

Use the *definition* of the derivative. You may *not* use any advanced differentiation techniques. You must show all your work to receive credit.

1.] (a.) (2pts) Compute $f'(x)$ (the derivative of $f(x)$), if $f(x) = \frac{4}{x}$.

$$\begin{aligned} f'(x) &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{4}{x+h} - \frac{4}{x}}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{4(x)(x+h) - 4(x)(x+h)}{x(x+h)}}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{4x - 4(x+h)}{h(x+h)x} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{-4h}{xh(x+h)} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{-4}{x(x+h)} = \frac{-4}{x(x+0)} = \frac{-4}{x^2}. \end{aligned}$$

(b.) (1pts) Find the slope of the line that is tangent to the graph of $f(x)$ at $x = -3$.

$$f'(-3) = \frac{-4}{(-3)^2} = -\frac{4}{9}.$$

2.] (a.) (2pts) Compute the derivative of the function $f(x) = 3 - 5x$.

$$\begin{aligned} f'(x) &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{3 - 5(x+h) - [3 - 5x]}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{3 - 5x - 5h - 3 + 5x}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{-5h}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} -5 = -5. \end{aligned}$$

(b.) (2pts) Find the *equation* of the line that is tangent to the graph of $f(x)$ at the point $\left(\frac{1}{5}, f\left(\frac{1}{5}\right)\right)$. Does your answer confuse you?

$$\begin{aligned} m_{\text{tan}} &= f'\left(\frac{1}{5}\right) = -5. & y &= mx + b & \text{So } y &= -5x + 3. \\ f\left(\frac{1}{5}\right) &= 3 - 5\left(\frac{1}{5}\right) = 2. & 2 &= -5\left(\frac{1}{5}\right) + b & \text{This makes sense because the} \\ & & 3 &= b. & \text{tangent line of a line is that same} \\ & & & & \text{line.} \end{aligned}$$

3.] (3pts) Find the rate of change $\frac{dy}{dx}$ at $x = 6$ for $y = 5x^2 - 20x + 1$.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dy}{dx} &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{5(x+h)^2 - 20(x+h) + 1 - [5x^2 - 20x + 1]}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{5x^2 + 10xh + 5h^2 - 20x - 20h + 1 - 5x^2 + 20x - 1}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{10xh + 5h^2 - 20h}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} 10x + 5h - 20 = 10x - 20. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{Then} \\ &\left. \frac{dy}{dx} \right|_{x=6} \\ &= 10(6) - 20 \\ &= \boxed{40}. \end{aligned}$$