

Section 4.8 – Rolle's Theorem & Mean-Value Theorem

Verify that the hypotheses of Rolle's Theorem are satisfied on the given interval and find all values of c in that interval that satisfy the conclusion of the theorem.

1. $f(x) = x^2 - 8x + 15$; $[3, 5]$

3. $f(x) = \cos x$; $[\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{3\pi}{2}]$

Verify that the hypotheses of the Mean-Value Theorem are satisfied on the given interval, and find all values of c in that interval that satisfy the conclusion of the theorem.

5. $f(x) = x^2 - x$; $[-3, 5]$

7. $f(x) = \sqrt{25 - x^2}$; $[-5, 3]$

9. a. Find an interval $[a, b]$ on which $f(x) = x^4 + x^3 - x^2 + x - 2$ satisfies the hypotheses of Rolle's Theorem

b. Generate the graph of $f'(x)$ and use it to make rough estimates of all values of c in the interval obtained in part (a) that satisfy the conclusion of Rolle's Theorem.

15. Let $f(x) = \tan x$.

a. Show that there is no point c in the interval $(0, \pi)$ such that $f'(c)=0$, even though $f(0)=f(\pi)=0$.

b. Explain why the result in part (a) does not contradict Rolle's Theorem.

19. An automobile travels 4 mi along a straight road in 5 mins. Show that the speedometer reads exactly 48 mi/hr at least once during the trip. See example 5 on P306.

22. Use the fact that $\frac{d}{dx}[x \ln(2 - x)] = \ln(2 - x) - \frac{x}{2 - x}$ to show that the equation $x = (2 - x) \ln(2 - x)$ has at least one solution in the interval $(0, 1)$.