

## Algebraic Interpretation of Rolle's Theorem.

Let  $f(x)$  be a polynomial having  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  as its roots, such that  $\alpha < \beta$ . Then,  $f(\alpha) = f(\beta) = 0$ . Also a polynomial function is everywhere continuous and differentiable. Thus  $f(x)$  satisfies all the three conditions of Rolle's Theorem. Consequently there exists  $\gamma \in (\alpha, \beta)$  such that  $f'(\gamma) = 0$  i.e.

$f'(x) = 0$  at  $x = \gamma$ . In other words  $x = \gamma$  is a root of  $f'(x) = 0$ . Thus algebraically Rolle's Theorem can be interpreted as follows.

Between any two roots of polynomial  $f(x)$ , there is always a root of its derivative  $f'(x)$ .

**Lagrange's theorem:** Let  $f(x)$  be a function defined on  $[a, b]$  such that

(i)  $f(x)$  is continuous on  $[a, b]$  and

(ii)  $f(x)$  is differentiable on  $(a, b)$ , then  $c \in (a, b)$ , such that  $f'(c) = \frac{f(b) - f(a)}{b - a}$

**Lagrange's identity:** If  $a_1, a_2, a_3, b_1, b_2, b_3 \in R$  then :

$$(a_1^2 + a_2^2 + a_3^2)(b_1^2 + b_2^2 + b_3^2) - (a_1b_1 + a_2b_2 + a_3b_3)^2 = (a_1b_2 - a_2b_1)^2 + (a_2b_3 - a_3b_2)^2 + (a_3b_1 - a_1b_3)^2$$