

# THEOREMS ABOUT DIFFERENTIABLE FUNCTIONS

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Bonus

## MEAN VALUE THEOREM (DESMOS)

### Theorem

If  $f$  is continuous on  $a \leq x \leq b$  and differentiable on  $a < x < b$ , then there exists a number  $c$ , with  $a < c < b$ , such that

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

**Consequence:** If  $f(a) = f(b) = 0$ , then for some  $c$  satisfying  $a < c < b$ ,  $f'(c) = 0$ .

### Problem.

If  $f$  is differentiable and  $f(0) < f(1)$ , then there is a number  $c$ , with  $0 < c < 1$ , such that  $f'(c) > 0$ .

## CONSEQUENCE: CONSTANT FUNCTION THEOREM

### Theorem

Suppose that  $f$  is continuous on  $a \leq x \leq b$  and differentiable on  $a < x < b$ . If  $f'(x) = 0$  on  $a < x < b$ , then  $f$  is constant on  $a \leq x \leq b$ .

### Proof.

By MVT, given any  $x_1, x_2$  satisfying  $a \leq x_1 < x_2 \leq b$ , there exists a  $c$  satisfying  $x_1 < c < x_2$  for which  $f'(c) = \frac{f(x_2) - f(x_1)}{x_2 - x_1}$ . But  $f'(c) = 0$ , so  $f(x_2) - f(x_1) = 0$ , i.e.,  $f(x_1) = f(x_2)$ . Therefore,  $f$  is constant. □

## THE RACETRACK PRINCIPLE

Suppose that  $g$  and  $h$  are continuous on  $a \leq x \leq b$  and differentiable on  $a < x < b$ , and that  $g'(x) \leq h'(x)$  for  $a < x < b$ .

- If  $g(a) = h(a)$ , then  $g(x) \leq h(x)$  for  $a \leq x \leq b$ .
- If  $g(b) = h(b)$ , then  $g(x) \geq h(x)$  for  $a \leq x \leq b$ .

### Problem.

Explain why, if  $f'(x) \leq 1$  for all  $x$  and  $f(0) = 0$ , that  $f(x) \leq x$  for all  $x \geq 0$ .

# Calculation Exam Prep

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## CALCULATION EXAM 2: FALL 2022

$$1. f(x) = 8x^4 + ex^3 + 2x^{\frac{1}{2}} + 1 \Rightarrow f'(x) = 32x^3 + 3ex^2 + \frac{1}{2} \cdot 2x^{-1/2}$$

$$2. g(y) = 12^5 - \ln(y) \Rightarrow g'(y) = -\frac{1}{y}$$

$$3. h(t) = \frac{\csc(t) + \csc(t)t^2}{1 + t^2} = \csc(t) \Rightarrow h'(t) = -\csc(t) \cot(t)$$

$$4. l(s) = \sin(s) \cos(s) \Rightarrow l'(s) = \cos(s) \cos(s) - \sin(s) \sin(s)$$

$$5. k(w) = \frac{2w^3+3w}{3w^2+2w} \Rightarrow k'(w) = \frac{(3w^2+2w)(6w^2+3) - (2w^3+3w)(6w+2)}{(3w^2+2w)^2}$$

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$$6. f(y) = \arctan(\sin(y)) \Rightarrow f'(y) = \frac{1}{1+(\sin(y))^2} \cos(y)$$

$$7. g(x) = e^{\ln(x)x} \Rightarrow g'(x) = e^{\ln(x)x} \left( \frac{1}{x}x + \ln(x) \right)$$

$$8. h(t) = \sqrt[4]{t^2 - 12t + \pi} + (\sin^2(t) + 21)^{-7} \Rightarrow h'(t) = \frac{1}{4} (t^2 - 12t + \pi)^{-3/4} (2t - 12) + (-7)(\sin^2(t) + 21)^{-8} (2 \sin(t) \cos(t))$$

$$9. l(s) = 12^{e^{\tan(s)}} \Rightarrow l'(s) = \ln(12) 12^{e^{\tan(s)}} e^{\tan(s)} \sec^2(s)$$

$$10. k(w) = \frac{(4-w)^2(1+2w)}{(3+9w)} \Rightarrow k'(w) = \frac{(3+9w)[(4-w)^2(2)+(1+2w) \cdot 2(4-w)(-1)] - (4-w)^2(1+2w)(9)}{(3+9w)^2}$$