

Recall:

- ▶ **Rolle's Theorem:** Let f be continuous on $[a, b]$ and differentiable on (a, b) , and let $f(a) = f(b)$. Then there exists some number $c \in (a, b)$ such that $f'(c) = 0$.

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- ▶ **The Mean Value Theorem:** Let f be continuous on $[a, b]$ and differentiable on (a, b) . Then there exists some number $c \in (a, b)$ such that

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

That is, there exists some point on the graph of f between $(a, f(a))$ and $(b, f(b))$ where the tangent line is parallel to the line connecting $(a, f(a))$ to $(b, f(b))$.

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3. If one piece of a product $\rightarrow 0$ and the other piece is finite, product will $\rightarrow 0$; if one piece of a product $\rightarrow \infty$ and the other is non-zero, product $\rightarrow \pm\infty$. How fast is one term approaching 0 compared to rate at which other approaches ∞ ?