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1. Using the Intermediate Value Theorem and the Rolle's Theorem, show that the polynomial  $2x^3 + 5x - 9$  has exactly one real root.

2. Verify which of the following functions satisfy the conditions of the LMVT.

(a)  $f(x) = |x - 1|$  in  $[0, 2]$ .

(b)  $f(x) = 1 + x^{\frac{2}{3}}$  in  $[-8, 8]$ .

(c)  $f(x) = \begin{cases} x \sin \frac{1}{x} & \text{if } x \neq 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } x = 0 \end{cases}$  in  $[-\frac{2}{\pi}, \frac{2}{\pi}]$ .

3. Calculate  $\xi \in (a, b)$  in Cauchy's MVT for each of the following pairs:

(a)  $f(x) = \sin x$ ,  $g(x) = \cos x$  on  $[\frac{\pi}{4}, \frac{3\pi}{4}]$ .

(b)  $f(x) = (1 + x)^{\frac{3}{2}}$ ,  $g(x) = \sqrt{1 + x}$  on  $[0, \frac{1}{2}]$ .

4. Show that the formula in the Lagrange's MVT can be written as follows:

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

where  $0 < \theta < 1$ .

Substitute  $a = x$  and  $b = x + h$ . Then  $b - a = h$ . Determine  $\theta$  as a function of  $x$  and  $h$  for the following functions.

(a)  $f(x) = x^2$  (b)  $f(x) = e^x$  (c)  $f(x) = \log x$ ,  $x > 0$ .

Keep  $x \neq 0$  fixed, and find  $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \theta$  in each case.

5. (a) Suppose,  $f(x)$  is continuous on  $[1, 2]$  and differentiable in  $(1, 2)$  such that  $f(2) = -5$  and  $|f'(x)| \leq 2$ . Then, what is the largest possible value of  $f(1)$ .

(b) Use Lagrange's MVT to estimate  $\sqrt[3]{28}$ .

(c) If  $f''(x) \geq 0$  on  $[a, b]$  prove that  $f(\frac{x_1 + x_2}{2}) \leq \frac{1}{2}[f(x_1) + f(x_2)]$  for any two points  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  in  $[a, b]$ .

6. Prove that

(a)  $\frac{2x}{\pi} < \sin x < x$  for  $0 < x < \frac{\pi}{2}$ .

(b)  $na^{n-1}(b - a) < b^n - a^n < nb^{n-1}(b - a)$  where  $0 < a < b$  and  $n > 1$ .

(c)  $\frac{x}{1+x} < \log(1+x) < x$  for all  $x > 0$ .

7. (a) Assume  $f$  is continuous on  $[a, b]$  and has a finite second derivative  $f''$  in the open interval  $(a, b)$ . Assume that the line segment joining the points  $A = (a, f(a))$  and  $B = (b, f(b))$  intersects the graph of  $f$  in a third point  $P$  different from  $A$  and  $B$ . Prove that  $f''(\xi) = 0$  for some  $\xi$  in  $(a, b)$ .
- (b) If  $f$  is differentiable on  $[0, 1]$  show by Cauchy's MVT that the equation  $f(1) - f(0) = \frac{f'(x)}{2x}$  has at least one solution in  $(0, 1)$ .
- (c) Let  $f$  be continuous on  $[a, b]$  and differentiable on  $(a, b)$ . If  $f(a) = a$  and  $f(b) = b$ , show that there exist distinct  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  in  $(a, b)$  such that  $f'(c_1) + f'(c_2) = 2$ .
8. (a) If  $f(x)$  and  $\phi(x)$  are continuous on  $[a, b]$  and differentiable on  $(a, b)$ , then show that

$$\left| \begin{array}{cc} f(a) & f(b) \\ \phi(a) & \phi(b) \end{array} \right| = (b-a) \left| \begin{array}{cc} f(b) & f'(c) \\ \phi(b) & \phi'(c) \end{array} \right|, a < c < b.$$

- (b) Let  $f$  be continuous on  $[a, b]$  and differentiable on  $(a, b)$ . Using Cauchy's MVT, show that if  $a \geq 0$ , then there exist  $x_1, x_2, x_3 \in (a, b)$  such that

$$f'(x_1) = (b+a) \frac{f'(x_2)}{2x_2} = (b^2 + ba + a^2) \frac{f'(x_3)}{3x_3^2}.$$

9. Use CMVT to prove the following:

- (a) Show that  $1 - \frac{x^2}{2!} < \cos x$  for  $x \neq 0$ .
- (b) Let  $f$  be continuous on  $[a, b]$ ,  $a > 0$  and differentiable on  $(a, b)$ . Prove that there exist  $c \in (a, b)$  such that  $\frac{b^2 f(a) - a^2 f(b)}{b^2 - a^2} = \frac{1}{2} [2f(c) - cf'(c)]$ .
- (c) Show that  $\frac{2 \ln x}{2 \arcsin x - \pi} < \frac{\sqrt{1-x^2}}{x}$  for  $0 < x < 1$ .

10. A twice differentiable function  $f(x)$  on a closed interval  $[a, b]$  is such that  $f(a) = f(b) = 0$  and  $f(x_0) > 0$  where  $a < x_0 < b$ . Prove that there exists at least one value of  $x = c$  between  $a$  and  $b$  for which  $f''(c) < 0$

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