

1. Determine all the number(s)  $c$  which satisfy the conclusion of Rolle's Theorem for

i.  $f(x) = x^2 - 2x - 8 \quad x \in [-1, 3]$

ii.  $g(x) = 2x - x^2 - x^3 \quad x \in [-2, 1]$

2. Verify Rolle's theorem for  $f(x) = x(x+3)e^{\frac{-x}{2}}$  in  $[-3, 0]$ .

3. If  $f(x) = (x-a)^m(x-b)^n$ , where  $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Use Rolle's theorem to show that the point where  $f'(x)$  vanishes divides the line segment  $a \leq x \leq b$  in the ratio  $m : n$ .

4. Let  $f(x) = (x-a)(x-b)(x-c)$ ,  $a < b < c$ , show that  $f'(x) = 0$  has two roots one belonging to  $]a, b[$  and other belonging to  $]b, c[$ .

5. Use Rolle's theorem to prove the following:

- i. Let  $f : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a continuous function on  $[0, 1]$  satisfying the condition  $\int_0^1 f(x)dx = 0$ . Then there exists  $c \in (0, 1)$  such that

$$f(c) = \int_0^c f(x)dx.$$

- ii. Let  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a continuous function on  $[a, b]$  and  $f''(x)$  exists for all  $x \in (a, b)$ . Let  $a < c < b$ , then there exists a point  $\xi$  in  $(a, b)$  such that

$$f(c) = \frac{b-c}{b-a}f(a) + \frac{c-a}{b-a}f(b) + \frac{1}{2}(c-a)(c-b)f''(\xi).$$

6. Determine all the number(s)  $c$  which satisfy the conclusion of Mean Value Theorem for  $f(x) = 8t + e^{-3t}$  on  $[-2, 3]$ .

7. Suppose that  $f(x)$  is continuous and differentiable everywhere and it has two roots. Then, show that  $f'(x)$  must have atleast one root.

8. i. Suppose that  $f(0) = -3$  and  $f'(x) \leq 5$  for all  $x$ . Use Lagrange's mean value theorem to find the largest possible value of  $f(2)$ .

- ii. Use Lagrange's mean value theorem to estimate  $\sqrt[3]{28}$ .

9. If  $f(x)$  and  $\phi(x)$  are continuous on  $[a, b]$  and differentiable on  $(a, b)$ , then show that

$$\left| \begin{array}{cc} f(a) & f(b) \\ \phi(a) & \phi(b) \end{array} \right| = (b-a) \left| \begin{array}{cc} f(b) & f'(c) \\ \phi(b) & \phi'(c) \end{array} \right|, a < c < b.$$

10. Use Lagrange's mean value theorem to prove Bernoulli's inequality: for all  $x > 0$  and for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $(1+x)^n > 1+nx$ .

11. Suppose  $f(x)$  is continuous on  $[-7, 0]$  and differentiable in  $(-7, 0)$  such that  $f(-7) = -3$  and  $f'(x) \leq 2$ . Then, what is largest possible value of  $f(0)$ .
12. Using Cauchy's Mean value theorem, show that  $1 - \frac{x^2}{2} < \cos x$  for  $x \neq 0$ .
13. i. Let  $f$  be continuous on  $[a, b]$ ,  $a > 0$  and differentiable on  $(a, b)$ . Prove that there exists  $c \in (a, b)$  such that

$$\frac{bf(a) - af(b)}{b - a} = f(c) - cf'(c).$$

- ii. If  $f$  is differentiable on  $[0, 1]$ , show by Cauchy's mean value theorem that the equation  $f(1) - f(0) = \frac{f'(x)}{2x}$  has at least one solution in  $(0, 1)$ .
- iii. Let  $f$  be continuous on  $[a, b]$  and differentiable on  $(a, b)$ . Using Cauchy's Mean value theorem show that if  $a \geq 0$  then there exist  $x_1, x_2, x_3 \in (a, b)$  such that

$$f'(x_1) = (b + a) \frac{f'(x_2)}{2x_2} = (b^2 + ba + a^2) \frac{f'(x_3)}{3x_3^2}.$$

## Answers and Hints-

1.    i. Ans.  $c = 1$   
      ii. Ans.  $c = -1.2153, \quad 0.5486$
2. Ans.  $c = -2$
3. Hint- Apply Rolle's theorem on  $f(x)$  and get the expression  $\frac{n}{m} = \frac{b-c}{c-a}$ .
4. Hint- Use Rolle's theorem twice.
5.    i. Hint- Let  $g(x) = e^{-x} \int_0^x f(t)dt$  and apply Rolle's theorem on  $g(x)$ .  
      ii. Hint- Let  $\phi(x) = f(x) - \frac{(x-b)(x-c)}{(a-b)(a-c)}f(a) - \frac{(x-c)(x-a)}{(b-c)(b-a)}f(b) - \frac{(x-a)(x-b)}{(c-a)(c-b)}f(c)$   
          and apply Rolle's theorem on  $\phi(x)$ .
6. Ans.  $c = -1.0973$
7. Hint- Define  $f(x)$  on  $[a, b]$  such that  $a, b$  are the roots of  $f(x)$ . Apply LMVT on  $f(x)$ .
8.    i. Ans.  $f(2) \leq 7$   
      ii. Ans.  $\sqrt[3]{28} \approx 3.037$     Hint- Let  $f(x) = \sqrt[3]{28}$  and  $x \in [27, 28]$ . Use LMVT.
9. Hint- Let
$$g(x) = \begin{vmatrix} f(x) & f(b) \\ \phi(x) & \phi(b) \end{vmatrix}$$
on  $[a, b]$  and apply LMVT on  $g(x)$ .
10. Hint- Let  $f(t) = (1+t)^n$  and  $t \in [0, x]$ .
11. Ans.  $f(0) \leq 11$ ,    Hint- Use LMVT.
12. Hint- Let  $f(x) = 1 - \cos x$  and  $g(x) = \frac{x^2}{2}$  on  $x \in [0, x]$ . Use CMVT.
13.    i. Hint- Let  $h(x) = \frac{f(x)}{x}$  and  $g(x) = \frac{1}{x}$  on  $[a, b]$ . Use CMVT.  
      ii. Hint- Let  $h(x) = f(x)$  and  $g(x) = x^2$  on  $[0, 1]$ . Use CMVT.  
      iii. Hint- Apply CMVT thrice.