

AP Calculus AB

WS 77 Mean Value Theorem

1) $f(x) = x^3 + 1$; $[2, 3]$

$$\frac{f(3) - f(2)}{3 - 2} = \frac{28 - 9}{1}$$

$$= 19$$

2) $f(x) = \sqrt{4x+1}$ on $[0, 2]$

$$ROC_{avg} = \frac{f(2) - f(0)}{2 - 0}$$

$$= \frac{3 - 1}{2}$$

$$= 1$$

3) $f(x) = e^x$; on $[-2, 0]$

$$ROC_{avg} = \frac{f(0) - f(-2)}{0 - (-2)}$$

$$= \frac{1 - e^{-2}}{2}$$

$$= \frac{1 - \frac{1}{e^2}}{2}$$

$$= \frac{e^2 - 1}{2e^2}$$

4) $f(x) = \ln x$ on $[100, 103]$

$$ROC_{avg} = \frac{f(103) - f(100)}{3}$$

$$= \frac{\ln 103 - \ln 100}{3}$$

$$= \frac{\ln\left(\frac{103}{100}\right)}{3}$$

5) $f(x) = \sin x$ on $\left[\frac{\pi}{4}, \frac{3\pi}{4}\right]$

$$ROC_{avg} = \frac{f\left(\frac{3\pi}{4}\right) - f\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right)}{\frac{3\pi}{4} - \frac{\pi}{4}}$$

$$= 0$$

6) $f(x)$ is cont. & diff. $f(x) = x^2 - 2x - 2$

$$f'(x) = \frac{f(3) - f(-1)}{4}$$

$$2x - 2 = \frac{1 - 1}{4}$$

$$2x - 2 = 0$$

$$\boxed{x = 1}$$

7) $f(x) = x^3 - x$ on $[0, 1]$

$$f'(x) = \frac{f(1) - f(0)}{1 - 0}$$

$$3x^2 - 1 = 0$$

$$3x^2 = 1$$

$$x^2 = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\boxed{x = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}}$$

8) $f(x) = \frac{x^2 - x - 6}{x - 1}$ on $[-2, 3]$

$$f(x) \text{ is not cont. @ } x = 1$$

MVT does not apply.

10) $f(x) = \tan x$ on $(0, \pi)$

$$f(x) \text{ is not cont. @ } x = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

MVT does not apply

9) $f(x) = \sin x$ on $[0, \pi]$

$$f(x) \text{ is cont. & diff.}$$

$$f'(x) = \frac{f(\pi) - f(0)}{\pi}$$

$$\cos x = 0$$

$$x = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$11) f(x) = x^2 - 2x + 1 \text{ on } [1, 3]$$

$f(x)$ is cont. & diff.

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

$$2x - 2 = \frac{4 - 0}{2}$$

$$2x - 2 = 2$$

$$\boxed{x = 2}$$

$$12) f(x) = x^{3/4} \text{ on } [0, 16]$$

$f(x)$ is cont. & diff.

$$f'(x) = \frac{3}{4} x^{-1/4}$$

$$\frac{3}{4x^{1/4}} = \frac{8}{16} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$6 = 4x^{1/4}$$

$$\frac{3}{2} = x^{1/4}$$

$$\boxed{x = \frac{81}{16}}$$

$$13) f(x) = \sqrt{1 - x^2} \text{ on } [-1, 1]$$

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

$f(x)$ is diff on $(-1, 1)$

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

$$\frac{1}{2} (1 - x^2)^{-1/2} \cdot (-2x) = 0$$

$$\frac{-x}{\sqrt{1 - x^2}} = 0$$

$$x = 0$$

$$14) f(x) = \frac{1}{x^2} \text{ on } [-1, 1]$$

$f(x)$ is not cont @ $x = 0$

MVT does not apply.

2007 AP Question

$$a) h(x) = f(g(x)) - 6$$

$$h(r) = -5? \text{ Use IVT}$$

$h(x)$ is cont. on $[1, 3]$

$$h(1) = f(g(1)) - 6 = f(2) - 6 = 3 > -5 \checkmark$$

$$h(3) = f(g(3)) - 6 = f(4) - 6 = -7 < -5$$

By IVT $h(r) = -5$ in $(1, 3)$

$$b) h'(c) = -5?$$

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

$$= \frac{-7 - 3}{2}$$

$$= -5$$

By MVT $h'(c) = -5 \checkmark$

