Problem Set 1.1: Introducing Derivatives

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1 Continuity of Functions And Limits

1. Find the points of discontinuity of the following functions:

$$\bullet \ \frac{x}{x^2 + 1}$$

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 $\frac{1}{\sqrt{x}}$

2. Evaluate the following limits:

$$\bullet \lim_{x \to 0} \frac{\sin x}{3\sqrt{x}}$$

$$\bullet \lim_{x \to 0} \frac{3x^2 + \sin x}{x}$$

2 Derivatives

3. Show that the curve $y = 6x^2 + 5x - 3$ has no tangent line with slope 4.

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4. Differentiate the following functions:

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$$f(t) = \sqrt{t} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{t}}$$

$$\bullet \ y = \frac{x^2 - 2\sqrt{x}}{x}$$

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$$y = \sqrt{x}(x-1)$$