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Calc I H - 3.2 day 1 - Mean Value and Rolle's Theorem

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Do Now: Find the absolute extrema of the given function on the given interval.

$$f(x) = 2 \cos(2x) + 1, [0, 2\pi]$$

$$f'(x) = -4 \sin 2x = 0$$

$$2x = 0, \pi, 2\pi, 3\pi, 4\pi \dots$$

$$x = 0, \pi/2, \pi, 3\pi/2, 2\pi$$

$f'(x) \neq \text{und}$

Class Notes:

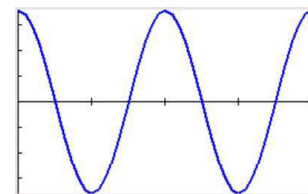
$$f(0) = 2 \text{ abs max}$$

$$f(\pi/2) = -2 \text{ abs min}$$

$$f(\pi) = 2 \text{ abs max}$$

$$f(3\pi/2) = -2 \text{ abs min}$$

$$f(2\pi) = 2 \text{ abs max}$$

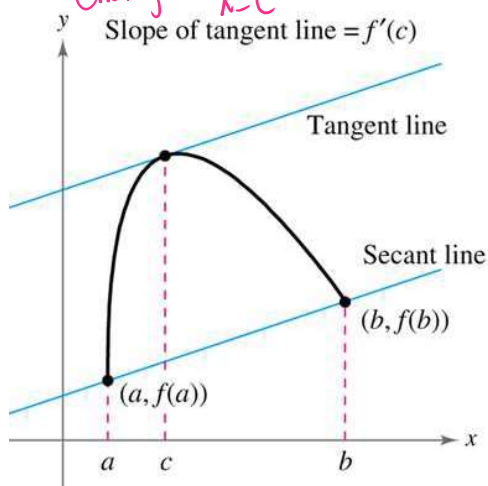


THEOREM 3.4 The Mean Value Theorem

If f is continuous on the closed interval $[a, b]$ and differentiable on the open interval (a, b) , then there exists a number c in (a, b) such that

$$f'(c) = \frac{f(b) - f(a)}{b - a}$$

Instantaneous rate of change at $x=c$ } Average rate of change between $x=a$ & $x=b$



Rate of Change (Velocity) Interpretation:

What does "mean" refer to in Mean Value Theorem?

Average rate of change
At $x=c$, instantaneous rate of change ($f'(c)$) equals average rate of change on interval!

Graphical Interpretation:

The slope of the secant line between $x=a$ & $x=b$ equals the slope of the tangent line at $x=c$. OR the secant line between $x=a$ & $x=b$ is parallel to the tangent line at $x=c$.

1. Given $f(x) = 5 - \frac{4}{x}$, find the value of c in the open interval $(1, 4)$ such that $f'(c) = \frac{f(b) - f(a)}{b - a}$ if the Mean Value Theorem applies.

$f(x)$ is continuous & diff. everywhere except at $x=0$. $f(x)$ is continuous on $[1, 4]$ and diff on $(1, 4)$.

$$f(4) = 5 - 1 = 4$$

$$f(1) = 5 - 4 = 1$$

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

$$f'(c) = \frac{f(4) - f(1)}{4 - 1} \quad c^2 = 4$$

$$\frac{4}{c^2} = \frac{4 - 1}{4 - 1}$$

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

$$c = \pm 2$$

$$\boxed{c = 2}$$

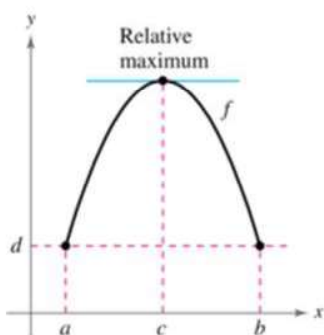
$c = -2$ Not on interval!

THEOREM 3.3 Rolle's Theorem

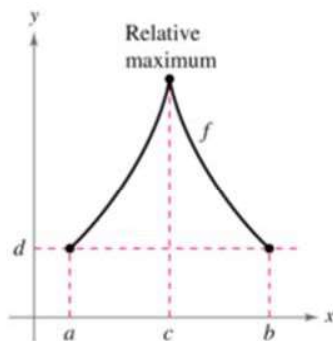
Let f be continuous on the closed interval $[a, b]$ and differentiable on the open interval (a, b) . If

$$f(a) = f(b)$$

then there is at least one number c in (a, b) such that $f'(c) = 0$.



(a) f is continuous on $[a, b]$ and differentiable on (a, b) .



(b) f is continuous on $[a, b]$.

Notes:

Special case of MVT where $f(a) = f(b)$.

2. Determine whether Rolle's Theorem can be applied to $f(x) = x^3 - 6x^2 + 11x - 2$ on the interval $[1, 3]$. If it can be applied, find all values of c on the interval such that $f'(c) = 0$. If it cannot be applied state why.

$f(x)$ is a polynomial function & is everywhere continuous & diff.

$f(3) = 4$ Since $f(3) = f(1)$, Rolle's Thm applies.

$$f(1) = 4$$

$$f'(x) = 3x^2 - 12x + 11 = 0$$

$$x = \frac{12 \pm \sqrt{(-12)^2 - 4(3)(11)}}{2(3)} = \frac{12 \pm \sqrt{12}}{6} = \frac{12 \pm 2\sqrt{3}}{6} = \frac{6 \pm \sqrt{3}}{3} \approx 1.423, 2.577$$

$$c = \frac{6 \pm \sqrt{3}}{3}$$

Examples using both Theorems:

3. Determine whether Rolle's Theorem can be applied to $f(x) = x^4 - 2x^2$ on the interval $[-2, 2]$. If it can be applied, find the value of c that satisfies the theorem. If it cannot be applied state why.

$f(x)$ is a polynomial function, \therefore everywhere cont & diff.

$f(-2) = f(2) = 8$ Rolle's Thm applies.

$$f'(x) = 4x^3 - 4x = 0$$

$$4x(x^2 - 1) = 0$$

$$x = 0, \pm 1$$

$$c = 0, \pm 1$$

4. Determine whether Mean Value Theorem can be applied to $f(x) = x^{\frac{1}{3}}$ on the interval $[-1, 1]$. If it can be applied, find the value of c that satisfies the theorem. If it cannot be applied state why.

$f'(x) = \frac{1}{3x^{2/3}}$ $f(x)$ is non-differentiable at $x=0$ on the interval $[-1, 1]$.

MVT does not apply.

5. Determine whether Rolle's Theorem can be applied to $f(x) = \frac{x^2-1}{x}$ on the interval $[-2, 2]$. If it can be applied, find all values of c on the interval such that $f'(c) = 0$. If it cannot be applied state why.

$f(x)$ is not continuous at $x=c$, and \therefore non-differentiable.

Rolle's Thm does not apply.

6. Determine whether Rolle's Theorem can be applied to $f(x) = (x-3)(x+1)^2$ on the interval $[-1, 3]$. If it can be applied, find all values of c on the interval such that $f'(c) = 0$. If it cannot be applied state why.

$f(x)$ is a polynomial function, \therefore everywhere cont & diff. $f(-1) = 0 = f(3)$

Rolle's Thm applies.

$f'(x) = (x+1)^2 + 2(x-3)(x+1) = x^2 + 2x + 1 + 2x^2 - 4x - 6 = 3x^2 - 2x - 5$

$(3x-5)(x+1) = 0$
 $x = 5/3, -1$
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$c = 5/3$

7. Determine whether Mean Value Theorem can be applied to $f(x) = x^3$ on the interval $[0, 1]$. If it can be applied, find the value of c that satisfies the theorem. If it cannot be applied state why.

$f(x)$ is a polynomial function, \therefore everywhere cont & diff. MVT applies

$f(1) = 1, f(0) = 0$

$3c^2 = \frac{1-0}{1-0}$

$c = \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, c = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$ not on $(0, 1)$

$c = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$

$f'(x) = 3x^2$

$c^2 = \frac{1}{3}$

8. Determine whether Rolle's Theorem can be applied to $f(x) = \sin x$ on the interval $[\frac{\pi}{4}, \frac{3\pi}{4}]$. If it can be applied, find all values of c on the interval such that $f'(c) = 0$. If it cannot be applied state why.

$f(x) = \sin x$ is everywhere cont & diff. $f(\frac{\pi}{4}) = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} = f(\frac{3\pi}{4})$. Rolle's Thm applies.

$f'(x) = \cos x = 0$

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

$c = \frac{\pi}{2}$

9. Find the two intercepts of $f(x) = x^2 - 3x + 2$ and use Rolle's Theorem to show that $f'(x) = 0$ at some point between the two intercepts.

$f(x)$ is a poly. function & everywhere cont/diff.

$f(x) = 0 = x^2 - 3x + 2$

$(x-2)(x-1) = 0 \quad x = 1, 2$

$f(1) = f(2) = 0$

By Rolle's thm, there must exist $x=c$ on $(1, 2)$ where $f'(c) = 0$.

10. Determine whether Mean Value Theorem can be applied to $f(x) = \sqrt{1-x^2}$ on the interval $[-1, 1]$. If it can be applied, find the value of c that satisfies the theorem. If it cannot be applied state why.

$f(x)$ is cont on $[-1, 1]$ and diff on $(-1, 1)$. \therefore MVT applies

$f(-1) = 0$

$f(1) = 0$

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

$x = 0$

$c = 0$