

ex → 2

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  $x \in \mathbb{R}$

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

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

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

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

$2c + 1 = 5$

$2c = 4$

$c = 2$

∴  $0 < c < 4$

∴ 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  $a, b > 0$

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

$$b > c > a$$

hence proved