MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY OF NEWFOUNDLAND

DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS AND STATISTICS

Section 2.2

Math 1000 Worksheet

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For practice only. Not to be submitted.

1. Use the definition of the derivative to differentiate the functions in each case.

(a)
$$f(x) = \frac{3x}{x-4}$$

(b)
$$f(t) = \frac{4}{t^2 + 1}$$

(c)
$$f(x) = \sqrt{2 - 3x}$$

(d)
$$g(x) = \sqrt{x^2 + 1}$$

2. Use the definition of the derivative to find the equation of the tangent line to the curve $f(x) = x^3 - 3x^2 + 2x$ at the point x = 3. Show that this line is parallel to the tangent line at x = -1.

3. Given that f(x) = |3x+6| is continuous at x = -2, determine whether it is also differentiable there.

4. Given that

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x^3 + 3x^2 - 15, & \text{for } x \ge -4\\ 17 - 3x^2, & \text{for } x < -4 \end{cases}$$

is continuous at x = -4, determine whether it is also differentiable there.