Math152 – Spring 2016 – In-class Group Assignment 6

The textbook shows that it is possible from the definition of derivative of a function

 $f'(x) = \lim_{h \to 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h}$ to find the derivative of $f(x) = x^2$ and it is f'(x) = 2x

a) Given the above and the fact that $\frac{d}{dx}(mx+b) = m$ use the product rule to find the derivative of $y = x^3$

b) Using your result from above, find the equation of the tangent line to the graph of $y = x^3$ at x=2