4. $f(x) = x\sqrt{x+6}$, $[-6, 0]$. f is continuous on its domain, $[-6, \infty)$, and differentiable on $(-6, \infty)$, so it is continuous on $[-6, 0]$ and differentiable on $(-6, 0)$. Also, $f(-6) = 0 = f(0)$. $f'(c) = 0 \;\Leftrightarrow\; \dfrac{3c+12}{2\sqrt{c+6}} = 0 \;\Leftrightarrow\; c = -4$, which is in $(-6, 0)$.

17. Let $f(x) = 1 + 2x + x^3 + 4x^5$. Then $f(-1) = -6 < 0$ and $f(0) = 1 > 0$. Since f is a polynomial, it is continuous, so the Intermediate Value Theorem says that there is a number c between -1 and 0 such that $f(c) = 0$. Thus, the given equation has a real root. Suppose the equation has distinct real roots a and b with $a < b$. Then $f(a) = f(b) = 0$. Since f is a polynomial, it is differentiable on (a, b) and continuous on $[a, b]$. By Rolle's Theorem, there is a number r in (a, b) such that $f'(r) = 0$. But $f'(x) = 2 + 3x^2 + 20x^4 \geq 2$ for all x, so $f'(x)$ can never be 0. This contradiction shows that the equation can't have two distinct real roots. Hence, it has exactly one real root.

19. Let $f(x) = x^3 - 15x + c$ for x in $[-2, 2]$. If f has two real roots a and b in $[-2, 2]$, with $a < b$, then $f(a) = f(b) = 0$. Since the polynomial 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 $f'(r) = 0$. Now $f'(r) = 3r^2 - 15$. Since r is in (a, b), which is contained in $[-2, 2]$, we have $|r| < 2$, so $r^2 < 4$. It follows that $3r^2 - 15 < 3 \cdot 4 - 15 = -3 < 0$. This contradicts $f'(r) = 0$, so the given equation can't have two real roots in $[-2, 2]$. Hence, it has at most one real root in $[-2, 2]$.

27. We use Exercise 26 with $f(x) = \sqrt{1+x}$, $g(x) = 1 + \frac{1}{2}x$, and $a = 0$. Notice that $f(0) = 1 = g(0)$ and $f'(x) = \dfrac{1}{2\sqrt{1+x}} < \dfrac{1}{2} = g'(x)$ for $x > 0$. So by Exercise 26, $f(b) < g(b) \;\Rightarrow\; \sqrt{1+b} < 1 + \frac{1}{2}b$ for $b > 0$.

Another method: Apply the Mean Value Theorem directly to either $f(x) = 1 + \frac{1}{2}x - \sqrt{1+x}$ or $g(x) = \sqrt{1+x}$ on $[0, b]$.

29. Let $f(x) = \sin x$ and let $b < a$. Then $f(x)$ is continuous on $[b, a]$ and differentiable on (b, a). By the Mean Value Theorem, there is a number $c \in (b, a)$ with $\sin a - \sin b = f(a) - f(b) = f'(c)(a - b) = (\cos c)(a - b)$. Thus, $|\sin a - \sin b| \leq |\cos c|\,|b - a| \leq |a - b|$. If $a < b$, then $|\sin a - \sin b| = |\sin b - \sin a| \leq |b - a| = |a - b|$. If $a = b$, both sides of the inequality are 0.

30. Suppose that $f'(x) = c$. Let $g(x) = cx$, so $g'(x) = c$. Then, by Corollary 7, $f(x) = g(x) + d$, where d is a constant, so $f(x) = cx + d$.

32. Let $f(x) = 2\sin^{-1} x - \cos^{-1}(1 - 2x^2)$. Then $f'(x) = \dfrac{2}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} - \dfrac{4x}{\sqrt{1-(1-2x^2)^2}} = \dfrac{2}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} - \dfrac{4x}{2x\sqrt{1-x^2}} = 0$ (since $x \geq 0$). Thus, $f'(x) = 0$ for all $x \in (0, 1)$. Thus, $f(x) = C$ on $(0, 1)$. To find C, let $x = 0.5$. Thus, $2\sin^{-1}(0.5) - \cos^{-1}(0.5) = 2\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right) - \frac{\pi}{3} = 0 = C$. We conclude that $f(x) = 0$ for x in $(0, 1)$. By continuity of f, $f(x) = 0$ on $[0, 1]$. Therefore, we see that $f(x) = 2\sin^{-1} x - \cos^{-1}(1 - 2x^2) = 0 \;\Rightarrow\; 2\sin^{-1} x = \cos^{-1}(1 - 2x^2)$.