

## Problem Setup

Let  $g \in C^n[a, b]$ , and consider  $n + 1$  distinct points  $x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n \in [a, b]$  such that

$$x_0 < x_1 < \dots < x_n.$$

Assume further that

$$g(x_0) = g(x_1) = \dots = g(x_n) = 0.$$

We aim to prove that there exists a point  $\xi \in [x_0, x_n]$  such that  $g^{(n)}(\xi) = 0$ .

## Auxiliary Function

Define the polynomial

$$h(x) = \prod_{i=0}^n (x - x_i),$$

which is of degree  $n + 1$  and satisfies  $h(x_i) = 0$  for all  $i = 0, 1, \dots, n$ .

Next, define the quotient function

$$f(x) = \frac{g(x)}{h(x)}.$$

## Step 1: First Application

Since  $g(x_0) = g(x_1) = 0$ , by Rolle's Theorem there exists a point  $c_1 \in (x_0, x_1)$  such that

$$g'(c_1) = 0.$$

Similarly,  $g(x_1) = g(x_2) = 0$  implies there exists a point  $c_2 \in (x_1, x_2)$  such that

$$g'(c_2) = 0.$$

Continuing this, we find that  $g'(x)$  has zeros in  $(x_0, x_1), (x_1, x_2), \dots, (x_{n-1}, x_n)$ .

## Step 2: Second Application

For each interval where  $g'(x)$  has a zero, apply Rolle's Theorem again to  $g'(x)$ . For example, in  $(x_0, x_1)$ , there exists a point  $d_1 \in (c_1, c_2)$  such that

$$g''(d_1) = 0.$$

Similarly, zeros of  $g''(x)$  can be found in  $(c_2, c_3), (c_3, c_4), \dots, (c_{n-1}, c_n)$ .

### Step 3: Repeated Applications

By iteratively applying Rolle's Theorem, we find that:

- $g'(x)$  has zeros in  $(x_0, x_1), \dots, (x_{n-1}, x_n)$ ,
- $g''(x)$  has zeros in the intervals formed by zeros of  $g'(x)$ ,
- This process continues until the  $n$ -th derivative.

After  $n$  applications of Rolle's Theorem, there exists a point  $\xi \in [x_0, x_n]$  such that

$$g^{(n)}(\xi) = 0.$$