

First of all, let's review CW3.

Two questions worth mentioning:

1) $f \circ g, f$ cont. g cont. given by some rules.

Show $f \circ g$ cont. at some specific point.

2) $f(x + y) = f(x)f(y)$. If f is diff. at 0, show f is diff. at x

Lecture 5

(part 2)

Done: proved Rolle's Theorem.

Ideas to prove Rolle's Theorem.

Main ideas recap/ kick start by using Extreme Value theorem/ then 2 cases can occur, either one of the global max/min point is "inside" (a, b) or both on boundary of this interval (i.e. one of them is the point a , the other the point b).

In the first case

we use Fermat's Lemma

In this case, one of the global max/min point (also known as "extreme" point) is "inside" (a, b) , so it looks like either the red point on the left or on the right. Either way, its derivative is zero there (by Fermat's Lemma).



Case 2: It's a horizontal line. So $f'(x) = 0 \forall x$ in (a, b)



What Use do we have for RT?

RT implies CMVT, and CMVT implies LMVT

Application of each of them.

LMVT

We've done $|\sin x - \sin y| \leq |x - y|$

Better Applications

Question. If f satisfies $f'(x) > 0$ for each x in (a, b) , show that f is a strictly increasing function.

Proof

Consider $f(x_2) - f(x_1)$.

Goal: Show that this expression satisfies > 0 .

Details: $\frac{f(x_2) - f(x_1)}{x_2 - x_1} = f'(\xi)$ **for some** ξ between x_1 and x_2

(i.e. $\exists \xi$ between x_1 and x_2) (“for some” has the shorthand symbol \exists)

But $f'(x) > 0 \quad \forall x$

Therefore $\frac{f(x_2) - f(x_1)}{x_2 - x_1} = f'(\xi) > 0$ (the term $f'(\xi) > 0$, because $f'(x) > 0, \forall x$)

Now the fraction $\frac{f(x_2) - f(x_1)}{x_2 - x_1}$ has a positive denominator, because $x_2 - x_1 > 0$, so

$f(x_2) - f(x_1) > 0$ also.

Question. Suppose f is differentiable (i.e. $f'(x)$ exists) for each real number and also $f'(x) = \text{constant}$, then $f(x) = ax + b$.

Proof. Many methods, one of them is by means of the MVTs (the “mean value theorem(s)”)

You can try a simpler version of this result by using Rolle's Theorem. The question is:

Question: Suppose f is differentiable (i.e. $f'(x)$ exists) for each real number and also $f'(x) = 0, \forall x$. Then $f(x) = K \exists K$

L'H Rule

Browse through this:

<https://www.math.ucdavis.edu/~kouba/CalcOneDIRECTORY/lhopitaldirectory/LHopital.html>

L'Hopital Rule is useful, but how do we get it?

Answer: By CMVT.

Two Simplest Cases of L'Hopital Rule

Suppose that $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = 0, \lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x) = 0$, and that functions f and g are differentiable on an open interval I containing a . Assume also that $g'(x) \neq 0$ in I if $x \neq a$. Then

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f'(x)}{g'(x)} \quad \text{as long as the limit on the right-hand side is finite .}$$

To illustrate the idea, we will prove an even more simple case, assuming that $f(a) = g(a) = 0$.

More precisely, it is:

Suppose that $f(a) = 0, g(a) = 0$, and that functions f and g are differentiable on an open interval I containing a . Assume also that $g'(x) \neq 0$ in I if $x \neq a$. Then

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f'(x)}{g'(x)} \quad \text{as long as the limit on the right-hand side is finite .}$$

(Source: <https://web.ma.utexas.edu/users/sadun/F11/408N/L%27Hopital.pdf>)

Proof: consider $(f(x) - f(a))/(g(x) - g(a)) = f(x)/g(x)$

applying CMVT to the LHS, we get

$$f'(\xi)/g'(\xi) = (f(x) - f(a))/(g(x) - g(a))$$

Letting $x \rightarrow a$ gives (coz ξ bet' x and a), $\xi \rightarrow a$

Since $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f'(\xi) = \lim_{\xi \rightarrow a} f'(\xi)$, so done.