

Rolle's Theorem and Mean Value Theorem

Rolle's Theorem

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2: The function f is differentiable on an open interval (a, b)

3: if $f(a) = f(b)$, then there exists a point " c " between a & b such that $f'(c) = 0$

Mean Value Theorem

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2: The function f is differentiable on an open interval (a, b)

3: There exist a point " c " between a & b such that

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

3.2
Explain why Rolle's Theorem doesn't Apply to the function even though there exist a and b such that $f(a) = f(b)$.

$$2) f(x) = \left| \frac{1}{x} \right|, [-1, 1]$$

Solution

1st step: check f is continuous on a closed interval $[-1, 1]$

f is discontinuous at $x=0$

2nd step: check that f is continuous on the open interval $(-1, 1)$
differentiable

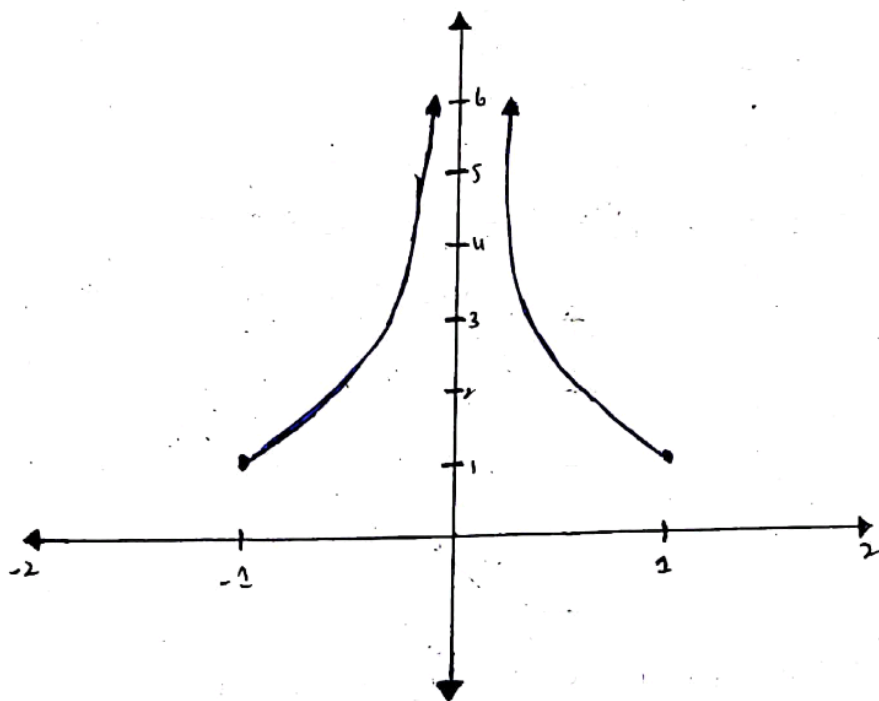
f is not differentiable in the open interval, because it is discontinuous and has a point of non-differentiability.
An Absolute value's graph has a point of non-differentiability.

3rd step

Useless, because the premises are false so the conclusion can't be true.

$$\left. \begin{aligned} f(a) &= f(-1) = \left| \frac{1}{-1} \right| = |-1| = 1 \\ f(b) &= f(1) = \left| \frac{1}{1} \right| = |1| = 1 \end{aligned} \right\} f(a) = f(b)$$

Rolle's theorem couldn't be applied because premises are FALSE.



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

Solution

Step 1 check the continuity

f is discontinuous at a point (near about $x=6$), examined by using graphing utility.

Step 2 f is non-differentiable, examined using WAS.

Step 3

$$f(a) = f(\pi) = \cot \frac{\pi}{2} = \cot 90^\circ = \frac{1}{\tan 90^\circ} = -0.5012$$

$$f(b) = f(3\pi) = \cot \frac{3\pi}{2} = \cot 270^\circ = \frac{1}{\tan 270^\circ} = -5.8816$$

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

Rolle's theorem can't be applied, because both premises and conclusion are FALSE.

3) $f(x) = 1 - |x - 1|$, $[0, 2]$

Solution

Check the continuity

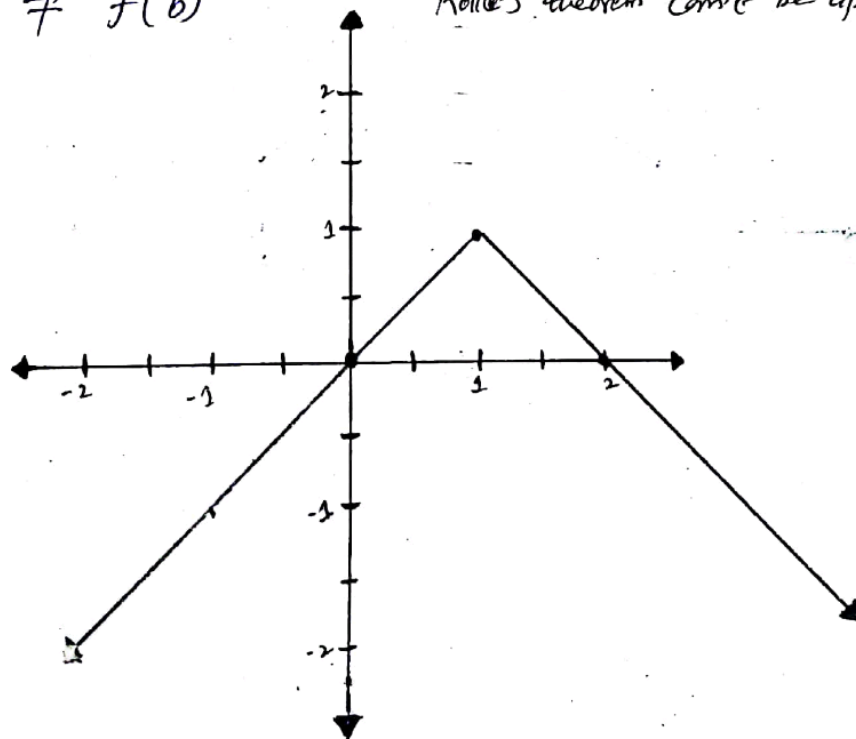
- f is continuous but not differentiable
- f is not differentiable because it has a point of non-differentiability.

$$f(a) = f(0) = 1 - |0 - 1| = 1 - |-1| = 1 - (1) = 0$$

$$f(b) = f(1) = 1 - |1 - 1| = 1 - |0| = 1 - 0 = 1$$

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

Rolle's theorem can't be applied



$$1) f(x) = \sqrt[3]{(2-x^{2/3})^3}, [-1, 1]$$

Solution

Step 1 $f(x)$ is continuous on the closed interval $[-1, 1]$

Step 2 f is not differentiable at $x=0$

$$f'(x) = (2-x^{2/3}) \left(-\frac{1}{x^{1/3}} \right)$$

Step 3 $f(a) = f(-1) = \sqrt[3]{(2-(-1)^{2/3})^3} = \sqrt[3]{(2-1)^3} = \sqrt[3]{1^3} = 1$

$$f(b) = f(1) = \sqrt[3]{(2-(1)^{2/3})^3} = \sqrt[3]{(2-1)^3} = \sqrt[3]{1^3} = 1$$

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

premises and the conclusion are false, so the Rolle's Theorem can't be applied.

Determine whether Rolle's theorem can be applied to f on the closed interval $[a, b]$. If Rolle's theorem can be applied, find all values of c in the open interval (a, b) such that $f'(c) = 0$. If Rolle's theorem can't be applied, explain why not.

$$1) f(x) = -x^2 + 3x, [0, 3]$$

Solution

Step 1 f is continuous on the closed interval $[0, 3]$, because f is a polynomial and polynomials are always continuous.

Step 2 f is differentiable on the open interval $(0, 3)$, because it is a polynomial.

Step 3 If $f(a) = f(b)$, then there exists " c " such that $f'(c) = 0$

$$f(a) = f(0) = -(0)^2 + 3(0) = 0, \quad f(b) = f(3) = -(3)^2 + 3(3) = -9 + 9 = 0$$

$$f(a) = f(b)$$

$$f(x) = -x^2 + 3x$$

$$f'(x) = -2x + 3$$

$$f'(c) = -2c + 3$$

$$\boxed{f'(c) = 0}$$

$$0 = -2c + 3$$

$$-3 = -2c$$

$$\boxed{c = 3/2}$$

$c = 3/2$ and the Rolle's theorem can be applied because both the premises and conclusion are TRUE.

12) $f(n) = n^2 - 5n + 4$, $[1, 4]$

Solution

- f is continuous, because f is a polynomial
- f is differentiable on the open interval $(1, 4)$
- $f(a) = f(1) = (1)^2 - 5(1) + 4 = 1 - 5 + 4 = 0$
 $f(b) = f(4) = (4)^2 - 5(4) + 4 = 16 - 20 + 4 = 0$

$$\boxed{f(a) = f(b)}$$

$$f(n) = n^2 - 5n + 4$$

$$f'(n) = 2n - 5$$

$$f'(c) = 2c - 5$$

$$f'(c) = 0$$

$$0 = 2c - 5$$

$$\boxed{c = 5/2}$$

$c = 5/2$, Rolle's Theorem can be Applied, because both the premises and the conclusion are TRUE.

17) $f(n) = \frac{n^2 - 2n - 3}{n + 2}$, $[-1, 3]$

Solution

- f is continuous on the closed interval $[-1, 3]$, and is discontinuous at $n = -2$, which is not lying in the interval.
- f is differentiable on the open interval $(-1, 3)$
- $f(a) = f(-1) = \frac{(-1)^2 - 2(-1) - 3}{(-1) + 2} = \frac{1 + 2 - 3}{1} = \frac{0}{1} = 0$

$$f(b) = f(3) = \frac{(3)^2 - 2(3) - 3}{(3) + 2} = \frac{9 - 6 - 3}{5} = \frac{0}{5} = 0$$

$f(a) = f(b)$, there exists a " c " b/w a & b (i.e., -1 & 3) s.t. $f'(c) = 0$

$$f(n) = \frac{n^2 - 2n - 3}{n + 2}$$

$$f'(n) = \left[\frac{d}{dn} (n^2 - 2n - 3) \times \frac{1}{n + 2} - (n^2 - 2n - 3) \times \frac{d}{dn} (n + 2) \right] \div (n + 2)^2$$

$$f'(n) = \left[\frac{d}{dn} (n^2 - 2n - 3) (n + 2) - (n^2 - 2n - 3) (1 + 0) \right] \div (n + 2)^2$$

$$f'(n) = \left[(2n - 2) (n + 2) - (n^2 - 2n - 3) \right] \div (n + 2)^2$$

$$f'(n) = \left[\frac{2(n - 1) (n + 2) - (n^2 - 2n - 3)}{(n + 2)^2} \right]$$

$$f'(c) = \left[\frac{2(c - 1) (c + 2) - (c^2 - 2c - 3)}{(c + 2)^2} \right]$$

$$f'(c) = 0$$

$$0 = \left[\frac{2(c - 1) (c + 2) - (c^2 - 2c - 3)}{(c + 2)^2} \right]$$

$$0 = [2(c-1)(c+2) - (c^2 - 2c - 3)] \div (c+2)^2$$

$$0 = [2(c^2 + 2c - c - 2) - (c^2 - 2c - 3)] \div (c+2)^2$$

$$0 = [2(c^2 + c - 2) - (c^2 - 2c - 3)] \div (c+2)^2$$

$$0 = [2c^2 + 2c - 4 - c^2 + 2c + 3] \div (c+2)^2$$

$$0 \times (c+2)^2 = [c^2 + 4c - 1]$$

$$c^2 + 4c - 1 = 0$$

$$\Delta b^2 - 4ac ; a = 1, b = 4, c = -1$$

$$(4)^2 - 4(1)(-1)$$

$$16 + 4 = 20 > 0 \quad \Delta \neq \text{equal (distinct real roots)}$$

Using Quadratic Formula

$$c = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a} = \frac{-(4) \pm \sqrt{(4)^2 - 4(1)(-1)}}{2(1)}$$

$$= \frac{-4 \pm \sqrt{16 + 4}}{2} = \frac{-4 \pm 2\sqrt{5}}{2} = -2 \pm \sqrt{5}$$

$$\boxed{c = -2 + \sqrt{5}} \quad \text{and} \quad \boxed{c = -2 - \sqrt{5}}$$

Rolle's Theorem exists and can be applied.

28) Vertical Motion. The height of a ball t seconds after it is thrown upward from a height of 6 feet and with an initial velocity of 48 feet per second is $f(t) = -16t^2 + 48t + 6$

a) Verify that $f(1) = f(2)$

b) according to Rolle's theorem, what must the velocity be at some time in the interval $(1, 2)$? Find that time.

Solution

$$f(1) = -16(1)^2 + 48(1) + 6 = -16 + 48 + 6 = 38$$

$$f(2) = -16(2)^2 + 48(2) + 6 = -64 + 96 + 6 = 38$$

$$f(1) \neq f(2) \checkmark$$

Rolle's theorem can ~~not~~ be applied.

• $f(t) = -16t^2 + 48t + 6$ Because the premise $f(a) = f(b)$ is FALSE.

$$f'(t) = -32t + 48$$

$$0 = -32t + 48$$

$$0 = -4t + 6$$

$$\boxed{t = 3/2}$$

30) Recorder Costs The ordering and transportation cost C for components used in a manufacturing process is approximated by $C(x) = 10\left(\frac{1}{n} + \frac{n}{n+3}\right)$, where C is measured in thousands of dollars and n is the order size in hundreds.

(a) Verify that $C(3) = C(6)$

(b) According to Rolle's theorem the rate of change of cost must be 0 for some order size in the interval $(3, 6)$

Find that order size.

Solution

$$a: C(3) = 10\left(\frac{1}{3} + \frac{3}{3+3}\right) = 10\left(\frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{2}\right) = 10\left(\frac{5}{6}\right) = \frac{25}{3}$$

$$C(6) = 10\left(\frac{1}{6} + \frac{6}{6+3}\right) = 10\left(\frac{1}{6} + \frac{2}{3}\right) = 10\left(\frac{5}{6}\right) = \frac{25}{3}$$

$$C(3) = C(6) \checkmark$$

$$b: C(n) = 10\left(\frac{1}{n} + \frac{n}{n+3}\right) = 10\left(\frac{n+3 + n^2}{n^2+3n}\right) = \frac{10n^2+10n+30}{n^2+3n}$$

$$C'(n) = \frac{(n^2+3n) \times \frac{d}{dn}(10n^2+10n+30) - (10n^2+10n+30) \times \frac{d}{dn}(n^2+3n)}{(n^2+3n)^2}$$

$$C'(n) = 0$$

$$0 \times (n^2+3n)^2 = [(n^2+3n)(20n+10) - (10n^2+10n+30)(2n+3)]$$

$$0 = [(20n^3+10n^2+60n^2+30n) - (20n^3+20n^2+60n+30n^2+30n+90)]$$

$$0 = [20n^3+70n^2+30n-20n^3-20n^2-60n-30n^2-30n-90]$$

$$0 = [70n^2+30n-20n^2-30n^2-60n-30n-90]$$

$$0 = [70n^2+30n-50n^2-90n-90]$$

$$0 = [20n^2-60n+90], a=20, b=-60, c=90$$

$$\Delta b^2 - 4ac$$

$$(-60)^2 - 4(20)(90)$$

$$3600 - 80(90)$$

$$3600 - 7200 < 0$$

$$0 = 10[2n^2 - 6n - 9]$$

$$0 = 2n^2 - 6n - 9$$

$$0 = 2n^2 - 6n - 8 \rightarrow a = 2, b = -6, c = -8$$

$$c = \frac{-(-6) \pm \sqrt{(-6)^2 - 4(2)(-8)}}{2(2)}$$

$$c = \frac{6 \pm \sqrt{36 + 72}}{4} = \frac{6 \pm \sqrt{108}}{4} = \frac{6 \pm \sqrt{8 \times 12}}{4}$$

$$c = \frac{6 \pm 3\sqrt{12}}{4} = \frac{6 \pm 3\sqrt{4 \times 3}}{4} = \frac{6 \pm 6\sqrt{3}}{4} = \frac{3 \pm 3\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

$$\boxed{c = \frac{3 + 3\sqrt{3}}{2}} \quad \text{and} \quad \boxed{c = \frac{3 - 3\sqrt{3}}{2}}$$

1) Determine the values a , b , and c such that the function f satisfies the hypothesis of the Mean value Theorem on the interval $[0, 3]$.

$$f(n) = \begin{cases} 1, & n=0 \\ an+b, & 0 < n \leq 1 \\ n^2+4n+c, & 1 < n \leq 3 \end{cases}$$

Solution

Step 1 Check the Continuity on closed interval $[0, 3]$
 f is Continuous and is also a polynomial.

Step 2 Check the differentiability on open interval $(0, 3)$

f is differentiable and doesn't have any point of non-differentiability
 $y = 1, n = 0 \} \quad y = an+b, 0 < n \leq 1 \} \quad y = n^2+4n+c, 1 < n \leq 3 \}$

$$\begin{aligned} 1: y &= y \\ an+b &= 1, n=0 \\ a(0)+b &= 1 \\ \boxed{b=1} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 2: y &= an+b \\ y' &= a(1) \\ \boxed{y' &= a} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} y &= n^2+4n+c \\ y' &= 2n+4(1)+0 \\ \boxed{y' &= 2n+4} \end{aligned}$$

$$y' = y', n = 1$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore y &= an+b, y = n^2+4n+c \\ = 6, n &= 1 \text{ and } b=1, \end{aligned}$$

$$an+b = n^2+4n+c$$

$$a(1)+1 = 1^2+4(1)+c$$

$$a+1 = 1+4+c$$

$$a+1 = 1+4+c$$

$$a = 4+c$$

$$6 = 4+c$$

$$\boxed{2=c}$$

$$a = 2n+4$$

$$a = 2(1)+4$$

$$a = 2+4$$

$$\boxed{a=6}$$

$$4: a=6, b=1, c=2$$

72) Determine the values a, b, c , and d such that the function f satisfies the hypothesis of the Mean Value Theorem on the interval $[-1, 2]$

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} a, & x = -1 \\ 2, & -1 < x \leq 0 \\ bx^2 + c, & 0 < x \leq 1 \\ dx + 4, & 1 < x \leq 2 \end{cases}$$

Solution

Step 1 Check the Continuity

f is Continuous on the closed interval $[-1, 2]$

Step 2 Check the differentiability

f is differentiable on the open interval $(-1, 2)$, f does not have any point of non-differentiability.

Step 3

$$y = a, x = -1 \quad y = 2, x = -1 \quad y = bx^2 + c, 0 < x \leq 1$$

$$y = y, \quad \boxed{a = 2}, x = -1 \checkmark$$

$$y = y, \quad x = 0$$

$$2 = bx^2 + c$$

$$2 = b(0)^2 + c$$

$$\boxed{2 = c}$$

$$y = bx^2 + c, 0 < x \leq 1 \quad y = dx + 4, 1 < x \leq 2$$

$$y' = 2bx$$

$$y' = d$$

$$y'' = 2b$$

$$y'' = 0$$

$$y'' = y'', x = 1$$

$$2b = 0$$

$$\boxed{b = 0}$$

$$y = y, x = 1; c = 2, b = 0$$

$$bx^2 + c = dx + 4$$

$$(0)(1)^2 + c = d(1) + 4$$

$$c = d + 4$$

$$2 = d + 4$$

$$\boxed{d = -2}$$

$$a = 2, b = 0, c = 2, d = -2$$