

Agenda: 1/11/16

Lesson 85

Mean Value Theorem (MVT)

Rolle's Theorem

Recall (Maybe)

EXT: Continuous  $f$  on  $[a, b]$  attains an absolute max and min.IVI: Continuous  $f$  on  $[a, b]$ ,  $N$  between  $f(a)$ ,  $f(b)$   $\exists$   $a < c < b$  s.t.  $f(c) = N$ .

Existence Theorem:

Mean Value Theorem:

$f$  Continuous on  $[a, b]$  and  $f$  is differentiable on  $(a, b)$ , then there exists at least one  $c$  in  $(a, b)$  such that

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

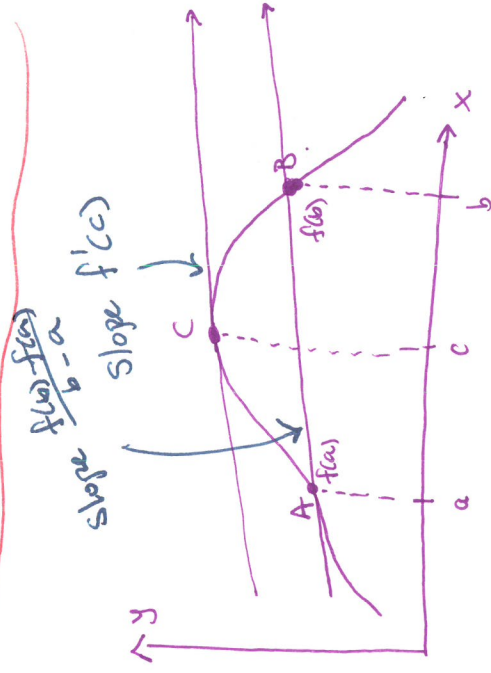
★ Doesn't Find  $c$  for YOU!!Ex. Apply MVT to  $f(x) = x^3 - 5$  on  $[-1, 2]$ .(1) Continuous? **Yes** (2) Differentiable on  $(-1, 2)$ ? **Yes** so MVT AppliesSo There exists a  $c$  in  $(-1, 2)$  with

$$f'(c) = \frac{f(2) - f(-1)}{2 - (-1)} = \frac{3 - (-6)}{3} = 3 \quad \text{MVT}$$

Now  $f'(x) = 3x^2 - 5$  so  $3 = 3x^2 - 5 \Rightarrow x = \pm \sqrt{\frac{8}{3}}$ 

Ex. The value of  $g(x) = \frac{1}{x^2} - \frac{1}{4}$  equals zero at  $x = \pm 2$ . The slope of the line connecting  $(-2, 0)$  and  $(2, 0)$  is zero. Can MVT be used to prove the existence of a point in  $(-2, 2)$  for which the slope of the tangent line is zero?

**No**  $g(x)$  is not continuous on  $[-2, 2]$  because there is an asymptote at  $x = 0$ .



Ex. 86.4  $f(x) = |x| - 1$  is equal to 0 at  $x = -1$  and  $x = 1$ . Does MVT imply that  $f'(c) = 0$  for some  $c$  in  $(-1, 1)$ ?

(1)  $f(x)$  is continuous on  $[-1, 1]$  ✓

(2)  $f(x)$  is not differentiable on  $(-1, 1)$  since  $f'(0)$  DNE.

No Can't apply MVT.

### Applications of MVT

★ If  $f'(x) = 0$  on  $[a, b]$  then  $f(x) = C$  on  $[a, b]$  for some constant  $C$ .

Proof: let  $a \leq x_1 < x_2 \leq b$  then by MVT  $\exists x_1 < c < x_2$  with

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

As this holds for all  $a \leq x_1 < x_2 \leq b \Rightarrow f(x) = C$  for some  $C$ .

★ If  $f'(x) = g'(x)$  on  $[a, b]$  then  $f(x) - g(x) = C$  on  $[a, b]$ .

Proof:  $f'(x) - g'(x) = 0$  on  $[a, b]$

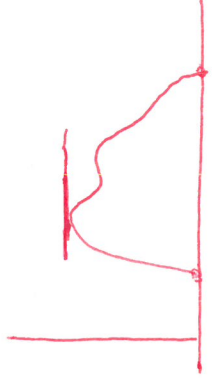
$$(f - g)'(x) = 0 \text{ so by first application } f(x) - g(x) = C \text{ on } [a, b]$$

### Rolle's Theorem (Special Case of MVT)

$f$  continuous on  $[a, b]$ ,  $f(a) = f(b) = 0$ , and  $f$  differentiable on  $(a, b)$  then  $\exists a < c < b$  with  $f'(c) = 0$ .

### Practical Application

## SPEED CAMERAS



- Appear in the UK mainly
- Common Camera (in USA) measure instantaneous speed as you pass
- SPECS Cameras on freeways in UK measure average speed =  $\frac{\text{distance traveled}}{\text{time traveled}}$

Ex. At 5:00 PM a police officer sees a car go 70 miles per hour on a 75 mph highway. At 6:00 PM, 90 miles down the road a second officer sees the same car going 60 mph. The driver is ticketed for speeding but he argues that he was never clocked above 70 mph. Was he right to be ticketed?

$$\text{Average speed} = \frac{90 \text{ miles}}{1 \text{ hr}} = 90 \text{ mph} \text{ by MVT } \exists \text{ a time between 5 and 6 PM when he was going 90 mph!}$$