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§ 11. Mean Value Theorem

Def 11.1. Let $A \neq \emptyset$, $f: A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$. We say $x \in A$ is a maximum point for f if $f(x) \geq f(y) \forall y \in A$

We say $f(x)$ is the maximum value of f

Note: max value is unique, max point may not be.

e.g. $f(x) = x^2$ on $[-1, 1]$

max value: 1, max point: -1, 1

Thm 11.2: Let $f: (a, b) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be diff'ble at $x \in (a, b)$ and suppose f has a max at $x \in (a, b)$, then $f'(x) = 0$

Proof: Let $h > 0$. Then as f has a max at x , we obtain (for $h < b - x$)

$$\frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} \leq 0$$

$$\text{Hence, } f'(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} \leq 0$$

Let $h < 0$, then as f has a max at x , we see

$$\text{So, } f'(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} \geq 0$$

$$\text{Hence, } f'(x) = 0 \quad \blacksquare$$

Def 11.3: Let $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ be non-empty. $A \subseteq \text{dom } f$. $\text{Range}(f) \subseteq \mathbb{R}$. Then we say f has a local maximum at $x \in A$. If $\exists \delta > 0$, s.t. x is a max for f on $A \cap (x-\delta, x+\delta)$

Thm 11.4: Let $f: (a, b) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ have a local max at $x \in (a, b)$ and suppose f is diff'ble at x .

Then $f'(x) = 0$.

Proof: Exercise $|h| < \delta$.

Clearly, Thm 11.4 is still true if we replace max w/ min

Rmk 11.5: Converse is not true, $f'(x)=0$ does not imply f has max or min at x .

e.g. $f(x)=x^3$ has $f'(0)=0$, 0 is not max or min.

Def 11.6: We say f has a critical pt. at x if $f'(x)=0$ and call $f(x)$ a critical value.
(Finding local max or min)

Extreme Value Theorem

Suppose $f: [a,b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ cts. Then max & min of f exists by EVT

These occur at pts: ① $f'(x)=0$ ② $x=a$ or b ③ x s.t. f is not diff'ble at x .

Note: if x is a max or min in ① or ②

Then $x \in (a,b)$ and by Thm 11.4 and x not diff'ble at x (or we would have $f'(x)=0$)

So, x is in ③

Ex (i) Let $f(x)=x^2+2x-1$ on $[-2,2]$

So f is diff'ble on $(-2,2)$, so ③ is empty.

check $f'(x)=2x+2$. So $f'(x)=0$ iff $x=-1$

So, ① = {-1} ② = {-2, 2} ③ = \emptyset

So, max or min occur in $\{-1, 2, -2\}$

$$f(-2)=-1 \quad f(-1)=-2 \quad f(2)=7$$

So, $f(x)$ has a min at -1, max at 2.

(ii) $g(x)=\frac{1}{1-x^2}$ on $(-1, 1)$, g is not bold! g is diff'ble on $(-1, 1)$ and $g'(x)=\frac{2x}{(1-x^2)^2}$

So, if $g(x)$ has a max or min in $(-1, 1)$ at x , $g'(x)=0$. So $x=0$.

As $x \rightarrow \pm 1$, $g(x) \rightarrow \infty$

So, \exists a/b s.t. $-1 < a < b < 1$ s.t. if $-1 < y < a$ or $b < y < 1$, then $g(y) > g(a)$

So, on $[a, b]$ min or max can only exist at 0, and as $g(a), g(b) = g(0)$.

0 is a min pt. of g is $g(0) = 1$.

MVT: $f: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is on $[a, b]$, diff'ble on (a, b)

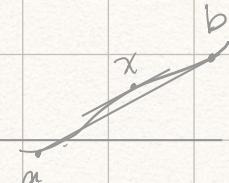
$f'(x)$ should be "rate of change" of f at x

Overall, f change by amount $f(b) - f(a)$ over distance $b - a$

So, "mean" rate of change is $\frac{f(b) - f(a)}{b - a}$

$$L(x) = f(a) + (x-a) \frac{f(b) - f(a)}{b - a} \quad \text{Then } f'(x) = \frac{f(b) - f(a)}{b - a}$$

$$\text{MVT: } \exists x \in (a, b) \text{ s.t. } f'(x) = \frac{f(b) - f(a)}{b - a}$$



Then (MVT): Let $f: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be diff'ble on $[a, b]$, diff'ble on (a, b) .

$$\text{Then } \exists x \in (a, b) \text{ s.t. } f'(x) = \frac{f(b) - f(a)}{b - a}$$

Cor 11.9: Let $f: (a, b) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be diff'ble and suppose $f'(x) = 0 \forall x \in (a, b)$. Then f is a constant

Proof: Let $x, y \in (a, b)$ s.t. $x < y$. As f is diff'ble on (a, b) ,

it'scts on $[x, y]$ and diff'ble on (x, y)

$$\text{So by MVT, } \exists z \in (x, y) \text{ s.t. } \frac{f(y) - f(x)}{y - x} = f'(z) = 0$$

As $y \neq x$, this gives $f(y) - f(x) = 0$ i.e. $f(y) = f(x)$ ■

In general, $f' = 0$ on $\text{dom}(f) \Rightarrow f$ constant

$$\text{e.g. } f(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & x \in (-1, 0) \\ 0 & x \in (0, 1) \end{cases}$$

Then $f' = 0 \forall x \in \text{dom}(f)$, f not constant

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Thm 11.7 (Rolle's Theorem) Let $f: [a,b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be cts on $[a,b]$ and diff'ble on (a,b)

Suppose $f(a) = f(b)$. Then $\exists x \in (a,b)$ s.t. $f'(x) = 0$

Recall: Thm 11.4. Let f have a local max or min at x & suppose f is diff'ble at a
then $f'(x) = 0$

Proof. As f is cts on $[a,b]$.

By EVT, $\exists x_-, x_+ \in [a,b]$ s.t. $f(x_-) \leq f(x) \leq f(x_+) \quad \forall x \in [a,b]$

i.e. x_- is a min pt, x_+ is a max pt.

If $x_- \in (a,b)$, then by Thm 11.4 $f'(x_-) = 0$ & we are done

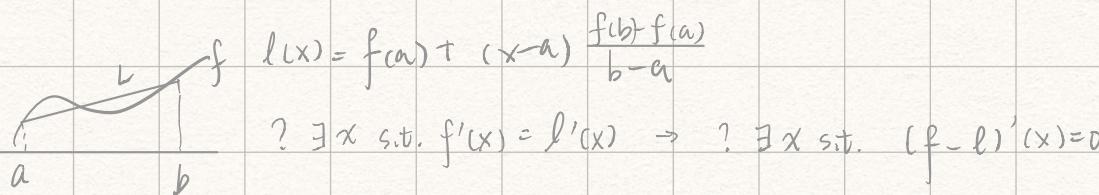
If $x_+ \in (a,b)$, then $f'(x_+) = 0$ & we are done.

If $x_-, x_+ \in \{a,b\}$, so $\max f = f(x_+) = f(a) = f(b) = f(x_-) = \min f$

So, f is a constant f , hence $f'(x) = 0 \quad \forall x \in (a,b)$ \blacksquare

Thm 11.8 (MVT) Let $f: [a,b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be cts on $[a,b]$ & diff'ble on (a,b)

Then $\exists x \in (a,b)$ s.t. $f'(x) = \frac{f(b)-f(a)}{b-a}$



Proof: Let f be as above & define $l(x) = f(a) + (x-a) \frac{f(b)-f(a)}{b-a}$

Consider $g(x) = f(x) - l(x)$

As f, l are cts on $[a,b]$ & diff'ble on (a,b) , so is g

$$g(a) = f(a) - (f(a) + (a-a) \frac{f(b)-f(a)}{b-a}) = f(a) - f(a) = 0$$

$$g(b) = f(b) - (f(a) + (b-a) \frac{f(b)-f(a)}{b-a}) = 0$$

So, $g(a) = g(b)$. Hence by Rolle's thm. $\exists x \in (a,b)$ s.t. $g'(x) = 0$

Hence, $0 = f'(x) - l'(x)$, i.e. $f'(x) = \frac{f(b) - f(a)}{b-a}$ □

Cor 11.10: If $f, g: (a,b) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $f' = g'$ on (a,b) , then $g(x) = f(x) + C$ on (a,b) .

Proof. Exercise. Consider $f-g$. □

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Def 11.11: f is increasing on (a,b) if whenever $x, y \in (a,b)$ and $x \leq y$, then $f(x) \leq f(y)$

If inequality is strict, then f is strictly increasing.

Similar def for decreasing.

Constant function is increasing and decreasing.

Cor 11.12 Suppose $f'(x) > 0 \forall x \in (a,b)$. Then f is strictly increasing on (a,b) .

Proof Let $x, y \in (a,b)$ s.t. $x < y$.

By MVT, $\exists z \in (x,y)$ s.t. $f'(z) = \frac{f(y) - f(x)}{y-x}$

So, $f(y) - f(x) = f'(z)(y-x) > 0$, i.e. $f(y) > f(x)$ □

Note: f is strictly increasing does not imply $f' > 0$

e.g. $f(x) = x^3$ imply $f' > 0$ $f'(x) = 3x^2$ $f'(0) = 0$

Graph Sketching: with f' , can find regions where f is increasing/decreasing & critical pts.

Determining type of critical pt x :

① if $f' < 0$ to left of x & $f' > 0$ to the right of x , x is a min pt.

- ② if $f' > 0$ to the left of x & $f' < 0$ to the right of x , x is a max pt.
 ③ if f' has the same sign on both sides of x ,
 x is neither a max nor a min.



2^{nd} derivatives properties.

Thm 11.13: Suppose $f'(a) = 0$ and f is twice diff'ble at a .

If $f''(a) > 0$, f has a local min at a

If $f''(a) < 0$, f has a local max at a .

Proof: $f''(a) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f'(a+h) - f'(a)}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f'(a+h)}{h}$

Suppose $f''(a) < 0$. Then, as $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f'(a+h)}{h} < 0$,

$$\exists \delta > 0 \text{ s.t. } |h| < \delta, h \neq 0 \quad \frac{f'(a+h)}{h} < 0$$

So, if $|h| < \delta, h > 0$, then $f'(a+h) < 0$. Hence $f' < 0$ to the right of a .

If $|h| < \delta, h < 0$, then $f'(a+h) > 0$. Hence $f' > 0$ to the left of a .

Thus, f is increasing to the left of a , decreasing to the right.

So, a is a max pt.

Case $f''(a) > 0 \Rightarrow$ a min is similar ■

Thm 11.14: Suppose $f''(a)$ exist. If f has a local min at a , $f''(a) > 0$.

If f has a local max at a , $f''(a) < 0$.

Proof: by contradiction.

Suppose f has a local min at a , but $f''(a) < 0$.

As f has a local min at a & $f''(a)$ exists, $f'(a) = 0$

Hence, by previous thm, $f(a)$ is a local max.

$= 0 \times^{?}$

So, a is local max and local min.

Hence, f is locally constant. So, $f''(a) = 0$.

\Rightarrow to $f''(a) < 0$. ■

($a-\delta, a+\delta$)

Theorem 11.15: Suppose f cts at a and f' exists on an interval containing a , but possibly not at a .

Suppose $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f'(x)$ exists, then f is diff'ble at a and $f'(a) = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f'(x)$

derivatives cannot have removable discontinuities

Proof: Let $L = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f'(x)$ need to show $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(a+h) - f(a)}{h} = L$.

Let $\epsilon > 0$, $\exists \delta > 0$ s.t. if $|x-a| < \delta$, $x \neq a$, then $|f'(x) - l| < \epsilon$

let $|h| < \delta$, $h \neq 0$. Then as f is cts on $[a, a+h]$ & diff'ble on $(a, a+h)$

(or, on $(a+h, a)$ if $h < 0$), then by MVT, $\exists x_n \in (a, a+h)$

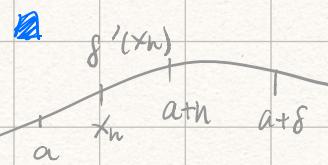
$$\text{s.t. } f'(x_n) = \frac{f(a+h) - f(a)}{h} = \frac{f(a+h) - f(a)}{a+h - a}$$

So, if $|h| < \delta$, $h \neq 0$, $|\frac{f(a+h) - f(a)}{h} - l| = |f'(x_n) - l| < \epsilon$ as $|x_n - a| < |h| < \delta$

Hence, $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(a+h) - f(a)}{h} = l$

$$\frac{f(a+h) - f(a)}{h} = f'(x_n)$$

As $h \rightarrow 0$, $x_n \rightarrow a$, so $f'(x_n) \rightarrow l$ i.e. $f'(a) = l$.



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Recall: A point a is a removable discontinuity of f if f is discontinuous at a , but $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)$ exists.

Ex. Let $f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 \sin(\frac{1}{x}) & x \neq 0 \\ 0 & x=0 \end{cases}$ Then, $f'(x)$ exists & $f'(x) = \begin{cases} 2x \sin(\frac{1}{x}) - \cos(\frac{1}{x}) & x \neq 0 \\ 0 & x=0 \end{cases}$

which is discontinuous at 0. Discontinuity is not removable, which agrees with Thm 11.15.

Thm (Darboux's Thm) Suppose f is diff'ble on (a,b) & f has one-sided derivatives at a, b .

Suppose $f'(a) < c < f'(b)$, then $f'(x) = c$ for some $x \in (a,b)$

Remark: this is a form of MVT for derivatives.

Note it does not assume that f' is cts.

Thm: Suppose f is diff'ble on an interval containing a but f' is discts at a .

Then at least one of the one-sided limits $\lim_{x \rightarrow a^-} f'(x)$ & $\lim_{x \rightarrow a^+} f'(x)$ does not exist.

Exercise 11-60, 61 for proof.

Recall: MVT: Let $f: [a,b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be cts on $[a,b]$, diff'ble on (a,b)

$$\text{Then } \exists x \in (a,b) \text{ s.t. } f'(x) = \frac{f(b) - f(a)}{b - a}$$

$$\text{or } f'(x)(b-a) = f(b) - f(a)$$

Suppose f, g satisfies MVT assumptions.

Applying MVT to f , $\exists x \in (a,b)$ s.t. $f'(x)(b-a) = f(b) - f(a)$

By MVT for g , $\exists y \in (a,b)$ s.t. $g'(y)(b-a) = g(b) - g(a)$

$$\text{So. } \frac{f'(x)}{g'(y)} = \frac{f(b) - f(a)}{g(b) - g(a)}$$

Q: can we take $x=y$?

Thm 11.1b (Cauchy MVT) Let $f, g: [a,b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be cts on $[a,b]$, diff'ble on (a,b)

Then $\exists x \in (a,b)$ s.t. $(f(b) - f(a))g'(x) = (g(b) - g(a))f'(x)$

Note: if $g'(x) \neq 0$ & $g(b) - g(a) \neq 0$. Then $\frac{f'(x)}{g'(x)} = \frac{f(b) - f(a)}{g(b) - g(a)}$

if $g(x) = x$, this is the usual MVT.

Proof: Let $h(x) = f(x)(g(b) - g(a)) - g(x)(f(b) - f(a))$

Then $h'(x) = f'(x)(g(b) - g(a)) - g'(x)(f(b) - f(a))$

$$h(a) = f(a)g(b) - f(a)g(a) - g(a)f(b) + g(a)f(a)$$

$$= f(a)g(b) - g(a)f(b)$$

$$h(b) = f(b)g(a) - f(b)g(a) - g(b)f(b) + g(b)f(a)$$

$$= g(b)f(a) - g(a)f(b)$$

$$h(a) = h(b).$$

By MVT/Rolle's Thm., we get $\exists x \in (a, b)$ s.t. $h'(x) = 0$

i.e. $f'(x)(g(b) - g(a)) = g'(x)(f(b) - f(a))$. ◻

Thm (L'Hôpital) Suppose $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = 0$, $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x) = 0$, and $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f'(x)}{g'(x)} = \alpha$

Then $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = \alpha$ also.

Proof: WLOG, assume $f(a) = g(a) = 0$ (so, f, g are cts at a)

As $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f'(x)}{g'(x)}$ exists, $\exists \delta > 0$ s.t. f', g' exists on $(a-\delta, a+\delta) \setminus \{a\}$
also $g'(x) \neq 0 \quad \forall x \in (a-\delta, a+\delta) \setminus \{a\}$.

Claim: For $x \in (a-\delta, a+\delta) \setminus \{a\}$ $g(x) \neq 0$

Proof: Let $x \in (a-\delta, a+\delta) \setminus \{a\}$

WLOG, $x > a$ As g is diff'ble on (a, x) and cts on $[a, x]$,

we can apply MVT to obtain $y \in (a, x)$ s.t. $g(x) - g(a) = g'(y)(x-a)$

$\neq 0$

where we have used $g(a) = 0$, $g'(y) \neq 0$

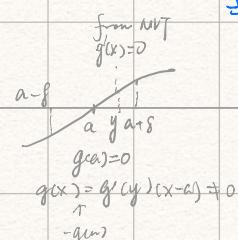
So $g(x) \neq 0$ for $x \in (a-\delta, a+\delta) \setminus \{a\}$

Now let $x \in (a-\delta, a+\delta) \setminus \{a\}$

We apply Cauchy MVT to f, g to obtain $\frac{g(x) - g(a)}{f(x) - f(a)} = \frac{f'(x)}{g'(x)} = \frac{f'(\alpha_x)}{g'(\alpha_x)}$

for some α_x between x and a

As $\alpha_x \in (x, a)$ (or (a, x) if $x > a$), then, as $x \rightarrow a$, $\alpha_x \rightarrow a$ also.

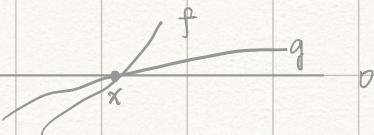


(ε-δ proof last lecture)

$$\text{So, } \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f'(ax)}{g'(ax)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f'(ax)}{g'(ax)} = \infty \text{ as required. } \blacksquare$$

$$\text{Ex. } \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x}{x} = 1$$

$$\text{Proof: } \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x}{x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cos x}{1} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \cos x = 1 \quad \blacksquare$$



$$f(x) \approx f(a) + f'(a)(x-a)$$

$$g(x) \approx g(a) + g'(a)(x-a)$$

if $f'(a) = g'(a) = 0$, then

$$f(x) \approx f(a)(x-a)$$

$$g(x) \approx g'(a)(x-a)$$