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**Be sure to show all of your work. You will be graded on the presentation of your work, not just the answers. GOOD LUCK!**

1. Find the linearization of  $f(x) = \frac{x}{x+1}$  at  $x = 1$ .

The Linearization of  $f(x)$  at  $x = 1$  is given by

$$L(x) = f(1) + f'(1)(x - 1).$$

Since

$$f'(x) = \frac{(x+1) - x}{(x+1)^2} = \frac{1}{(x+1)^2},$$

we see that

$$\begin{aligned} f(1) &= \frac{1}{1+1} = \frac{1}{2} \\ f'(1) &= \frac{1}{(1+1)^2} = \frac{1}{4}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$L(x) = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4}(x - 1)$$

for all  $x$  sufficiently close to  $x = 1$ .

2. Find the global maximum and minimum of  $y = x^3 + x^2 - 8x + 5$  on  $[-4, 2]$ .

The extreme values will occur at the endpoints or the critical values of the function. Since the critical values occur at points in the domain of  $y$  when the derivative is zero or undefined, we obtain  $y' = 3x^2 + 2x - 8$ . Setting this equal to zero, we can obtain the local maximum and minimum. You have done this on your homework and homework quiz. You showed the local minimum is  $-41/27$  and occurs at  $x = 4/3$ , and the local maximum is 17 and occurs at  $x = -2$ .

When we evaluate the function at the endpoints, we get

$$\begin{aligned} f(-4) &= (-4)^3 + (-4)^2 - 8(-4) + 5 = -11; \\ f(2) &= 2^3 + 2^2 - 16 + 5 = 1. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, the global maximum is 17 and occurs at  $x = -2$ , while the global minimum is  $-11$  and occurs at  $x = -4$ .