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Clear your desk of everything excepts pens, pencils and erasers. **Show all your work.**

If you have a question raise your hand and I will come to you.

1. (a) (1 point) Find the linearization  $L(x)$  of  $f(x) = \sqrt{x+14}$  at the point  $x = 2$ .

The derivative is  $f'(x) = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x+14}}$ . The linearization at  $x = 2$  is

$$\begin{aligned} L(x) &= f'(2)(x-2) + f(2) \\ &= \frac{1}{8}(x-2) + 4. \end{aligned}$$

- (b) (1 point) Use you answer in part (a) to find a linear approximation of  $\sqrt{17}$ .

Linear approximation: if  $x$  is close to 2, then  $f(x) \approx L(x)$ .

Set  $f(x) = \sqrt{x+14} = \sqrt{17}$  to find that  $x = 3$ , that is  $\sqrt{17} = f(3)$ . Therefore,

$$L(3) = \frac{1}{8}(3-2) + 4 = \frac{1}{8} + 4 \approx \sqrt{17}.$$

(Check the error:  $\sqrt{17} = 4.1231\dots$  compared to  $4 + \frac{1}{8} = 4.125$ . The error  $|\sqrt{17} - 4.125| < .02$ .)

2. Let  $f(x) = \frac{4}{x} + x$ .

- (a) (2 points) Find all critical points of  $f(x)$  on the interval  $(1, 3)$ .

Domain of  $f(x)$ :  $(-\infty, 0) \cup (0, \infty)$ .

$$f'(x) = -\frac{4}{x^2} + 1 = 0 \implies x^2 = 4 \implies x = \pm 2.$$

$f'(0)$  does not exists, but since 0 is not in the domain it is not a critical point.

The only critical point on the interval  $(1, 3)$  is at  $x = 2$ .

- (b) (2 points) Find the absolute maximum and absolute minimum values of  $f(x)$  on the interval  $[1, 3]$ .

$f(x)$  at the critical point:  $f(2) = \frac{4}{2} + 2 = 4$ .

$f(x)$  at the endpoints:  $f(1) = \frac{4}{1} + 1 = 5$  and  $f(3) = \frac{4}{3} + 3$ .

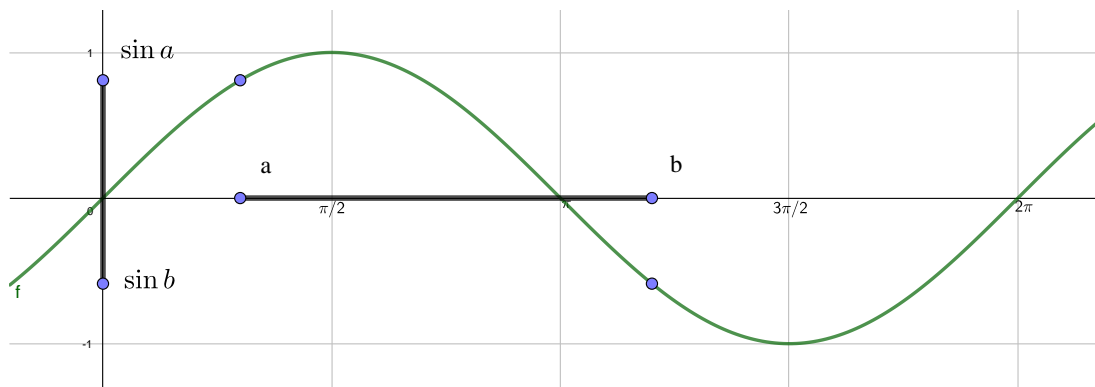
Compare all values:  $f(2) < f(3) < f(1)$ .

The absolute minimum is  $f(2) = 4$  and absolute maximum is  $f(1) = 5$ .

3. (a) (1 point) Verify that  $f(x) = \sin(x)$  satisfies the hypothesis of the Mean Value Theorem.

$\sin(x)$  is continuous on  $(-\infty, \infty)$

$\sin(x)$  is differentiable on  $(-\infty, \infty)$ .



- (b) (3 points) Apply the Mean Value Theorem to  $f(x) = \sin(x)$  on the interval  $[a, b]$  to show that

$$|\sin b - \sin a| \leq |b - a|.$$

(Hint:  $f'(x) = \cos(x) \leq 1$  for all  $x$ .) In the figure, the line segment on the  $y$ -axis has length  $|\sin b - \sin a|$ , while the line segment on the  $x$ -axis has length  $|b - a|$ .

Notice that  $f'(x) = \cos x$ . By the M.V.T. there is a point  $c$  in  $(a, b)$  such that

$$\frac{\sin b - \sin a}{b - a} = \cos c.$$

Take the absolute value on both sides:

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \frac{\sin b - \sin a}{b - a} \right| = |\cos c| \leq 1. \\ \implies & \left| \frac{\sin b - \sin a}{b - a} \right| \leq 1. \\ \implies & |\sin b - \sin a| \leq |b - a|. \end{aligned}$$