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Q.1) Verify Lagrange's mean value theorem for the function
 $f(x) = x^2 + x - 1$ in $[0, 4]$

Ans → $f(x) = x^2 + x - 1$
 $f'(x) = 2x + 1$

hence the function is differentiable for $x \in \mathbb{R}$

so the function is differentiable for $x \in [0, 4]$ and continuous for $x \in (0, 4)$

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

$$f'(c) = \frac{(4)^2 + 4 - 1 - (0 + 0 - 1)}{4 - 0}$$

$$2c + 1 = \frac{16 + 3 + 1}{4}$$

$$2c + 1 = 5$$

$$2c = 4$$

$$c = 2$$

$$\therefore 0 < c < 4$$

∴ Lagrange's mean value theorem is verified

Q.2) Using Lagrange's mean value prove that $\frac{b-a}{1+b^2} < \tan^{-1} b - \tan^{-1} a$

$< \frac{b-a}{1+a^2}$ and hence deduce that $\frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{3}{25} < \tan^{-1} \frac{4}{3} < \frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{1}{6}$

Ans → consider $f(x) = \tan^{-1}x$ in $[a, b]$ for $a, b > 0$

$$\text{So } f'(x) = \frac{1}{1+x^2} \quad \text{in } (a, b)$$

∴ $f(x)$ is differentiable on (a, b) and continuous on $[a, b]$

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

$$\frac{1}{1+c^2} = \frac{\tan^{-1}b - \tan^{-1}a}{b - a}$$

$$\text{So } \frac{b-a}{1+b^2} < \frac{\tan^{-1}b - \tan^{-1}a}{b-a} < \frac{b-a}{1+a^2}$$

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$$\text{So } \frac{1}{1+b^2} < \frac{1}{1+c^2} < \frac{1}{1+a^2}$$

$$1+b^2 > 1+c^2 > 1+a^2$$

$$b^2 > c^2 > a^2$$

$$b > c > a$$

hence proved