

Use of monotonicity to prove inequalities:

# Comparing of two functions  $f(x)$  and  $g(x)$  e.g.

Can be done by analysing the monotonic behaviour of another function  $h(x) = f(x) - g(x)$ .

e.g.  $\sin x < x$  in  $(0, \frac{\pi}{2})$

$h(x) = \sin x - x$   
 $h'(x) = \cos x - 1 < 0$   
 $\rightarrow (0, \frac{\pi}{2})$

$h(x)$  is strictly decreasing in  $(0, \frac{\pi}{2})$   
 $h(x) < h(0)$   
 $\sin x - x < 0$   
 $\sin x < x$

0) for  $x \in (0, \frac{\pi}{2})$  Prove that  $\sin x > x - \frac{x^3}{6}$

$f(x) = \sin x - x + \frac{x^3}{6}$   
 $f'(x) = \cos x - 1 + \frac{x^2}{2}$   
 $f''(x) = -\sin x + x$   
 $= x - \sin x > 0$

$f'(x) > 0 \rightarrow f'(x)$  increasing  
 $f'(x) > f'(0)$   
 $\cos x - 1 + \frac{x^2}{2} > 0$   
 $f(x)$  is increasing  
 $f(x) > f(0)$   
 $\sin x - x + \frac{x^3}{6} > 0$   
 $\sin x > x - \frac{x^3}{6}$

1) find the monotonic behaviour of  $f(x) = x^{1/x}$  and explain which is greater  $\pi^e$  or  $e^\pi$ .

$y = x^{1/x}$   
 $\ln y = \frac{\ln x}{x}$   
 $\frac{1}{y} \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{x - \ln x}{x^2}$   
 $f'(x) = \frac{x - \ln x}{x^2}$

Increasing:  $1 - \ln x > 0 \Rightarrow \ln x < 1 \Rightarrow x < e$   
Decreasing:  $1 - \ln x < 0 \Rightarrow \ln x > 1 \Rightarrow x > e$

$f(x) = x^{1/x}$   
 $f(e) = e^{1/e}$   
 $f(\pi) = \pi^{1/\pi}$   
 $f(e) > f(\pi)$   
 $\pi^e < e^\pi$

2) for all  $x \in (0, 1)$   $e^x < 1+x$

$f(x) = e^x - (1+x)$   
 $f'(x) = e^x - 1 > 0$   
 $f(x)$  is increasing in  $(0, 1)$   
 $f(x) > f(0)$   
 $e^x - (1+x) > 0$   
 $e^x > 1+x$  False

3)  $\ln x > x$  for  $x \in (0, 1)$

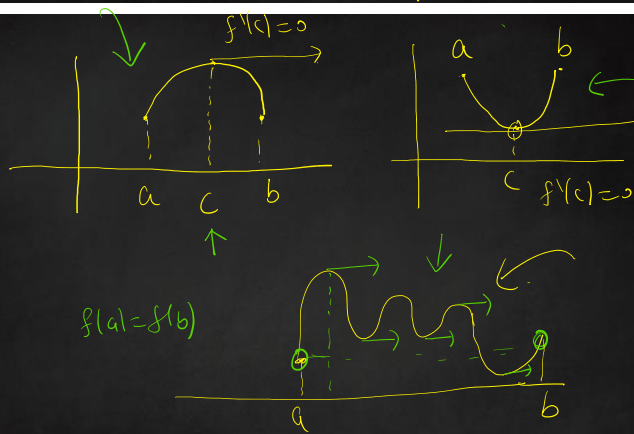
$f(x) = \ln x - x$   
 $f'(x) = \frac{1}{x} - 1 = \frac{1-x}{x} > 0$   
 $f(x)$  increasing  
 $f(x) > f(1)$   
 $\ln x - x > -1$   
 $\ln x > x - 1$   
 $x > 2+1$   
 $x > 2$

## Roll's theorem:

Let  $f(x)$  be a function of  $x$  subject to the following condition:

- ✓ ①  $f(x)$  is continuous function of  $x$  in  $[a, b]$  ←
- ✓ ②  $f'(x)$  exists for every point in  $(a, b)$
- ✓ ③  $f(a) = f(b)$

then there exists at least one point  
 $\boxed{c \in (a, b)}$  such that  $\boxed{f'(c) = 0}$



① Consider the function  $f(x) = e^{-2x} \sin 2x$   
 over the interval  $[0, \frac{\pi}{2}]$ . A real no.  $c \in (0, \frac{\pi}{2})$  as guaranteed by Roll's theorem such that  $f'(c) = 0$  is  $c = \frac{\pi}{4}$

$f'(x) = 2(\cos 2x)e^{-2x} + e^{-2x}(-2)\sin 2x = 2e^{-2x}(\cos 2x - \sin 2x) = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow \cos 2x = \sin 2x$   
 $\Rightarrow \tan 2x = 1$   
 $\Rightarrow 2x = \frac{\pi}{4} \Rightarrow x = \frac{\pi}{8}$

A)  $\frac{\pi}{8}$  B)  $\frac{\pi}{4}$  C)  $\frac{\pi}{2}$  D)  $\frac{3\pi}{4}$

② verify Roll's theorem:

- 1.2  $f(x) = \cos(\frac{1}{x})$  in  $[-1, 1]$  — No
- 1.3  $f(x) = |x+1|$  in  $[1, 4]$  — No
- 1.4  $f(x) = (x-1)(x-2)^2$  in  $[1, 2]$

③ verify Roll's theorem for

$$f(x) = x^2 + 2x - 8$$

in  $[-4, 2]$

- ✓ S-1; Conts  $[-4, 2]$
- ✓ S-2; diff in  $[-4, 2]$
- ✓ S-3;  $f(-4) = (-4)^2 + 2(-4) - 8 = 0$ ,  $f(2) = 4 + 4 - 8 = 0$

$$f'(x) = 2x + 2$$

②

$$f'(x) = 2x + 2 = 0 \Rightarrow x = -1$$

$$f'(c) = 2c + 2 = 0 \Rightarrow c = -1$$

Verified