Section 4.2

Rolle's theorem: Suppose 1.) f continuous on [a, b]2.) f differentiable on (a, b)3.) f(a) = f(b).

Then there exists $c \in (a, b)$ such that f'(c) = 0

Mean Value Theorem: Suppose
1.) f continuous on [a, b]
2.) f differentiable on (a, b)

Then there exists $c \in (a, b)$ Ruth that $f'(c) = \frac{f(b) - f(a)}{b - a}$

Proof: Let h(x) = f(x)- secant line.

h(x) =

Applications of MVT (including Rolle's)

Ex 1: Show $x^5 + 3x^3 + 2x - 4 = 0$ has exactly one real root.

Step 1: Show there exists a root (review IVT)

Step 2: Show there is at most one root.

Ex 2: Suppose f(1) = 2 and $f'(x) \leq 3$. How large can f(4) be?

Ex 3: If f'(x) = 0 for all $x \in (a, b)$, then f(x) = c for some constant c.

Ex 4: If f'(x) = g'(x) for all $x \in (a, b)$, then f(x) = g(x) + c for some constant c.

Section 4.4: Indeterminate forms:

L'Hospital's Rule: Suppose f' and g' exist, $g'(x) \neq 0$ near a except possibly at a where $a \in \mathcal{R} \cup \{+\infty, -\infty\}$ and if either

1.)
$$\lim_{x \to a} f(x) = \lim_{x \to a} g(x) = 0$$

or

2.) $\lim_{x\to a} f(x) = \pm \infty$ and $\lim_{x\to a} g(x) = \pm \infty$

and if $\lim_{x\to a} \frac{f'(x)}{g'(x)}$ exists, then $\lim_{x\to a} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = \lim_{x\to a} \frac{f'(x)}{g'(x)}$

Ex 1) $\lim_{x \to +\infty} \frac{-2x^2 + 3}{5x^2 + 4x}$ Old method: $\lim_{x \to +\infty} \frac{-2x^2 + 3}{5x^2 + 4x} = \lim_{x \to +\infty} \frac{x^2(-2 + \frac{3}{x^2})}{x^2(5 + \frac{4}{x})} =$ New method: $\lim_{x \to +\infty} \frac{-2x^2 + 3}{5x^2 + 4x}$ $\lim_{x \to +\infty} \frac{1 - x + \ln(x)}{x^3 - 3x + 2}$