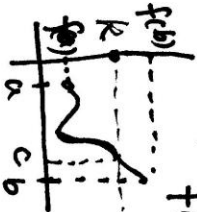


3.10 Differentiable Function.

Recall: Intermediate Value Theorem:

If f is a continuous in (a, b) , then for any value k between $f(a)$ and $f(b)$, there must be a point c such that $f(c) = k$.



Appl. It is used to determine solutions to equations. $F(x) = 0$



Mean Value Theorem: If f is a

continuous function in (a, b) and is differentiable in (a, b) , then there must be a point c such that

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

i.e. $f(b) - f(a) = f'(c)(b - a)$.

Corollary 1:

- If $f' > 0$ in (a, b) at every point then f must be increasing, i.e. $f' > 0$ in $(a, b) \Rightarrow f \nearrow$

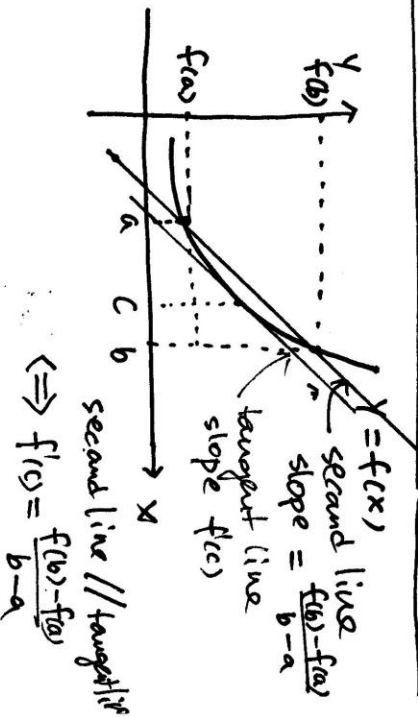
Pf: Take any two points from the interval, say, $a < b$,

by MVT, there is a c such that

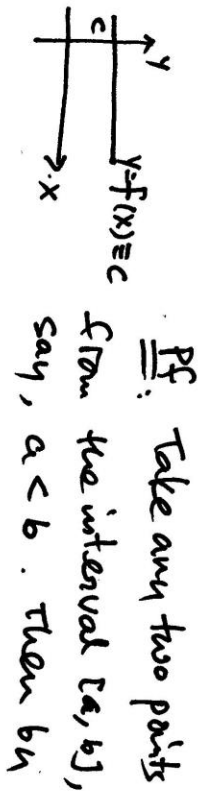
$$f'(c) = \frac{f(b) - f(a)}{b - a}$$

i.e. $f(b) - f(a) = \underbrace{f'(c)}_{> 0} \underbrace{(b - a)}_{> 0} > 0$

$\Rightarrow f(b) > f(a)$ i.e. $f \nearrow$



Corollary 2: If $f' \equiv 0$ in an interval $[a, b]$, then f must be a constant function.



MVT, there is a c w/ $a < c < b$ such that

$$f(b) - f(a) = f'(c)(b-a) = 0$$

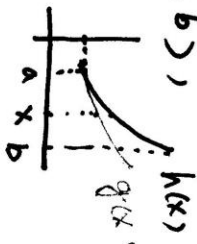
$$\Rightarrow f(b) = f(a)$$

$\Rightarrow f(x) = f(a)$ for all $a \leq x \leq b$. \square

The Racetrack Principle

Suppose that g and h are continuous in $[a, b]$ and differentiable in (a, b) ,

- If $g(a) = h(a)$ and $g'(x) \leq h'(x)$, then $g(x) \leq h(x)$ for $a \leq x \leq b$.
- If $g(b) = h(b)$ and $g'(x) \leq h'(x)$, then $g(x) \geq h(x)$.



PF: let $f(x) = h(x) - g(x)$.

Then $f'(x) = h'(x) - g'(x) \geq 0$ since $h'(x) > g'(x)$

$$\Rightarrow f(x) \nearrow$$

$\Rightarrow f(x) \geq f(a)$ for $x \geq a$.

$$h(x) - g(x) \geq h(a) - g(a) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow h(x) \geq g(x) \quad \square$$

Ex: Show $\sin x \leq x$ for $x \geq 0$.

PF: let $g(x) = \sin x$, $h(x) = x$.

$$g(0) = 0 = h(0), \text{ and}$$

$$g'(x) = \cos x \leq 1 = h'(x)$$

for all x . By Racetrack theorem, $h(x) \geq g(x)$

i.e. $x \geq \sin x$

$$y = x$$



Ex: Show $e^x \geq x+1$ for all x .

Pf: Consider $x \geq 0$. Let $h(x) = e^x$

$$g(x) = x+1. \text{ Then } h(0) = e^0 = 1$$

$$= g(0). \quad h'(x) = e^x \geq 1 = g'(x)$$

$$\text{for } x \geq 0, \quad \text{By RT, } h(x) \geq g(x)$$

$$\Rightarrow e^x \geq x+1$$

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