

# Rolle's Theorem Proof

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Rolle's theorem stated that if  $f(x)$  is continuous on an interval  $[a, b]$ , differentiable on  $(a, b)$  and  $f(a) = f(b) = 0$ , then there exists at least one  $c$  in  $(a, b)$  where  $f'(c) = 0$ . The proof can be separated into two cases with Case 1 being  $f(x) = 0$ , then it's obvious that the statement holds true. Case 2 of the theorem can be solved by given the extreme value theorem, there exists an extrema at  $x = c$  in  $(a, b)$ , which Fermat's theorem told us that  $f'(c) = 0$ . QED