Derivative Engineering Mathematics-I

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[1] If we are given with a curve with two points, then the average rate of change is calculated by the slope of the secant line























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Problems on Rolle's Theorem

Problem For the function $f(x) = x(x^2 - 1)$ test for the applicability of Rolle's theorem in the interval [-1, 1] and hence find *c* such that -1 < c < 1.

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Problem Verify the Rolle's theorem for

$$f(x) = \frac{\sin x}{e^x}, \quad in \ [0, \pi].$$

Solution

- Since sin *x* and e^x is continuous and e^x is not zero in the interval $[0, \pi]$, so $f(x) = \frac{\sin x}{e^x}$ is continuous on $[0, \pi]$.
- Since sin *x* and e^x is differentiable and e^x is not zero in the interval $(0, \pi)$, so $f(x) = \frac{\sin x}{e^x}$ is differentiable on $(0, \pi)$.

$$f(0) = \frac{\sin 0}{e^0} = 0$$
 and $f(\pi) = \frac{\sin \pi}{e^{\pi}} = 0.$

So, Rolle's theorem is applicable for the given function and hence there exists $c \in (0, \pi)$ such that f'(c) = 0.

Problem 3

Problem It is given that the Rolle's theorem holds for the function $f(x) = x^3 + bx^2 + cx, \quad 1 \le x \le 2$ at the point $x = \frac{4}{3}$. Find the value of b and c.

Solution

Since Rolle's theorem is applicable, so

$$f(1) = f(2) \implies 1 + b + c = 8 + 4b + 2c$$
$$\implies 3b + c = -7.$$

Also,

$$f'\left(\frac{4}{3}\right) = 0 \implies \frac{16}{3} + \frac{8b}{3} + c = 0$$
$$\implies 8b + 3c = -16.$$

Solve the two equations to find *b* and *c*.

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Proof. Take

$$g(x) = f(x) - f(a) - \frac{f(b) - f(a)}{b - a}(x - a).$$













Problem-1

Problem Verify the Lagrange's mean value theorem for the function $f(x) = x(x-1)(x-2), \quad a = 0 \text{ and } b = \frac{1}{2}.$ Also find c.

Solution

Since *f*(*x*) is a polynomial it is continuous and differentiable.

▶ By the L.M.V.T there exists $c \in (0, \frac{1}{2})$ such that

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

Note that

$$f(x) = x^3 - 3x^2 + 2x \implies f'(x) = 3x^2 - 6x + 2.$$

Thus,

$$f'(c) = \frac{f(b) - f(a)}{b - a} \implies 3c^2 - 6c + 2 = \frac{\frac{3}{8}}{\frac{1}{2}}$$

Solve for *c*.

Problem-2

Problem Verify the Lagrange's mean value theorem for the function given below and find c

$$f(x) = \log x$$
, $a = 1$ and $b = e$.

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Then there exists *c* ∈ (*a*, *b*) such that

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