

**Instructions:** Show all work, and provide exact answers. For full credit will be given to the steps shown than for the final answer. Be sure to provide thorough explanations.

1. Find the absolute extrema for  $f(x) = x + \frac{4}{x}$ , on  $[-8, -1]$ .

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

$$1 = \frac{4}{x^2}$$

$$x = \pm 2$$

$$f(-8) = -8.5 \leftarrow \text{abs. min}$$

$$f(-2) = -4 \leftarrow \text{abs. max}$$

$$f(-1) = -5$$

check  $-8, -2, -1$

2. Maximize  $Q = xy^2$  where  $x$  and  $y$  are both positive numbers such that  $x + y^2 = 1$ .

$$Q(x) = x(1-x) = x - x^2$$

$$y^2 = 1 - x$$

$$Q'(x) = 1 - 2x = 0$$

$$2x = 1$$

$$x = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$y^2 = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$y = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}})$  is maximum