

Topic 4.1 Extreme Values of Functions
on Closed Intervals

(1) Absolute Maximum

$$f(x) \leq f(c) \quad \forall x \in D$$

(2) Absolute Minimum

$$f(x) \geq f(c) \quad \forall x \in D$$

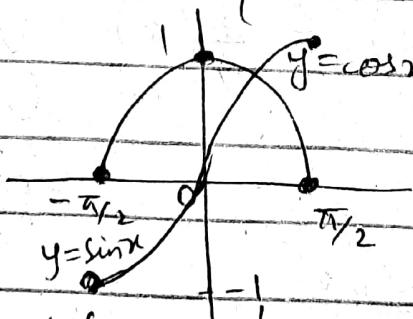
- * Max and min values are extreme values.
- * Absolute maxima or minima are global maxima or minima.

Example :

Closed Interval $[-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}]$

$$f(x) = \cos x$$

$$f(x) = \sin x$$



$$\text{Abs. Max.} = 1 \quad (x=0)$$

$$\text{Abs. Min.} = 0 \quad (x=-\frac{\pi}{2})$$

$$x = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$\text{Abs. Max. Value} = 1 \quad (x=\frac{\pi}{2})$$

$$\text{Min. Value} = -1 \quad (x=-\frac{\pi}{2})$$

* Functions defined by same eq.
or formula can / have diff.
extrema depending on the domain.

* A Function might not have a max.
or min. if domain is unbounded or
fails to contain an endpoint.

Example 1 : $y = x^2$

(from book)

③ Theorem 1 - Extreme Value Theorem

(from book)

④ Local Maximum :

$$f(x) \leq f(c) \quad \forall x \in D$$

lying in some
open interval containing
'c'

⑤ Local Minimum :

$$f(x) \geq f(c) \quad \forall x \in D$$

lying in some open
interval containing
'c'

* local extrema are relative extrema.

Fig 4.5 (from book).

⑥ Finding Extrema

Theorem 2 - First Derivative Test for Local Extreme Values.

If f — local max. or min.

at an interior pt. 'c' of its domain.

f' is defined at c

Then

$$f'(c) = 0$$

Only places where f' can have extreme values

i) interior pts f' is zero

ii) interior pts where f' is undefined

iii) endpoints of domain of f .

⑦ Critical pts : An interior pt of the domain of a function f where f' is zero or undefined is a critical pt. of f .

* Only domain pts where a function can assume extreme values are critical pts. and endpoints.

* A function may have a critical pt at $x = c$ without having a local extreme value.

e.g. $y = x^3$ and $y = x^{1/3}$

have critical pts at the origin but neither function has a local extrema value at the origin. (see Fig. 4.7)

(8) Finding absolute extrema of a cont. function on a finite closed interval.

- i) Find all critical pts on interval.
- ii) Evaluate f at all critical pts and endpoints
- iii) Take the largest and smallest of these values.

Example 2 - (from book).

Example 3 - Class Activity.

Example 4 - from book.

Topic 4.2 The Mean Value Theorem

I) Rolle's Theorem: (Statement from book)
Pg 191.

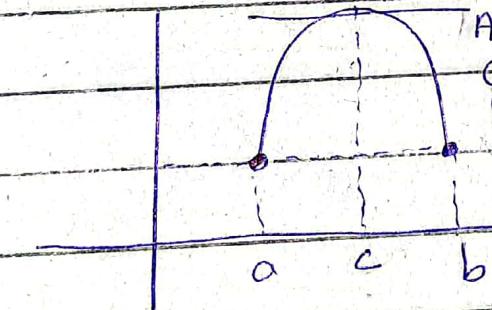
$f(x)$

- ① $[a, b]$ continuous
- ② (a, b) differentiable
- ③ If $f(a) = f(b)$ then $f'(c) = 0$

(horizontal tangent
at some pt 'c' b/t
'a' and 'b')

$$f'(c) = 0$$

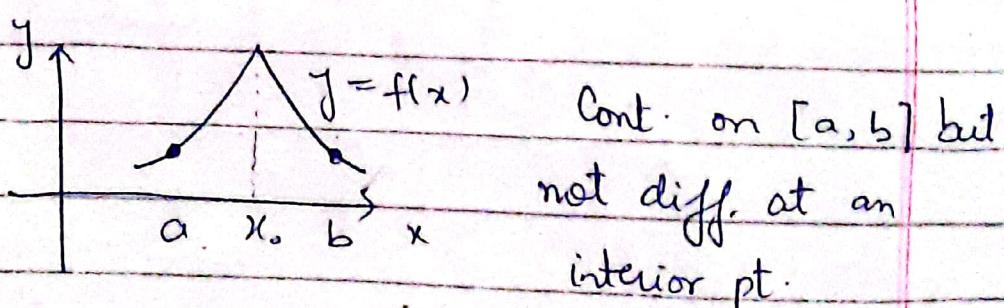
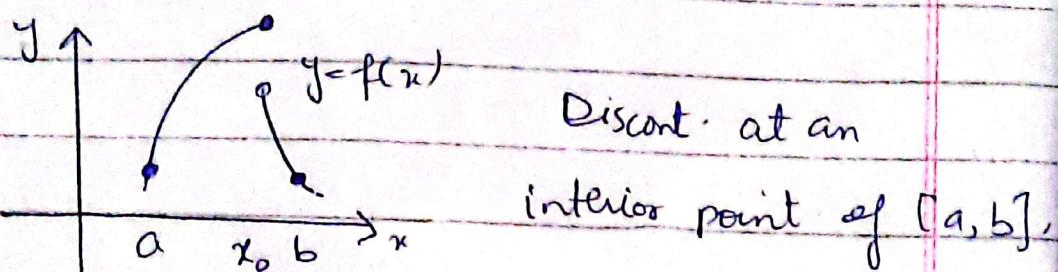
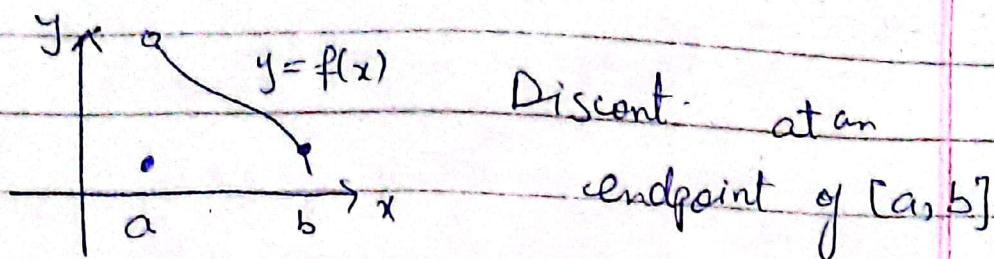
At pt-'c', we
can see that slope of
horizontal tangent is zero.



- It is cont. on $[a, b]$ — there is no holes, no vertical asymptotes,
- It is diff. on (a, b) — smooth curve, no jumps in that curve, no sharp turns, no jumps —
- $f(a) = f(b)$

If these 3 conditions are met then
there \Rightarrow exists a horizontal tangent
Somewhere b/t 'a' and 'b'

* The hypotheses of theorem 3 (Rolle's Theorem) are essential. If they fail at even one point, the graph may not have a horizontal tangent.



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Mean Value Theorem: (Statement from book Pg 192)

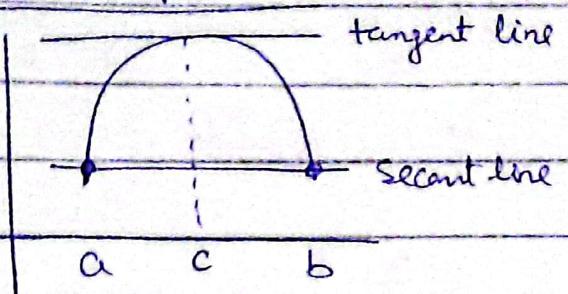
$y(x)$

- ① cont. on $[a, b]$
- ② Diff. on (a, b)

③ Then there is at least one pt. 'c' in (a, b) s.t

$$\frac{f(b) - f(a)}{b - a} = f'(c).$$

Geometrical Interpretation:



Geometrically Mean Value Theorem says that Somewhere b/t 'a' and 'b' the curve has at least one tangent line parallel to secant line that joins 'a' and 'b'

Physical Interpretation:

$$\frac{f(b) - f(a)}{b - a} = f'(c)$$

\downarrow \downarrow
Slope of secant Slope of tangent line
line

(average rate of (instantaneous
change) rate of rate).

Mean value theorem says that the instantaneous change at some p. interior pt is equal to the average change over the entire interval.

Ex 4.2 Find value of c using Mean Value Theorem

① $f(x) = x^2 + 2x - 1$, $[0, 1]$.

Sol: MVT $\Rightarrow \frac{f(b) - f(a)}{b - a} = f'(c)$.

$$f(x) = x^2 + 2x - 1$$

$$f'(x) = 2x + 2.$$

$$f'(c) = 2c + 2 = \frac{f(1) - f(0)}{1 - 0}$$

$$2c + 2 = \frac{2 - (-1)}{1}$$

$$2c + 2 = 2 + 1$$

$$2c + 2 = 3$$

$$2c = 1$$

$$c = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\textcircled{3} \quad f(x) = \sqrt{x-1}, [1, 3]$$

Sol:

$$f'(x) = \frac{1}{2}(x-1)^{-\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x-1}}$$

$$f'(c) = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{c-1}} = \frac{f(3) - f(1)}{3 - 1}$$

$$\frac{1}{2\sqrt{c-1}} = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$$

$$\frac{1}{2\sqrt{c-1}} = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\sqrt{2} = 2\sqrt{c-1}$$

$$\sqrt{c-1} = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$c-1 = \frac{1}{2} \quad (\text{Squaring both sides})$$

$$c = \frac{1}{2} + 1 = \frac{3}{2}$$

$$c = \frac{3}{2}$$

$$\leftarrow \rightarrow$$

$$(6) \quad g(x) = \begin{cases} x^3 & , -2 \leq x \leq 0 \\ x^2 & , 0 < x \leq 2 \end{cases}$$

Sol:

$$g'(x) = \begin{cases} 3x^2 & , -2 \leq x \leq 0 \\ 2x & , 0 < x \leq 2 \end{cases}$$

$$g'(c) = \frac{g(0) - g(-2)}{0 - (-2)} \text{ and } g(2) - g(0) \\ 0 - (-8) \quad 2 - 0$$

$$3c^2 = \frac{0 - (-8)}{2} \text{ and } 2c = \frac{4 - 0}{2}$$

$$3c^2 = 4 \quad \text{and} \quad 2c = 2$$

$$c^2 = \frac{4}{3} \quad \text{and} \quad c = 1$$

$$\boxed{c = \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}}$$



Satisfy the hypotheses of Mean Value Theorem on given interval.

$$(7) \quad f(x) = x^{2/3} \quad [-1, 8].$$

Sol:

$f(x)$ - continuous on $[-1, 8]$.

$f(x)$ - not diff on $(-1, 8)$. because at $x=0$ it has sharp corner

$$f'(c) = \frac{2}{3\sqrt[3]{c}} = \frac{f(8) - f(-1)}{8 + 1} \\ \frac{2}{3\sqrt[3]{c}} = \frac{4 - 1}{9} = \frac{1}{3}$$

$\boxed{c = 8} \rightarrow$ which is not in $(-1, 8)$.
Func. is not satisfied MVT hypothesis $f(x)$ because not diff

$$\text{II) } f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 - x & -2 \leq x \leq -1 \\ 2x^2 - 3x - 3 & -1 < x \leq 0 \end{cases}$$

Sol:

Check cont. on $[-2, 0]$. at $x = -1$.

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -1^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow -1^-} x^2 - x = 2$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -1^+} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow -1^+} 2x^2 - 3x - 3 = 2$$

$$f(-1) = (-1)^2 - (-1) = 2$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow -1} f(x) = f(-1)$$

Above $f(x)$ is cont in interval $[-2, 0]$

Using MVT condition

$$f'(x) = \begin{cases} 2x - 1 & -2 \leq x \leq -1 \\ 4x - 3 & -1 < x \leq 0 \end{cases}$$

$$f'(c) = \frac{f(-1) - f(-2)}{-1 + 2}$$

$$2c - 1 = 2 - 6 = -4$$

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$$2c - 1 = -4$$

$$2c = -3$$

$$\boxed{c = -\frac{3}{2}}$$

$$f'(c) = 4c - 3 = \frac{f(0) - f(-1)}{0+1}$$

$$4c - 3 = \frac{-3 - 2}{1}$$

$$4c - 3 = -5$$

$$4c = -2$$

$$\boxed{c = -\frac{1}{2}}$$

Function is satisfied MVT hypothesis $f(x)$

and values of $c = -\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{3}{2}$

