

**Calculus I**  
**Practice Problems 4**

1. Find the equation of the tangent line to the curve  $y = x - x^{-2}$  at  $(2, 7/4)$ .
2. Differentiate:  $y = (x^2 - 1) \sin(x^2 + 1)$ .
3. Find  $f'(x)$ :  $f(x) = \frac{(x+1)^2}{(x-1)^2}$
4. Find  $g'(x), g''(x)$ :  $g(x) = (x^3 + 1)^4$ .
5. Find the derivative:  $h(x) = (\cos(2x) + 1) \sin(3x)$
6. Find the derivatives of the following functions:
  - a)  $f(x) = \cos^2 x$
  - b)  $g(x) = \frac{\sin^2 x}{\cos x}$
7. Find the first and second derivatives of  $f(x) = x\sqrt{1-x^2}$
8. Differentiate:  $g(x) = (\sin(3x) + 1)^3$ .
9. Differentiate:  $h(t) = \frac{1-t^2}{1+t^3}$
10. Differentiate:  $f(x) = \sqrt{2x^2 - 3x + 1}$ .
11. Find the points on the curve  $y = 3x^2 - 3x + 1$  whose tangent line is perpendicular to the line  $x + 2y = 7$ .
12. Consider the curves  $C_1 : x^2 + y^2 = 1$ ,  $C_2 : 2x^2 + y^2 = 2$  for  $y$  positive. For each  $x$ , the vertical line through  $(x, 0)$  intersects the curves  $C_1, C_2$  at the points  $(x, y_1), (x, y_2)$ . Let  $L(x)$  be the length of the line segment joining these two points. Find  $L'(x)$ .
13. Let  $\mathcal{P}$  be an upward-opening parabola whose axis is the  $y$ -axis and whose vertex is the origin. Suppose the line  $y = C$  intersects the parabola in two points. Show that the tangent lines at these points intersect on the line on the axis of the parabola (the  $y$ -axis).
14. Suppose that a point moves along the  $x$ -axis according to the formula  $x(t) = 1/(t^2 + 1)$ . Let  $A(t)$  be the area of the circle with diameter joining the origin to the point  $x(t)$ . Find  $A'(t)$  when  $t=3$ .