

8. The function  $L(x) = \frac{1}{\ln(x)}$  is differentiable over its domain.

(a) (2 points) What is the domain of  $L$ ?

(b) (4 points) Write the formula for the derivative of  $L$  at  $x = a$  using the *limit definition* of the derivative.

(c) (4 points) Given  $\frac{dL}{dx}|_{x=2} = -1.0407$  and  $\frac{dL}{dx}|_{x=2.5} = -.4764$  and given that the derivative is *monotonic* (meaning the derivative does not change behavior from decreasing to increasing or vice versa) for all  $x > 1$ , what does this information tell you about the graph of  $L$  for  $x$  near 2? Explain your reasoning using words and symbols (*i.e.*, **not** by drawing a graph).