

Average Value Theorems for Real Functions of One Variable¹

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Summary. Three basic theorems in differential calculus of one variable functions are presented: Rolle Theorem, Lagrange Theorem and Cauchy Theorem. There are also direct conclusions.

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The articles [9], [11], [1], [10], [2], [12], [3], [4], [5], [8], [6], and [7] provide the notation and terminology for this paper.

We use the following convention: $g, r, s, p, t, x, x_0, x_1$ denote real numbers and f, f_1, f_2 denote partial functions from \mathbb{R} to \mathbb{R} .

We now state a number of propositions:

- (1) Let given p, g . Suppose $p < g$. Let given f . Suppose f is continuous on $[p, g]$ and $f(p) = f(g)$ and f is differentiable on $]p, g[$. Then there exists x_0 such that $x_0 \in]p, g[$ and $f'(x_0) = 0$.
- (2) Let given x, t . Suppose $0 < t$. Let given f . Suppose f is continuous on $[x, x+t]$ and $f(x) = f(x+t)$ and f is differentiable on $]x, x+t[$. Then there exists s such that $0 < s$ and $s < 1$ and $f'(x+s \cdot t) = 0$.
- (3) Let given p, g . Suppose $p < g$. Let given f . Suppose f is continuous on $[p, g]$ and differentiable on $]p, g[$. Then there exists x_0 such that $x_0 \in]p, g[$ and $f'(x_0) = \frac{f(g)-f(p)}{g-p}$.
- (4) Let given x, t . Suppose $0 < t$. Let given f . Suppose f is continuous on $[x, x+t]$ and differentiable on $]x, x+t[$. Then there exists s such that $0 < s$ and $s < 1$ and $f(x+t) = f(x) + t \cdot f'(x+s \cdot t)$.
- (5) Let given p, g . Suppose $p < g$. Let given f_1, f_2 . Suppose f_1 is continuous on $[p, g]$ and differentiable on $]p, g[$ and f_2 is continuous on $[p, g]$ and differentiable on $]p, g[$. Then there exists $x_0 \in]p, g[$ and $(f_1(g) - f_1(p)) \cdot f_2'(x_0) = (f_2(g) - f_2(p)) \cdot f_1'(x_0)$.
- (6) Let given x, t . Suppose $0 < t$. Let given f_1, f_2 . Suppose that
 - (i) f_1 is continuous on $[x, x+t]$ and differentiable on $]x, x+t[$,
 - (ii) f_2 is continuous on $[x, x+t]$ and differentiable on $]x, x+t[$, and
 - (iii) for every x_1 such that $x_1 \in]x, x+t[$ holds $f_2'(x_1) \neq 0$.

Then there exists s such that $0 < s$ and $s < 1$ and $\frac{f_1(x+t)-f_1(x)}{f_2(x+t)-f_2(x)} = \frac{f_1'(x+s \cdot t)}{f_2'(x+s \cdot t)}$.

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- (7) Let given p, g . Suppose $p < g$. Let given f . Suppose f is differentiable on $]p, g[$ and for every x such that $x \in]p, g[$ holds $f'(x) = 0$. Then f is a constant on $]p, g[$.
- (8) Let given p, g . Suppose $p < g$. Let given f_1, f_2 . Suppose f_1 is differentiable on $]p, g[$ and f_2 is differentiable on $]p, g[$ and for every x such that $x \in]p, g[$ holds $f_1'(x) = f_2'(x)$. Then $f_1 - f_2$ is a constant on $]p, g[$ and there exists r such that for every x such that $x \in]p, g[$ holds $f_1(x) = f_2(x) + r$.
- (9) Let given p, g . Suppose $p < g$. Let given f . Suppose f is differentiable on $]p, g[$ and for every x such that $x \in]p, g[$ holds $0 < f'(x)$. Then f is increasing on $]p, g[$.
- (10) Let given p, g . Suppose $p < g$. Let given f . Suppose f is differentiable on $]p, g[$ and for every x such that $x \in]p, g[$ holds $f'(x) < 0$. Then f is decreasing on $]p, g[$.
- (11) Let given p, g . Suppose $p < g$. Let given f . Suppose f is differentiable on $]p, g[$ and for every x such that $x \in]p, g[$ holds $0 \leq f'(x)$. Then f is non-decreasing on $]p, g[$.
- (12) Let given p, g . Suppose $p < g$. Let given f . Suppose f is differentiable on $]p, g[$ and for every x such that $x \in]p, g[$ holds $f'(x) \leq 0$. Then f is non increasing on $]p, g[$.

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