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Class: B.sc II Maths paper v

Topic:

MEAN VALUE THEOREMS

ROLLE'S THEOREM

IF $f(x)$ be a function such that

- a. $f(x)$ is continuous in $[a, b]$
- b. $f'(x)$ exists for every point in open interval (a, b)
- c. $f(a) = f(b)$

Then there exists at least one point $c \in (a, b)$ such that $f'(c) = 0$

EX : Verify Rolle's theorem for the function

$$f(x) = x^2 - 6x + 8$$

Solution :

- i. As $f(x) = x^2 - 6x + 8$ is polynomial function, it is continuous in $[2, 4]$
- ii. It is derivable in $(2, 4)$
- iii. $f(2) = f(4) = 0$

So, by Rolle's theorem there must exist at least one number c between 2 and 4 such that $f'(c) = 0$

$$\text{now, } f'(x) = 2x - 6$$

Therefore, $f'(c) = 2c - 6 = 0$ gives $c = 3$ and $c \in (2, 4)$

therefore, theorem is verified.

LAGRANGE'S MEAN VALUE THEOREM

STATEMENT

IF $f(x)$ be a function such that

- i. f is continuous in closed interval $[a, b]$
- ii. f is differentiable in (a, b)

then there exists at least one point $c \in (a, b)$ such that

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

EX. Verify Lagrange's mean value theorem for
 $f(x) = 2x^2 - 7x + 10$ in $[2, 5]$

Solution :

- i. The function is polynomial function , hence continuous in $[2,5]$
- ii. It is derivable in $(2,5)$ as $f'(x) = 4x - 7$ exists at each value of x in $(2,5)$ and $f(a) = 4, f(b) = 25$

$$\text{Therefore , L.M.V.T. } \frac{f(b) - f(a)}{b - a} = f'(c)$$

$$\text{or } 4c - 7 = \frac{25 - 4}{5 - 2} = 7$$

$$\text{Therefore , } 4c = 7 + 7 = 14$$

$$\text{Therefore } c = \frac{14}{4} = \frac{7}{2} \in (2, 5)$$

Hence L.M.V.T . Is verified.

CAUCHY'S MEAN VALUE THEOREM

STATEMENT

IF two functions $f(x)$ and $g(x)$ defined on $[a,b]$ are

- i. Continuous on $[a,b]$
- ii. Differentiable on (a,b) and
- iii. $g(x) \neq 0$ for any $x \in (a,b)$

then there exists at least one value c between a and b i.e. $c \in (a,b)$ such that

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

Verify Cauchy Mean Value Theorem for $f(x) = e^x$, $\phi(x) = e^{-x}$ in $[a,b]$

Solution :

$$f(x) = e^x, \phi(x) = e^{-x},$$

f and ϕ both are continuous in $[a,b]$, derivable in open interval (a,b)

Therefore, By Cauchy's theorem,

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

$$\frac{e^b - e^a}{e^{-b} - e^{-a}} = \frac{e^c}{-e^{-c}} \quad (\text{as } f'(x) = e^x, \phi'(x) = -e^{-x})$$

$$\frac{e^b - e^a}{\frac{1}{e^b} - \frac{1}{e^a}} = -e^{2c} \quad \text{or} \quad (e^b - e^a) \frac{e^a \cdot e^b}{e^a - e^b} = -e^{2c}$$

$$-e^{a+b} = -e^{2c} \quad \text{therefore, } a + b = 2c$$

$$\text{Therefore } c = \frac{a+b}{2}$$

$$\text{Obviously } c = \frac{a+b}{2} \in (a,b).$$

Hence the theorem is verified