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## An explorative study on "Differentiation, Rolle's theorem, and the mean value theorem: In Vedic and modern methods

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### Abstract

This research investigates Rolle's Theorem and the Mean Value Theorem (MVT), proving both theorems and exploring the principles of differentiation. It further integrates Vedic mathematical techniques to simplify and enhance the understanding of these fundamental calculus concepts. The study establishes rigorous proofs for Rolle's Theorem and the MVT, provides practical examples illustrating their applications, and demonstrates how traditional Vedic methods can expedite calculations and offer alternative approaches to problem-solving. The integration of Vedic techniques with modern calculus not only streamlines computations but also enriches the conceptual grasp of these important theorems.

**Keywords:** Rolle's Theorem, mean value theorem, differentiation, Vedic Mathematics

### Introduction

The historical development of these concepts begins with the earliest recorded version of Lagrange's Mean Value Theorem, dating back to the 12th century. Michel Rolle's 17th-century proof of Rolle's Theorem, though limited to polynomials, marked a significant advancement. Following Rolle, mathematicians like Maclaurin, Euler, Lagrange, Drobisch, Liouville, and Serret contributed to the theorem's evolution. The modern version of the MVT was established by Cauchy in 1823 through his generalization, known as Cauchy's Mean Value Theorem. This theorem has since become a cornerstone of mathematical analysis, with continued interest and variations appearing in the literature [8]. The article also examines how Vedic Mathematics, rooted in ancient Indian Sutras, can be applied to these calculus concepts. Traditionally used for arithmetic, Vedic methods offer unique approaches that can simplify complex calculations in differentiation, Rolle's Theorem, and the MVT, enhancing computational efficiency. By bridging ancient and modern mathematical practices, this research highlights the relevance of Vedic Mathematics in solving real-world problems, such as optimization, where quick and accurate calculations are essential [3].

Differential calculus is centered around three types of Mean Value Theorems (MVTs): Rolle's, Cauchy's, and Lagrange's. Among these, Lagrange's MVT is particularly notable for establishing a quantifiable link between the value of a function and its derivative. This theorem can be used to analyze functions by identifying relationships between function values and derivative values. The derivative plays a crucial role in examining a function's monotonicity, extreme values, concavity, convexity, inflection points, and other key characteristics. In essence, the MVT serves as a fundamental tool in differential calculus, acting as a bridge between two distinct positions of a function. [4].

This article explores the foundational principles of differentiation, Rolle's Theorem, and the Mean Value Theorem (MVT) in calculus, emphasizing their importance in understanding physical, economic, and engineering phenomena. Differentiation, a key concept in calculus, is vital for analyzing the rate of change in various processes, such as motion, growth, and decay. Rolle's Theorem and the MVT further extend the utility of differentiation by providing conditions to deduce specific properties of differentiable functions [5].

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**Problem Statement**

The complexity of differentiation, Rolle's Theorem, and the Mean Value Theorem (MVT) in modern calculus presents challenges in understanding and application, particularly for those without advanced mathematical training. Despite the foundational role of these concepts in various scientific, engineering, and economic fields, their computational demands often hinder accessibility. Vedic Mathematics, known for its simplified and intuitive techniques, offers a potential alternative for simplifying these calculus concepts. However, there is a significant gap in research comparing traditional Vedic methods with modern calculus approaches. This study aims to address this gap by exploring how Vedic Mathematics can enhance the comprehension and application of key calculus theorems. It seeks to determine whether Vedic techniques can provide more intuitive and efficient methods, thereby making complex calculus concepts more accessible to a broader audience while assessing the practical limitations of these traditional approaches.

**Objectives**

- To state and prove Rolle's Theorem and the Mean Value Theorem and principles of differentiation.
- To apply Vedic techniques for simplifying and enhancing the understanding of these mathematical concepts.
- To explore application of Rolle's Theorem and the Mean Value Theorem in modern mathematics.

**Methodology**

This research adopts a comparative analysis approach, examining primary sources from Vedic texts alongside modern calculus textbooks. The Vedic methods are analyzed for their conceptual similarities to modern calculus, with particular focus on differentiation, Rolle's Theorem, and the

Mean Value Theorem. This also involves a detailed mathematical analysis of the theorems, supported by proof techniques such as direct proofs and contradiction. Applications are explored through solving relevant problems and examining case studies where these theorems play a crucial role.

**Literature Review**

Vedic Mathematics, derived from ancient Indian texts, offers unique methods for arithmetic and algebra but has limited exploration in calculus concepts like differentiation. In contrast, differentiation's formal development in Western mathematics [1] laid the foundation for essential theorems such as Rolle's Theorem and the Mean Value Theorem (MVT). Rolle, a French mathematician, initially stated his theorem while studying polynomial roots. This work was later expanded by Lagrange and Cauchy, linking function values with derivatives [15]. Although there is no direct equivalent in Vedic Mathematics, some operations suggest an understanding of incremental change, potentially a precursor to differentiation.

The MVT, a generalization of Rolle's Theorem, was influenced by Parameshvara, an Indian mathematician, in the 14th century and formalized by Cauchy in 1823. It asserts that a function continuous on [a, b] and differentiable inside the interval has at least one point where the derivative equals the average rate of change [5]. The Vedic approach to proportionality hints at a foundational grasp of concepts akin to the MVT [11]. Comparing these approaches highlights how Vedic Mathematics, despite its informal nature, offers alternative perspectives that could enhance modern calculus.

Table no 1. Shows comparative Chart for the three types of Mean Value Theorems (MVTs) in differential calculus: Rolle's Theorem, Lagrange's MVT, and Cauchy's MVT [5, 13].

**Table 1:** Comparative Chart for the three types of Mean Value Theorems (MVTs)

Criteria	Rolle's Theorem	Lagrange's Mean Value Theorem (MVT)	Cauchy's Mean Value Theorem
Conditions	1. $f(a) = f(b)$	1. $f$ is continuous on $[a, b]$	1. $f$ and $g$ are continuous on $[a, b]$
	2. $f$ is continuous on $[a, b]$	2. $f$ is differentiable on $(a, b)$	2. $f$ and $g$ are differentiable on $(a, b)$
	3. $f$ is differentiable on $(a, b)$		3. $g'(x) \neq 0$ for all $x \in (a, b)$
Results	There exists $c \in (a, b)$ such that $f'(c)=0$	There exists $c \in (a, b)$ such that $f'(c) = \frac{f(b)-f(a)}{b-a}$	There exists $c \in (a, b)$ such that: $\frac{f'(c)}{g'(c)} = \frac{f(b)-f(a)}{g(b)-g(a)}$
Graphical Interpretation	Slope of tangent line at $c$ is zero	Slope of tangent line at $c$ equals the slope of the secant line from $a$ to $b$	Ratio of the rate of change of two functions at $c$ equals the ratio of the overall change in their values from $a$ to $b$
Application	Determines critical points (max/min) and helps analyze extremum	Determines the average rate of change of a function over an interval	Generalizes Lagrange's MVT to compare the rates of change of two functions
Common Uses	Used to find points where a function's slope is zero	Used in optimization, economics, and physics to determine average rates of change	Used to solve problems with multiple functions in physics, economics, and engineering

Vedic Mathematics primarily focuses on simplifying complex arithmetic and algebraic calculations through Sutras (aphorisms) that make problem-solving more intuitive and efficient. To show the relation between the three types of

Mean Value Theorems (Rolle's, Lagrange's, and Cauchy's) and Vedic Mathematics, let's explore how Vedic Mathematics principles can be applied or related to these theorems [11]. This is shown in Table no 2.

**Table 2:** Comparative Table of Vedic Relations for Mean Value Theorems

Theorem	Mathematical Statement	Vedic Sutra	Relation
Rolle's Theorem	$f(a) = f(b)$ and $\exists c \in (a, b)$ such that $f'(c)=0$	Samuccaya	Equating sums or totals. $f(a) = f(b)$ suggests a balance, leading to zero slope at $c$ .
Lagrange's MVT	$\exists c \in (a, b)$ such that $f'(c) = \frac{f(b)-f(a)}{b-a}$	Anurupyena	Proportionality between the derivative at $c$ and the average rate of change.
Cauchy's MVT	$\frac{f'(c)}{g'(c)} = \frac{f(b)-f(a)}{g(b)-g(a)}$ for two functions $f, g$	Vinculum	Simplification of two functions' rate of change, balancing their derivatives.

## Results and Discussion

### 1. Basic Concepts of Differentiation

Differentiation is a mathematical process that involves finding the derivative of a function. The derivative represents the rate of change of a function with respect to a variable. Mathematically, if  $f(x)$  is a function, its derivative  $f'(x)$  is given by:

$$f'(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} \quad [6].$$

The derivative provides vital information about the behavior of functions, such as their increasing or decreasing nature, and points of inflection or maximum and minimum values.

### Techniques of Differentiation

Various techniques for differentiation

**Power Rule:** If  $f(x) = x^n$ , then  $f'(x) = n \cdot x^{n-1}$ .

**Product Rule:** If  $f(x) = u(x) \cdot v(x)$ , then  $f'(x) = u'(x) \cdot v(x) + u(x) \cdot v'(x)$ .

### Quotient Rule

$$\text{If } f(x) = \frac{u(x)}{v(x)}, \text{ then } f'(x) = \frac{u'(x) \cdot v(x) - u(x) \cdot v'(x)}{[v(x)]^2}$$

**Chain Rule:** If  $f(x) = g(h(x))$ , then  $f'(x) = g'(h(x)) \cdot h'(x)$  [12].

### Higher-Order Derivatives

The concept of differentiation extends beyond the first derivative to higher-order derivatives. The second derivative  $f''(x)$ , for example, provides information on the concavity of the function, while the  $n$ -th derivative gives insights into the function's behavior at a more refined level.

### Vedic Techniques in Calculus [2]

#### Introduction to Vedic Mathematics in Calculus

Vedic Mathematics is built on a set of 16 Sutras (aphorisms) and 13 sub-Sutras (corollaries), which offer methods for simplifying calculations. While traditionally focused on arithmetic, these principles can be adapted to simplify the computational aspects of calculus, particularly in differentiation and related theorems.

#### Application of Vedic Sutras to Differentiation

Example: Find the derivative of the polynomial function  $f(x) = 4x^3 - 5x^2 + 6x - 7$ .

#### Vedic Approach

Let's solve the derivative of the polynomial function

$$f(x) = 4x^3 - 5x^2 + 6x - 7$$

using the Vedic Sutra "Sankalana-Vyavakalanabhyam" (By addition and by subtraction) clearly, step by step.

Polynomial Function:  $f(x) = 4x^3 - 5x^2 + 6x - 7$

Step-by-Step Differentiation: First Term:  $f(x) = 4x^3$

- The exponent is 3.
- Multiply the coefficient by the exponent:  $3 \times 4 = 12$ .
- Reduce the exponent by 1:  $x^{3-1} = x^2$
- The derivative of the first term is  $12x^2$ .

Second Term:  $f(x) = -5x^2$

- The exponent is 2.

- Multiply the coefficient by the exponent:  $2 \times (-5) = -10$ .
- Reduce the exponent by 1:  $x^{2-1} = x$ .
- The derivative of the second term is  $-10x$ .

Third Term:  $f(x) = 6x$

- The exponent is 1.
- Multiply the coefficient by the exponent:  $1 \times 6 = 6$ .
- Reduce the exponent by 1:  $x^{1-1} = x^0 = 1$ .
- The derivative of the third term is 6.

Fourth Term:  $f(x) = -7$

This is a constant term.

The derivative of a constant is 0.

Final Derivative:  $f'(x) = 12x^2 - 10x + 6$

This is the derivative of the polynomial function  $f(x)$  found using the Vedic Sutra "Sankalana-Vyavakalanabhyam." Which means By Addition and By Subtraction.

### Application

Differentiation is used in various fields. In physics, it's used to calculate velocity and acceleration. In economics, it helps determine marginal cost and revenue. In engineering, it's applied to analyze rates of change in systems.

### Physics: Velocity and Acceleration

Example: Consider the position function of an object moving along a straight line given by  $s(t)$ , where  $s$  is the position at time  $t$ . The velocity  $v(t)$  of the object is the derivative of the position function with respect to time:

$$v(t) = \frac{ds(t)}{dt}$$

The acceleration  $a(t)$  of the object is the derivative of the velocity function with respect to time, or the second derivative of the position function:

$$a(t) = \frac{dv(t)}{dt} = \frac{d^2s(t)}{dt^2}$$

### Example

If the position function is  $s(t) = 4t^3 - 2t^2 + 3t$ , then:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{The velocity function is: } v(t) &= \frac{d}{dt} [4t^3 - 2t^2 + 3t] \\ &= 12t^2 - 4t + 3 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{The acceleration function is: } a(t) = \frac{d}{dt} [12t^2 - 4t + 3] = 24t - 4$$

### Economics: Marginal Cost and Revenue Functions

#### Example: In economics, the marginal cost function

$MC(x)$  is the derivative of the total cost function  $C(x)$  with respect to the quantity  $x$ :

$$MC(x) = \frac{dC(x)}{dx}$$

Similarly, the marginal revenue function  $MR(x)$  is the derivative of the total revenue function  $R(x)$  with respect to  $x$ :

$$MR(x) = \frac{dR(x)}{dx}$$

### Example

Suppose the total cost function is  $C(x) = 50x^2 + 200x + 1000$  and the total revenue function is  $R(x) = 150x - 2x^2$ :

The marginal cost function is:  $MC(x) = \frac{d}{dx}[50x^2 + 200x + 1000] = 100x + 200$

The marginal revenue function is:  $MR(x) = \frac{d}{dx}[150x - 2x^2] = 150 - 4x$ .

### Engineering: Analyzing Rates of Change

**Example:** In engineering, the rate of change of a quantity such as the temperature of a material  $T(t)$  over time  $t$  can be analyzed using differentiation. The rate of change  $dT(t)/dt$  provides information about how quickly the temperature is changing.

#### Example

If the temperature function is  $T(t) = 5t^2 + 3t + 20$ :

The rate of change of temperature is:  $\frac{dT(t)}{dt} = \frac{d}{dt}[5t^2 + 3t + 20] = 10t + 3$

In summary, differentiation helps us find the rate at which one quantity changes with respect to another. This principle is fundamental in physics for understanding motion, in economics for optimizing costs and revenues, and in engineering for analyzing various rates of change.

## 2. Rolle's Theorem <sup>[13]</sup>

Let  $f$  be a function that satisfies the following conditions on the interval  $[a, b]$ :

Continuity:  $f$  is continuous on the closed interval  $[a, b]$ .

Differentiability:  $f$  is differentiable on the open interval  $(a, b)$ .

Equal Endpoints:  $f(a) = f(b)$ .

Then there exists at least one point  $c$  in the interval  $(a, b)$  such that  $f'(c) = 0$  [Malik, &Arora, 1982].

**Proof:** Let  $f$  be a function defined on the closed interval  $[a, b]$  with the following properties:

$f$  is continuous on  $[a, b]$ .  $f$  is differentiable on  $(a, b)$ .  $f(a) = f(b)$ .

We aim to prove that there exists a point  $c \in (a, b)$  such that  $f'(c) = 0$ .

Step 1: Application of the Extreme Value Theorem

Since  $f$  is continuous on the closed interval  $[a, b]$ , by the Extreme Value Theorem,

$f$  attains both its maximum and minimum values on  $[a, b]$ . Let  $M$  and  $m$  denote these maximum and minimum values of  $f$ , respectively.

Case 1:  $f$  is constant on  $[a, b]$ , then

$f(x) = k$  for some constant  $k$  and for all  $x \in [a, b]$ . Consequently, the derivative  $f'(x) = 0$  for all  $x \in (a, b)$ . Therefore, in this case, the condition  $f'(c) = 0$  is satisfied for any  $c \in (a, b)$ .

Case 2:  $f$  is not constant on  $[a, b]$ , then  $f$  must attain its maximum value  $M$  and minimum value  $m$  at some points within the interval  $[a, b]$ . Given that  $f(a) = f(b)$ , the values  $M$  and  $m$  are attained at points in the interior of  $(a, b)$  and not solely at the endpoints  $a$  or  $b$ .

Assume  $f$  attains its maximum value  $M$  at some point  $c \in (a, b)$ . By Fermat's Theorem on local extrema, if  $f$  has a local maximum at  $c$ , then  $f'(c) = 0$ . Similarly, if  $f$  attains its minimum value

$m$  at some point  $c \in (a, b)$ , then  $f'(c) = 0$  as  $f$  would have a local minimum at  $c$ .

Since  $f$  attains either its maximum or minimum at some interior point of  $(a, b)$ , there must exist at least one point  $c \in$

$(a, b)$  where  $f'(c) = 0$ . Thus, the proof of Rolle's Theorem is complete.

### Geometrical Interpretation

Rolle's theorem has a very simple geometrical interpretation. Consider a curve defined by the function  $y = f(x)$ . If  $f(a)$  and  $f(b)$  are the heights of the curve at  $x = a$  and  $x = b$  respectively, and if  $f(a) = f(b)$  (meaning the curve starts and ends at the same height), then there is at least one point  $x=c$  between  $a$  and  $b$  where the slope of the curve is zero. In other words, the tangent to the curve at the point  $(c, f(c))$  is horizontal and parallel to the  $x$ -axis.

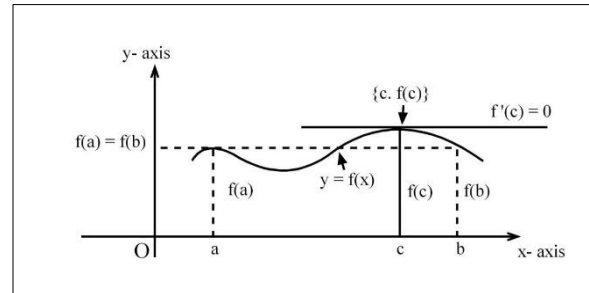


Fig 1: Geometrical Interpretation of Rolle's theorem <sup>[10]</sup>.

Geometrically, Rolle's Theorem implies that there is at least one point on the curve of  $f(x)$  where the tangent is horizontal. This point corresponds to a local maximum or minimum.

### Example to Illustrate Rolle's Theorem

Let's consider the function  $f(x) = x^2 - 4x + 4$  on the interval  $[0, 4]$ .

#### Check Continuity and Differentiability:

$f(x)$  is a polynomial, so it is continuous on  $[0, 4]$  and differentiable on  $(0, 4)$ .

#### Check Values at Endpoints

$f(0) = 0^2 - 4(0) + 4 = 4$   $f(4) = 4^2 - 4(4) + 4 = 16 - 16 + 4 = 4$

So,  $f(0) = f(4) = 4$ .

Here,  $f'(x) = 2x - 4$ .

#### Solve for $c$ where $f'(c) = 0$

if  $f'(c) = 0$  then  $2c - 4 = 0$ . and  $c = 2$ .

**Verify  $c$  lies within the interval  $(0, 4)$ :**  $c = 2$  is indeed within the open interval  $(0, 4)$ .

Therefore, the function  $f(x) = x^2 - 4x + 4$  satisfies the conditions of Rolle's Theorem, and the point  $c = 2$  is where  $f'(c) = 0$ .

### Rolle's Theorem with Vedic Techniques: <sup>[7, 9]</sup>

#### Simplified Calculations

While the theorem's proof relies on standard calculus, Vedic methods can simplify the verification of the conditions, such as checking if  $f(a) = f(b)$  for polynomial functions.

#### Example

Let's verify Rolle's Theorem for the function  $f(x) = x^2 - 2x + 1$  on the interval  $[0, 2]$  using Vedic Mathematics techniques.

#### Step 1: Evaluate $f(a)$ and $f(b)$

Given:  $f(x) = x^2 - 2x + 1$

We need to evaluate  $f(0)$  and  $f(2)$  using Vedic techniques.

Evaluate  $f(0)$ :  $f(0) = 0^2 - 2(0) + 1 = 0 - 0 + 1 = 1$

Evaluate  $f(2)$ :  $f(2) = 2^2 - 2(2) + 1 = 4 - 4 + 1 = 1$

Thus,  $f(0) = f(2) = 1$

**Step 2: Verify Conditions for Rolle's Theorem**

Rolle's Theorem states that if  $f(x)$  is continuous on the closed interval  $[a, b]$ ,  $f(x)$  is differentiable on the open interval  $(a, b)$ ,  $f(a) = f(b)$ , Then, there exists a point  $c \in (a, b)$  such that  $f'(c) = 0$ .

We have already verified that  $f(0) = f(2) = 1$ , so the third condition is satisfied. The function

$f(x) = x^2 - 2x + 1$  is a polynomial, so it is continuous and differentiable everywhere, including on  $[0,2]$ .

**Step 3: Differentiate Using Vedic Techniques**

We now differentiate  $f(x)$  using the Vedic approach: Given:  $f(x) = x^2 - 2x + 1$

Differentiate the first term: For  $x^2: 2 \times x^{2-1} = 2x$

Differentiate the second term: For  $-2x: 1 \times (-2) = -2$

The constant term 1 has a derivative of 0. Thus:  $f'(x) = 2x - 2$

**Step 4: Solve for c Where  $f'(c) = 0$**

Set the derivative equal to zero:  $f'(c) = 2c - 2 = 0, 2c = 2, c = 1$

The point  $c=1$  lies within the interval  $(0,2)$ . Therefore, by Rolle's Theorem, there exists a point  $c=1$  where  $f'(c) = 0$ , verifying the theorem for the given function  $f(x) = x^2 - 2x + 1$  on the interval  $[0, 2]$ . [2, 11].

**Application**

It helps to find points where the derivative is zero in polynomial equations and optimization problems and supports proving the Fundamental Theorem of Algebra.

If a function  $f(x)$  is continuous on the closed interval  $[a, b]$  and differentiable on the open interval  $(a, b)$ , with the condition that  $f(a) = f(b)$ , there exists at least one point  $c \in (a, b)$  such that:  $f'(c) = 0$

This can be applied to a polynomial function  $P(x)$ . Suppose  $P(x)$  is a polynomial and  $P(a) = P(b)$  for some  $a < b$ . Then, according to Rolle's Theorem, there exists at least one-point  $c \in (a, b)$  such that the derivative of the polynomial at that point is zero:

$P'(c) = 0$ . This implies that the slope of the tangent to the curve at  $c$  is zero, meaning that  $c$  is a critical point where the function has either a local maximum, local minimum, or an inflection point.

Local Maximum:  $f'(x) = 0$  and  $f''(x) < 0$

Local Minimum:  $f'(x) = 0$  and  $f''(x) > 0$

Inflection Point:  $f''(x) = 0$  and  $f'''(x) \neq 0$

If  $P(x)$  is of degree  $n$ , then  $P'(x)$ , being the derivative, is a polynomial of degree  $n - 1$ . The existence of such a point  $c$  where  $P'(c) = 0$  is crucial in the study of the roots and behavior of the polynomial, especially in optimization problems where identifying such critical points is necessary for determining the local extrema of the function.

**Mathematical Application of Rolle's Theorem in Real Life:**

Rolle's theorem can be applied in physics, particularly when analyzing vertical motion. Suppose a ball is thrown vertically upward. Let  $f(x)$  represent the ball's height as a function of time  $x$ , where the initial and final heights are  $f(a) = 0$  and  $f(b) = 0$ . Since  $f(x)$  is continuous and differentiable over  $[a, b]$ , by Rolle's Theorem, there exists a point  $c \in (a, b)$

such that  $f'(c) = 0$ , which represents the ball's highest point where its vertical velocity is zero.

**Example**

Suppose a ball is thrown vertically upward, and its height  $f(t)$  as a function of time  $t$  is given by the equation:

$f(t) = -16t^2 + 64t$  where  $f(t)$  is in feet and  $t$  is in seconds.

Initial and Final Heights: When the ball is thrown (initial time  $t=0$ ), its height is  $f(0) = -16(0)^2 + 64(0) = 0$  feet. The ball reaches its maximum height and then returns to the ground.

We need to find when the ball hits the ground again.

Finding the Time When the Ball Hits the Ground Again:

We solve for  $t$  when  $f(t) = 0$ :  $-16t^2 + 64t = 0$

Factor out  $-16t$ :  $-16t(t - 4) = 0$

This gives us two solutions:  $t = 0$  or  $t = 4$

So, the ball is thrown at  $t = 0$  and caught again at  $t = 4$ .

Applying Rolle's Theorem:

According to Rolle's Theorem, since  $f(t)$  is continuous and differentiable over the interval  $[0, 4]$ , and  $f(0) = f(4) = 0$ , there must be at least one-point  $c$  in the interval  $(0, 4)$  where the derivative

$f'(c) = 0$ .

Finding the Derivative  $f'(t)$ :

Compute the derivative of  $f'(t) = d/dt(-16t^2 + 64t) = -32t + 64$

Setting the Derivative Equal to Zero:  $-32t + 64 = 0$

Solve for  $t$ :  $-32t = -64, t = 2$

So, at  $t = 2$  seconds, the vertical velocity  $f'(t)$  is zero, which means this is the time when the ball reaches its highest point.

Using Rolle's Theorem, we've found that at  $t = 2$  seconds, the ball's height function  $f(t)$  reaches a maximum, and its vertical velocity  $f'(t)$  is zero [7].

**3. Mean Value Theorem (MVT)**

The Mean Value Theorem is an extension of Rolle's Theorem and is one of the most important results in calculus. It states that if a function  $(x)$  is continuous on the closed interval  $[a, b]$  and differentiable on the open interval  $(a, b)$ , then there exists at least one-point  $c \in (a, b)$  such that:

$f'(c) = \frac{f(b) - f(a)}{b - a}$  [8].

**Proof of the Mean Value Theorem**

Given a function  $f$  that satisfies the conditions of the MVT, we need to show that there exists a

$c \in (a, b)$  such that  $f'(c) = \frac{f(b) - f(a)}{b - a}$

Proof:

Consider the function  $f(x) = f(x) - (\frac{f(b) - f(a)}{b - a})(x - a)$ .

Notice that  $g(a) = f(a)$  and  $g(b) = f(b)$ , so  $g(a) = g(b)$ .

By Rolle's Theorem, there exists a point  $c \in (a, b)$  such that  $g'(c) = 0$ .

But  $g'(c) = f'(c) - f(b) - f(a) / b - a$ , so  $f'(c) = \frac{f(b) - f(a)}{b - a}$

This is also called Lagrange Mean Value Theorem.

**Geometrical Interpretation**

Consider a curve defined by  $y = f(x)$  with two points A  $(a, f(a))$  and B  $(b, f(b))$  on it. If the curve is continuous and smooth between these points, then there is at least one-point C  $(c, f(c))$  somewhere between A and B where the slope of the tangent to the curve is the same as the slope of the line connecting A and B. This means that the tangent at C is parallel to the line segment joining A and B.

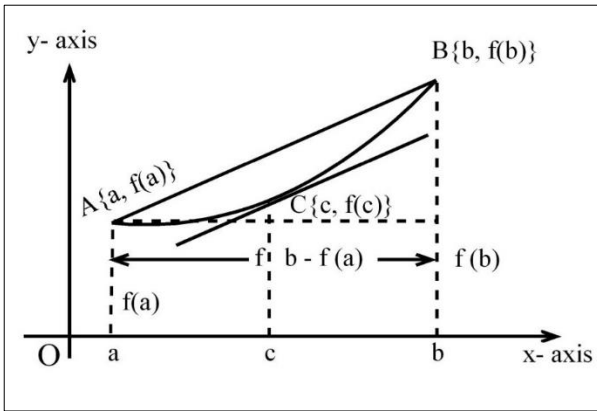


Fig 2: Geometrical Interpretation of Mean Value Theorem [10, 14].

**The mathematical proofs of the applications of the Mean Value Theorem (MVT)**

**Numerical Analysis (Error Estimation):** Given the function  $f(x)$  is continuous on  $[a, b]$  and differentiable on  $(a, b)$ , the MVT states that:  $\exists c \in (a, b)$

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

Error Estimation: For a linear approximation of  $f(x)$  near  $a$ :  $f(b) \approx f(a) + f'(a)(b - a)$

The actual value can be written as:

$f(b) = f(a) + f'(c)(b - a)$  where  $c \in (a, b)$ .

The error in this approximation is:

$E(b) = f(b) - [f(a) + f'(a)(b - a)] = (f'(c) - f'(a))(b - a)$

Since  $f'(x)$  is continuous, the error can be bounded by:

$|E(b)| \leq \max_{x \in [a, b]} |f''(x)| \frac{(b - a)^2}{2}$

**Fluid Dynamics (Linear Approximation)**

Using the MVT:  $f(b) = f(a) + f'(c)(b - a)$

This formula is used in fluid dynamics to approximate the behavior of fluid flow over small intervals. The slope  $f'(c)$  represents the rate of change of the flow, and the linear term gives the approximation for small changes in  $x$ .

**Error Estimation in Integration**

Consider the integral of  $f(x)$  over  $[a, b]$ :

$\int_a^b f(x) dx \approx (b - a) \cdot \frac{f(a) + f(b)}{2}$

The exact value is:  $\int_a^b f(x) dx = (b - a) \cdot \frac{f(a) + f(b)}{2} + E_T$

where the error term  $E_T$  is given by:  $E_T = -\frac{(a - b)^3}{12} f''(\xi)$  for some  $\xi \in (a, b)$ , derived from the Taylor series and MVT.

**Existence of Solutions to Differential Equations**

Consider the differential equation:  $\frac{dy}{dx} = f(x, y)$

Integrate from  $a$  to  $b$ :  $y(b) - y(a) = \int_a^b f(x, y(x)) dx$

Applying the MVT to the integral:  $f(b) - y(a) = f(c, y(c)) \cdot (b - a)$

where  $c \in (a, b)$ . Thus, there exists a  $c$  such that:  $y(b) = y(a) + f(c, y(c))(b - a)$

This equation is crucial in proving the existence and uniqueness of solutions to differential equations.

**Function Behavior Analysis**

By the MVT:  $f'(c) = \frac{f(b) - f(a)}{b - a}$

For any function  $f(x)$  continuous on  $[a, b]$  and differentiable on  $(a, b)$ , MVT ensures that there exists a point  $c$  where the instantaneous rate of change  $f'(c)$  is equal to the average rate of change over  $[a, b]$ . This fact is used to identify critical points where the function changes behavior, such as local maxima, minima, or points of inflection.

**Mean Value Theorem (MVT) with Vedic Techniques: [9] Simplification of Calculations:**

The MVT involves both differentiation and evaluating functions at specific points. Vedic methods can expedite these calculations, especially for polynomial and rational functions.

**Examples**

Let's solve the problem using a Vedic approach, focusing on a clear mathematical process:

**Function Evaluation Using Vedic Techniques**

Evaluate  $f(x) = x^3 - 3x + 2$  at the endpoints:

At  $x = 1$ :  $f(1) = 1^3 - 3 \cdot 1 + 2 = 1 - 3 + 2 = 0$

At  $x = 3$ :  $f(3) = 3^3 - 3 \cdot 3 + 2 = 27 - 9 + 2 = 20$

**Average Rate of Change**

The average rate of change on the interval  $[1, 3]$

is:  $\frac{f(3) - f(1)}{3 - 1} = \frac{20 - 0}{2} = 10$

**Differentiation Using Vedic Techniques**

Find the derivative  $f'(x)$ :  $f'(x) = \frac{d}{dx}(x^3 - 3x + 2) = 3x^2 - 3$

This derivative  $f'(x) = 3x^2 - 3$  represents the rate of change of the function at any point  $x$ .

**Applications of Vedic Mathematics in Mean Value Theorems**

**Optimization Problems:** Vedic Mathematics can simplify the steps in finding critical points in optimization problems, where differentiation and the application of theorems like Rolle's and MVT are essential.

**Example Problem:** Find the local maxima and minima of  $f(x) = x^4 - 4x^2 + 4$ .

**Vedic Approach:** [Bharatikrishnaji, 1965]

Differentiate quickly:  $f'(x) = 4x^3 - 8x$ .

Solve  $f'(x) = 0$  using Vedic techniques to find the roots  $x = 0, \pm 2$ .

Apply Rolle's and MVT as necessary to analyze the behavior of  $f(x)$  in intervals.

**Apply the Mean Value Theorem (MVT)**

According to the MVT, there exists a point  $c$  in the interval  $(1, 3)$  such that:  $f'(c) = \text{Average rate of change} = 10$  and Set up the equation:  $3c^2 - 3 = 10$

**Solve the Equation for  $c$ :** To solve  $3c^2 - 3 = 10$ :

Add 3 to both sides:  $3c^2 - 3 + 3 = 10 + 3, 3c^2 = 13$

Divide both sides by 3:  $c^2 = \frac{13}{3}$

Take the square root of both sides:  $c = \sqrt{\frac{13}{3}}$

**Simplify the Expression**

Express  $\sqrt{\frac{13}{3}}$  as:  $\frac{\sqrt{13}}{\sqrt{3}}$

To get a numerical approximation:  $\sqrt{13} \approx 3.6056, \sqrt{3} \approx 1.732$   
 $\approx \frac{3.6056}{1.732} \approx 2.08$

Thus, using the Vedic approach and mathematical simplifications, the value of  $c$  where  $f'(c)=10$  is:  $c = \frac{13}{3} \approx 2.08$   
 Hence  $c \in [1, 3]$  [2].

**4. Cauchy's Mean Value Theorem**

The **Cauchy Mean Value Theorem (CMVT)** is an important generalization of the Mean Value Theorem (MVT) and Rolle's Theorem. It applies to two functions and provides insights into their relative rates of change. Here's a detailed overview of the theorem, its proof, geometric interpretation, and applications.

**Statement of the Cauchy Mean Value Theorem**

Let  $f(x)$  and  $g(x)$  be functions that are continuous on the closed interval  $[a, b]$  and differentiable on the open interval  $(a, b)$ . If  $g'(x) \neq 0$  for all  $x \in (a, b)$ , then there exists at least one point  $c \in (a, b)$  such that:

$$\frac{f'(c)}{g'(c)} = \frac{f(b) - f(a)}{g(b) - g(a)} \quad [14].$$

This result indicates that the instantaneous rate of change of  $f$  relative to  $g$  at  $c$  is equal to the average rate of change of  $f$  relative to  $g$  over  $[a, b]$ .

**Proof of the Cauchy Mean Value Theorem**

To prove CMVT, we construct a function  $h(x)$  defined as follows:

$$h(x) = f(x) - \frac{f(b) - f(a)}{g(b) - g(a)} \cdot g(x)$$

**Continuity and Differentiability:** Since  $f$  and  $g$  are continuous and differentiable,  $h(x)$  inherits these properties.

**Endpoints Evaluation:** Observe that:

$$h(a) = f(a) - \frac{f(b) - f(a)}{g(b) - g(a)} \cdot g(a), \quad h(b) = f(b) - \frac{f(b) - f(a)}{g(b) - g(a)} \cdot g(b)$$

Since  $g(a)$  and  $g(b)$  cancel out the difference:

$$h(a) = f(a) - \frac{f(b) - f(a)}{g(b) - g(a)} \cdot g(a) = f(a), \quad h(b) = f(b) - \frac{f(b) - f(a)}{g(b) - g(a)} \cdot g(b) = f(b)$$

Therefore,  $h(a)=f(a)$  and  $h(b)=f(b)$ , so  $h(a) = h(b)$ .

**Application of Rolle's Theorem:** By Rolle's Theorem, since  $h(x)$  is continuous on  $[a, b]$  and differentiable on  $(a, b)$  with  $h(a) = h(b)$ , there exists some point  $c \in (a, b)$  such that:  $h'(c) = 0$

**Derivative of  $h(x)$ :**

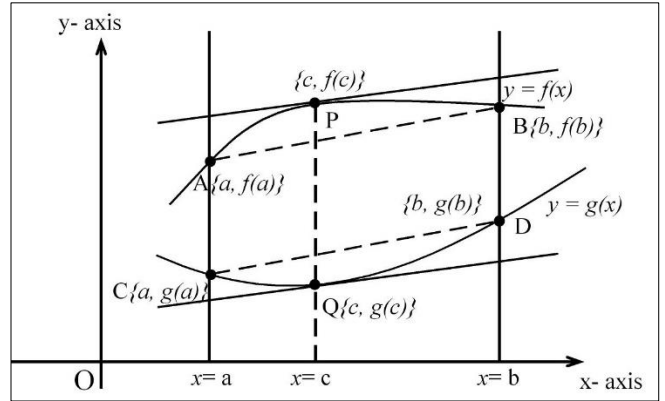
$$h'(x) = f'(x) - \frac{f(b) - f(a)}{g(b) - g(a)} \cdot g'(x) \quad h'(c) = f'(c) - \frac{f(b) - f(a)}{g(b) - g(a)} \cdot g'(c) = 0$$

Thus, Rearranging yields:

$$\frac{f'(c)}{g'(c)} = \frac{f(b) - f(a)}{g(b) - g(a)}, \text{ This completes the proof.}$$

**Geometric Interpretation of Cauchy Mean Value Theorem**

Geometrically, Cauchy's Mean Value Theorem (CMVT) states that for two continuous functions  $f(x)$  and  $g(x)$  over the interval  $[a, b]$ , there exists a point  $c \in (a, b)$  where the rate of change of  $f$  relative to  $g$  (i.e., the derivative of  $f$  divided by the derivative of  $g$ ) is equal to the average rate of change of  $f$  relative to  $g$  over the interval. In other words, the tangent line to the curve at  $c$  is parallel to the secant line joining the points  $(a, f(a))$  and  $(b, f(b))$  when scaled by  $g(x)$ .



**Fig 3:** Geometrical Interpretation of Cauchy Mean Value Theorem: [10, 12].

**Applications of the Cauchy Mean Value Theorem**

**1. Numerical Analysis (Error Estimation):**

CMVT provides a framework for estimating errors in numerical approximations by linking average rates of change to instantaneous rates.

**2. Fluid Dynamics**

In fluid dynamics, CMVT can approximate changes in flow properties over intervals by relating instantaneous rates of change.

**3. Error Estimation in Integration:**

CMVT is used to refine error estimates in numerical integration techniques by bounding errors in approximations.

**4. Existence of Solutions to Differential Equations:**

CMVT helps in proving the existence and uniqueness of solutions to differential equations by analyzing the rates of change of the solution functions.

**Using Vedic Mathematics in Cauchy's Mean Value Theorem (CMVT) Theorem**

To apply Vedic Mathematics techniques to simplify calculations in Cauchy's Mean Value Theorem (CMVT) for the given functions

$f(x) = x^3 + 3x + 2$  and  $g(x) = x$ , we can approach it step by step using some Vedic strategies for differentiation and algebraic simplification.

**Step 1: Differentiate the Functions**

We'll start by calculating the derivatives of  $f(x)$  and  $g(x)$ .

$$f'(x) = \frac{d}{dx} (x^3 + 3x + 2) = 3x^2 + 3$$

$$g'(x) = \frac{d}{dx} (x) = 1$$

**Step 2: Apply CMVT**

The CMVT states that for two differentiable functions  $f(x)$  and  $g(x)$ , there exists a point  $c \in (a, b)$  such that:

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

### Step 3: Choose an Interval [a, b]

Let's select an interval, say [1, 2], and apply the theorem.

Evaluate the functions at  $a=1$  and  $b=2$ :

$$f(1) = 1^3 - 3 \cdot 1 + 2 = 0, \quad f(2) = 2^3 - 3 \cdot 2 + 2 = 4,$$

$$g(1) = 1, \quad g(2) = 2$$

Compute the differences:

$$f(2) - f(1) = 4 - 0 = 4, \quad g(2) - g(1) = 2 - 1 = 1$$

Apply the CMVT formula:

$$f'(c)g'(c) = 2 \cdot 1 \frac{f'(c)}{g'(c)} = \frac{4}{1} = 4$$

Therefore:

$$3c^2 - 3 = 4, \quad 3c^2 - 3 + 3 = 4 + 3, \quad 3c^2 = 7, \quad c = \pm \sqrt{\frac{7}{3}}, \quad c = \pm \frac{\sqrt{7}}{\sqrt{3}}$$

$$\frac{\sqrt{7}}{\sqrt{3}}$$

$$C = \pm \frac{\sqrt{7}}{\sqrt{3}} \times \frac{\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{3}} = \pm \frac{\sqrt{21}}{3}, \text{ so the solution is } c = \frac{\sqrt{21}}{3} \text{ or } c = -\frac{\sqrt{21}}{3}$$

### Step 4: Simplification using Vedic Mathematics

Using Vedic techniques such as the Sankalana-Vyavakalanabhyam (addition and subtraction) sutra can aid in the quick simplification of values like  $c$ . The sutra allows rapid mental calculations for adding or subtracting terms in the polynomial.

The point  $c = \frac{\sqrt{21}}{3} \approx 1.5275$  and  $c = -\frac{\sqrt{21}}{3}$  satisfies the conditions of CMVT for the given functions over the interval [1, 2]. By utilizing Vedic techniques for differentiation and simplification, the calculations become more efficient, especially for polynomials and simpler algebraic manipulations [2, 12].

### Conclusion

This study integrates Rolle's Theorem and the Mean Value Theorem with Vedic mathematics, demonstrating their theoretical and practical value. The rigorous proofs affirm the foundational role of these theorems in calculus.

The comparative analysis shows that while Vedic mathematics lacks direct equivalents to modern calculus, it offers valuable insights and simplifications, aiding in quicker computations and unique problem-solving approaches.

The practical applications in fields like physics, economics, and engineering highlight the continued relevance of these theorems. By bridging ancient and modern practices, the study underscores how classical methods and contemporary theories can effectively complement each other.

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