

5. Verify that the following function satisfies the conditions of the Mean Value Theorem on the interval $[-3, 0]$, and then compute c which satisfies the conclusion of the Mean Value Theorem.

$$f(x) = \frac{x+6}{x+4}$$

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$$f'(x) = \frac{1(x+4) - (x+6)(1)}{(x+4)^2} = \frac{x+4-x-6}{(x+4)^2}$$

$$f'(x) = \frac{-2}{(x+4)^2}$$

Clearly, $f(x) = \frac{x+6}{x+4}$ is continuous on $[-3, 0]$ because it's a rational function that is defined for all values in $[-3, 0]$.

Clearly, $f(x)$ is differentiable on $(-3, 0)$ because $f'(x) = \frac{-2}{(x+4)^2}$ exists for all x on $(-3, 0)$.

\therefore Mean Value Theorem (MVT) applies.

$$f(x) = \frac{x+b}{x+4} \quad \text{on} \quad [a, b] \quad \text{with} \quad a = -3, b = 0$$

$$f(0) = \frac{0+b}{0+4} = \frac{b}{4} = \frac{3}{2}$$

$$f(-3) = \frac{-3+b}{-3+4} = \frac{3}{1} = 3$$

$$\frac{f(b) - f(a)}{b-a} = \frac{f(0) - f(-3)}{0 - (-3)} = \frac{\frac{3}{2} - 3}{3} = \boxed{-\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$f'(x) = \frac{-2}{(x+4)^2}$$

$$f'(c) = \frac{-2}{(c+4)^2}$$

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$$\frac{-2}{(c+4)^2} = -\frac{1}{2}$$

Multiply both sides by -1

$$\frac{2}{(c+4)^2} = \frac{1}{2}$$

Cross-Multiply

$$(c+4)^2 = 4$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \frac{3}{2} - \frac{3}{1} \\ = \frac{3-6}{2} \\ = -\frac{3}{2} \\ \frac{-\frac{3}{2} - 3}{3} \\ = \frac{-\frac{3}{2} - 3}{3} \\ = -\frac{1}{2} \end{array} \right\}$$

Square Root both sides

$$c+4 = \pm \sqrt{4}$$

$$c+4 = 2 \quad \text{or} \quad c+4 = -2$$

$$c = -2 \quad \text{or}$$

~~$$c = -6$$~~

because
c must be
in $(-3, 0)$

$c = -2$ is in $(-3, 0)$

and verifies the MVT