

# 1 Expansion of functions

## 1.1 Rolle's Theorem

**Statement:** Let  $f$  be a real valued function of the real variable  $x$  defined in the closed interval  $[a,b]$  be such that

- (i) it is continuous in the closed interval  $[a,b]$
- (ii) it is derivable in the open interval  $(a,b)$  and
- (iii)  $f(a) = f(b)$

then  $\exists$  at least one value of  $x$ , say  $\xi \in (a,b)$  s.t  $f'(\xi) = 0$

**Proof:** The function  $f$ , being continuous in the closed interval  $[a,b]$ , is bounded therein and attains its least upper (M) and greatest lower (m) bound (*lub* and *glb* respectively). Then  $\exists$  at least, one  $\xi$ , and one  $\eta \in [a,b]$  be such that  $f(\xi) = M$  and  $f(\eta) = m$ . Now  $M, m$  are two reals, so either  $M = m$  or  $M \neq m$ .

If  $M = m$ , then  $f(x) = M \forall x \in [a,b] \Rightarrow f'(x) = 0 \forall x \in [a,b]$  and the theorem is obvious.

Let us suppose that  $M \neq m$ , then with the condition (iii) of the statement, we can say at least one of  $M$  and  $m$  must be different from  $f(a)$  and  $f(b)$ .

Let  $f(a) = f(b) \neq M \Rightarrow f(a) = f(b) \neq f(\xi) \Rightarrow f(a) \neq f(\xi)$  and  $f(b) \neq f(\xi) \Rightarrow \xi \neq a$  and  $\xi \neq b$  but  $\xi \in [a,b]$ , hence  $\xi \in (a,b)$ .

Thus by the remaining condition (ii) of the statement we can say  $f'(\xi)$  exists. Now it remains to show  $f'(\xi) = 0$ , if not let  $f'(\xi) > 0$ . Now  $f'(\xi) > 0 \Rightarrow \exists$  a real number  $\delta > 0$  s.t  $f(x) > f(\xi) = M \forall x \in (\xi, \xi + \delta)$ , which is a contradiction to the fact that  $M = \text{lub}$  of  $f(x)$  in  $[a,b]$ . So we can not have  $f'(\xi) > 0$ .

Again if possible let  $f'(\xi) < 0$ , then depending on the similar discussion as above we have  $f(x) > f(\xi) = M \forall x \in (\xi - \delta, \xi)$ , which is again a contradiction to the fact that  $M = \text{lub}$  of  $f(x)$  in  $[a,b]$ . So we can not have  $f'(\xi) < 0$ .

Hence we can conclude that the only possibility is  $f'(\xi) = 0$ .

### **Geometrical interpretation of Rolle's theorem:**

If the graph of  $y=f(x)$  has equal ordinate at the two points A,B and if the graph be continuous throughout the interval from A to B and if the curve has a tangent at every point on it from A to B except possibly at the two points A and B, then there must exist at least one point on the curve between A and B, where the tangent is parallel to x-axis.

## 1.2 Lagrange's Mean Value Theorem (MVT) or First MVT of Differential calculus:

**Statement:** Let  $f$  be a real valued function of the real variable  $x$  defined in the closed interval  $[a, b]$  be such that

(i) it is continuous in the closed interval  $[a, b]$

(ii) it is derivable in the open interval  $(a, b)$

then  $\exists$  at least one value of  $x$ , say  $\xi \in (a, b)$  s.t

$$f(b) - f(a) = (b - a)f'(\xi), \quad \text{where } \xi \in (a, b)$$

**Proof:** Let us consider a real valued function  $\phi(x)$  of the real variable  $x$  defined in the closed interval  $[a, b]$  as follows

$$\phi(x) = f(x) + Ax, \quad \text{where } A \text{ is a constant such that } \phi(a) = \phi(b).$$

Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} f(a) + Aa &= f(b) + Ab \\ \Rightarrow A &= -\frac{f(b) - f(a)}{b - a} \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

Clearly with the help of given conditions and with the restriction on  $A$ , we can say

(i)  $\phi(x)$  is continuous in the closed interval  $[a, b]$

(ii)  $\phi(x)$  is derivable in the open interval  $(a, b)$  and

(iii)  $\phi(a) = \phi(b)$

Thus all the conditions of Rolle's theorem are met by the function  $\phi(x)$ . Hence  $\exists$  at least one value of  $x$ , say  $\xi \in (a, b)$  s.t  $\phi'(\xi) = 0$

$$\Rightarrow A = -f'(\xi) \quad (2)$$

Thus Eq.(1) and Eq.(2) together gives

$$f(b) - f(a) = (b - a)f'(\xi), \quad \text{where } \xi \in (a, b)$$

### Geometrical interpretation of Lagrange's MVT

Let  $A$  and  $B$  be two points on the graph of  $y=f(x)$  corresponding to  $x = a$  and  $x = b$  respectively. Then the slope of the chord  $AB = \frac{f(b)-f(a)}{b-a}$  and we know that geometrically  $f'(\xi)$  represent the gradient of the tangent at the point  $x = \xi$  on the curve. Thus MVT geometrically indicated the fact that  $\exists$  at least one point  $\xi \in (a, b)$ , the tangent at which on the curve is parallel to the chord joining the points  $x = a$  and  $x = b$ .

### 1.3 Increasing and Decreasing functions:

**Def<sup>n</sup>-1:**A function  $f$  defined on an interval  $I$  is said to be **increasing** in  $I$  if  $f(x_1) \leq f(x_2)$  whenever  $x_1, x_2 \in I$  and  $x_1 < x_2$ .

**Def<sup>n</sup>-2:**A function  $f$  defined on an interval  $I$  is said to be **strictly increasing** in  $I$  if  $f(x_1) < f(x_2)$  whenever  $x_1, x_2 \in I$  and  $x_1 < x_2$ .

**Def<sup>n</sup>-3:**A function  $f$  defined on an interval  $I$  is said to be **decreasing** in  $I$  if  $f(x_1) \geq f(x_2)$  whenever  $x_1, x_2 \in I$  and  $x_1 < x_2$ .

**Def<sup>n</sup>-4:**A function  $f$  defined on an interval  $I$  is said to be **strictly decreasing** in  $I$  if  $f(x_1) > f(x_2)$  whenever  $x_1, x_2 \in I$  and  $x_1 < x_2$ .

**Def<sup>n</sup>-5:**A function is known as **monotone** in an interval  $I$  if it is either increasing or decreasing in  $I$ .

**Def<sup>n</sup>-6:**A function is known as **strictly monotone** in an interval  $I$  if it is either strictly increasing or strictly decreasing in  $I$ .

**Theorem-1:***If a real valued function  $f$  of the real variable  $x$  defined in the closed interval  $[a, b]$  be such that*

- (i) *it is continuous in the closed interval  $[a, b]$*
- (ii) *it is derivable in the open interval  $(a, b)$  and*
- (iii)  *$f'(x) = 0 \forall x \in (a, b)$*

*then show that  $f(x)$  has a **constant value** throughout  $[a, b]$ .*

**Proof:** Let  $c \in (a, b)$  be arbitrary. Then according to the given conditions

- (i)  $f$  is continuous in the closed interval  $[a, c]$
- (ii)  $f$  is derivable in the open interval  $(a, c)$

Thus  $f$  satisfies all the conditions of Lagrange's MVT on  $[a, c]$  and hence  $\exists$  a real number  $d \in (a, c)$  s.t

$$f(c) - f(a) = (c - a)f'(d), \quad \text{where } d \in (a, c)$$

Thus with the help of condition (iii) of the theorem we have

$$f'(d) = 0, \quad \text{as } d \in (a, c) \subset (a, b)$$

Hence from above, we have  $f(c) = f(a)$ . But  $c$  is arbitrary, so  $f(x) = f(a) \forall x \in [a, c]$ . Similarly it can be shown that  $f(x)$  satisfies all the conditions of Lagrange's MVT in  $(c, b]$  and by similar manner we can conclude that  $f(c) = f(b)$  and hence  $f(x) = f(a) = f(b) \forall x \in [a, b]$ . Hence the proof is completed.

**Theorem-2:***If  $f(x)$  and  $g(x)$  are both defined on  $[a, b]$  such that*

- (i) *Both are continuous in the closed interval  $[a, b]$*
- (ii) *Both are derivable in the open interval  $(a, b)$ , and*

(iii)  $f'(x) = g'(x) \forall x \in (a, b)$  then show that  $f(x)$  and  $g(x)$  are differ by a constant on  $[a, b]$

**Proof:** Let  $\phi(x) = f(x) - g(x)$ , then the given conditions of this theorem help us to say

- (i)  $\phi(x)$  is continuous in the closed interval  $[a, b]$
- (ii)  $\phi(x)$  is derivable in the open interval  $(a, b)$  and
- (iii)  $\phi'(x) = 0 \quad \forall x \in (a, b)$

Thus all the conditions of the previous theorem (Theorem-1) are satisfied by the function  $\phi(x)$  and by the conclusion of the previous theorem (Theorem-1) we have  $\phi(x) = \text{constant} \quad \forall x \in [a, b]$ . Thus  $f(x)$  and  $g(x)$  are differ by a constant on  $[a, b]$ .

**Theorem-3:** If  $f$  is continuous on  $[a, b]$  and  $f'(x) \geq 0$  in  $(a, b)$  then show that  $f$  is increasing in  $[a, b]$ .

**Proof:** Let  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  be any two distinct points of  $[a, b]$  such that  $x_1 < x_2$ . Then  $[x_1, x_2] \subset [a, b]$  and  $f$  satisfies all the conditions of Lagrange's mean value theorem in  $[x_1, x_2]$ . Hence  $\exists$  a number  $c \in (x_1, x_2)$  such that

$$f(x_2) - f(x_1) = (x_2 - x_1)f'(c),$$

Since  $f'(x) \geq 0 \forall x \in (a, b)$ . Thus  $f'(c) \geq 0$  as  $c \in (x_1, x_2) \subset (a, b)$  and  $x_2 - x_1 > 0$ . Hence from above we have  $f(x_2) - f(x_1) \geq 0, \Rightarrow f(x_2) \geq f(x_1)$ , whenever  $x_1, x_2 \in [a, b]$  and  $x_1 < x_2$ . So  $f(x)$  is increasing in  $[a, b]$ .

**Theorem-4:** If  $f$  is continuous on  $[a, b]$  and  $f'(x) > 0$  in  $(a, b)$  then show that  $f$  is strictly increasing in  $[a, b]$ .

**Proof:** Let  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  be any two distinct points of  $[a, b]$  such that  $x_1 < x_2$ . Then  $[x_1, x_2] \subset [a, b]$  and  $f$  satisfies all the conditions of Lagrange's mean value theorem in  $[x_1, x_2]$ . Hence  $\exists$  a number  $c \in (x_1, x_2)$  such that

$$f(x_2) - f(x_1) = (x_2 - x_1)f'(c),$$

Since  $f'(x) > 0 \forall x \in (a, b)$ . Thus  $f'(c) > 0$  as  $c \in (x_1, x_2) \subset (a, b)$  and  $x_2 - x_1 > 0$ . Hence from above we have  $f(x_2) - f(x_1) > 0, \Rightarrow f(x_2) > f(x_1)$ , whenever  $x_1, x_2 \in [a, b]$  and  $x_1 < x_2$ . So  $f(x)$  is strictly increasing in  $[a, b]$ .

**Theorem-5:** If  $f$  is continuous on  $[a, b]$  and  $f'(x) \leq 0$  in  $(a, b)$  then show that  $f$  is decreasing in  $[a, b]$ .

**Proof:** Let  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  be any two distinct points of  $[a, b]$  such that  $x_1 < x_2$ . Then  $[x_1, x_2] \subset [a, b]$  and  $f$  satisfies all the conditions of Lagrange's mean value theorem in  $[x_1, x_2]$ . Hence  $\exists$  a number  $c \in (x_1, x_2)$  such that

$$f(x_2) - f(x_1) = (x_2 - x_1)f'(c),$$

Since  $f'(x) \leq 0 \forall x \in (a, b)$ . Thus  $f'(c) \leq 0$  as  $c \in (x_1, x_2) \subset (a, b)$  and  $x_2 - x_1 > 0$ . Hence from above we have  $f(x_2) - f(x_1) \leq 0, \Rightarrow f(x_2) \leq f(x_1)$ , whenever  $x_1, x_2 \in [a, b]$  and  $x_1 < x_2$ . So  $f(x)$  is decreasing in  $[a, b]$ .

**Theorem-6:** *If  $f$  is continuous on  $[a, b]$  and  $f'(x) < 0$  in  $(a, b)$  then show that  $f$  is strictly decreasing in  $[a, b]$ .*

**Proof:** Let  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  be any two distinct points of  $[a, b]$  such that  $x_1 < x_2$ . Then  $[x_1, x_2] \subset [a, b]$  and  $f$  satisfies all the conditions of Lagrange's mean value theorem in  $[x_1, x_2]$ . Hence  $\exists$  a number  $c \in (x_1, x_2)$  such that

$$f(x_2) - f(x_1) = (x_2 - x_1)f'(c),$$

Since  $f'(x) < 0 \forall x \in (a, b)$ . Thus  $f'(c) < 0$  as  $c \in (x_1, x_2) \subset (a, b)$  and  $x_2 - x_1 > 0$ . Hence from above we have  $f(x_2) - f(x_1) < 0, \Rightarrow f(x_2) < f(x_1)$ , whenever  $x_1, x_2 \in [a, b]$  and  $x_1 < x_2$ . So  $f(x)$  is strictly decreasing in  $[a, b]$ .

**Theorem-7:** *If  $f'(x)$  exists and is bounded on some interval  $I$ , then  $f$  is uniformly continuous on  $I$ .*

**Proof:** Since  $f'(x)$  is bounded on the interval  $I$ , therefore  $\exists$  a real number  $k > 0$  s.t

$$|f'(x)| \leq k \quad \forall x \in I,$$

let  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  be any two distinct points of  $I$  such that  $x_1 < x_2$ . Then  $[x_1, x_2] \subset I$  and  $f$  satisfies all the conditions of Lagrange's mean value theorem in  $[x_1, x_2]$ . Hence  $\exists$  a number  $c \in (x_1, x_2)$  such that

$$\frac{f(x_2) - f(x_1)}{x_2 - x_1} = f'(c),$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{|f(x_2) - f(x_1)|}{|x_2 - x_1|} \leq k \quad (\text{since } |f'(x)| \leq k \quad \forall x \in I).$$

$$\Rightarrow |f(x_2) - f(x_1)| \leq k|x_2 - x_1| \quad \forall x_1, x_2 \in I.$$

Let  $\epsilon > 0$  be given, then if we choose  $\delta = \frac{\epsilon}{k}$  we have

$$|f(x_2) - f(x_1)| < \epsilon \quad \text{whenever } |x_2 - x_1| < \delta.$$

Hence  $f$  is uniformly continuous on  $I$ .

## 1.4 Cauchy's Mean Value Theorem (MVT) or Second MVT of Differential calculus:

**Statement:** Let  $f$  and  $g$  be two real valued functions of the real variable  $x$  defined in the closed interval  $[a, b]$  be such that

(i) Both are continuous in the closed interval  $[a, b]$

(ii) Both are derivable in the open interval  $(a, b)$ , and

(iii)  $g'(x) \neq 0 \forall x \in (a, b)$

then  $\exists$  at least one value of  $x$ , say  $\xi \in (a, b)$  s.t

$$\frac{f(b)-f(a)}{g(b)-g(a)} = \frac{f'(\xi)}{g'(\xi)}, \quad \text{where } \xi \in (a, b)$$

**Proof:** Let us consider a real valued function  $\phi(x)$  of the real variable  $x$  defined in the closed interval  $[a, b]$  as follows

$$\phi(x) = f(x) + Ag(x), \quad \text{where } A \text{ is a constant such that } \phi(a) = \phi(b).$$

Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} f(a) + Ag(a) &= f(b) + Ag(b) \\ \Rightarrow A &= -\frac{f(b) - f(a)}{g(b) - g(a)} \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

Provided  $g(b) \neq g(a)$  and it is so because of the fact that if  $g(b) = g(a)$ , then all the conditions of Rolle's theorem are met by the function  $g(x)$  in  $[a, b]$  and then  $\exists$  at least one  $\xi \in (a, b)$  s.t  $g'(\xi) = 0$ , which contradict the condition (iii) of the statement.

Now it is clear that the function  $\phi(x)$  is

(i) continuous in  $[a, b]$  (because of the condition (i) of the statement of the theorem)

(ii) derivable in  $(a, b)$  (because of the condition (ii) of the statement of the theorem), and

(iii)  $\phi(a) = \phi(b)$  (according to the restriction on  $\phi$ ).

Thus all the conditions of Rolle's theorem are met by the function  $\phi(x)$ . Hence  $\exists$  at least one value of  $x$ , say  $\xi \in (a, b)$  s.t  $\phi'(\xi) = 0$

$$\Rightarrow A = -\frac{f'(\xi)}{g'(\xi)}, \quad g'(\xi) \neq 0 \quad (4)$$

Thus Eq.(3) and Eq.(4) together gives

$$\frac{f(b)-f(a)}{g(b)-g(a)} = \frac{f'(\xi)}{g'(\xi)}, \quad \text{where } \xi \in (a, b)$$

**Note:** It is important to mention here that whenever  $g(x) = x$ , the cauchy's MVT will transformed to the Lagrange's MVT, hence Lagrange's MVT is a particular case of cauchy's MVT.

**Geometrical interpretation of Cauchy's MVT**

The tangents at the points  $(\xi, f(\xi))$  and  $(\xi, g(\xi))$  on the graph of the functions  $f(x)$  and  $g(x)$  are mutually parallel.

**1.5 Taylor's Theorem with Lagrange's form of Remainder :**

**Statement:** If a real valued function  $f$  of a real variable  $x$  defined in the closed interval  $[a, a+h]$  be such that

(i) the  $(n-1)$ th derivative  $f^{n-1}$  is continuous in the closed interval  $[a, a+h]$

(ii) the  $n$ -th derivative  $f^n$  exists in the open interval  $(a, a+h)$

then  $\exists$  at least one number  $\theta \in (0, 1)$  such that

$$f(a+h) = f(a) + hf'(a) + \frac{h^2}{2!}f''(a) + \dots + \frac{h^{n-1}}{(n-1)!}f^{n-1}(a) + \frac{h^n}{n!}f^n(a+\theta h)$$

The last term  $R_n = \frac{h^n}{n!}f^n(a+\theta h)$  is called the Lagrange's form of remainder after  $n$  terms.

**Proof:** Let us consider a function  $\phi(x)$  defined by

$$\phi(x) = f(x) + (a+h-x)f'(x) + \frac{(a+h-x)^2}{2!}f''(x) + \dots + \frac{(a+h-x)^{n-1}}{(n-1)!}f^{n-1}(x) + (a+h-x)^n A$$

Where the constant  $A$  is so chosen that  $\phi(a) = \phi(a+h)$

$$\Rightarrow f(a) + hf'(a) + \frac{h^2}{2!}f''(a) + \dots + \frac{h^{n-1}}{(n-1)!}f^{n-1}(a) + h^n A = f(a+h) \quad (5)$$

Clearly with the help of given conditions and with the restriction on  $A$ , we can say (i)  $\phi(x)$  is continuous in the closed interval  $[a, b]$ , (since  $f, f', f'', \dots, f^{n-1}$  are all continuous in  $[a, a+h]$  and  $(a+h-x)^i, i=1,2,3, \dots, n$  are everywhere continuous.)

(ii)  $\phi(x)$  is derivable in the open interval  $(a, b)$  (since  $f, f', f'', \dots, f^{n-1}$  are all derivable in  $(a, a+h)$  and  $(a+h-x)^i, i=1,2,3, \dots, n$  are always derivable.) and

(iii)  $\phi(a) = \phi(b)$  ( by construction)

Thus all the conditions of Rolle's theorem are met by the function  $\phi(x)$ . Hence  $\exists$  at least one number  $\theta$  with  $0 < \theta < 1$  such that  $\phi'(a+\theta h) = 0$ , But since

$$\begin{aligned} \phi'(x) &= f'(x) - f'(x) + (a+h-x)f''(x) - (a+h-x)f''(x) + \dots\dots\dots + \\ & \frac{(a+h-x)^{n-2}}{(n-2)!} f^{n-1}(x) - \frac{(a+h-x)^{n-2}}{(n-2)!} f^{n-1}(x) + \frac{(a+h-x)^{n-1}}{(n-1)!} f^n(x) - n(a+h-x)^{n-1}A \\ & \Rightarrow \phi'(x) = \frac{(a+h-x)^{n-1}}{(n-1)!} f^n(x) - n(a+h-x)^{n-1}A \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $\phi'(a+\theta h) = 0 \Rightarrow A = \frac{f^n(a+\theta h)}{n!}$ , then putting this value of A in Eq.(5) we get

$$f(a+h) = f(a) + hf'(a) + \frac{h^2}{2!} f''(a) + \dots\dots\dots + \frac{h^{n-1}}{(n-1)!} f^{n-1}(a) + \frac{h^n}{n!} f^n(a+\theta h), \text{ where } 0 < \theta < 1$$

## 1.6 Taylor's Theorem with Cauchy's form of Remainder :

**Statement:** If a real valued function  $f$  of a real variable  $x$  defined in the closed interval  $[a, a+h]$  be such that

(i) the  $(n-1)$ th derivative  $f^{n-1}$  is continuous in the closed interval  $[a, a+h]$

(ii) the  $n$ -th derivative  $f^n$  exists in the open interval  $(a, a+h)$

then  $\exists$  at least one number  $\theta \in (0, 1)$  such that

$$f(a+h) = f(a) + hf'(a) + \frac{h^2}{2!} f''(a) + \dots\dots\dots + \frac{h^{n-1}}{(n-1)!} f^{n-1}(a) + \frac{h^n(1-\theta)^{n-1}}{(n-1)!} f^n(a+\theta h)$$

The last term  $R_n = \frac{h^n(1-\theta)^{n-1}}{(n-1)!} f^n(a+\theta h)$  is called the Cauchy's form of remainder after  $n$  terms.

**Proof:** Let us consider a function  $\phi(x)$  defined by

$$\phi(x) =$$

$$f(x) + (a+h-x)f'(x) + \frac{(a+h-x)^2}{2!} f''(x) + \dots\dots\dots + \frac{(a+h-x)^{n-1}}{(n-1)!} f^{n-1}(x) + (a+h-x)A$$

Where the constant A is so chosen that  $\phi(a) = \phi(a+h)$

$$\Rightarrow f(a) + hf'(a) + \frac{h^2}{2!} f''(a) + \dots\dots\dots + \frac{h^{n-1}}{(n-1)!} f^{n-1}(a) + hA = f(a+h) \quad (6)$$

Clearly with the help of given conditions and with the restriction on A, we can say

(i)  $\phi(x)$  is continuous in the closed interval  $[a, b]$ , (since  $f, f', f'', \dots, f^{n-1}$  are all continuous in  $[a, a+h]$  and  $(a+h-x)^i, i=1, 2, 3, \dots, (n-1)$  are everywhere continuous.)

(ii)  $\phi(x)$  is derivable in the open interval  $(a, b)$  (since  $f, f', f'', \dots, f^{n-1}$  are all derivable in  $(a, a+h)$  and  $(a+h-x)^i, i=1, 2, 3, \dots, (n-1)$  are always derivable.) and

(iii)  $\phi(a) = \phi(b)$  ( by construction)

Thus all the conditions of Rolle's theorem are met by the function  $\phi(x)$ . Hence  $\exists$  at least one number  $\theta$  with  $0 < \theta < 1$  such that  $\phi'(a+\theta h) = 0$ , But since



$$\begin{aligned}\phi'(x) &= f'(x) - f'(x) + (a+h-x)f''(x) - (a+h-x)f''(x) + \dots\dots\dots + \\ &\quad \frac{(a+h-x)^{n-2}}{(n-2)!}f^{n-1}(x) - \frac{(a+h-x)^{n-2}}{(n-2)!}f^{n-1}(x) + \frac{(a+h-x)^{n-1}}{(n-1)!}f^n(x) - A \\ &\Rightarrow \phi'(x) = \frac{(a+h-x)^{n-1}}{(n-1)!}f^n(x) - A\end{aligned}$$

Hence  $\phi'(a+\theta h) = 0 \Rightarrow A = \frac{h^{n-1}(1-\theta)^{n-1}}{(n-1)!}f^n(a+\theta h)$ , then putting this value of A in Eq.(6) we get

$$f(a+h) =$$

$$f(a) + hf'(a) + \frac{h^2}{2!}f''(a) + \dots\dots\dots + \frac{h^{n-1}}{(n-1)!}f^{n-1}(a) + \frac{h^n(1-\theta)^{n-1}}{(n-1)!}f^n(a+\theta h), \text{ where } 0 < \theta < 1$$

## 1.7 Taylor's Theorem with Generalized form of Remainder

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**Statement:** If a real valued function  $f$  of a real variable  $x$  defined in the closed interval  $[a, a+h]$  be such that

- (i) the  $(n-1)$ th derivative  $f^{n-1}$  is continuous in the closed interval  $[a, a+h]$
- (ii) the  $n$ -th derivative  $f^n$  exists in the open interval  $(a, a+h)$  and
- (iii)  $p$  is any given positive integer.

then  $\exists$  at least one number  $\theta \in (0, 1)$  such that

$$f(a+h) = f(a) + hf'(a) + \frac{h^2}{2!}f''(a) + \dots\dots\dots + \frac{h^{n-1}}{(n-1)!}f^{n-1}(a) + \frac{h^{n-p}(1-\theta)^{n-p}}{p(n-1)!}f^n(a+\theta h)$$

The last term  $R_n = \frac{h^{n-p}(1-\theta)^{n-p}}{p(n-1)!}f^n(a+\theta h)$  is called the Schlömilch-Röche's form of remainder after  $n$  terms.

**Proof:** Let us consider a function  $\phi(x)$  defined by

$$\phi(x) = f(x) + (a+h-x)f'(x) + \frac{(a+h-x)^2}{2!}f''(x) + \dots\dots\dots + \frac{(a+h-x)^{n-1}}{(n-1)!}f^{n-1}(x) + (a+h-x)^p A,$$

Where  $p$  is a positive integer and the constant  $A$  is so chosen that  $\phi(a) = \phi(a+h)$

$$\Rightarrow f(a) + hf'(a) + \frac{h^2}{2!}f''(a) + \dots\dots\dots + \frac{h^{n-1}}{(n-1)!}f^{n-1}(a) + h^p A = f(a+h) \quad (7)$$

Clearly with the help of given conditions and with the restriction on  $A$ , we can say (i)  $\phi(x)$  is continuous in the closed interval  $[a, b]$ , (since  $f, f', f'', \dots, f^{n-1}$  are all continuous in  $[a, a+h]$  and  $(a+h-x)^i, i=1, 2, 3, \dots, (n-1), p$  are everywhere continuous.)

- (ii)  $\phi(x)$  is derivable in the open interval (a,b)(since  $f, f', f'', \dots, f^{n-1}$  are all derivable in (a,a+h)and  $(a + h - x)^i, i=1,2,3,\dots,(n-1),p$  are always derivable.) and  
 (iii)  $\phi(a) = \phi(b)$  ( by construction)

Thus all the conditions of Rolle's theorem are met by the function  $\phi(x)$ . Hence  $\exists$  at least one number  $\theta$  with  $0 < \theta < 1$  such that  $\phi'(a + \theta h) = 0$ , But since

$$\begin{aligned} \phi'(x) &= f'(x) - f'(x) + (a + h - x)f''(x) - (a + h - x)f''(x) + \dots\dots\dots + \\ &\frac{(a+h-x)^{n-2}}{(n-2)!}f^{n-1}(x) - \frac{(a+h-x)^{n-2}}{(n-2)!}f^{n-1}(x) + \frac{(a+h-x)^{n-1}}{(n-1)!}f^n(x) - Ap(a + h - x)^{p-1} \\ &\Rightarrow \phi'(x) = \frac{(a+h-x)^{n-1}}{(n-1)!}f^n(x) - Ap(a + h - x)^{p-1} \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $\phi'(a + \theta h) = 0 \Rightarrow A = \frac{h^{n-p}(1-\theta)^{n-p}}{p(n-1)!}f^n(a + \theta h)$ , then putting this value of A in Eq.(7) we get

$$f(a + h) = f(a) + hf'(a) + \frac{h^2}{2!}f''(a) + \dots\dots\dots + \frac{h^{n-1}}{(n-1)!}f^{n-1}(a) + \frac{h^n(1-\theta)^{n-p}}{p(n-1)!}f^n(a + \theta h),$$

where  $0 < \theta < 1$

## 1.8 Maclaurin's Theorem with Lagrange's form of Remainder :

**Statement:** If a real valued function  $f$  of a real variable  $t$  defined in the closed interval  $[0,x]$  be such that

- (i) the  $(n-1)$ th derivative  $f^{n-1}$  is continuous in the closed interval  $[0,x]$   
 (ii) the  $n$ -th derivative  $f^n$  exists in the open interval  $(0,x)$

then  $\exists$  at least one number  $\theta \in (0, 1)$  such that

$$f(x) = f(0) + xf'(0) + \frac{x^2}{2!}f''(0) + \dots\dots\dots + \frac{x^{n-1}}{(n-1)!}f^{n-1}(0) + \frac{x^n}{n!}f^n(\theta x)$$

The last term  $R_n = \frac{x^n}{n!}f^n(\theta x)$  is called the Lagrange's form of remainder after  $n$  terms.

**Proof:** Let us consider a function  $\phi(t)$  defined by

$$\phi(t) = f(t) + (x - t)f'(t) + \frac{(x-t)^2}{2!}f''(t) + \dots\dots\dots + \frac{(x-t)^{n-1}}{(n-1)!}f^{n-1}(t) + (x - t)^n A$$

Where the constant A is so chosen that  $\phi(0) = \phi(x)$

$$\Rightarrow f(0) + xf'(0) + \frac{x^2}{2!}f''(0) + \dots\dots\dots + \frac{x^{n-1}}{(n-1)!}f^{n-1}(0) + x^n A = f(x) \quad (8)$$

Clearly with the help of given conditions and with the restriction on A, we can say  
 (i)  $\phi(t)$  is continuous in the closed interval  $[0,x]$ , (since  $f, f', f'', \dots, f^{n-1}$  are all continuous in  $[0,x]$  and  $(x-t)^i, i=1,2,3,\dots,n$  are everywhere continuous.)  
 (ii)  $\phi(t)$  is derivable in the open interval  $(0,x)$  (since  $f, f', f'', \dots, f^{n-1}$  are all derivable in  $(0,x)$  and  $(x-t)^i, i=1,2,3,\dots,n$  are always derivable.) and  
 (iii)  $\phi(0) = \phi(x)$  ( by construction)  
 Thus all the conditions of Rolle's theorem are met by the function  $\phi(t)$ . Hence  $\exists$  at least one number  $\theta$  with  $0 < \theta < 1$  such that  $\phi'(\theta x) = 0$ , But since

$$\begin{aligned} \phi'(t) &= f'(t) - f'(t) + (x-t)f''(t) - (x-t)f''(t) + \dots + \frac{(x-t)^{n-2}}{(n-2)!} f^{n-1}(t) - \\ &\quad \frac{(x-t)^{n-2}}{(n-2)!} f^{n-1}(t) + \frac{(x-t)^{n-1}}{(n-1)!} f^n(t) - n(x-t)^{n-1}A \\ &\Rightarrow \phi'(t) = \frac{(x-t)^{n-1}}{(n-1)!} f^n(t) - n(x-t)^{n-1}A \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $\phi'(\theta x) = 0 \Rightarrow A = \frac{f^n(\theta x)}{n!}$ , then putting this value of A in Eq.(8) we get

$$f(x) = f(0) + xf'(0) + \frac{x^2}{2!}f''(0) + \dots + \frac{x^{n-1}}{(n-1)!}f^{n-1}(0) + \frac{x^n}{n!}f^n(\theta x), \text{ where } 0 < \theta < 1$$

## 1.9 Maclaurin's Theorem with Cauchy's form of Remainder

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**Statement:** If a real valued function  $f$  of a real variable  $t$  defined in the closed interval  $[0,x]$  be such that

(i) the  $(n-1)$ th derivative  $f^{n-1}$  is continuous in the closed interval  $[0,x]$

(ii) the  $n$ -th derivative  $f^n$  exists in the open interval  $(0,x)$

then  $\exists$  at least one number  $\theta \in (0,1)$  such that

$$f(x) = f(0) + xf'(0) + \frac{x^2}{2!}f''(0) + \dots + \frac{x^{n-1}}{(n-1)!}f^{n-1}(0) + \frac{x^n(1-\theta)^{n-1}}{(n-1)!}f^n(\theta x)$$

The last term  $R_n = \frac{x^n(1-\theta)^{n-1}}{(n-1)!}f^n(x\theta)$  is called the Cauchy's form of remainder after  $n$  terms.

**Proof:** Let us consider a function  $\phi(t)$  defined by

$\phi(t) = f(t) + (x-t)f'(t) + \frac{(x-t)^2}{2!}f''(t) + \dots + \frac{(x-t)^{n-1}}{(n-1)!}f^{n-1}(t) + (x-t)A$  Where the constant A is so chosen that  $\phi(0) = \phi(x)$

$$\Rightarrow f(0) + xf'(0) + \frac{x^2}{2!}f''(0) + \dots + \frac{x^{n-1}}{(n-1)!}f^{n-1}(0) + xA = f(x) \quad (9)$$

Clearly with the help of given conditions and with the restriction on A, we can say  
 (i)  $\phi(t)$  is continuous in the closed interval  $[0,x]$ , (since  $f, f', f'', \dots, f^{n-1}$  are all continuous in  $[0,x]$  and  $(x-t)^i, i=1,2,3,\dots,(n-1)$  are everywhere continuous.)  
 (ii)  $\phi(t)$  is derivable in the open interval  $(0,x)$  (since  $f, f', f'', \dots, f^{n-1}$  are all derivable in  $(a, a+h)$  and  $(x-t)^i, i=1,2,3,\dots,(n-1)$  are always derivable.) and  
 (iii)  $\phi(0) = \phi(x)$  ( by construction)  
 Thus all the conditions of Rolle's theorem are met by the function  $\phi(t)$ . Hence  $\exists$  at least one number  $\theta$  with  $0 < \theta < 1$  such that  $\phi'(\theta x) = 0$ , But since

$$\begin{aligned} \phi'(t) &= f'(t) - f'(t) + (x-t)f''(t) - (x-t)f''(t) + \dots + \frac{(x-t)^{n-2}}{(n-2)!} f^{n-1}(t) - \\ &\quad \frac{(x-t)^{n-2}}{(n-2)!} f^{n-1}(t) + \frac{(x-t)^{n-1}}{(n-1)!} f^n(t) - A \\ &\Rightarrow \phi'(t) = \frac{(x-t)^{n-1}}{(n-1)!} f^n(t) - A \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $\phi'(\theta x) = 0 \Rightarrow A = \frac{h^{n-1}(1-\theta)^{n-1}}{(n-1)!} f^n(\theta x)$ , then putting this value of A in Eq.(9) we get

$$f(x) = f(0) + x f'(0) + \frac{x^2}{2!} f''(0) + \dots + \frac{x^{n-1}}{(n-1)!} f^{n-1}(0) + \frac{x^n(1-\theta)^{n-1}}{(n-1)!} f^n(\theta x), \text{ where } 0 < \theta < 1$$

## 1.10 Maclaurin's Theorem with Generalized form of Remainder :

**Statement:** If a real valued function  $f$  of a real variable  $t$  defined in the closed interval  $[0,x]$  be such that

- (i) the  $(n-1)$ th derivative  $f^{n-1}$  is continuous in the closed interval  $[0,x]$
- (ii) the  $n$ -th derivative  $f^n$  exists in the open interval  $(0,x)$  and
- (iii)  $p$  is any given positive integer.

then  $\exists$  at least one number  $\theta \in (0, 1)$  such that

$$f(x) = f(0) + x f'(0) + \frac{x^2}{2!} f''(0) + \dots + \frac{x^{n-1}}{(n-1)!} f^{n-1}(0) + \frac{x^n(1-\theta)^{n-p}}{p(n-1)!} f^n(\theta x)$$

The last term  $R_n = \frac{x^{n-p}(1-\theta)^{n-p}}{p(n-1)!} f^n(\theta x)$  is called the Schlömilch-Röche's form of remainder after  $n$  terms.

**Proof:** Let us consider a function  $\phi(t)$  defined by

$$\phi(t) = f(t) + (x-t)f'(t) + \frac{(x-t)^2}{2!} f''(t) + \dots + \frac{(x-t)^{n-1}}{(n-1)!} f^{n-1}(t) + (x-t)^p A,$$

Where  $p$  is a positive integer and the constant  $A$  is so chosen that  $\phi(0) = \phi(x)$

$$\Rightarrow f(0) + xf'(0) + \frac{x^2}{2!}f''(0) + \dots + \frac{x^{n-1}}{(n-1)!}f^{n-1}(0) + x^p A = f(x) \quad (10)$$

Clearly with the help of given conditions and with the restriction on  $A$ , we can say  
 (i)  $\phi(t)$  is continuous in the closed interval  $[0,x]$ , (since  $f, f', f'', \dots, f^{n-1}$  are all continuous in  $[0,x]$  and  $(x-t)^i, i=1,2,3,\dots,(n-1), p$  are everywhere continuous.)

(ii)  $\phi(t)$  is derivable in the open interval  $(0,x)$  (since  $f, f', f'', \dots, f^{n-1}$  are all derivable in  $(0,x)$  and  $(x-t)^i, i=1,2,3,\dots,(n-1), p$  are always derivable.) and

(iii)  $\phi(0) = \phi(x)$  ( by construction)

Thus all the conditions of Rolle's theorem are met by the function  $\phi(t)$ . Hence  $\exists$  at least one number  $\theta$  with  $0 < \theta < 1$  such that  $\phi'(\theta x) = 0$ , But since

$$\begin{aligned} \phi'(t) &= f'(t) - f'(t) + (x-t)f''(t) - (x-t)f''(t) + \dots + \frac{(x-t)^{n-2}}{(n-2)!}f^{n-1}(t) - \\ &\quad \frac{(x-t)^{n-2}}{(n-2)!}f^{n-1}(t) + \frac{(x-t)^{n-1}}{(n-1)!}f^n(t) - Ap(x-t)^{p-1} \\ &\Rightarrow \phi'(t) = \frac{(x-t)^{n-1}}{(n-1)!}f^n(t) - Ap(x-t)^{p-1} \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $\phi'(\theta x) = 0 \Rightarrow A = \frac{x^{n-p}(1-\theta)^{n-p}}{p(n-1)!}f^n(\theta x)$ , then putting this value of  $A$  in Eq.(10) we get

$$f(x) = f(0) + xf'(0) + \frac{x^2}{2!}f''(0) + \dots + \frac{x^{n-1}}{(n-1)!}f^{n-1}(0) + \frac{x^n(1-\theta)^{n-p}}{p(n-1)!}f^n(\theta x), \text{ where } 0 < \theta < 1$$

## 2 Important Problems on this Chapter

### 2.1 Short answer type questions

**2.1.1 For what value of  $p$  the function  $f(x) = \cos x - 2px$  is monotonically decreasing. BU2001,**

Ans:- The given function will be monotonically decreasing if  $f'(x) \leq 0 \Rightarrow \sin x + 2p \geq 0 \Rightarrow 1 \geq \sin x \geq -2p \Rightarrow p \geq -\frac{1}{2}$

**2.1.2 Show that  $\log_e(1+x) < x - \frac{x^2}{2(1+x)}$  for  $x > 0$ . BU2001**

Ans:- Let us consider the function  $f(x) = x - \frac{x^2}{2(1+x)} - \log_e(1+x)$ .

Then clearly  $f(x)$  is continuous for all  $x > 0$  and  $f'(x) = 1 - \frac{2x+2x^2-x^2}{2(1+x)^2} - \frac{1}{1+x} = \frac{2+4x+2x^2-2x-x^2-2-2x}{2(1+x)^2} = \frac{x^2}{2(1+x)^2} > 0 \quad \forall x > 0$ . So  $f(x)$  is increasing for all  $x > 0$  and hence  $f(x) > f(0) \quad \forall x > 0 \Rightarrow \log_e(1+x) < x - \frac{x^2}{2(1+x)}$

**2.1.3 Show that the functions  $f(x) = \tan x$  is monotone increasing in  $(-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2})$ . BU2002**

Ans:- Here  $f'(x) = \sec^2 x > 0 \quad \forall -\frac{\pi}{2} < x < \frac{\pi}{2}$ . Hence the result.

**2.1.4 Examine applicability of Rolle's theorem in  $[-1,1]$  for functions**

(i)  $f(x) = |x|$  and

(ii)  $g(x) = x^3$  BU2002,2008

Ans:- (i) Since  $f(x)$  is not differentiable at  $x = 0$  and hence the Rolle's theorem is not applicable for the given function in the given interval.

(ii) Clearly although being a polynomial function  $g(x)$  is continuous in  $[-1,1]$  and differentiable in  $(-1,1)$  as  $f(-1) = -1$  and  $f(1) = 1$ , so  $f(-1) \neq f(1)$ . So the Rolle's theorem is not applicable for the given function  $g(x)$  also in the given interval.

**2.1.5 Give an example of a function which satisfies all the conditions of Rolle's theorem, where the derivative of the function vanishes at two interior points. BU2003**

Ans:- Let us consider the function  $f(x) = \sin x$  in  $[-\pi, \pi]$ , Clearly this function is continuous in  $[-\pi, \pi]$  and it is differentiable in  $(-\pi, \pi)$  and  $f(-\pi) = 0 = f(\pi)$ . Thus all the three conditions of Rolle's theorem are satisfied for the considered function in the considered interval. Clearly  $f'(x) = \cos x$  and  $f'(-\frac{\pi}{2}) = 0 = f'(\frac{\pi}{2})$ , where  $-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2} \in [-\pi, \pi]$ . Hence the result.

**2.1.6 Is the function  $f(x) = \cos x$  monotone in  $(-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2})$ , justify your answer. BU2003**

Ans:- Here  $f'(x) = -\sin x$ , so  $f'(x) > 0 \quad \forall x \in (-\frac{\pi}{2}, 0)$  and  $f'(x) < 0 \quad \forall x \in (0, \frac{\pi}{2})$ . Hence  $f(x) = \cos x$  is monotone increasing  $\forall x \in (-\frac{\pi}{2}, 0)$  and monotone decreasing  $\forall x \in (0, \frac{\pi}{2})$ .

**2.1.7 Show that between any two real roots of  $e^x \sin x = 1$  there is a real root of  $1 + e^x \cos x = 0$ . BU2004,2006**

Let  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  be two roots of the equation  $f(x) = e^{-x} - \sin x = 0$ . Then clearly  $f(\alpha) = 0 = f(\beta)$ , and  $f(x)$  is continuous in  $(\alpha, \beta)$ . Further  $f'(x) = -e^{-x} - \cos x$  exists in  $(\alpha, \beta)$ . Thus all the three conditions of Rolle's theorem are satisfied for the function  $f(x)$  in  $(\alpha, \beta)$ . Thus by the conclusion of the theorem we can say  $\exists$  a value of  $x = \gamma$  in  $(\alpha, \beta)$  such that  $f'(\gamma) = 0$ . Thus between any two real roots of  $f(x) = e^{-x} - \sin x = 0$  i.e., of  $e^x \sin x = 1$  there is a real root of  $f'(x) = -e^{-x} - \cos x = 0$  i.e., of  $1 + e^x \cos x = 0$ .

**2.1.8 Use Rolle's theorem to show that between any two real roots of  $e^x \sin x = 1$  there is a real root of  $e^x(\sin x + \cos x) = 0$ . BU2009,**

Do yourself

**2.1.9 For  $x > 0$  prove that  $\log_e(1+x) > x - \frac{x^2}{2}$ . BU2004**

Let us consider the function  $f(x) = x - \frac{x^2}{2} - \log_e(1+x)$ . Then clearly  $f(x)$  is continuous for all  $x > 0$  and  $f'(x) = 1 - x - \frac{1}{1+x} = -\frac{x^2}{1+x} < 0 \quad \forall x > 0$ . So  $f(x)$  is decreasing for all  $x > 0$  and hence  $f(x) < f(0) \quad \forall x > 0 \Rightarrow \log_e(1+x) > x - \frac{x^2}{2}$ .

**2.1.10 Show that the functions  $f(x) = \tan x$  is monotone increasing in  $(-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2})$ . BU2002**

Ans:- Here  $f'(x) = \sec^2 x > 0 \quad \forall -\frac{\pi}{2} < x < \frac{\pi}{2}$ . Hence the result.

**2.1.11 Can you apply Rolle's theorem to  $f(x) = 1 - |x|$  in  $[-1,1]$ ? Give reasons for answer. BU2005**

Ans:- Clearly the given function is not differentiable at  $x = 0 \in (-1, 1)$ , i.e.,  $f(x) = 1 - |x|$  is not differentiable in  $(-1, 1)$ , and hence the Rolle's theorem is not applicable to the given function in the given interval.

**2.1.12 With proper justification show that  $\sin x < x < \tan x$  for  $0 < x < \frac{\pi}{2}$ , BU2006**

Ans:- Let us consider the function  $f(x) = x - \sin x$ . Then  $f'(x) = 1 - \cos x > 0 \quad \forall x \in (0, \frac{\pi}{2})$ . Therefore  $f(x)$  is a monotone increasing function in  $(0, \frac{\pi}{2})$ . Hence  $f(x) > f(0) \quad \forall x > 0 \in (0, \frac{\pi}{2}) \Rightarrow \sin x < x$  for  $0 < x < \frac{\pi}{2}$ .  
Again let us consider the function  $g(x) = \tan x - x$ . Then  $g'(x) = \sec^2 x - 1 =$

$\tan^2 x > 0 \quad \forall x \in (0, \frac{\pi}{2})$ . Therefore  $g(x)$  is a monotone increasing function in  $(0, \frac{\pi}{2})$ . Hence  $g(x) > g(0) \quad \forall x > 0 \in (0, \frac{\pi}{2}) \Rightarrow x < \tan x$  for  $0 < x < \frac{\pi}{2}$ . Now combining the above two results we get the desired results.

**2.1.13 Show that  $\frac{2x}{\pi} < \sin x < x$  in  $0 < x < \frac{\pi}{2}$ . BU 2006**

Ans:- Let us consider the function  $f(x) = \frac{\sin x}{x}$  when  $x \neq 0$  and  $f(0) = 1$ . Then  $f(x)$  is continuous in  $[0, \frac{\pi}{2}]$  and differentiable in  $(0, \frac{\pi}{2})$  and  $f'(x) = \frac{x \cos x - \sin x}{x^2}$ . Again let us consider another function  $g(x) = x \cos x - \sin x$  in  $[0, \frac{\pi}{2}]$ . Clearly  $g'(x) = -x \sin x < 0 \quad \forall 0 < x < \frac{\pi}{2}$ . Hence  $g(x)$  is strictly decreasing in  $0 \leq x \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$ . Hence  $g(x) < g(0) = 0$  in  $0 \leq x \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$ . Hence  $f'(x) < 0$  for  $0 \leq x \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$  and hence  $f(x)$  is strictly decreasing in  $0 \leq x \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$ . So  $f(\frac{\pi}{2}) < f(x) < f(0)$  for  $0 \leq x \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$ . i.e.,  $1 > \frac{\sin x}{x} > \frac{2}{\pi}$  Thus we get the desired results.

**2.1.14 Show that  $\frac{x}{\sin x}$  strictly increasing in  $(0, \frac{\pi}{2})$ . BU 2007**

Ans:- Let  $f(x) = \frac{x}{\sin x}$ , then  $f'(x) = \frac{\sin x - x \cos x}{\sin^2 x} > 0 \quad \forall x \in (0, \frac{\pi}{2})$ , (for details see the just previous example)

**2.1.15 Show that  $x - \frac{x^2}{6} < \sin x < x$  for  $x > 0$ . BU 2007**

Do yourself.

**2.1.16 Show that  $\frac{x}{1+x} < \log_e(1+x)$  for  $x > 0$ . BU2004**

Do yourself.

**2.1.17 Verify the conditions of Rolle's theorem for the following functions**

- (i)  $f(x) = \cos \frac{1}{x}$  in  $[-1, 1]$
- (ii)(a)  $f(x) = 1 - (x - 1)^{2/3}$  in  $[0, 2]$ ; (b)  $f(x) = 1 - (x - 1)^2$  in  $[0, 2]$
- (iii)  $f(x) = |x - 2|$  in  $[1, 3]$
- (iv)  $f(x) = (x - a)^m (x - b)^n$  in  $[a, b]$ , for naturals  $m, n$
- (v)  $f(x) = x^2 - 5x + 10$  in  $[a-1, a+1]$
- (vi)  $f(x) = |x - a|$  in  $[1, 3]$
- (vii)  $f(x) = x$  for  $-1 < x \leq 1$  and  $f(-1) = 1$  in  $[-1, 1]$
- (viii)  $f(x) = |x|$  for  $-1 \leq x \leq 1$

Do yourself.



**2.1.18 Show that there is no real number  $k$  for which the equation  $x^3 - 3x + k = 0$  has two distinct roots in  $[0,1]$ .**

Ans:- If possible, let  $\alpha, \beta$  be two distinct real roots of the equation  $f(x) = x^3 - 3x + k = 0$  in  $[0,1]$ . Then  $(\alpha, \beta) \subset [0, 1]$ . Clearly all the three conditions of Rolle's theorem are satisfied for the function  $f(x)$  in  $(\alpha, \beta)$ . So by the conclusion of Rolle's theorem the equation  $f'(x) = 0$  must have a root in  $(\alpha, \beta)$ . But the roots of the equation  $f'(x) = 3(x^2 - 1) = 0$  are  $x = \pm 1 \notin (\alpha, \beta)$ . Hence there is no real number  $k$  for which the equation  $x^3 - 3x + k = 0$  has two distinct roots in  $[0,1]$ .

**2.1.19 Prove that if  $P$  be any polynomial and  $P'$  be its derivative, then between any two consecutive zeros of  $P'$  there lies at most one zero of  $P$ .**

Ans:- If possible, let  $\alpha, \beta$  be two consecutive zeros of  $P'$  and there are more than one zeros of  $P$  in  $(\alpha, \beta)$ . Let  $c, d$  be two such zeros of  $P$  in  $(\alpha, \beta)$ . Then as a polynomial function, clearly  $P$  satisfies all the three conditions of Rolle's theorem in  $[c, d]$ , so there exists at least one  $\xi \in (c, d)$  such that  $\xi$  is a zero of the polynomial  $P'$ , which is a contradiction to the fact that  $\alpha, \beta$  are two consecutive zeros of  $P'$ . Hence the result.

**2.1.20 Show that between any two real roots of  $e^x \cos x = 1$  there exists at least one root of  $e^x \sin x - 1 = 0$ .**

Do yourself

**2.1.21 Prove that if  $a_0, a_1, \dots, a_n$  are real numbers such that  $\frac{a_0}{n+1} + \frac{a_1}{n} + \dots + \frac{a_{n-1}}{2} + a_n = 0$  then there exists at least one real number  $x$  between 0 and 1 such that  $a_0x^n + a_1x^{n-1} + \dots + a_n = 0$ . BU 2008**

Ans:- Let us consider the function  $f(x) = \frac{a_0x^{n+1}}{n+1} + \frac{a_1x^n}{n} + \dots + \frac{a_{n-1}x^2}{2} + a_nx$ . Clearly the polynomial function  $f(x)$  is continuous in  $[0,1]$  and is differentiable in  $(0,1)$ , moreover  $f(0) = 0$  and  $f(1) = \frac{a_0}{n+1} + \frac{a_1}{n} + \dots + \frac{a_{n-1}}{2} + a_n = 0$ . Therefore  $f(0) = f(1)$ . So all the conditions of Rolle's theorem are satisfied for  $f(x)$  on  $[0,1]$ . So by the conclusion of the theorem we can say  $\exists$  at least one real number  $x$  between 0 and 1 such that  $a_0x^n + a_1x^{n-1} + \dots + a_n = 0$ .

**2.1.22** If  $a+b+c = 0$  then show that the quadratic equation  $3ax^2+2bx+c = 0$  has at least one root in  $(0,1)$

Ans: Consider the function  $f(x) = ax^2 + bx + c$  and apply Rolle's theorem in  $[0,1]$ .

**2.1.23** If  $a_0 + a_1 + \dots + a_n = 0$  where  $a_0, a_1, \dots, a_n$  are reals, show that the equation  $a_0 + 2a_1x + \dots + (n+1)a_nx^n = 0$  has at least one root in  $(0,1)$

Ans:- Consider the function  $f(x) = a_0x + a_1x^2 + \dots + a_nx^{n+1}$  and apply Rolle's theorem in  $[0,1]$ .

**2.1.24** By considering the function  $(x-4)\log x$ . show that the equation  $x\log x = 4-x$  is satisfied by at least one value of  $x$  lying between 1 and 4.

Do yourself

**2.1.25** If  $P(x)$  is a polynomial and  $K$  is a real number. Prove that between any two real roots of  $P(x)=0$  there is a root of  $P'(x) + KP(x) = 0$ . BU 2014

Ans:- Consider the function  $f(x) = e^{Kx}P(x)\forall x \in R$  and consider  $\alpha, \beta$  as two real zeros of  $P(x)$ , then use Rolle's theorem.

**2.1.26** If  $f(x)$  and  $g(x)$  are differentiable on  $(a,b)$  and continuous on  $[a,b]$  and  $f(a) = f(b) = 0$  then show that there exists a point  $c \in (a, b)$  s.t  $f'(c) + f(c)g'(c) = 0$

Ans:-Consider the function  $h(x) = f(x)e^{g(x)}\forall x \in [a, b]$  and then use Rolle's theorem.

**2.1.27** If  $f(x) = \cos x$  find  $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \theta_h$  where  $\theta_h$  is given by  $f(h) = f(0) + hf'(\theta_h)$ ,  $0 < \theta_h < 1$

Ans:- Since  $f(h) = f(0) + hf'(\theta_h)$

$$\Rightarrow \cos h = 1 - h \sin(\theta_h) \Rightarrow h \sin(\theta_h) = 1 - \cos h = 2 \sin^2\left(\frac{h}{2}\right) \Rightarrow \theta_h \frac{\sin(\theta_h)}{\theta_h} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\sin \frac{h}{2}}{\frac{h}{2}}\right)^2$$

Taking the limit as  $h \rightarrow 0$  we have,  $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \theta_h = \frac{1}{2}$

### 3 Descriptive type questions

- 3.0.28** State and prove Taylor's theorem with a remainder after  $n$  terms. BU2001,2004,2007,2009,2013
- 3.0.29** State and prove Lagrange's mean value theorem . BU2006
- 3.0.30** State and prove Cauchy's mean value theorem. Hence deduce Lagrange's mean value theorem. BU2006,2008,2012,2014
- 3.0.31** Obtain Taylor series expansion of  $\log_e(1+x)$  indicating the range of convergence. BU2006
- 3.0.32** Apply Maclaurin's theorem to obtain power series expansion of  $\log_e(1+x)$  for  $|x| < 1$ . BU2001, 2007, 2008

Ans:-Let  $f(x) = \log_e(1+x)$ , then  $f^n(x) = \frac{(-1)^{n-1}(n-1)!}{(1+x)^n}$

Which exists for every value of  $n$  and for  $x > -1$

Now  $f^n(0) = (-1)^{n-1}(n-1)!$ , Now the following two cases may arise

Case-1: Let  $0 \leq x \leq 1$ . If  $R_n$  denotes the Lagrange's form of remainder in the Maclaurin's power series expansion of  $\log_e(1+x)$ , the we have

$$R_n = \frac{x^n}{n!} f^n(\theta x) = \frac{(-1)^{n-1}}{n} \left(\frac{x}{1+\theta x}\right)^n.$$

Now  $\left(\frac{x}{1+\theta x}\right)^n \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , since  $\frac{x}{1+\theta x}$  is positive and less than 1 for  $0 \leq x \leq 1$ .

Also  $\frac{1}{n} \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

So  $R_n \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

Case-II: Let  $-1 < x < 0$ , in this case  $\frac{x}{1+\theta x}$  may not be numerically less than unity and hence  $\left(\frac{x}{1+\theta x}\right)^n$  may not be tend to 0 as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

Thus Lagrange's form of remainder in the Maclaurin's power series expansion do not give us definite conclusion. Now using the Cauchy's form of remainder, we have

$$R_n = \frac{x^n(1-\theta)^{n-1}}{(n-1)!} f^n(\theta x) = (-1)^{n-1} \frac{x^n}{1+\theta x} \left(\frac{1-\theta}{1+\theta x}\right)^{n-1}$$

Now  $\frac{1-\theta}{1+\theta x}$  is positive and less than 1, hence  $\left(\frac{1-\theta}{1+\theta x}\right)^{n-1} \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

Also  $x^n \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , since in  $-1 < x < 0$ ;  $\frac{1}{1+\theta x}$  is bounded and hence,  $R_n \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

Thus the Maclaurin's power series expansion of  $\log_e(1+x)$  is given by

$$\log_e(1+x) = x - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{3} - \dots\dots\dots, \text{ where } -1 < x \leq 1.$$

- 3.0.33** Establish the inequality  $\frac{x^2}{2} < x - \log_e(1+x) < \frac{x^2}{2(1+x)}$  when  $-1 < x < 0$ . BU2001

Do yourself

**3.0.34** State and prove Maclaurin's theorem with Lagrange's form of remainder. BU2002, 2005

**3.0.35** Obtain Maclaurin's infinite series expansion of  $(1+x)^m$  where  $m$  is any real number other than positive integer and  $|x| < 1$ . BU2002, 2006, 2008

See any book

**3.0.36** Assuming  $f''(x)$  to be continuous on  $[a,b]$ , show that  $f(c) - f(a)\frac{b-c}{b-a} - f(b)\frac{c-a}{b-a} = \frac{1}{2}(c-a)(c-b)f''(\xi)$ , where  $c$  and  $\xi$  both lie in  $[a,b]$ . BU2007

**3.0.37** If for a function  $f$  defined in a nbd of  $a$ ,  $f'$  is continuous at  $a$  and  $f''(a) \neq 0$  then prove that  $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \theta = \frac{1}{2}$ , where  $\theta$  is given by  $f(a+h) = f(a) + hf'(a+\theta h)$ ,  $0 < \theta < 1$  BU 2012, 2014

**3.0.38** Use MVT to prove that  $\frac{x-1}{x} < \log_e(x) < x-1$  when  $x > 1$ . BU2013

Do yourself

**3.0.39** State and prove Rolle's theorem . BU 2011

**3.0.40** Expand the function  $h(x) = \sin^2 x$  in a nbd of  $x=0$  to three terms plus remainder in Lagrange's form. BU 2012

Do yourself

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