

Review Suppose $f(x)$ is continuous on $[a, b]$. To find global max/min:

1. Find critical #'s (where $f' = 0$ or f' DNE)
2. Plug in critical #'s and endpoints ($x = a, b$).
3. Compare, largest value is global max
smallest is global min.

Ex $f(x) = x^{-2} \ln x = \frac{\ln x}{x^2}$ on $[1, 4]$

$$f'(x) = \frac{x^2(\frac{1}{x}) - 2x \ln x}{x^4} = \frac{x(1 - 2 \ln x)}{x^4} = \frac{1 - 2 \ln x}{x^3}$$

$$1 - 2 \ln x = 0 \quad \frac{1}{2} = \ln x \quad x = e^{1/2}$$

x	$f(x)$	
1	0	
\sqrt{e}	$\frac{1}{2}e = .1839..$	Global max at $x = \sqrt{e}$
4	$\frac{\ln 4}{16} = .086..$	Global min at $x = 1$

Rolle's Theorem Let $f(x)$ be continuous on $[a, b]$, differentiable on (a, b) and such that $f(a) = f(b)$.

Then there is a number $c \in (a, b)$ with $f'(c) = 0$.

Proof last time

Application Prove $x^3 + x - 1 = 0$ has exactly one real root.

Proof Let $f(x) = x^3 + x - 1$. Since $f(0) = -1$, $f(1) = 1$

Then f has a root in $(0, 1)$ by the intermediate value theorem.

Suppose f has 2 roots, so $f(a) = f(b) = 0$. Then by Rolle's, $f'(c) = 0$ for some c . But

$f'(x) = 3x^2 + 1$ is always > 0 \neq .

Mean Value Theorem

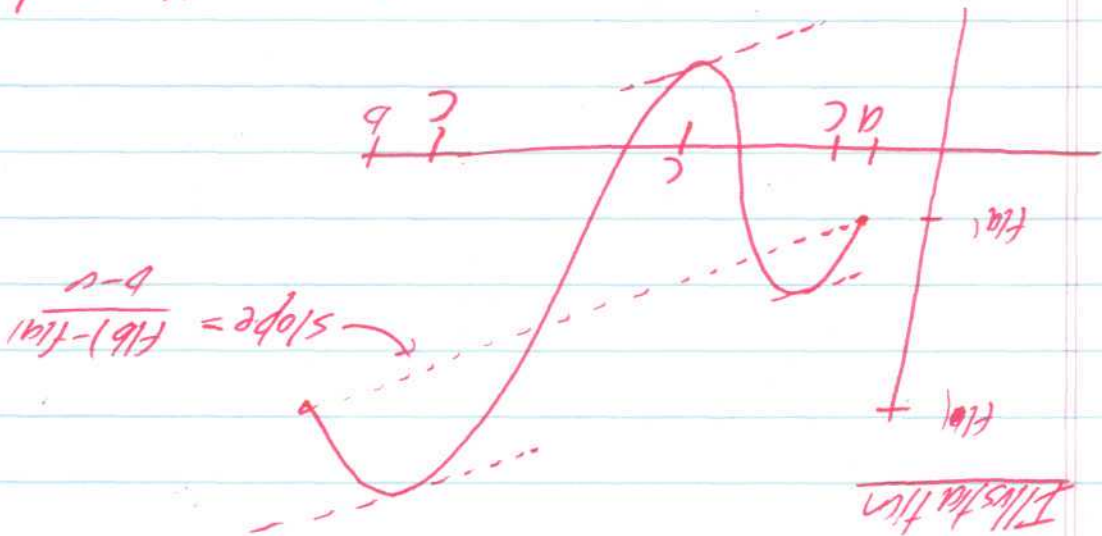
Suppose f is continuous on $[a, b]$ and differentiable on (a, b) . Then there exists a number c in (a, b) with

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

Remark $\frac{f(b)-f(a)}{b-a}$ is average rate of change of f for $a \leq x \leq b$

$f'(c)$ is instantaneous rate of change of f at $x=c$.

Illustration



Three possible c 's!
MVT only guarantees 1.

Example $f(x) = 3x^2 + 5$ on $[1, 11]$

Check f satisfies hypotheses of MVT. Find all c that work.

$$\frac{f(11)-f(1)}{11-1} = \frac{10-6}{2} = 2$$

$$f'(x) = 6x + 2$$

$$2 = 6x + 2$$

$$x = 0$$

$$50 \quad c=0 \text{ has } f'(c) = 2.$$

COROLLARY

If $f'(x) = 0$ for all $x \in (a,b)$ Then f is constant on (a,b) .

Proof Suppose not, so $f(x_2) \neq f(x_1)$ some $x_1, x_2 \in (a,b)$
then MVT guarantees c w/

$$f'(c) = \frac{f(x_2) - f(x_1)}{x_2 - x_1} \neq 0 \quad \neq$$

COR

If $f'(x) = g'(x)$ for all $x \in (a,b)$ Then
 $f(x) = g(x) + C$.

Example

$$f(x) = \frac{|x|}{x} \text{ on } [-1, 1]$$

What goes wrong?

Ex

Prove that $\sqrt{1+x} < 1 + \frac{1}{2}x$ if $x > 0$

Ex

Prove a poly of degree n has at most n roots