

(1) [5] Find the limit:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt{9x^2 + x} - 3x \quad \sim " \infty - \infty "$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt{9x^2 + x} - 3x}{1} \left( \frac{\sqrt{9x^2 + x} + 3x}{\sqrt{9x^2 + x} + 3x} \right)$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\cancel{9x^2} + x - \cancel{9x^2}}{\sqrt{9x^2 + x} + 3x}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2 \left(9 + \frac{1}{x}\right)} + 3x}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x}{x \sqrt{9 + \frac{1}{x}} + 3x}$$

Note:  $x > 0$ ,  
so  $\sqrt{x^2} = x$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{9 + \frac{1}{x}} + 3}$$

$$= \boxed{\frac{1}{6}}$$

(2) [10] Find an equation of the tangent line to the curve  $y = \sqrt{x}$  at the point  $(1, 1)$ . (Determine any required derivatives using the definition of the derivative.)

$$y' = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} \quad \text{where } f(x) = \sqrt{x}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{h} (\sqrt{x+h} - \sqrt{x}) \cdot \left( \frac{\sqrt{x+h} + \sqrt{x}}{\sqrt{x+h} + \sqrt{x}} \right)$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{h} \left( \frac{\cancel{x+h} - \cancel{x}}{\sqrt{x+h} + \sqrt{x}} \right)$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\sqrt{x+h} + \sqrt{x}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}}$$

$\therefore$  slope of tangent line is  $y' \Big|_{x=1} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{1}} = \frac{1}{2}$

$\therefore$  Equation of tangent line is  $y - 1 = \frac{1}{2}(x - 1)$