

## 1 | Mean value theorem for integrals

**def**

If  $f(X)$  is continuous over an interval  $a, b$ , then there is at least one point  $c \in [a, b]$  s.t.

$$f(c) = \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x) dx$$

or equivalently,

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx = f(c)(b-a)$$

for some  $c \in [a, b]$

### 1.1 | intuition

The mean of an interval will be less than the minimum and more than the maximum value of  $f$  along that interval. If  $f$  is continuous along the interval, then by the intermediate value theorem, there must be some point where  $f(c)$  equals the mean value.