

Notes on EVT, MVT, and Rolle's Theorem

Review:

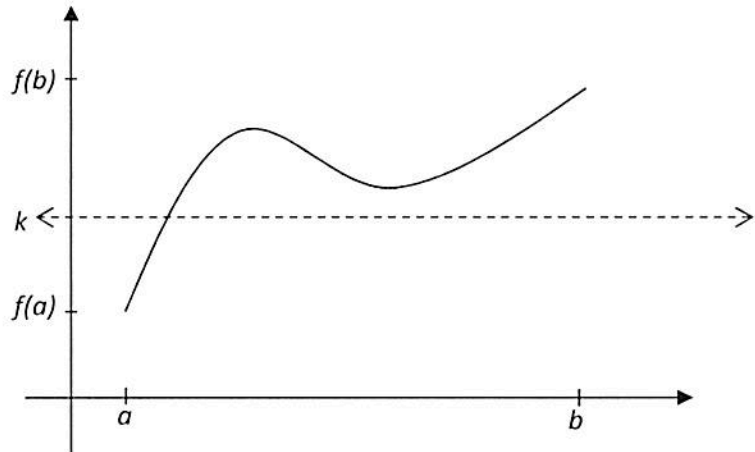
Intermediate Value Theorem:

Must be true:

1. $f(x)$ must be cont. on $[a, b]$
2. $f(a) \leq k \leq f(b)$

Conclusion:

There must exist a c on $[a, b]$ such that $f(c) = k$.



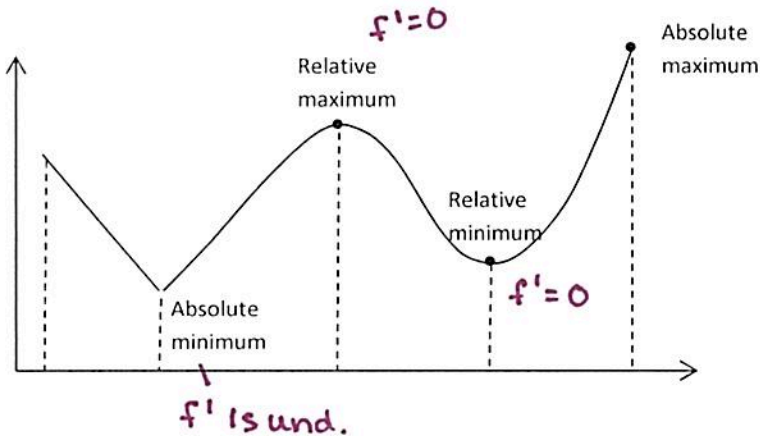
Limit Definition of a Derivative:

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

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

$$f'(c) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(c+h) - f(c)}{h}$$

Absolute vs. Relative (local) Extrema



*Endpoints can never be relative.

Absolute Extrema:

- The highest and lowest values on a function.
- can occur at endpoints or critical #s

Relative Extrema:

- The turning pts of a function.
- can occur only at critical #s.

Critical Values:

- Possible extrema
- where $f' = 0$ or f' is undefined.

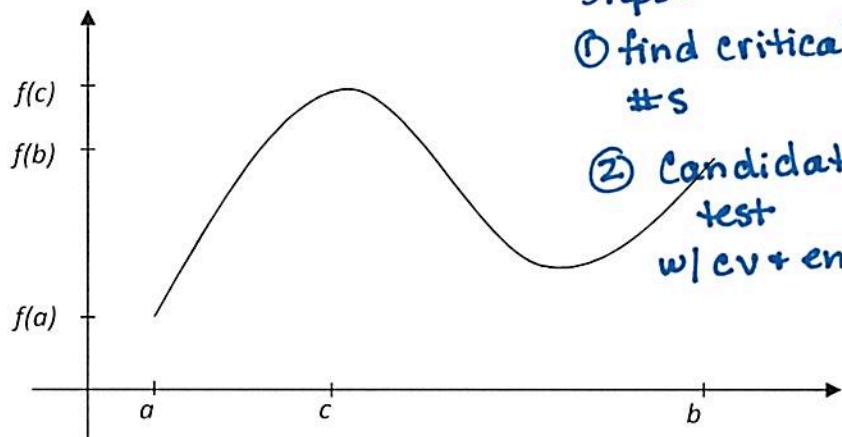
Extreme Value Theorem:

Must be true:

1. $f(x)$ must be cont. on $[a, b]$

Conclusion:

There must be an
abs. min & an abs. max.
 $f(a) \leq f(x) \leq f(b)$



Steps:
① find critical #s
② Candidates test w/ cv + endpts.

Examples:

1) Find the absolute extrema for $f(x) = 3x^4 - 4x^3$ on the interval $[-1, 2]$

① $f' = 12x^3 - 12x^2$
 $0 = 12x^2(x-1)$
CN: 0, 1

x	f(x)
-1	7
0	0
1	-1
2	16

Abs. Max is 16 and occurs @ $x=2$.
Abs. Min is -1 and occurs @ $x=1$.

3) Find the absolute extrema for $f(x) = 2x - 3x^{\frac{2}{3}}$ on the interval $[-1, 3]$

$f' = 2 - 2x^{-1/3}$
 $= 2 - \frac{2}{\sqrt[3]{x}}$
 $= \frac{2\sqrt[3]{x} - 2}{\sqrt[3]{x}} = 0$
 $\sqrt[3]{x} = 0$

x	f(x)
-1	-5
0	0
1	-1
3	$6 - 3\sqrt[3]{9}$ ≈ -2.240

CN: 1, 0

Abs. Max = 0 @ $x=0$
Abs. Min = -5 @ $x=-1$

2) Find the absolute extrema of $f(x) = 2x^3 + 3x^2 - 12x$ on the interval: $[-4, 2]$

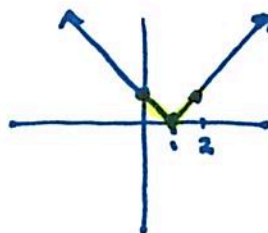
$f' = 6x^2 + 6x - 12$
 $0 = 6(x^2 + x - 2)$
 $0 = 6(x+2)(x-1)$
CN: -2, 1

x	f(x)
-4	-32
-2	20
1	-7
2	4

Abs. Max is 20 @ $x=-2$
Abs. Min is -32 @ $x=-4$

4) Find the absolute extrema for $f(x) = |x-1|$ on the interval $[0, 2]$

CN @ $x=1$



x	f(x)
0	1
1	0
2	1

Abs. Max is 1 @ $x=0, 2$
Abs. Min is 0 @ $x=1$

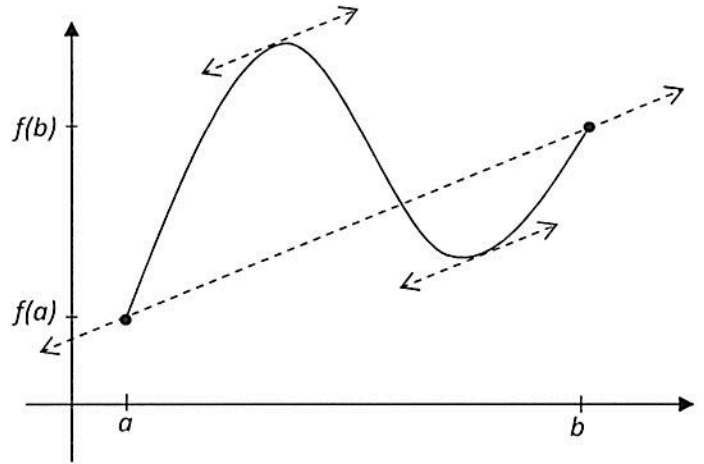
Mean Value Theorem:

Must be true:

1. $f(x)$ is cont. on $[a, b]$
2. $f(x)$ is diff on (a, b)

Conclusion

$$\underline{f'(c) = \frac{f(b)-f(a)}{b-a} \text{ for some } c \text{ on } (a, b)}$$



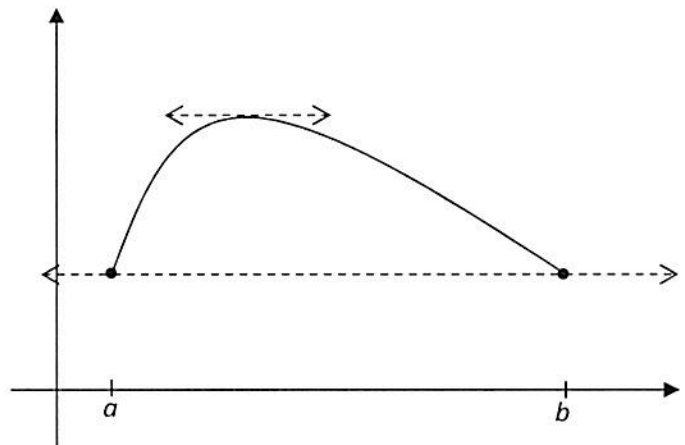
Rolle's Theorem(a special case of MVT):

Must be true:

1. $f(x)$ is cont. on $[a, b]$
2. $f(x)$ is diff. on (a, b)
3. $f(a) = f(b)$

Conclusion

$$\underline{f'(c) = 0 \text{ for some } c \text{ on } (a, b)}$$



Examples:

1. Let $f(x)$ be the function given by $f(x) = x^3 - 7x + 6$. Find the number c that satisfies the conclusion of the Mean Value Theorem for $f(x)$ on $[1, 3]$.

$$f'(x) = 3x^2 - 7$$

$$AROC = \frac{12 - 0}{2} = 6$$

$$3x^2 - 7 = 6$$

$$f(3) = 12$$

$$f(1) = 0$$

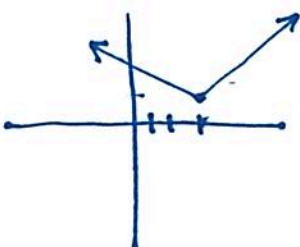
$$c = \sqrt{\frac{13}{3}}$$

$$3x^2 = 13$$

$$\sqrt{x^2} = \sqrt{\frac{13}{3}}$$

$\rightarrow -\sqrt{\frac{13}{3}}$ is not on the given interval.

2. $f(x) = |x - 3| + 1$ Can the Mean Value Theorem be used to show that there is an x -value for $f(x)$ on $[1, 4]$ where the slope of the tangent line is equal to the slope of the secant line? Justify your conclusion.



$f(x)$ is cont. on $[1, 4]$

$f(x)$ is NOT diff. @ $x = 3$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 3^-} f'(x) \neq \lim_{x \rightarrow 3^+} f'(x)$$

\therefore MVT cannot be used.

Determine whether Rolle's Theorem can be applied. If so, find c . If not, tell why.

1. $f(x) = x^4 - 2x^2$ on $[-2, 2]$.

$f(x)$ is a polynomial, therefore it is cont. and differentiable for all $x \in \mathbb{R}$.

$$f' = 4x^3 - 4x$$

$$f(2) = 8$$

\therefore Rolle's Applies

$$f(-2) = 8$$

$$0 = 4x^3 - 4x$$

$$0 = 4x(x-1)(x+1)$$

$$c = 0, 1, -1$$

**2. Let f be a function that is differentiable on the interval $(1, 10)$. If $f(2) = -5$, $f(5) = 5$, and $f(9) = -5$, which of the following must be true?

I. f has at least 2 zeros. **IVT**

II. The graph of f has at least one horizontal tangent. **Rolle's**

III. For some c , $2 < c < 5$, $f(c) = 3$. **IVT**

IV. $f'(x) = 3$ for some c , $2 < c < 5$. **MVT**

$$\frac{f(5) - f(2)}{5 - 2} = \frac{10}{3} \neq 3$$

