

# The mean Value and Rolle's theorem

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**Mean value theorem:**  $f'(c) = \frac{f(b) - f(a)}{b - a}$  , must be differentiable, is defined and continuous.

**Rolle's theorem/ critical numbers:**  $f(b) = f(a)$  ,  $f'(c) = 0$  , is defined, continuous, differentiable on **(a, b)** and has at least one **c**.

**Fermat's theorem:**  $f'(x) = 0$  or  $f'(x)$  = does not exist . This is **critical numbers** or **critical values**.

💡 **only critical points and endpoints can be absolute maxima or minima !**

At the maximum and minimum the tangent lines are zero, the slope = 0

😊 Therefore  $f'(c) = 0$  , this has a max and a minimum

**If it's** not zero , it does exist. It is **NOT** a maximum or minimum