

Name: **Solutions** \_\_\_\_\_

Section: 022

Clear your desk of everything excepts pens, pencils and erasers. **Show all your work.**

If you have a question raise your hand and I will come to you.

1. (3 points) Let
- $f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$
- . Use the definition of the derivative to compute
- $f'(1)$
- .

$$\begin{aligned} f'(1) &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{1}{1+h} - \frac{1}{1}}{h} && \text{(use common denominator)} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - (1+h)}{(1+h)h} && \text{(cancelation: } 1 - 1 = 0\text{)} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} -\frac{h}{(1+h)h} && \text{(cancelation: } \frac{h}{h} = 1\text{)} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} -\frac{1}{1+h} && \text{(direct substitute } h = 0\text{)} \\ &= -1 \end{aligned}$$

2. (3 points) Evaluate the limit

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow 25} \frac{x - 25}{\sqrt{x} - 5} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 25} \frac{x - 25}{\sqrt{x} - 5} \cdot \left( \frac{\sqrt{x} + 5}{\sqrt{x} + 5} \right) && \text{(Multiply by conjugate on top/bottom)} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 25} \frac{(x - 25)(\sqrt{x} + 5)}{x - 25} && \text{(Expand the bottom and cancel)} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 25} \sqrt{x} + 5 && \text{(direct substitution)} \\ &= 10 \end{aligned}$$

3. Let  $f(x) = 1 - x\sqrt{x}$ .

(a) (2 points) Find the derivative function  $f'(x)$ .

We can use the product rule and power rule.

$$\begin{aligned} f'(x) &= \frac{d}{dx}(1 - x\sqrt{x}) \\ &= 0 - \left( (1)\sqrt{x} + x\frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}} \right) \\ &= -\left(\sqrt{x} + \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{x}\right) \\ &= -\frac{3}{2}\sqrt{x}. \end{aligned}$$

(b) (2 points) Find the equation of the tangent line to  $f(x)$  at the point  $(1, 0)$ .

The slope of the tangent line is given by  $f'(1) = -\frac{3}{2}$ . Using the point-slope form for the tangent line we have that

$$-\frac{3}{2} = \frac{y - 0}{x - 1}.$$

Solving for  $y$

$$y = -\frac{3}{2}x + \frac{3}{2}.$$