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DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICAL SCIENCES  
Math 111-029 Quiz 6

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- (+2) 1. (a) Find the linear approximation,  $L(x)$  of the function  $f(x) = \ln(x-2)$  at  $x=3$ .

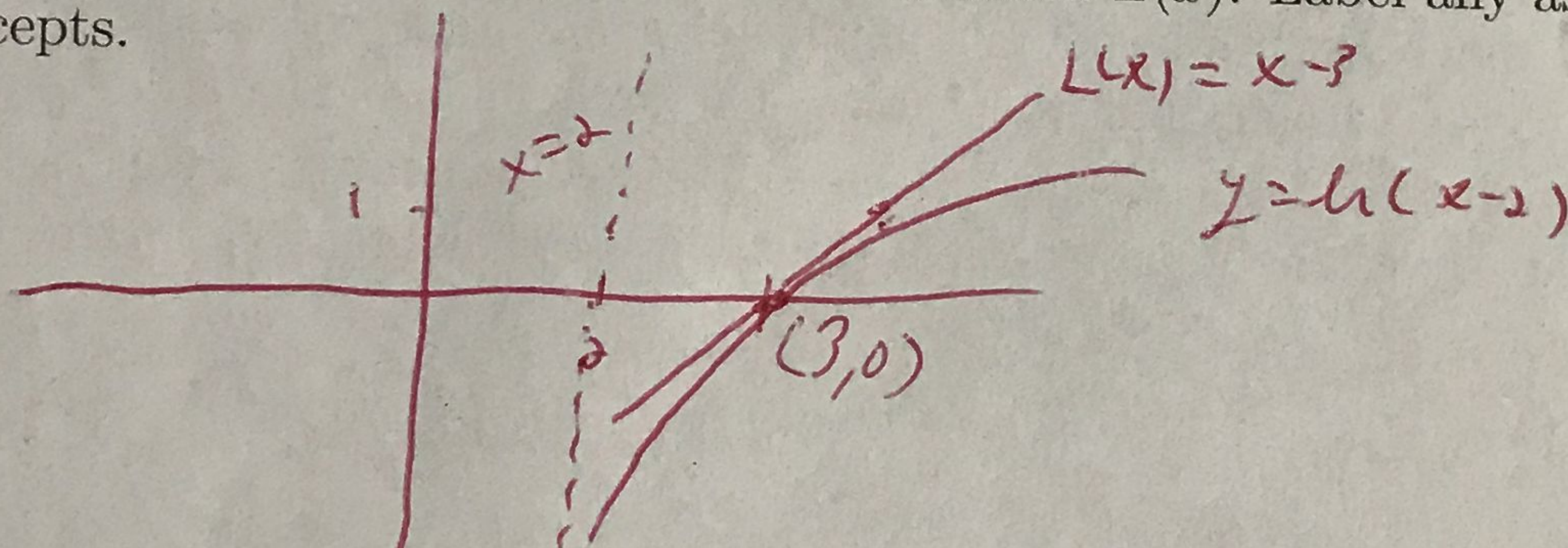
Step 1:  $f'(x) = \frac{1}{x-2}$   
 $m = f'(3) = \frac{1}{3-2} = 1$

Step 3:  $y - 0 = 1(x - 3)$

Step 2: pt.  $(3, 0)$

$L(x) = x - 3$

- (+1) (b) Sketch  $f(x)$  and along with its linearization  $L(x)$ . Label any asymptotes and intercepts.



- (+1) (c) Use this approximation to estimate  $\ln(1.1)$ .

$$\ln(3.1-2) = \ln(1.1) \approx f(3.1) \approx L(3.1) = 3.1 - 3 = \boxed{0.1}$$

- (+1) (d) Use a calculator to provide the true value of  $\ln(1.1)$ . What is the **relative** error in this approximation (rel. err = (approx. - true)/true)?

True  $\approx 0.0953$

$$\text{Rel. err.} = \frac{0.1 - 0.0953}{0.0953} \approx 0.04921$$

- (+1) (e) What is the **percentage** error in this approximation?

$$\% \text{ error} = \text{rel. err} \times 100\% = \boxed{4.92\%}$$



- (+2) 2. The height and radius of a right circular cylinder are equal, so the cylinder's volume is  $V = \pi h^3$ . The volume is to be calculated with an error of no more than 1% of the true value. Find approximately the greatest error that can be tolerated in the measurement of  $h$ , expressed as a percentage of  $h$ . (Hint:  $dV/V$  measures the relative error in Volume;  $100\% \times dV/V$  measures the percentage error in volume; What does  $dh/h$  measure?)

$$V = \pi h^3$$

$$dV = 3\pi h^2 dh$$

$$\frac{dV}{V} = \frac{3\pi h^2 dh}{\pi h^3} = \frac{3\pi h^2 dh}{\pi h^3} = 3 \frac{dh}{h}$$

$$\frac{dh}{h} = \frac{1}{3} \frac{dV}{V} \leq \frac{1}{3} (0.01)$$

$$= 0.0033$$

$$0.33\%$$

- (+2) 3. The formula  $V = kr^4$ , discovered by the physiologist Jean Poiseuille (1797-1869), allows us to predict how much the radius of a partially clogged artery of radius  $r$  has to be expanded in order to restore normal blood flow. The formula says that the volume  $V$  of blood flowing through the artery in a unit of time at a fixed pressure is a constant  $k$  times the radius of the artery to the fourth power. How will a 10% increase in  $r$  affect  $V$ ?

$$V = kr^4$$

$$dV = 4kr^3 dr$$

$$\frac{dV}{V} = \frac{4kr^3 dr}{kr^4} = \frac{4kr^3 dr}{kr^4} = 4 \frac{dr}{r}$$

A 10% increase to  $r$  makes  $\frac{dr}{r} = 0.1$

and  $\frac{dV}{V} = 4(0.1) = 0.4$  or

a 40% increase to  $V$