

Rolle's Theorem:

Suppose that f is continuous on the interval $[a, b]$, differentiable on the interval (a, b) , and $f(a) = f(b)$. Then there is a number $c \in (a, b)$ such that $f'(c) = 0$.

In Class Work

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Solutions

1. If $v(t) = e^{3t} + 7$, find *all* antiderivatives of $v(t)$.

One antiderivative: $\frac{1}{3}e^{3t} + 7t$

Check: $\frac{d}{dt}\left(\frac{1}{3}e^{3t} + 7t\right) = \frac{1}{3}(3e^{3t}) + 7 = e^{3t} + 7.$

All antiderivatives thus have the form

$$\frac{1}{3}e^{3t} + 7t + C, \text{ where } C \text{ can be any constant}$$

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$$p(t) = \frac{1}{3}e^{3t} + 7t + C. \quad p(0) = 0 \implies 0 = \frac{1}{3}e^0 + 0 + C$$

$$\implies C = -\frac{1}{3}$$

$$\implies p(t) = \frac{1}{3}e^{3t} + 7t - \frac{1}{3}$$