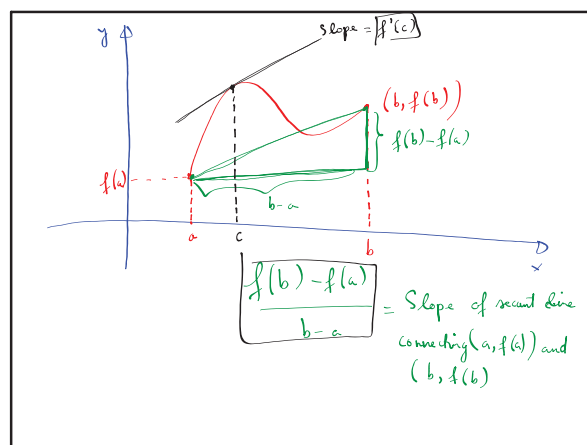


Mean Value Theorem (M.V.T.)

f : function $[a,b]$
 f is continuous on $[a,b]$
 f is differentiable on (a,b) } hypotheses of MVT

Conclusion: there exists a number c in (a,b) such that $f'(c) = \frac{f(b) - f(a)}{b - a}$

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E.g. T or F.

At 2pm: a car's speedometer reads 30 mi/h
 At 2:10pm: _____ 50 mi/h.

Claim: At some point between 2pm and 2:10pm, the acceleration is exactly 120 mi/h.

f : velocity function.
 $f(2 \text{ pm}) = 30$; $f(2:10 \text{ pm}) = 50 \text{ mi/h}$.

there is a point c in $(2 \text{ pm}, 2:10 \text{ pm})$ such that $f'(c) = \frac{f(2:10) - f(2)}{1/6}$

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$f'(c) = \frac{50 - 30}{\frac{1}{6}} = \frac{20}{\frac{1}{6}} = 120 \text{ mi/h}$

acceleration at time c .

E.g. $f(x) = \ln x$, on $[1, 4]$.

- Verify that f satisfies all conditions of MVT.
- Find c such that $f'(c) = \frac{f(b) - f(a)}{b - a}$.

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f cont. on $[a,b]$
 f diff. on (a,b)

Domain of $f(x) = \ln x$ is $(0, \infty)$

$f(x) = \ln x$; $[1, 4]$

- f is continuous on $[1, 4]$
- $f'(x) = \frac{1}{x}$. f is differentiable on $(1, 4)$

All conditions of MVT are satisfied.

② MVT says that there exists c such that $f'(c) = \frac{f(b) - f(a)}{b - a}$

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$\frac{1}{c} = \frac{f(4) - f(1)}{4 - 1}$
 $\frac{1}{c} = \frac{\ln 4 - \ln 1}{3}$
 $\frac{1}{c} = \frac{\ln 4}{3}$
 $c = \frac{3}{\ln 4}$

Rolle's Thm $f'(c) = 0$

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

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