

MATH 141, FALL 2013, MIDTERM 2
Problem 3

Part a.

The derivative, $f'(x) = 1 + \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}}$, (5 pt.)

satisfies $f'(x) > 0$ on $(0, \infty)$. Then there is an inverse on the interval $(0, \infty)$, which includes $x = 2$. (5 pt.)

The largest interval in which an inverse exists is $[0, \infty)$. (5 pt.)

Part b.

$$[f^{-1}]'(c) = \frac{1}{f'(a)}, \quad (1)$$

where $f(a) = c$, if f is continuous near a . (5 pt.)

Then

$$[f^{-1}]'(2) = \frac{1}{f'(1)} = \frac{2}{3}. \quad (2)$$

(5 pt.)