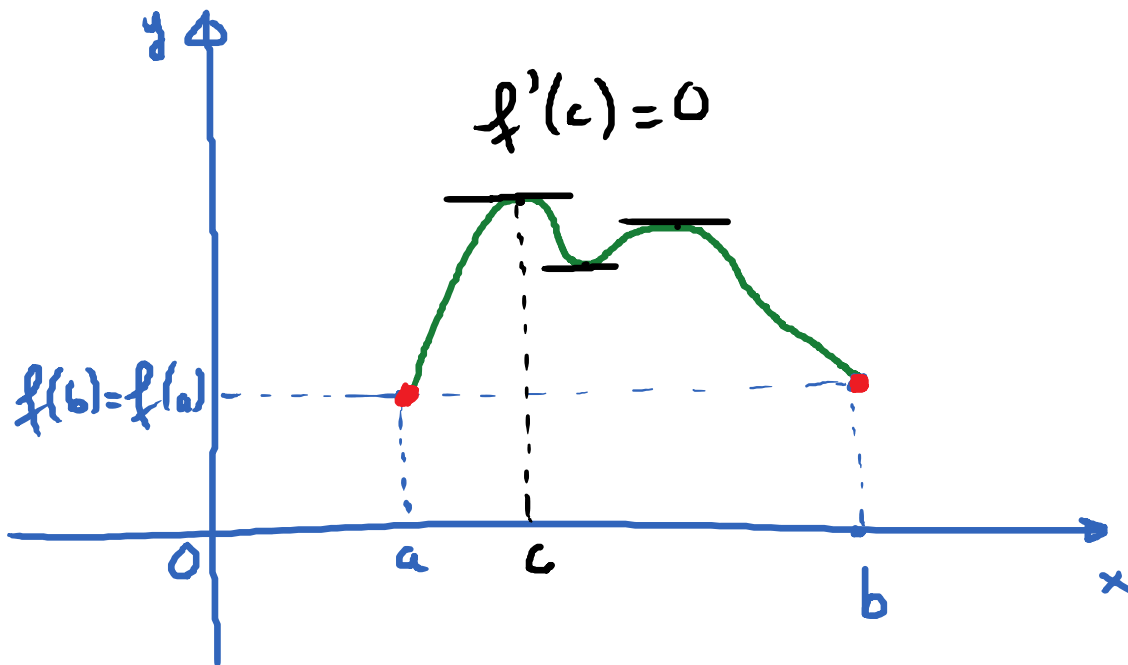
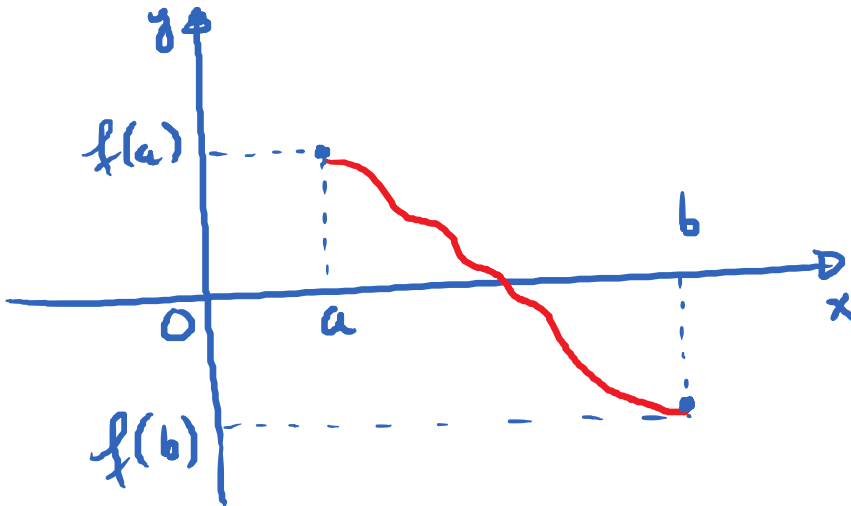


# 4.4. Rolle's Theorem and the Mean Value Theorem.

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Ex.



# Rolle's Theorem:

$f$ : function on the interval  $[a, b]$ .

①  $f$  is continuous on  $[a, b]$

②  $f$  is differentiable on  $(a, b)$

③  $f(a) = f(b)$

Hypothesis  
of the  
Theorem

Conclusion: There exists a number  $c$  in  $(a, b)$   
such that  $f'(c) = 0$ .

Ex.  $f(x) = x^3 - 4x$ ; on  $[-2, 2]$

(a) Verify that  $f$  satisfies all the hypotheses of Rolle's Theorem.

(b) Find the value(s) of  $c$  such that  $f'(c) = 0$ .

$$\textcircled{b} \quad f'(x) = 3x^2 - 4 = 0 \rightarrow x = \pm \sqrt{\frac{4}{3}} = \pm \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}$$

$$x = \pm \frac{2\sqrt{3}}{3}$$

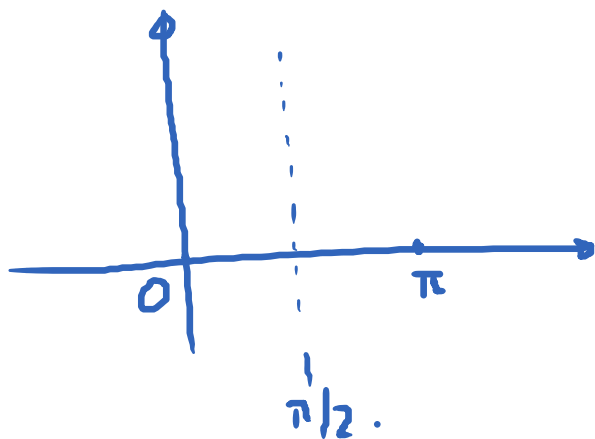


- (a) ①  $f$  is continuous on  $[-2, 2]$  b/c it is a polynomial  
 ②  $f$  is diff. on  $(-2, 2)$ . Derivative exists everywhere  
 ③  $f(-2) = 0$   
 $f(2) = 0$ .

→ It satisfies Rolle's Theorem.

E.x.  $f(x) = \tan(x)$  ;  $f'(x) = \sec^2 x$

$f(0) = 0$  ;  $f(\pi) = 0$



There is no number  $c$   
 in  $(0, \pi)$  such that  
 $f'(c) = 0$

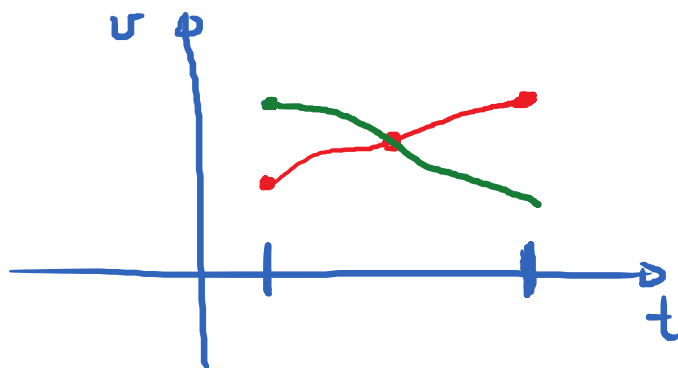
We can't apply Rolle's  
 Theorem b/c  $f$  is discont.  
 at  $x = \frac{\pi}{2}$ .

E.g. 2 runners start a race at the same time.  
They finish in a tie.

Q: T or F at some point during the race,  
they have the same speed.

$v_1(t)$  : speed of 1<sup>st</sup> runner

$v_2(t)$  : \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> runner.



$s_1(t)$  : position of 1<sup>st</sup> runner.

$s_2(t)$  : position of 2<sup>nd</sup> runner.

$$s_1(a) = s_2(a) \quad ; \quad s_1(b) = s_2(b)$$

$$f(t) = s_1(t) - s_2(t) \quad ; \quad f(a) = 0 \quad ; \quad f(b) = 0$$

$$f(a) = f(b)$$

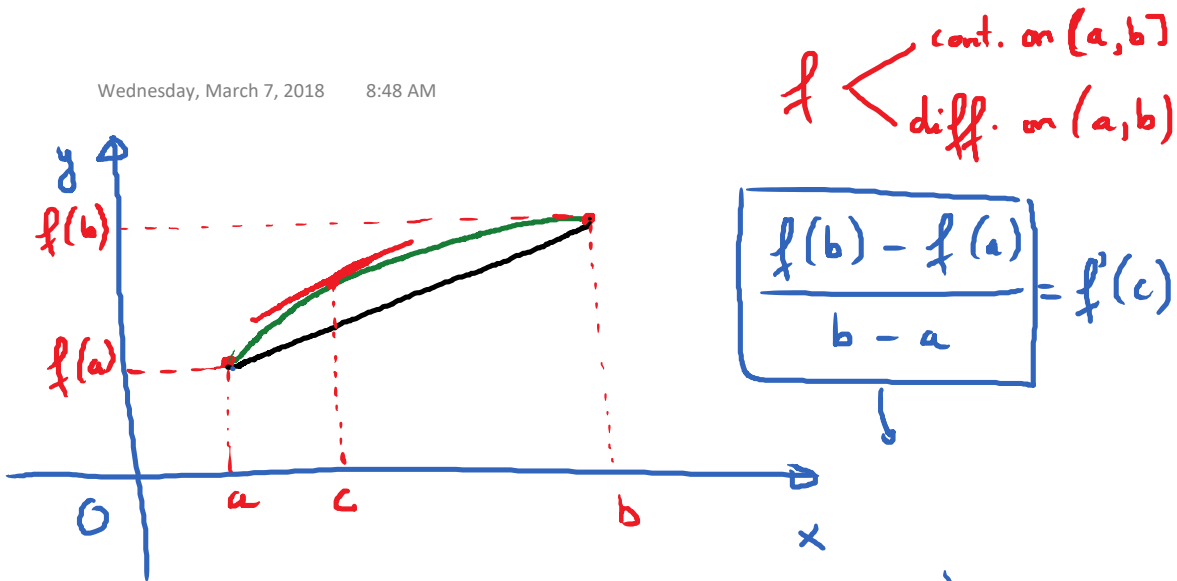
Rolle's Theorem:

there is  $c$  in  $(a, b)$ :

$$f'(c) = 0$$

$$s_1'(c) - s_2'(c) = 0$$

$$s_1'(c) = s_2'(c)$$



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

Conclusion: there exists a point  $c$  in  $(a, b)$  s.t.

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

Ex. ①  $f(x) = \ln x$  ; on  $[1, 4]$

① (a) Verify that all the hypotheses of MVT are satisfied.

① (b) Find the value(s) of  $c$  that satisfy the conclusion of MVT.  $c = \frac{\ln(4)}{3}$

② Suppose that  $f(0) = -3$ .  $f$  is diff., cont. everywhere.  $f'(x) \leq 5$  for all values of  $x$ . Q: How large can  $f(2)$  possibly be.

① (a) ✓

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

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

$$\frac{\ln 4}{3} = \frac{1}{c} \rightarrow \boxed{c = \frac{3}{\ln(4)}}$$

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

$$\frac{f(2) + 3}{2} = f'(c) \leq 5$$

$$\frac{f(2) + 3}{2} \leq 5$$

$$f(2) + 3 \leq 10$$

$$f(2) \leq 7$$