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Verify Rolle's theorem over $[a, b]$ for the function
 $f(x) = (x-a)^m (x-b)^n$

Solution

\Rightarrow By the question
 $f(x) = (x-a)^m (x-b)^n$

$\Rightarrow f(a) = 0$
 $f(b) = 0$ Thus $f(a) = f(b) = 0$

By ordinary differentiation

$f(x) = m(x-a)^{m-1}(x-b)^n + n(x-a)^m(x-b)^{n-1}$ — (1)

$Rf'(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h}$

$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(x+h-a)^m (x+h-b)^n - (x-a)^m (x-b)^n}{h}$

$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\{(x-a) + h\}^m \{(x-b) + h\}^n - (x-a)^m (x-b)^n}{h}$

$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \left\{ (x-a)^m + m(x-a)^{m-1}h + \dots \right\} \left\{ (x-b)^n + n(x-b)^{n-1}h + \dots \right\} - (x-a)^m (x-b)^n$

$= n(x-a)^m (x-b)^{n-1} + m(x-a)^{m-1} (x-b)^n$

$Lf'(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x-h) - f(x)}{-h}$

$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(x-h-a)^m (x-h-b)^n - (x-a)^m (x-b)^n}{-h}$

$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\{(x-a) - h\}^m \{(x-b) - h\}^n - (x-a)^m (x-b)^n}{-h}$

$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \left\{ (x-a)^m - m(x-a)^{m-1}h + \dots \right\} \left\{ (x-b)^n - n(x-b)^{n-1}h + \dots \right\} - (x-a)^m (x-b)^n$

$= \left\{ -n(x-a)^m (x-b)^{n-1} - m(x-a)^{m-1} (x-b)^n \right\} (-1)$

$= n(x-a)^m (x-b)^{n-1} + m(x-a)^{m-1} (x-b)^n$

Thus $Rf'(x) = Lf'(x)$

$\Rightarrow f'(x)$ exists at all values x in $[a, b]$

Since $f(x)$ is differentiable in $[a, b]$

$\Rightarrow f(x)$ is also continuous in each point x in $[a, b]$

Hence All the three Required Conditions of Rolle's theorem are satisfied page-2

$\therefore f'(x) = 0$ for at least one value of x in $[a, b]$

$$\Rightarrow m(x-a)^{m-1}(x-b)^n + n(x-a)^m(x-b)^{n-1} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (x-a)^{m-1}(x-b)^{n-1} \{ m(x-b) + n(x-a) \} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x = a$$

$$x = b$$

$$x = \frac{na + mb}{m+n}$$

~~evidently~~ evidently

$x = \frac{na + mb}{m+n}$ means the point which divides $[a, b]$ in the ratio $m:n$ and so lies in (a, b) .

Q. Discuss applicability of Rolle's theorem to the function $f(x) = |x|$ in $[-1, 1]$

By the question, $f(x) = |x|$

$$\Rightarrow f(1) = |1| = 1$$

$$f(-1) = |-1| = 1$$

$f(x) = |x|$ is continuous for all values of x in $(-1, 1)$

$$\text{Also } Rf'(0) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(0+h) - f(0)}{h}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{|0+h| - |0|}{h}$$

$$= 1$$

$$L f'(0) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(0-h) - f(0)}{-h}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{h-0}{-h} = -1$$

Here $Rf'(0) \neq Lf'(0)$

so $f'(0)$ does not exist.

Hence the function is not differentiable in the entire interval $(-1, 1)$

and so Rolle's theorem is not applicable to the given function $f(x)$ in $[-1, 1]$

Problem \Rightarrow Discuss the applicability of Rolle's theorem
to the function

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 + 1 & \text{When } 0 \leq x \leq 1 \\ 3 - x & \text{When } 1 < x \leq 2 \end{cases}$$

Solution \Rightarrow By the question, function $f(x)$
is defined as

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 + 1 & \text{When } 0 \leq x \leq 1 \\ 3 - x & \text{When } 1 < x \leq 2 \end{cases}$$

$$\text{Here } f(0) = 0^2 + 1 = 1$$

$$f(2) = 3 - 2 = 1$$

$$\therefore f(0) = f(2) = 1$$

Here we observe that the $f(x)$ is continuous
for all x in the $(0, 2)$ except perhaps at $x=1$

Test the continuity of $f(x)$ at $x=1$

$$f(1+h) = 3 - (1+h) \quad \therefore \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} f(1+h) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} 2 - h = 2$$

$$f(1-h) = (1-h)^2 + 1 \quad \therefore \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} f(1-h) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} (1-h)^2 + 1$$

$$f(1) = 1^2 + 1 = 2$$

$$= 1 + 1 = 2$$

$$\text{Here we see } \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} f(1+h) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} f(1-h) = f(1) = 2$$

$\Rightarrow f(x)$ is continuous at $x=1$

and this is continuous in the whole interval $(0, 2)$

$$\text{Again } f'(x) = 2x \quad \text{When } 0 \leq x \leq 1$$

$$= -1 \quad \text{When } 1 < x \leq 2$$

$\therefore f(x)$ is differentiable in interval $(0, 2)$

Except perhaps at $x=1$

$$\text{Now } Rf'(1) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(1+h) - f(1)}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\{3 - (1+h)\} - 2}{h}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{2 - h - 2}{h} = -1$$

$$\text{Again } Lf'(1) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(1-h) - f(1)}{-h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\{(1-h)^2 + 1\} - 2}{-h}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{2h - h^2}{-h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} 2 - h = 2$$

∴ we find $f'(1) = 2f'(1)$
 and so $f'(1)$ does not exist. Hence the
 function $f(x)$ is not-differentiable in
 the entire interval $(0, 2)$ and therefore
 Rolle's theorem is not applicable to the given
 function $f(x)$ in $(0, 2)$
 Construct an example in which the
 hypothesis as well as conclusion of Rolle's
 theorem are satisfied

Solution ⇒ the function $f(x) = \sqrt{a^2 - x^2}$ $a > 0$
 is continuous on $[-a, a]$, but is differentiable
 only on $] -a, a[$

Since its value at $-a$ and a are
 equal, the conclusion of Rolle's theorem must
 hold.

In fact $x \neq a, -a$, we find

$$f'(x) = 0$$

$$-\frac{2x}{\sqrt{a^2 - x^2}} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 0$$

Thus there exist a point
 $c = 0$ in $] -a, a[$ where $f'(c) = 0$