

§1.1 - Calculus

Definition #1 (Limit)

Let $f : (a, b) \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$, $L \in \mathbf{R}$ and $c \in (a, b)$.

If for every $\epsilon > 0$ we have some $\delta > 0$ such that

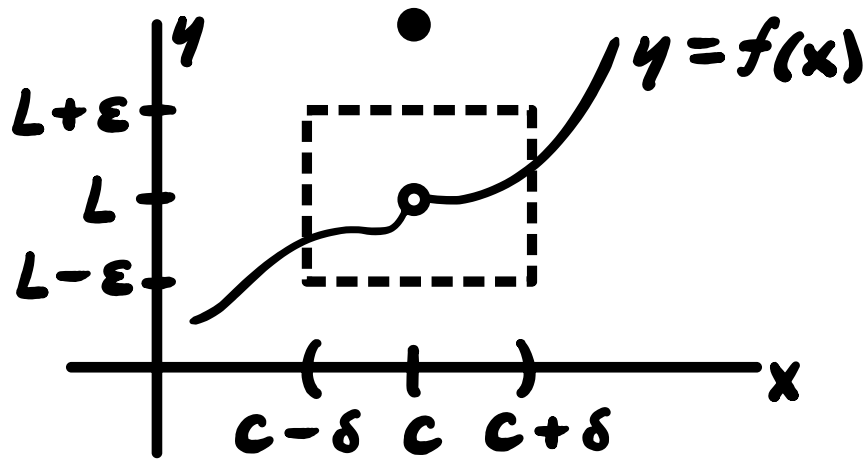
$$0 < |x - c| < \delta \quad \text{implies} \quad |f(x) - L| < \epsilon$$

then the **limit** as x approaches c of $f(x)$ is L .

We denote this by

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = L.$$

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Avoid evaluating f at c with
 $0 < |x - c|$

Locally,

$$f(x) \approx L \text{ for } x \approx c \text{ ; } x \neq c.$$

We have

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(x)}{x} = 1$$

from calculus rules or l'Hôpital.

Now

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{\sin(x)}{x}, & x \neq 0 \\ 1, & x = 0 \end{cases}$$

is continuous on \mathbb{R} :

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = f(c)$$

for all $c \in \mathbb{R}$.

Definition #2 (Continuous)

Let $f : (a, b) \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ and $c \in (a, b)$.

If

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = f(c)$$

then f is **continuous** at c .

Theorem #1 (Intermediate Value Theorem (IVT))

Let $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ be continuous on $[a, b]$.

If L is some value between $f(a)$ and $f(b)$ then there exists some $c \in (a, b)$ such that

$$f(c) = L.$$

That is, f takes on every value between $f(a)$ and $f(b)$ at least once over the interval $[a, b]$.

Definition #3 (Differentiable)

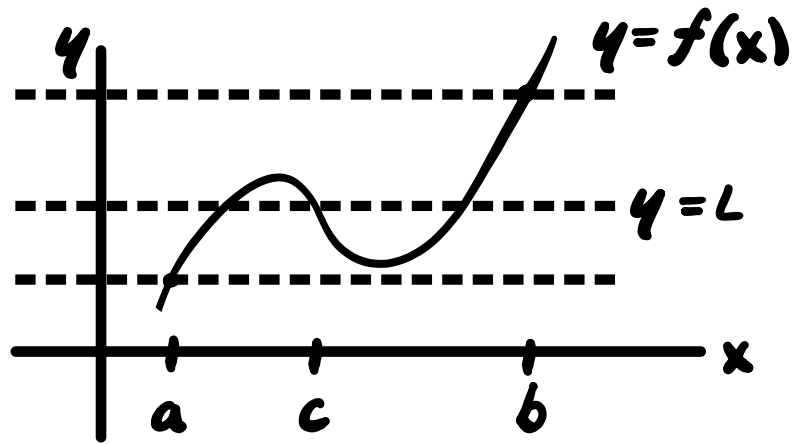
Let $f : (a, b) \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ and $c \in (a, b)$.

If

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c} \frac{f(x) - f(c)}{x - c} = L$$

exists the f is **differentiable** at c and its derivative is denoted by

$$f'(c) = L.$$

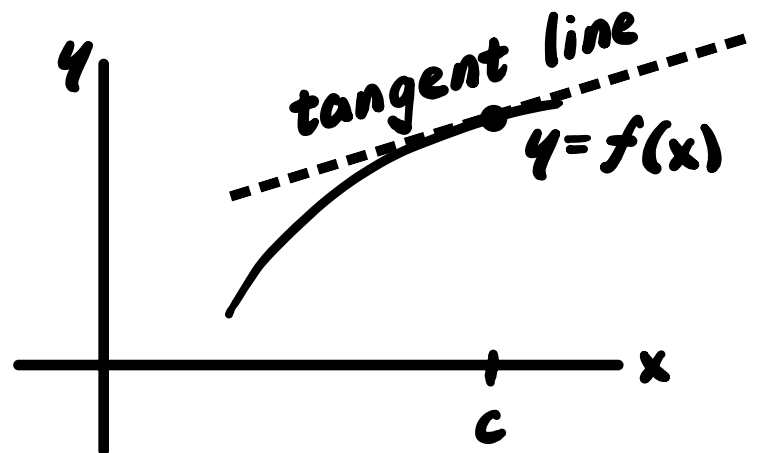
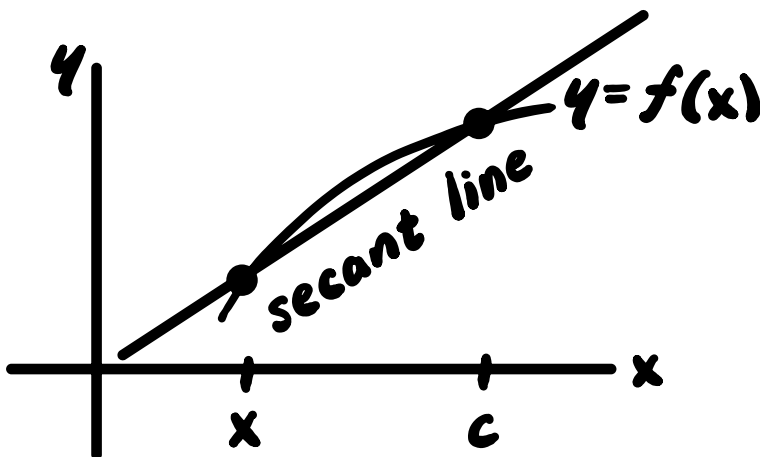


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If $f(0) < 0$ and $f(1) > 0$ then

$$f(x) = 0$$

for some $x \in (0, 1)$ provided f is continuous on $[0, 1]$.



$$f(x) \approx \underbrace{f(c) + f'(c)(x-c)}_{\text{tangent line}} \text{ for } x \approx c$$

Lemma #1

Let $f : (a, b) \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ be differentiable at c .

Then f is continuous at c .

Pf) Observe for $x \neq c$

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$$f(x) - f(c) = \frac{f(x) - f(c)}{x - c} \cdot (x - c).$$

Since

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c} \frac{f(x) - f(c)}{x - c} = f'(c) \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow c} (x - c) = 0$$

we have

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c} (f(x) - f(c)) = \lim_{x \rightarrow c} \frac{f(x) - f(c)}{x - c} \cdot \lim_{x \rightarrow c} (x - c) = 0$$

by limit laws. Hence f is continuous at c .

Let

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x, & x \geq 0 \\ -x, & x < 0 \end{cases} = |x|$$

$f'(0)$ d.n.e but

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x) = f(0).$$

Warning

Continuity does **not** imply differentiability.

Definition #4 (Function Spaces)

Let $f : \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$.

If f is continuous on \mathbf{R} then

$$f \in C(\mathbf{R}).$$

If f and f' are continuous on \mathbf{R} then

$$f \in C^1(\mathbf{R})$$

or f is **continuously differentiable**.

Definition #5 (More Function Spaces)

Let $f : \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ and $n \in \mathbf{N}$.

If $f, f', f'', \dots, f^{(n)}$ are continuous on \mathbf{R} then

$$f \in C^n(\mathbf{R}).$$

If f^n exists for every n then

$$f \in C^\infty(\mathbf{R})$$

or is f **infinitely differentiable**.

Lemma #2

We have

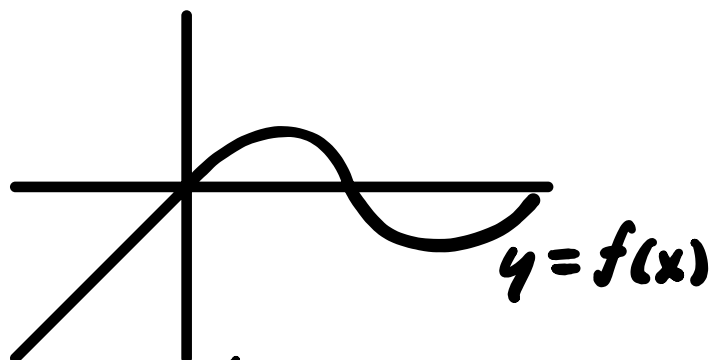
$$C^\infty(\mathbf{R}) \subset \dots \subset C^2(\mathbf{R}) \subset C^1(\mathbf{R}) \subset C(\mathbf{R}).$$

Pf) Use prior lemma.

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If $g(x) = x^{3/2}$ for all $x \in \mathbb{R}$:

$$g \in C^1[0, \infty), g \notin C^2[0, \infty), g \in C^2(0, 1)$$



If

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \sin(x), & x \geq 0 \\ x, & x < 0 \end{cases}$$

for all $x \in \mathbb{R}$ then

$$f'(0) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x) - f(0)}{x - 0} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x)}{x}$$

and

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(x)}{x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x}{x} = 1$$

implies

$$f'(0) = 1.$$

Thus

$$f'(x) = \begin{cases} \cos(x), & x \geq 0 \\ 1, & x < 0 \end{cases}$$

and

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f'(x) = f'(0)$$

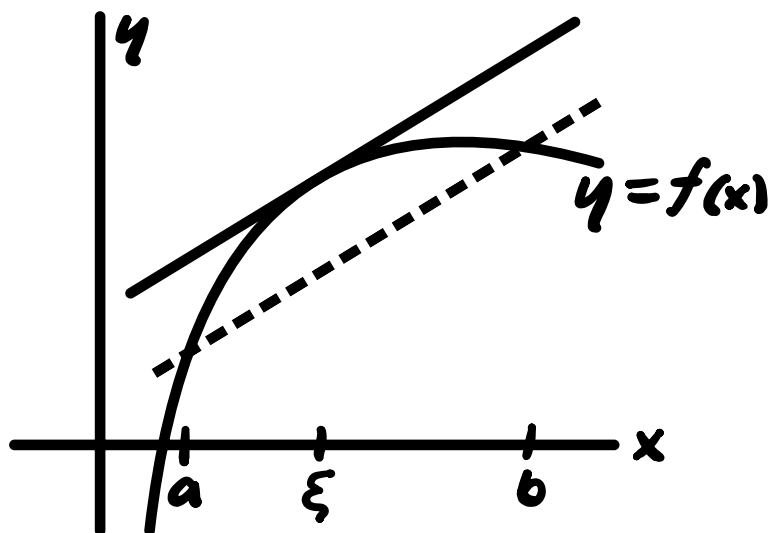
tells us $f \in C^1(\mathbb{R})$. Is $f \in C^2(\mathbb{R})$? $f \in C^3(\mathbb{R})$?

Theorem #2 (Mean Value Theorem (MVT))

Let $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ be continuous on $[a, b]$ and differentiable on (a, b) .

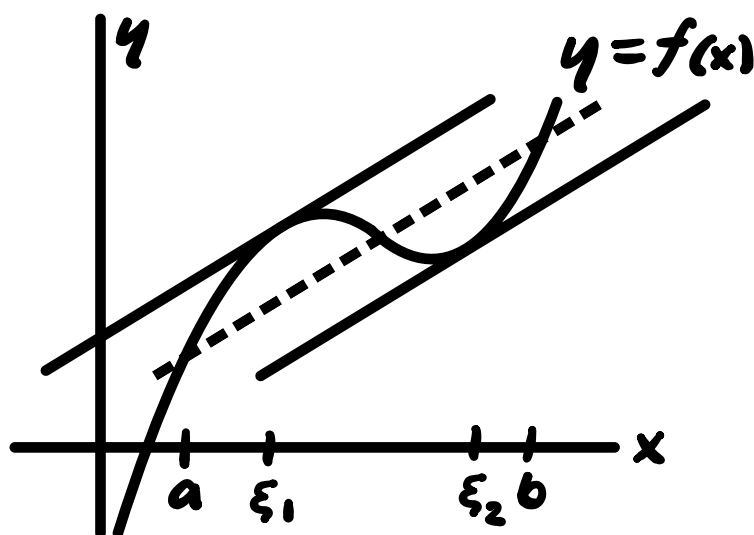
Then there exists $\xi \in (a, b)$ such that

$$f'(\xi) = \frac{f(b) - f(a)}{b - a}.$$



We have a tangent line parallel to the secant line from $(a, f(a))$ to $(b, f(b))$.

But we may have several:



Remark

The Mean Value Theorem can also be expressed as

$$f(x) = f(a) + f'(\xi)(x - a)$$

where $x \in [a, b]$ and ξ is between a and x .

Corollary #1 (Rolle's Theorem)

Let $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ be continuous on $[a, b]$ and differentiable on (a, b) .

If $f(a) = f(b)$ then there exists $\xi \in (a, b)$ such that

$$f'(\xi) = 0.$$

Theorem #3 (Taylor's Remainder Theorem (Lagrange Form))

Let $f \in C^n(\mathbf{R})$ and assume $f^{(n+1)}$ exists on \mathbf{R} .

If $x, c \in \mathbf{R}$ then

$$f(x) = \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{f^{(k)}(c)}{k!} (x - c)^k + E_n(x)$$

where

$$E_n(x) = \frac{1}{(n+1)!} f^{(n+1)}(\xi) (x - c)^{n+1}$$

for some ξ between x and c . We call E_n the **error term**.

Definition #6 (Taylor Polynomial)

Let $f \in C^m(\mathbf{R})$ and $c \in \mathbf{R}$.

If $n \in \mathbf{Z}$ with $0 \leq n \leq m$ then

$$T_n(x) = \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{f^{(k)}(c)}{k!} (x - c)^k$$

is the degree (at most) n **Taylor polynomial** of f centered at c .

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$$f(x) = e^x \quad c = 0$$

$$f^{(k)}(x) = e^x \quad \text{for all } k \in \mathbb{N}$$

$$f^{(k)}(0) = 1$$

Hence

$$e^x = \sum_{k=0}^{10} \frac{x^k}{k!} + E_{11}(x)$$

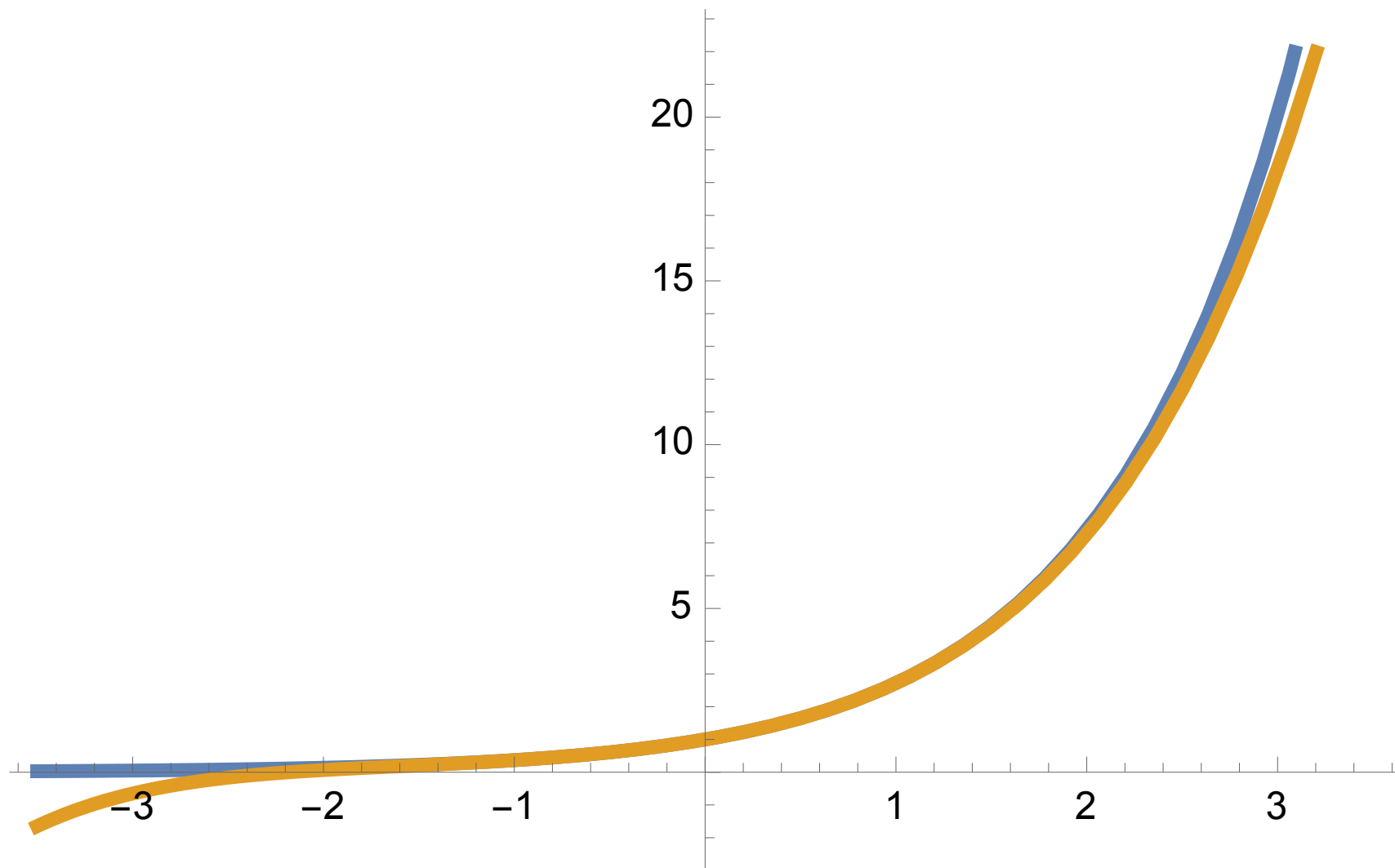
$$E_{11}(x) = \frac{f^{(11)}(\xi)}{11!} x^{11} = \frac{e^{\xi}}{11!} x^{11}$$

where ξ is between x and 0 , $|\xi| < |x|$.

For x "small"

$$\frac{e^{\xi}}{11!} x^{11} \approx 0$$

e^x and $T_5(x)$



Remark

If f is “well-behaved”

$$f(x) \approx \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{f^{(k)}(c)}{k!} (x - c)^k$$

or $E_n(x)$ is relatively small.

Theorem #4 (Taylor's Remainder Theorem (Restated))

Let $f \in C^{n+1}(\mathbf{R})$ and $h \in \mathbf{R}$.

For $x \in \mathbf{R}$ fixed we have

$$f(x + h) = \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{f^{(k)}(x)}{k!} h^k + E_n(h)$$

where

$$E_n(h) = \frac{h^{n+1}}{(n+1)!} f^{(n+1)}(\xi)$$

for some ξ between x and $x + h$.

Let $x = 0$ and $f \in C^3$ then

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$$f(h) = f(0) + hf'(0) + h^2 \frac{f''(0)}{2} + h^3 \frac{f'''(\xi)}{6}$$

where ξ depends on h .

So

$$f(h) - f(0) = hf'(0) + h^2 \frac{f''(0)}{2} + h^3 \frac{f'''(\xi)}{6}$$

and for $h \neq 0$

$$\frac{f(h) - f(0)}{h} = f'(0) + h \frac{f''(0)}{2} + h^2 \frac{f'''(\xi)}{6}.$$

Hence

$$\frac{f(h) - f(0)}{h} - f'(0) = h \frac{f''(0)}{2} + h^2 \frac{f'''(\xi)}{6}.$$

and

$$\frac{f(h) - f(0)}{h}$$

is an approximation of $f'(0)$ with error

$$h \frac{f''(0)}{2} + h^2 \frac{f'''(\xi)}{6}.$$

Remark

Just a normal function of x :

$$f(x) = \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{f^{(k)}(c)}{k!} (x - c)^k + E_n(x).$$

With x -fixed,

$$g(h) = f(x + h) = \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{f^{(k)}(x)}{k!} h^k + E_n(h)$$

is acting as a function of h . So the function value depends on how far away from x we are.

Lemma #3 (Kincaid Cheney - §1.1 Problem #21)

Let $f \in C^n(\mathbf{R})$.

If

$$f(x_0) = f(x_1) = \dots = f(x_n)$$

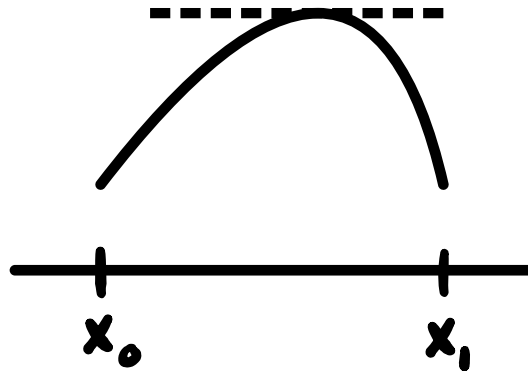
where $x_0 < x_1 < \dots < x_n$ then

$$f^{(n)}(\xi) = 0$$

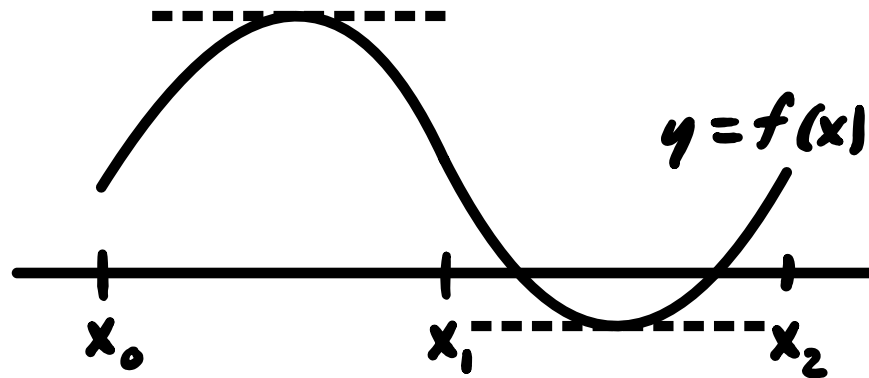
for some $\xi \in (x_0, x_n)$.

Pf) If $n=1$ we have Rolle's Theorem

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If $n=2$



We have c_1 and c_2 with

$$f'(c_1) = f'(c_2) = 0$$

and by Rolle's Theorem

$$f''(\xi) = 0.$$