

2) We will prove via counter example:

Take the function $f(x) = \frac{x}{2} + \frac{1}{2}$ (Shown on the first graph).

It satisfies the following conditions:

1) $f(3) \geq 2$ and $f(7) \geq 4$

ans: $\frac{3}{2}$

Proof: $f(3) = \frac{3}{2} + \frac{1}{2} = 2$

$f(7) = \frac{7}{2} + \frac{1}{2} = 4$

2) $f(x)$ achieves each value once

Proof: Since $f(x)$ is a positive linear function, if $a > b$ then $f(a) > f(b)$, if $a < b$ then $f(a) < f(b)$. So for any different a, b $f(a) \neq f(b)$!

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\therefore We have shown that a continuous $f(x)$ exists on $[3, 7]$ that

satisfies the condition.