

**12.** (14 pts.) Sunny and Tyrrell have been dating since New Year's Eve. Sunny has noted that the amount of affection she has for Tyrrell, measured in bushels, is growing at a linear rate. However, since she is a math major, she tells her friend that her affection is growing as the slope of the line tangent to the curve  $f(t) = \sqrt{t}$  at the point  $(4, 2)$ , where  $t$  is in weeks since the first of January.

(a) At what rate is Sunny's affection for Tyrrell growing? Write your answer in a complete sentence.

(b) Find an equation of the line that is tangent to  $f$  at the point  $(4, 2)$ . This is the model for Sunny's affection,  $S(t)$ .

Tyrrell, being an applied mathematician, determines that he can model his affection for Sunny according to the power function  $T(t) = kt^2$  (again in terms of bushels and weeks).

(c) If Tyrrell's model passes through the point  $(8, 3)$ , what is  $k$ ?

(d) If Sunny and Tyrrell's affection models continue to hold, and if the person with the most affection for the other buys Valentine flowers, who will buy the flowers? Explain. (Hint: Valentine's day is two days from now.)

(e) Is there a time that Sunny and Tyrrell will have equal affection for one another? If so, approximately when. If not, why not?