

- (10 pts) (a) Use the definition of the derivative and algebra to evaluate the derivative of the function  $f(x) = 1/x$  at  $x = 3$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 f'(3) &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \left[ \frac{f(3+h) - f(3)}{h} \right] = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \left[ \frac{\frac{1}{3+h} - \frac{1}{3}}{h} \right] \\
 &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \left[ \frac{\frac{3 - (3+h)}{9+3h}}{h} \right] = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \left[ \frac{1}{h} \cdot \frac{-h}{9+3h} \right] = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \left[ \frac{-1}{9+3h} \right] \\
 &= \boxed{-\frac{1}{9}}
 \end{aligned}$$

- (b) Find the equation of the tangent line to  $y = 1/x$  at  $x = 3$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 f(3) &= 1/3, \quad \text{slope} = f'(3) = -1/9 \\
 \text{so} \quad y - \frac{1}{3} &= -\frac{1}{9}(x - 3)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$500(-x^2 + 2x - 3)$$

- (10 pts) Let  $f'(x) = 500(x-1)(3-x)$  (NOTE: This is the derivative of  $f$ ).

- (a) Determine the intervals on which  $f$  is increasing.  $f$  is increasing when  $f' > 0$   
 could have  $x-1 > 0$  and  $3-x > 0$  i.e.  $x > 1$  and  $x < 3$   
 i.e.  $1 < x < 3$   
 or could have  $x-1 < 0$  and  $3-x < 0$  i.e.  $x < 1$  and  $x > 3$   
 this last one is impossible, so you only get  $1 < x < 3$

- (b) Find  $f''(x)$ .

$$f'' = 500(3-x) - 500(x-1) = \boxed{-1000x + 1000}$$

- (c) Determine the inflection points of  $f(x)$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{in flexion pts} &\Leftrightarrow f''(x) = 0 \Leftrightarrow -1000x + 1000 = 0 \\
 &\Leftrightarrow \boxed{x = 1}
 \end{aligned}$$