

**W3 – Newton Quotient**

**MHF4U**

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1) Find the equation of the derivative for each of the following functions. Also, find the instantaneous rate of change for the function when  $x = 4$  and  $x = -1$ .

a)  $f(x) = 3x - 8$

b)  $y = 20x + x^2$

c)  $y = 2x^3 + 4$

d)  $f(x) = x^2 - 9x + 17$

**e)**  $f(x) = \frac{x(x+1)}{2}$

**f)**  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$

**2)** State whether the functions are increasing, decreasing, or neither when  $x = 4$  for each function in #1. How do you know?

**3)a)** State the derivative of  $f(x) = x^3$

**b)** Evaluate  $f'(-6)$

**c)** Determine the equation of the tangent line at  $x = 6$

**Answer Key**

**1)a)**  $f'(x) = 3, f'(4) = 3, f'(-1) = 3$  **b)**  $f'(x) = 20 + 2x, f'(4) = 28, f'(-1) = 18$

**c)**  $f'(x) = 6x^2, f'(4) = 96, f'(-1) = 6$  **d)**  $f'(x) = 2x - 9, f'(4) = -1, f'(-1) = -11$

**e)**  $f'(x) = x + \frac{1}{2}, f'(4) = \frac{9}{2}, f'(-1) = -\frac{1}{2}$  **f)**  $f'(x) = -\frac{1}{x^2}, f'(4) = -\frac{1}{16}, f'(-1) = -1$

**2)** a,b,c and e are increasing functions when  $x = 4$  since the instantaneous rate of change is positive

d and f are decreasing when  $x = 4$

**3)a)**  $f'(x) = 3x^2$  **b)** 108 **c)**  $y = 108x - 432$