

7. (15 pts) (a) (5 PTS) Write the limit definition for the derivative of $f(x) = \frac{1}{x} + 3$.

$$f'(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \left[\frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} \right] = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left[\frac{\left(\frac{1}{x+h} + 3\right) - \left(\frac{1}{x} + 3\right)}{h} \right]$$

(b) (10 PTS) Find $f'(x)$ using algebra and the limit definition in (a). No credit will be given for simply using the formulas for writing down the derivative.

$$\begin{aligned} f'(x) &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \left[\frac{1}{h} \left(\frac{1}{x+h} - \frac{1}{x} \right) \right] = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \left[\frac{1}{h} \left(\frac{x - (x+h)}{x(x+h)} \right) \right] = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \left[\frac{1}{h} \left(\frac{-h}{x^2 + hx} \right) \right] \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \left[\frac{-1}{x^2 + hx} \right] = -\frac{1}{x^2} \end{aligned}$$

3. (10 pts) A toy rocket is launched upward from the roof of a building 112 feet high. It rises and then falls back; its height above the ground t seconds after it is thrown is $y = -16t^2 + 96t + 112$ feet, until it hits the ground.

(a) (4 PTS) Find the average velocity of the rocket during the first 2 seconds? Give units.

$$\text{avg. velocity} = \frac{y(2) - y(0)}{2 - 0} = \frac{240 - 112}{2} = 64 \text{ ft/sec.}$$

(b) (6 PTS) When does the rocket hit the ground and how fast is it going at that time? Give units.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{rocket hits ground at } 0 &= y(t) = -16t^2 + 96t + 112 \\ &= -16(t^2 - 6t - 7) = -16(t-7)(t+1) \\ &\Rightarrow t = 7 \end{aligned}$$

$$y'(t) = -32t + 96$$

$$y'(7) = -32 \cdot 7 + 96 = -128 \text{ ft/sec.}$$