

2.3 Differentiability

Calculus

Name: *Solutions*

Practice

Given $f(x)$ and $f'(x)$ on a given interval $[a, b]$, find a value c that satisfies the Mean Value Theorem.

1. $f(x) = -x^2 + 4x - 2$; $[-1, 2]$
 $f'(x) = -2x + 4$

$$\begin{aligned} f(-1) &= -(1) - 4 - 2 = -7 \\ f(2) &= -4 + 8 - 2 = 2 \\ \frac{-7-2}{-1-2} &= \frac{-9}{-3} = 3 \\ f(c) &= 3 \\ -2c + 4 &= 3 \\ -2c &= -1 \\ c &= \frac{1}{2} \end{aligned}$$

2. $f(x) = \frac{x^2}{2} + 4x + 7$; $[-7, -3]$
 $f'(x) = x + 4$

$$c = -5$$

3. $f(x) = -2x^2 + 12x - 15$; $[2, 4]$
 $f'(x) = -4x + 12$

$$\begin{aligned} f(2) &= -8 + 24 - 15 = 1 \\ f(4) &= -32 + 48 - 15 = 1 \\ \frac{1-1}{4-2} &= \frac{0}{2} = 0 \\ f'(c) &= 0 \\ -4c + 12 &= 0 \\ c &= 3 \end{aligned}$$

4. $f(x) = x^3 - 12x$; $[-2, 2]$
 $f'(x) = 3x^2 - 12$

$$c = \pm \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} \text{ or } \pm \frac{2\sqrt{3}}{3}$$

5. $f(x) = \sin(2x)$; $\left[\frac{\pi}{6}, \frac{\pi}{3}\right]$
 $f'(x) = 2 \cos(2x)$

$$\begin{aligned} f\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right) &= \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right) = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \\ f\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right) &= \sin\left(\frac{2\pi}{3}\right) = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \\ \frac{\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}}{\frac{\pi}{3} - \frac{\pi}{6}} &= \frac{0}{\frac{\pi}{6}} = 0 \\ 2 \cos(2c) &= 0 \\ \cos(2c) &= 0 \\ 2c &= \frac{\pi}{2} \text{ or } 2c = \frac{3\pi}{2} \\ c &= \frac{\pi}{4} \text{ or } c = \frac{3\pi}{4} \end{aligned}$$

Not in the interval.

6. $f(x) = x^3 + 24x - 16$; $[0, 4]$
 $f'(x) = 3x^2 + 24$

$$c = \frac{4}{\sqrt{3}}$$

The negative answer is not in the interval.

7. $f(x) = \sqrt{9 - x^2}$; $[0, 3]$
 $f'(x) = \frac{-2x}{\sqrt{9-x^2}}$

$$\begin{aligned} f(0) &= 3 & \frac{3-0}{0-3} &= \frac{3}{-3} \\ f(3) &= 0 & &= -1 \\ \frac{-2x}{\sqrt{9-x^2}} &= -1 \\ -2x &= \sqrt{9-x^2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 4x^2 &= 9 - x^2 \\ 5x^2 &= 9 \\ c &= \frac{3}{\sqrt{5}} \end{aligned}$$

The negative answer is not in the interval.

8. $f(x) = \sin x + \cos x$; $[0, 2\pi]$
 $f'(x) = \cos x - \sin x$

$$\begin{aligned} f(0) &= 1 & \frac{1-1}{2\pi-0} &= 0 \\ f(2\pi) &= 1 & \cos x - \sin x &= 0 \\ \cos x &= \sin x \end{aligned}$$

When are the cosine and sine values the same on the unit circle?

$$c = \frac{\pi}{4}, \frac{5\pi}{4}$$

9. $f(x) = (x^2 - 2x)e^x$; $[0, 2]$
 $f'(x) = (x^2 - 2)e^x$

$$\begin{aligned} f(0) &= 0 & \frac{0-0}{2-0} &= 0 \\ f(2) &= 0 & (x^2-2)e^x &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$x^2 - 2 = 0 \text{ or } e^x = 0$$

$$x = \sqrt{2}$$

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Not possible

The negative answer is not in the interval.

Matching Graphs: 10-I, 11-G, 12-B, 13-D, 14-P, 15-O, 16-H, 17-F, 18-L, 19-M, 20-J, 21-E, 22-N, 23-A, 24-K, 25-C.

Using a calculator find the value of the derivative at a given point. DON'T show any work. You should be able to quickly find the answer with a calculator.

26. $f(x) = x^2 + 5x$

$f'(1.98) = 8.96$

27. $f(x) = \csc 5x$

$f'(\frac{\pi}{2}) = 0$

28. $f(x) = \ln x$

$f'(205) = 0.005$

29. $f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$

$f'(\sqrt{2}) = -0.5$

30. $f(x) = e^{7x}$

$f'(1.5) = 254,210.595$

31. $f(x) = 8x^2 - 5x^3$

$f'(\frac{1}{3}) = 3.667$

Test Prep: 1C, 2B, 3A, 4D, 5A, 6E