

2. [8 points] Let $f(x) = x^4$.

a. Find the linear approximation, $L(x)$, of $f(x)$ at $x = 2$.

b. Use the linear approximation to estimate $(1.8)^4$. Your answer here must be in the form of a simplified fraction.

3. [9 points] Let $g(x) = 3x^4 - 4x^3$.

a. Find all critical points of $g(x)$.

b. Determine the **absolute** minimum and **absolute** maximum of $g(x)$ on the interval $[-1, 2]$. Make sure to show your work.