

Hence, M_1 is not connected.

which is a $\Rightarrow \Leftarrow$

$\therefore A$ is connected.

$\therefore f(M_1)$ is connected.

Hence proved.

Theorem-8

INTERMEDIATE VALUE THEOREM

Statement:

Let f be a real valued continuous function defined on an interval I . Then f takes every value

b/w any two values it assumes.

Proof:

Let $a, b \in I$

Let $f(a) \neq f(b)$

without loss of generality we assume that $f(a) < f(b)$.

Let C be $\exists: f(a) < C < f(b)$

Since I is an interval it is connected.

Then $f(I)$ is a connected subset of \mathbb{R} .

$\therefore f(I)$ is an interval.

Also $f(a), f(b) \in f(I)$.

Hence, $[f(a), f(b)] \subseteq f(I)$

$\therefore C \in f(I) \quad [\because f(a) < C < f(b)]$

$\therefore C = f(x)$

For some $x \in I$.

$\therefore f$ takes every value b/w any 2 values it assumes.

Hence proved.

Problems:

1) P.T. if f is a non-constant real valued continuous function on \mathbb{R} then the range of f is uncountable.

Sol:

w.k.T \mathbb{R} is connected.

Since f is continuous on \mathbb{R} , $f(\mathbb{R})$ is connected.

$\therefore f(\mathbb{R})$ is an interval.

Since f is a non-constant function the interval $f(\mathbb{R})$