

AI1110 ASSIGNMENT 2

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Q. Verify Lagrange's mean value theorem for the function: $f(x) = x(1 - \log x)$ and find the value of c in the interval $[1, 2]$

Solution:

Given,

$$f(x) = x(1 - \log x)$$

In $[1, 2]$

x and $\log x$ are continuous.

$\therefore f(x)$ is continuous.

We have,

$$f'(x) = (1 - \log x) + x \left(-\frac{1}{x} \right) \quad (0.0.1)$$

$$\Rightarrow f'(x) = -\log x \quad (0.0.2)$$

As $-\log x$ exists for all x in $[1, 2]$,
 $f(x)$ is differentiable in $[1, 2]$.

By Lagrange's mean value theorem,

$$f'(c) = \frac{f(2) - f(1)}{2 - 1} \quad (0.0.3)$$

$$\Rightarrow -\log c = \frac{(2 - 2\log 2) - (1 - \log 1)}{1} \quad (0.0.4)$$

$$\Rightarrow -\log c = 1 - 2\log 2 \quad (0.0.5)$$

$$\Rightarrow \log c = \log 4 - \log e \quad (0.0.6)$$

$$\Rightarrow c = \frac{4}{e} \quad (0.0.7)$$

\therefore The value of c for Lagrange's mean value theorem in $[1, 2]$ is $\frac{4}{e}$

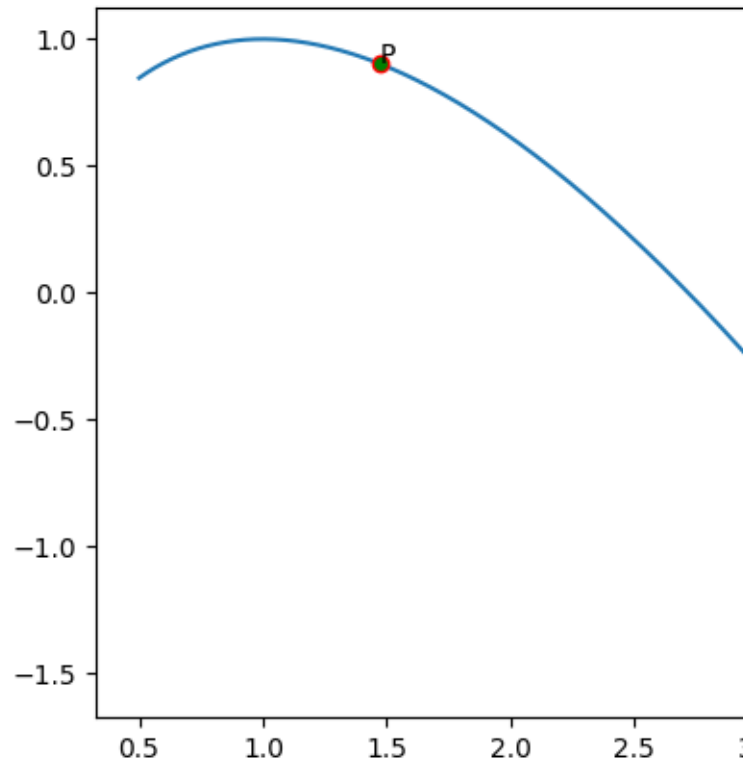


Fig. 0. graph