

Q No. - Verify Rolle's theorem over $[a, b]$ for the function

$$f(x) = (x-a)^m (x-b)^n,$$

m & n being a Positive integer and find a suitable Point c .

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Soluⁿ:- \therefore ① $f(x) = (x-a)^m (x-b)^n$

Hence, we see that ① $f(x)$ is Continuous in closed interval $[a, b]$.

② differentiable in $]a, b[$

③ $f(a) = f(b) = 0$

$\therefore f(x) = (x-a)^m (x-b)^n$

$\therefore f'(x) = m(x-a)^{m-1} (x-b)^n + n(x-b)^{n-1} (x-a)^m$

Putting $f'(x) = 0$.

$$(x-a)^{m-1} (x-b)^{n-1} [m(x-b) + n(x-a)] = 0.$$

Either $x = a$, Either $x = b$.

or, $mx - mb + nx - na = 0$

or, $x(m+n) = mb + na$

$$\therefore x = \frac{mb + na}{m+n}$$

Hence, the value $\frac{mb + na}{m+n}$ lies in $]a, b[$.

$\therefore c = \frac{mb + na}{m+n}$ in open interval $]a, b[$

for which $f'(c) = 0$.

Hence, all condition of Rolle's theorem are satisfied.

Thus Rolle's theorem is verified.

② Q No. - Verify Rolle's theorem in the case of function.

$$f(x) = 2x^3 + x^2 - 4x - 2.$$

Soln: $\therefore f(x) = 2x^3 + x^2 - 4x - 2.$

As f is a rational integers function of x Hence it is continuous and differentiable for all values of x . Hence 1st two conditions of Rolle's theorem is satisfied in any interval.

Now, $f(x) = 0$ gives.

$$2x^3 + x^2 - 4x - 2 = 0$$

which on factorization

$$(x^2 - 2)(2x + 1) = 0$$

$$\text{Either, } x^2 - 2 = 0$$

$$x^2 = 2.$$

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

$$\text{Either, } 2x + 1 = 0.$$

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

$$\text{Hence, } f(\sqrt{2}) = f(-\sqrt{2}) = f(-\frac{1}{2}) = 0.$$

Hence, we shall take an interval $(-\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{2})$.

In order to verify Rolle's theorem we have to show $f'(x) = 0$ at least once in the open interval $]-\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{2}[$.

$$\therefore f'(x) = 6x^2 + 2x - 4$$

which vanishes.

$$6x^2 + 2x - 4 = 0$$

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

$$\text{or, } 3x^2 + 3x - 2x - 2 = 0.$$

$$\text{or, } 3x(x+1) - 2(x+1) = 0$$

$$\text{or, } (x+1)(3x-2) = 0.$$

$$\text{Either, } x+1=0$$

$$x = -1$$

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

$$\text{So that } f'(-1) = f'\left(\frac{2}{3}\right) = 0$$

As the Points $x = -1$ and $x = \frac{2}{3}$ both, lies in the $[-\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{2}]$

In this way Rolle's theorem is verified.

$$0 = (x+1)(x-2)$$

$$\text{Either, } x-2=0$$

$$x = 2$$

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

$$\text{Either, } x+1=0$$

$$x = -1$$

$$\text{Hence, } f(\sqrt{2}) = f(-\sqrt{2}) = f\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right) = 0$$

Hence, we should take an interval

$$(-\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{2})$$

In order to verify Rolle's theorem

We have to show $f(x) = 0$

at least one in the open interval

$$[-\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{2}]$$

$$f'(x) = 6x^2 + 8x - 4$$

which becomes

$$6x^2 + 8x - 4 = 0$$

$$3x^2 + 4x - 2 = 0$$

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

$$3x(x+1) - 2(x+1) = 0$$