

Recall

- If f has a local max or min at c then $f'(c) = 0$ or $f'(c) \text{ DNE}$
- Continuous functions on a closed interval have global extrema.

Thus to find these extreme values we find critical #'s and test them together with the endpoints.

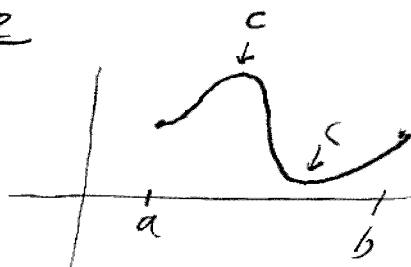
A little theory...

Rolle's Theorem Suppose:

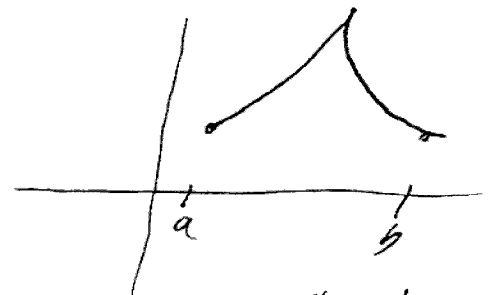
1. f is continuous on $[a, b]$.
2. f is differentiable on (a, b) .
3. $f(a) = f(b)$

Then there exists $c \in (a, b)$ with $f'(c) = 0$.

Picture



may be many c 's,
only one is
guaranteed



Rolle's Thm does
not apply, f is
not differentiable on
all of (a, b) .

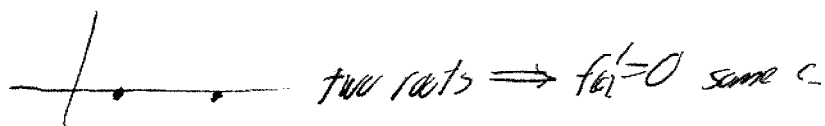
Proof If $f(x) = k$ then $f' = 0$ so any c works.
 Thus assume $f(x)$ is not constant.
 Let $f(x) > f(a)$ for some $x \in (a, b)$. Then max value occurs
 at $c \in (a, b)$ so $f'(c) = 0$. Similar for $f(x) < f(a)$.

Example Prove $x^3 + x - 1 = 0$ has exactly one real root.

$f(0) = -1$

$f(1) = 1$ Thus by IVT there is a root between 0 and 1.

If two roots then $f' = 0$ some x .



But $f'(x) = 3x^2 + 1 > 0 \forall x$.

Mean Value Theorem Suppose $f(x)$ is continuous on (a, b) ,
 differentiable on (a, b) . Then there exists some $c \in (a, b)$
 with

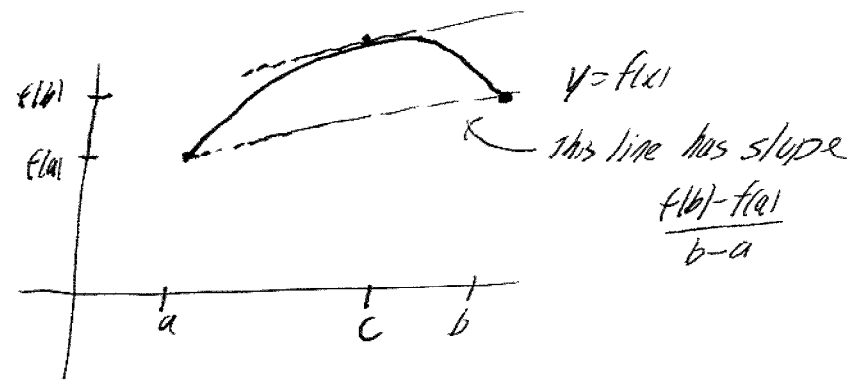
$$f'(c) = \frac{f(b) - f(a)}{b - a}$$

Comments

1. This is saying at some c the
 instantaneous ROC = avg rate of change.

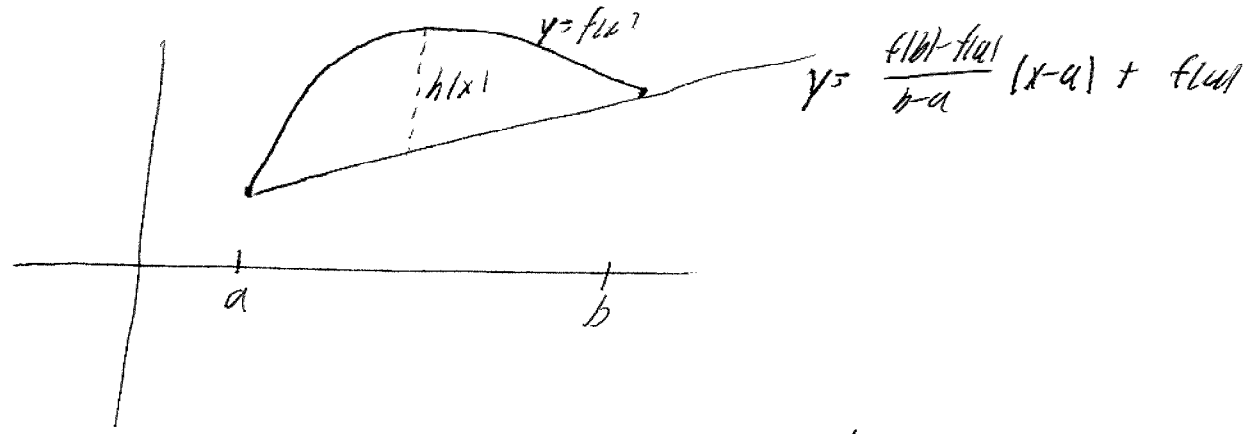
2. MVT \Rightarrow Rolles

MVT Illustration



MVT is an existence theorem.

Proof



Let $h(x)$ be distance from $f(x)$ to secant line.

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

$$\bullet h(a) = h(b) = 0$$

Apply Rolle's to $h(x)$ so $h'(c) = 0$ some c .

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

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

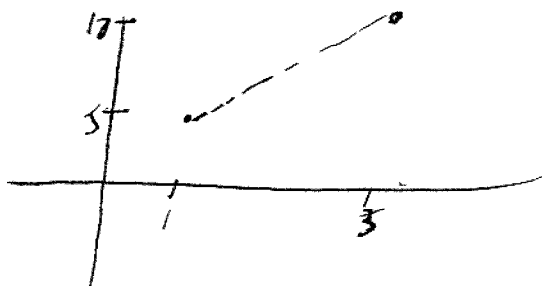
$$\frac{f(b)-f(a)}{b-a} = f'(c)$$

Example

$$f(x) = x^3 - 2x^2 + x + 5 \text{ on } [1, 3]$$

$$f(1) = 5 \quad f(3) = 18$$

$$\frac{f(1) - f(3)}{1 - 3} = \frac{-13}{-2} = 13/2$$



Thus MVT guarantees at least one $c \in (1, 3)$ w/ $f'(c) = 13/2$

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

$$13/2 = 3x^2 - 4x + 1$$

$$3x^2 - 4x - 1/2 = 0$$

$$x = \frac{4 \pm \sqrt{16 + 66}}{6} = \frac{4 \pm \sqrt{82}}{6} \approx \left(\frac{13}{6}, \frac{-5}{6} \right)$$

\uparrow
c!!

COROLLARY

Suppose $f'(x) = 0 \forall x \in (a, b)$. Then f is constant.

COROLLARY

Suppose $f'(x) = g'(x) \forall x \in (a, b)$. Then $f(x) = g(x) + C$
for some C .