

Rolle's Theorem

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

- (i) $f(x)$ is continuous $[a, b]$
- (ii) $f(x)$ is derivable in (a, b)
- (iii) $f(a) = f(b)$

Then A real number $x \in (a, b)$

$$f'(x) = 0$$

As for example -

$$f(x) = x^2 - 5x + 6 \quad \begin{matrix} a & b \\ (2, 3) \end{matrix}$$

Polynomial function therefore

if is continuous in $(2, 3)$

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$$f'(x) = 2x - 5 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$f(a) = f(b)$$

$$f(2) = f(3)$$

$$(2)^2 - 5(2) + 6 = (3)^2 - 5(3) + 6$$

$$4 - 10 + 6 = 9 - 15 + 6$$

$$0 = 0$$

$$\boxed{f(2) = f(3)} \quad x \in (2, 3)$$

$$f'(x) = 0$$

$$2x - 5 = 0$$