

2. $f(x) = x^3 - 3x^2 + 2x + 5$, $[0, 2]$. f is continuous on $[0, 2]$ and differentiable on $(0, 2)$. Also, $f(0) = 5 = f(2)$.
 $f'(c) = 0 \Leftrightarrow 3c^2 - 6c + 2 = 0 \Leftrightarrow c = \frac{6 \pm \sqrt{36 - 24}}{6} = 1 \pm \frac{1}{3}\sqrt{3}$, both in $(0, 2)$.
18. Let $f(x) = 2x - 1 - \sin x$. Then $f(0) = -1 < 0$ and $f(\pi/2) = \pi - 2 > 0$. f is the sum of the polynomial $2x - 1$ and the scalar multiple $(-1) \cdot \sin x$ of the trigonometric function $\sin x$, so f is continuous (and differentiable) for all x . By the Intermediate Value Theorem, there is a number c in $(0, \pi/2)$ such that $f(c) = 0$. Thus, the given equation has at least one real root. If the equation has distinct real roots a and b with $a < b$, then $f(a) = f(b) = 0$. Since f is continuous on $[a, b]$ and differentiable on (a, b) , Rolle's Theorem implies that there is a number r in (a, b) such that $f'(r) = 0$. But $f'(r) = 2 - \cos r > 0$ since $\cos r \leq 1$. This contradiction shows that the given equation can't have two distinct real roots, so it has exactly one real root.
20. $f(x) = x^4 + 4x + c$. Suppose that $f(x) = 0$ has three distinct real roots a, b, d where $a < b < d$. Then $f(a) = f(b) = f(d) = 0$. By Rolle's Theorem there are numbers c_1 and c_2 with $a < c_1 < b$ and $b < c_2 < d$ and $0 = f'(c_1) = f'(c_2)$, so $f'(x) = 0$ must have at least two real solutions. However $0 = f'(x) = 4x^3 + 4 = 4(x^3 + 1) = 4(x + 1)(x^2 - x + 1)$ has as its only real solution $x = -1$. Thus, $f(x)$ can have at most two real roots.
24. If $3 \leq f'(x) \leq 5$ for all x , then by the Mean Value Theorem, $f(8) - f(2) = f'(c) \cdot (8 - 2)$ for some c in $[2, 8]$. (f is differentiable for all x , so, in particular, f is differentiable on $(2, 8)$ and continuous on $[2, 8]$. Thus, the hypotheses of the Mean Value Theorem are satisfied.) Since $f(8) - f(2) = 6f'(c)$ and $3 \leq f'(c) \leq 5$, it follows that $6 \cdot 3 \leq 6f'(c) \leq 6 \cdot 5 \Rightarrow 18 \leq f(8) - f(2) \leq 30$.
31. For $x > 0$, $f(x) = g(x)$, so $f'(x) = g'(x)$. For $x < 0$, $f'(x) = (1/x)' = -1/x^2$ and $g'(x) = (1 + 1/x)' = -1/x^2$, so again $f'(x) = g'(x)$. However, the domain of $g(x)$ is not an interval [it is $(-\infty, 0) \cup (0, \infty)$] so we cannot conclude that $f - g$ is constant (in fact it is not).