

Def Let $D \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ be an interval.

$f: D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, then f attains

~~$c \in D$ is an~~ absolute ^{max} _(local) min

if $f(x) \leq f(c)$ at $c \in D$

for all $x \in D$

$x \in (c-\delta, c+\delta) \cap D$

$\delta > 0$

When does f have
abs. max
min on D ?

Eg 1. $f_1: \left(-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right) \mapsto \mathbb{R}$

$$f_1(x) = \tan x$$

Eg 2: $f_2: (0, \infty) \mapsto \mathbb{R}$

$$f_2(x) = \frac{1}{x}$$

Both f_1 and f_2 are
continuous. But Neither
has abs. max
min

[The Extreme Value Theorem]

Thm 1: (pf beyond this course)

If f is cont. on $[a, b]$

Then there exist

$x_m, x_M \in [a, b]$, such that

$$f(x_m) = m, \quad f(x_M) = M$$

are abs. min and abs. max

i.e.

$$m = f(x_m) \leq f(x) \leq f(x_M) = M$$

for all $x \in [a, b]$

Thm 2. If

(i) $f: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is cont.,

(ii) f has a local $\begin{matrix} \text{min} \\ \text{max} \end{matrix}$
at $c \in (a, b)$

(iii) f is differentiable at c

$$\implies f'(c) = 0$$

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Ex 3: $f: [-1, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

$$f(x) = x^3, \quad f'(0) = 0$$

but '0' is neither local $\begin{matrix} \text{min} \\ \text{max} \end{matrix}$

pf of Thm 2

If f has a local min at c
and $f'(c)$ exists, then

$$f'(c) = \lim_{x \rightarrow c^+} \frac{f(x) - f(c)}{x - c} \geq 0$$

$$f'(c) = \lim_{\substack{y \rightarrow c^- \\ (y < c < x)}} \frac{f(y) - f(c)}{y - c} \leq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow f'(c) = 0.$$

Similarly for local max #

$f: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ continuous

How do we find abs. max, min?

Note: Possible abs. min max

include

critical points (i) $c \in (a, b)$, $f'(c) = 0$

(ii) $c \in (a, b)$, $f'(c)$ does not exist

(iii) $c = a$ or $c = b$

Ans: Step 1: find all candidates in (i), (ii), (iii)

Step 2: Compare values of f

Eg4 Find abs. $\begin{matrix} \text{min} \\ \text{max} \end{matrix}$

for $f(x) = x^{\frac{2}{3}}$ on $[-2, 3]$

Sol: Critical points (i) & (ii)

$$f'(x) = \frac{2}{3} x^{-\frac{1}{3}}$$

$= 0$ or does not exist

$$\Rightarrow x = 0$$

Possible candidates

$$x = 0, -2, 3$$

$$f(x) = 0, \sqrt[3]{4}, \sqrt[3]{9}$$

abs. min abs. max

Rolle's Thm.

Suppose $h(x)$ is cont. on $[a, b]$
diff. on (a, b) and $h(a) = h(b)$

Then there exists $c \in (a, b)$

Such that $h'(c) = 0$

Mean Value Thm:

If $f(x)$ is cont. on $[a, b]$ and
diff. on (a, b) , then there exists
 $c \in (a, b)$ such that

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

Obviously M.V.T. \Rightarrow Rolle's

In fact, we also have \Leftarrow

Pf: Suppose Rolle's Thm holds,

$$\text{Let } h(x) = f(x) - g(x)$$

$$\text{where } g(x) = f(a) + \frac{f(b) - f(a)}{b - a} (x - a)$$

$$\Rightarrow g(a) = f(a), \quad g(b) = f(b)$$

$$\Rightarrow h(a) = 0, \quad h(b) = 0$$

Rolle's $\Rightarrow \exists c \in (a, b)$, such that

$$0 = h'(c) = f'(c) - g'(c) = f'(c) - \frac{f(b) - f(a)}{b - a} \quad \#$$

Pf of Rolle's Thm.

Suppose $h(x_m) = \text{abs. min}$
 $h(x_M) = \text{abs. max}$
on $[a, b]$. x_m, x_M could be

(i) $c \in (a, b)$ $h'(c) = 0$

(ii) $c \in (a, b)$, $h'(c)$ does not exist

(iii) $c = a$ or b

(ii) is not possible since h is diff.

Case I: $x_m \in (i)$ or $x_M \in (i)$

$$\Rightarrow h'(x_m) = 0 \text{ or } h'(x_M) = 0.$$

$$\Rightarrow c = x_m \text{ or } x_M$$

Case II: $x_m = a, x_M = b$ or $x_m = b, x_M = a$

$$h(a) = h(b) \Rightarrow h(x_m) = h(x_M)$$

$$\Rightarrow h(x) = \text{constant} \Rightarrow h'(c) = 0 \text{ for all } c \in (a, b)$$