac{1}{3s^2} - \frac{5}{3s} \\(g) \ r(\theta) &= \frac{12}{\theta} - \frac{4}{\theta^3} + \frac{1}{\theta^4} & (h) \ v(x) &= \frac{1+x-4\sqrt{x}}{x}\end{aligned}$$

6. Find the following derivatives using any derivative rules you prefer:

$$\begin{aligned}(a) \ y &= (3-x^2) \cdot (x^3-x+1) & (b) \ w &= (1+x^2)(x^{3/4}-x^{-3}) \\(c) \ y &= \frac{2x+5}{3x-2} & (d) \ s &= 2t^{3/2} + 3e^{2t} \\(e) \ v &= (1-t) \cdot (1+t^2)^{-1} & (f) \ y &= \frac{x^2+3e^x}{2e^x-x} \\(g) \ r &= e^\theta \cdot \left(\frac{1}{\theta^2} + \theta^{-\pi/2}\right) & (h) \ w &= \left(\frac{1+3z}{3z}\right) \cdot (3-x)\end{aligned}$$

7. The curve $y = ax^2 + bx + c$ passes through the point $(1, 2)$ and is tangent to the line $y = x$ at the origin. Find the values a , b , and c .

8. Find all points (x, y) on the graph $f(x) = 3x^2 - 4x$ with tangent lines parallel to the line $y = 8x + 5$.

9. Find the values a and b that make the following function differentiable at all points:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} ax + b, & x > -1 \\ bx^2 - 3, & x \leq -1 \end{cases}$$

10. The curves $y = x^2 + ax + b$ and $y = cx - x^3$ have a common tangent line at the point $(1, 0)$. Find a , b , and c .