## Spring 2008 Math 261 Lab 6 Derivatives Name:

- 1. Let  $f(x) = 5 + 3x 4x^2$ .
  - (a) Find the slope of the tangent line to the graph of f at (x, f(x)).

- (b) Find the slope of the tangent line to the graph of f at (3, -22).
- (c) Find the slope of the tangent line to the graph of f at (-2, -17).
- (d) Find the slope of the tangent line to the graph of f at the point with x-coordinate 100.
- (e) Find the slope of the tangent line to the graph of f at the point with y-coordinate -5.
- (f) Find the point(s) on the graph of f at which the slope of the tangent line is 35.
- (g) Find the equation of the tangent line to the graph of f at the point whose x-coordinate is 1.

- 2. The position function s of a point P moving on a coordinate line  $\ell$  is given by  $s(t) = 8t + \frac{2}{t}$ .
  - (a) Find the average velocity of P in the following time intervals: [4, 4.1], [4, 4.01], [4, 4.001]. (Round your answers to the nearest hundred-thousandth)

(b) Find v(t), the velocity of P at time t.

- (c) Find the velocity of P at t = 4.
- (d) In which direction is the point moving at t = 4?
- (e) When is the velocity of the object 6?
- (f) When does the point reverse direction?

- 3. Let  $f(x) = x^3 3x + 7$ .
  - (a) Use the definition of the derivative to find f'(x).

(b) Find the equation of the tangent line to the graph of f at the point whose x-coordinate is -2.

(c) Find the points on the graph of f at which the tangent line is horizontal.

(d) Find the points on the graph of f at which the tangent line is parallel to the line 24x - y = 17.