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Rolle's Theorem & Mean Value Theorem

Exercise : 15.5

1. Verify Rolle's theorem for each of the following function.

a) $f(x) = x^2 + 2$ in $[-2, 2]$

Solⁿ

Here,

$$f(x) = x^2 + 2 \text{ in } [-2, 2] \text{ --- (1)}$$

i) Here, $f(x)$ being polynomial function is continuous in $[-2, 2]$.

ii) Diffⁿ w.r.t x ,
 $f'(x) = 2x$ which is defined on $(-2, 2)$. So, $f(x)$ is differentiable on $(-2, 2)$.

iii) When $x = -2$,
 $f(-2) = (-2)^2 + 2 = 6$
 $f(2) = 2^2 + 2 = 6$
 i.e. $f(-2) = f(2)$.

Since, $f(x)$ holds all three conditions of Rolle's theorem. We can find at least one point $c \in (-2, 2)$ such that $f'(c) = 0$.

or $f'(c) = 2c$

or $2c = 0$

$\therefore c = 0$

Here, $c = 0 \in [-2, 2]$

$\therefore$ Theorem is verified.

b) $f(x) = x^3 - 4x$ in $[0, 2]$

Sol'n

Given,

$$f(x) = x^3 - 4x \text{ in } [0, 2] \text{ --- (1)}$$

1) Here $f(x)$ being polynomial is continuous on $[0, 2]$.

2) Diff (1) wrt x ,

$f'(x) = 3x^2 - 4$ --- (2) which is defined on $(0, 2)$. So, $f(x)$ is differentiable on $(0, 2)$.

3) When $x=0$, $y=f(0)=0$.

$$\text{When } x=2, f(x) = 2^3 - 4 \cdot 2 = 0.$$

Here

$$f(0) = f(2)$$

Since, $f(x)$ holds all three conditions of Rolle's theorem, we can find at least one point $c \in (0, 2)$ such that,

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

$$\text{or, } 3c^2 - 4 = 0 \text{ [from (2)]}$$

$$\text{or, } c^2 = \frac{4}{3}$$

$$3$$

$$\therefore c = \pm 2$$

$$\sqrt{3}.$$

$$\text{Here } c = \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} \in [0, 2]$$

$$c = -\frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} \notin [0, 2].$$

Hence,

$c = \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}$. So, theorem is verified.

c) $f(x) = \sin 2x$ in $\left[-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right]$

Sol'n

Here,

$$f(x) = \sin 2x \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

1) $f(x)$ being sine function is continuous in $\left[-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right]$

2) Diff $f(x)$ w.r.t x ,

$f'(x) = 2 \cos 2x$ --- (11) which is defined on $\left(-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$. So, $f(x)$ is differentiable on $\left(-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$.

3) When $x = -\frac{\pi}{2}$, $f\left(-\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = 0$.

When $x = \frac{\pi}{2}$, $f\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = 0$.

$$\therefore f\left(-\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = f\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right)$$

Since, $f(x)$ holds all three conditions of Rolle's theorem, there exists at least one point $c \in \left(-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$ such that,

$$f'(c) = 0$$

Or $2 \cos 2c = 0$

Or $\cos 2c = \cos 90^\circ, \cos 270^\circ$

$$\therefore 2c = \frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$\therefore c = \frac{1}{4}, -\frac{1}{4} \in \left(-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\right)$$

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$$\therefore c = -\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2} \in \left[-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\right]$$

Hence,

Theorem is verified.

e. $f(x) = \sqrt{25-x^2}$ in $[-5, 5]$

Soln

$$f(x) = \sqrt{25-x^2} \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

1) Here, $f(x)$ is ^{being polynomial} continuous on $[-5, 5]$.

2) Diff @ w.r.t x ,

$$f'(x) = \frac{-2x}{2\sqrt{25-x^2}} \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

which is defined on $(-5, 5)$.

So, $f(x)$ is differentiable on $(-5, 5)$.

3) When, $x = 5$, $f(5) = 0$.

When $x = -5$, $f(-5) = 0$.

Here,

$$f(-5) = f(5)$$

Since $f(x)$ holds all three conditions of Rolle's theorem, we can find at least one point $c \in (-5, 5)$ such that,

$$f'(c) = 0$$

$$\text{or, } \frac{-2c}{2\sqrt{25-c^2}} = 0$$

$$\text{or, } -2c = 0$$

$$\therefore c = 0 \in [-5, 5] \text{ verified}$$

f) $f(x) = \sin x + \cos x$ in $[0, 2\pi]$

Soln

$$f(x) = \sin x + \cos x \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

1) Here, $f(x)$ being trigonometric function is continuous on $[0, 2\pi]$

2) Diff (1) w.r.t. x ,

$$f'(x) = \cos x - \sin x \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

which is defined on $(0, 2\pi)$. So, $f(x)$ is differentiable on $(0, 2)$.

3) When $x=0$ $f(0)=1$

When $x=2\pi$ $f(2\pi)=1$

$$\therefore f(0) = f(2\pi)$$

Since $f(x)$ holds all three conditions of Rolle's theorem, we can find at least one point $c \in (0, 2\pi)$ such that,

$$f'(c) = 0$$

or, $\cos c - \sin c = 0$

or, $\cos c = \sin c$

or, $\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) = \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right)$ $\left[\cos c = \sin c \text{ at } c = \frac{\pi}{4} \right]$

$$\therefore c = \frac{\pi}{4} \in [0, 2\pi]$$

~~Theorem~~ is verified.

2. By using Rolle's theorem, find a point on each of the curves given by the following where tangent is parallel to x -axis.

a) $f(x) = 6x - x^2$ in $[0, 6]$

Sol'n

$$f(x) = 6x - x^2 \text{ --- (1)}$$

1) Here $f(x)$ being polynomial is continuous on $[0, 6]$.

2) Diff'ble w.r.t x ,

$f'(x) = 6 - 2x$ which is defined on $(0, 6)$. So, $f(x)$ is differentiable on $(0, 6)$.

3) When $x = 0$, $f(0) = 0$

When $x = 6$, $f(6) = 0$

$$\therefore f(0) = f(6).$$

Since $f(x)$ holds all three conditions of Rolle's theorem. We can find at least one point on $E \in (0, 6)$ such that,
 $f'(c) = 0$.

$$\text{Or, } 6 - 2c = 0$$

$$\text{Or } 6 = 2c$$

$$\therefore c = 3.$$

When $c = 3$,

$$f(c) = 6c - c^2$$

$$= 6 \times 3 - 3^2$$

$$= 9.$$

$\therefore$ Point where tangent is parallel to x -axis is $(3, 9)$.

b) $f(x) = 2x^2 - 4x$ in $[0, 2]$

Soln

Here,

$$f(x) = 2x^2 - 4x \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

1) Here, $f(x)$ being polynomial is continuous on $[0, 2]$.

2) Diff (1) w.r.t. x ,

$$f'(x) = 4x - 4 \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

which is defined on $(0, 2)$. So, $f(x)$ is differentiable on $(0, 2)$.

3) When $x=0$, $f(0)=0$

When $x=2$, $f(2)=0$

$$\therefore f(0) = f(2)$$

Since $f(x)$ holds all three conditions of Rolle's theorem. We can find point on curve where tangent is parallel to x -axis.

$$f'(c) = 0$$

or $4c - 4 = 0$

$\therefore c = 1$

When $c = 1$,

$$f'(c) = -4 \cdot 1 + 0 \cdot 2 = -4$$
$$= -2$$

$\therefore (1, -2)$ is the point where tangent is parallel to x -axis.

3. Verify by mean value theorem for each function in given interval.

a) $f(x) = 3x^2 - 2$ in $[2, 3]$

Soln

Here,

$$f(x) = 3x^2 - 2$$

1) $f(x)$ being polynomial function is continuous on $[2, 3]$.

2) Diff-1 w.r.t x , we get

$$f'(x) = 6x \text{ which is defined on } (2, 3).$$

So, $f(x)$ is differentiable on $(2, 3)$.

As $f(x)$ holds both conditions of second value theorem,

we can find at least one point $c \in (2, 3)$ such that,

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

Here,

$$f'(c) = 6c$$

$$\text{When } a = 2, f(2) = 10$$

$$\text{When } b = 3, f(3) = 25$$

$$\text{i.e. } 6c = \frac{25 - 10}{3 - 2}$$

$$\text{or, } 6c = 15$$

$$\therefore c = \frac{5}{2} \in (2, 3).$$

Hence, ~~the~~ theorem is verified.

b) $f(x) = x(x-1)(x-2)$ in $\left[0, \frac{1}{2}\right]$

Sol'n

Here

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= x(x-1)(x-2) \\ &= x(x^2 - 3x + 2) \\ &= x^3 - 3x^2 + 2x \quad \text{--- (1)} \end{aligned}$$

i) $f(x)$ being polynomial is continuous on $\left[0, \frac{1}{2}\right]$.

ii) Diff (1) w.r.t. x ,

$f'(x) = 3x^2 - 6x + 2$ which is defined on $\left(0, \frac{1}{2}\right)$

So, $f(x)$ is differentiable on $\left(0, \frac{1}{2}\right)$.

As $f(x)$ holds both condition of mean value theorem.

There exists a point $c \in \left(0, \frac{1}{2}\right)$ such that:

$$f'(c) = \frac{f\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) - f(0)}{\frac{1}{2} - 0}$$

$$\text{or, } 3c^2 - 6c + 2 = \frac{3}{8} - 0$$

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$$01, \quad 3c^2 - 6c + 2 = \frac{3}{4}$$

$$01, \quad 3c^2 - 6c + 5 = 0$$

$$01, \quad 12c^2 - 24c + 5 = 0$$

$$01, \quad c = \frac{-(-24) \pm \sqrt{(-24)^2 - 4 \cdot 12 \cdot 5}}{2 \cdot 12}$$

$$01, \quad c = \frac{24 \pm \sqrt{336}}{24}$$

$$01, \quad c = \frac{24 \pm 4\sqrt{21}}{24}$$

$$\therefore c = \frac{6 \pm \sqrt{21}}{6}$$

Here,

$$c = \frac{6 + \sqrt{21}}{6} \notin \left[0, \frac{1}{2}\right]$$

$$c = \frac{6 - \sqrt{21}}{6} \in \left[0, \frac{1}{2}\right]$$

$\therefore$ Theorem is verified.

a) $f(x) = e^x$ in $[0, 1]$

Soln

Here

$$f(x) = e^x$$

(10)

i) $f(x)$ being exponential function is continuous on $[0, 1]$

ii) Diff @ w.r.t x

$$f'(x) = e^x \text{ which is defined on } (0, 1)$$

So, $f(x)$ is differentiable on $(0, 1)$

As $f(x)$ holds both condition of mean value theorem.

we can find at least one point on $C \in (0,1)$ such that.

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

$$\text{on } e^c = \frac{e^1 - e^0}{1 - 0}$$

$$\text{on } e^c = e^1 - 1$$

Taking $\ln$ on both sides.

$$c \ln e = \ln(e - 1)$$

$$\text{on } c = \frac{\ln(e - 1)}{\ln e}$$

$$\therefore c = \ln(e - 1) \quad [\because \ln e = 1]$$

Here

$$c = \ln(e - 1) = 0.54 \in [0, 1]$$

$\therefore$ Theorem is ~~verified~~.

$$\text{e)} \quad f(x) = \sqrt{x^2 - 4} \quad \text{in } [2, 4]$$

Soln

$$f(x) = \sqrt{x^2 - 4} \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

Here

$x \in [2, 4]$.

i) $f(x)$ ~~is~~ ^{exists} defined for all $x \in [2, 4]$.

So, $f(x)$ is ^{continuous} defined for $x \in [2, 4]$.

ii) Diff $\exists$ w.r.t x ,

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

$= \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2 - 4}}$ which is defined on $(2, 4)$.

So, $f(x)$ is differentiable at $(2, 4)$.

Now,

$f(x)$ holds both condition of mean value theorem

So, there exists at least $a \in (2, 4)$ such that

$$f'(c) = \frac{f(4) - f(2)}{4 - 2}$$

$$\text{or, } \frac{c}{\sqrt{c^2 - 4}} = \frac{\sqrt{12} - 0}{2}$$

$$\text{or, } \frac{c}{\sqrt{c^2 - 4}} = \sqrt{3}$$

$$\text{or, } c^2 = 3(c^2 - 4)$$

$$\text{or, } c^2 = 3c^2 - 12$$

$$\text{or, } 12 = 2c^2$$

$$\text{or, } c^2 = 6$$

$$\therefore c = \pm\sqrt{6}$$

Since,

$$c = \sqrt{6} \in (2, 4).$$

Theorem is verified.

4. Show that mean value theorem is not applicable to $f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$ in $(-1, 1)$

Soln)

Here

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$$

- i) $f(x)$ is not defined at $x=0$.

So, $f(x)$ is not continuous on $[-1, 1]$

So, theorem is not satisfied.

- 5 Find the point on $f(x) = (x-2)^2$ where tangent is parallel to chord joining $(3,1)$ and $(4,4)$.

Sol'n

Here

$$f(x) = (x-2)^2$$

$$f'(x) = 2x - 4$$

Given points on the chord be:
 $(3,1)$ and $(4,4)$

Equ'n of tangent be,

$$y - 1 = \frac{3}{1}(x - 3)$$

$$\text{or, } y - 1 = 3x - 9$$

$$\therefore y = 3x - 8 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

Now, Diff (1) w.r.t x ,

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 3$$

Now,

Slope of $f(x)$ at point $(x,y) = 3$

$$\text{or, } f'(x) = 3$$

$$\text{or, } 2x - 4 = 3$$

$$\text{or, } 2x = 7$$

$$\therefore x = \frac{7}{2}$$

$$\text{When } x = \frac{7}{2}$$

$$y = \left(\frac{7}{2} - 2\right)^2$$

$$= \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^2 = \frac{9}{4}$$

$\therefore$ Req. points are $\left(\frac{7}{2}, \frac{9}{4}\right)$.

∴ Indeterminate forms

If a function takes form of $\frac{0}{0}$ as

$x \rightarrow a$, the value is said to be indeterminate

Other indeterminate forms are $\frac{\infty}{\infty}$, $\infty \cdot \infty$,

0^0 , 1^∞ , ∞^0 .

∴ L' Hospital Theorem

If $f(x)$ and $g(x)$ are any two functions having their derivatives $f'(x)$ and $g'(x)$ which are continuous at $x=a$ & if $f(a)=g(a)=0$,

then,
$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f'(x)}{g'(x)} = \frac{f'(a)}{g'(a)}$$

provided that $g'(a) \neq 0$.

This theorem can be further used provided that $f'(a)$ & $g'(a)$ are both zero.

Note: L' Hospital Rule can be used only for $\frac{0}{0}$ & $\frac{\infty}{\infty}$ form.