

1. $f'(x) = \ln(2x)$ is continuous on $[1, e]$ and differentiable on $(1, e)$, so MVT applies.

Now

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{f(e) - f(1)}{e - 1} &= \frac{\ln(2e) - \ln(2)}{e - 1} \\ &= \frac{\ln(e)}{e - 1} \\ &= \frac{1}{e - 1} \end{aligned}$$

$$f'(c) = \frac{1}{2c} \cdot 2 = \frac{1}{c}$$

Hence $f'(c) = \frac{f(e) - f(1)}{e - 1}$

only when $c = e - 1$.

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2. $f(x) = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{x}{x^2+3}\right)$

$$\begin{aligned} f'(x) &= \frac{1}{1 + \left(\frac{x}{x^2+3}\right)^2} \cdot \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{x}{x^2+3} \right) \\ &= \frac{(x^2+3)^2}{(x^2+3)^2 + x^2} \cdot \frac{(x^2+3) \cdot 1 - x(2x)}{(x^2+3)^2} \\ &= \frac{3 - x^2}{(x^2+3)^2 + x^2} \end{aligned}$$

← always > 0

• Critical Points: $x = \pm\sqrt{3}$

• The sign of $f'(x)$ is the same as the sign of $3 - x^2$, so:

$-3 - x^2 < 0$ on $(-\infty, -\sqrt{3})$, $(\sqrt{3}, \infty)$, hence f decreasing on these intervals

$-3 - x^2 > 0$ on $(-\sqrt{3}, \sqrt{3})$, hence

f increasing on this interval

• First Derivative Test says f has:

local min at $x = -\sqrt{3}$

local Max at $x = \sqrt{3}$