

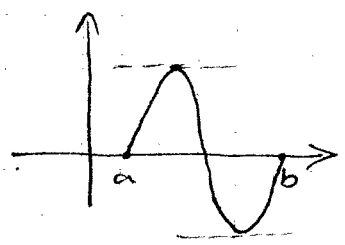
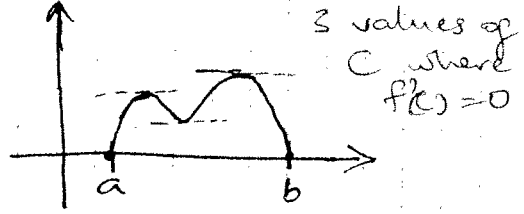
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§ 4.2 MVT (Mean Value Theorem)

Rolle's Theorem

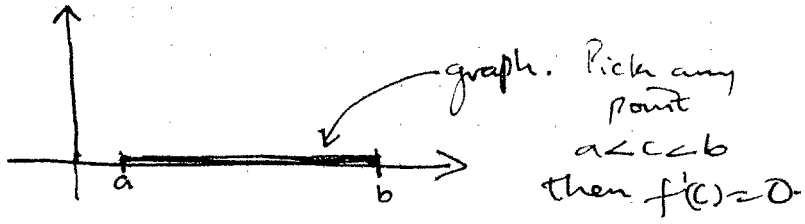
If $f(x)$ is continuous on $[a, b]$ and differentiable on (a, b) , and if $f(a) = 0 = f(b)$ then there is a C between a & b where $f'(C) = 0$

Pics of why true:

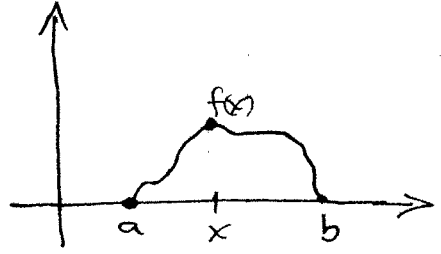


We can actually prove this is true:

Case 1: $f(x) = \text{constant}$ (so $f'(x) = 0$)



Case 2: There is some x value where $f(x) > f(a)$. ($f(x) > f(b)$)



Apply the Extreme Value Theorem to this situation.

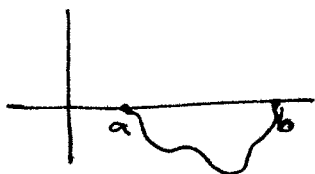
recall: EVT says a cts function on $[a, b]$ achieves its global max/min values.

So somewhere between a & b , there has to be a c value where $f(c)$ is the maximum height it reaches.

then $f'(c) = 0$

So this is the C we want.

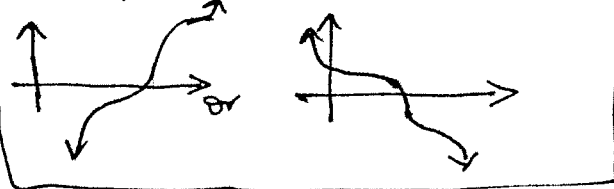
Case 3: same as 2 except that time suppose f looks



Ex: Use this theorem to show that $f(x) = x^3 + x - 1$ has exactly one real root.

First of all: This polynomial must have at least one root (b/c an odd degree polynomial

has to look like



Show that there is exactly one:

$$f(a) = 0 = f(b)$$

(Suppose $a \neq b$)
are two roots

If true then f , a , b satisfy Rolle's Theorem so the conclusion of the theorem tells us that there must be some value C that is between a & b and where $f'(c) = 0$

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$$f(x) = 3x^2 + 1$$

so

$$f'(c) = 3c^2 + 1 = 0$$

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

$$c = \sqrt{-\frac{1}{3}} \dots \dots ?$$

$$f'(x) = 3x^2 + 1 > 0 \text{ always!}$$

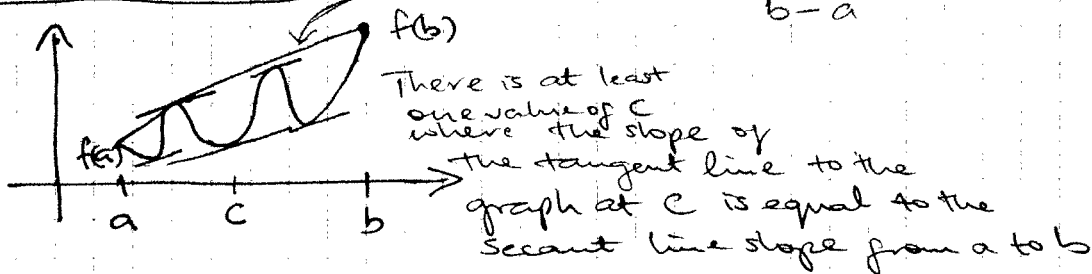
So there can't be 2 roots!

So there is exactly 1 root.

MVT (Mean Value Theorem)

If $f(x)$ is cts on $[a, b]$ and diff'ble on (a, b) then there is some value of c between a & b where

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



Why true: Define a new function.

$$h(x) = f(x) - \left[f(a) + \frac{f(b) - f(a)}{b - a} (x - a) \right]$$

This is the function whose graph is the secant line.

$h(x)$ satisfies Rolle's Thm:

- $h(x)$ is continuous on $[a, b]$ b/c it is a difference of cts functions.
- $h(x)$ is differentiable on (a, b) for the same reason.

• Check that $f(a) = 0 = f(b)$

$$h(a) = f(a) - \left[f(a) + \frac{f(b) - f(a)}{b - a} (a - a) \right] = 0$$

$$h(b) = 0$$

So there is (by Rolle's Theorem), a value $a < c < b$ where $h'(c) = 0$

$$h'(x) = f'(x) - \left(\frac{f(b) - f(a)}{b - a} \right)$$

$$0 = h'(c) = f'(c) - \frac{f(b) - f(a)}{b - a}$$

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

Example $f(x) = x^2 - x$ $a = 0, b = 2$

Find the value of c guaranteed by the MVT

$$\frac{f(2) - f(0)}{2 - 0} = \frac{6}{2} = 3$$

$$f'(x) = 2x - 1$$

So find the c where $f'(c) = 3$

$$3c^2 - 1 = 3$$

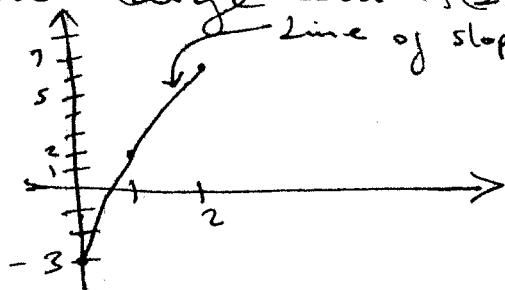
$$3c^2 = 4$$

$$c^2 = \frac{4}{3}$$

$$c = \pm \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}$$

$$\text{So } f'\left(\frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}\right) = \frac{f(2) - f(0)}{2 - 0} \quad \left(c = \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}\right)$$

Ex: If $f(0) = -3$ and $f'(x) \leq 5$ for every x , how large can $f(2)$ possibly be?



The mean value theorem says there is a $0 < c$ where

$$\frac{f(2) - f(0)}{2 - 0} = f'(c)$$

$$\frac{f(2) + 3}{2} = f'(c) \leq 5$$

$$f(2) + 3 \leq 10 \quad (f(2) \leq 7)$$