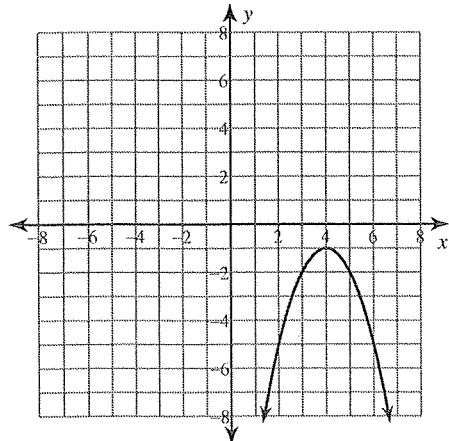


## Mean Value Theorem

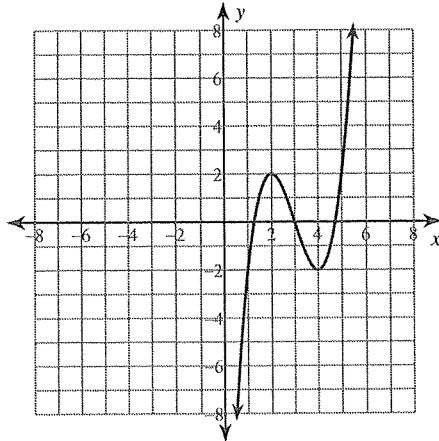
For each problem, find the values of  $c$  that satisfy the Mean Value Theorem.

1)  $y = -x^2 + 8x - 17$ ;  $[3, 6]$



$$\left\{ \frac{9}{2} \right\}$$

2)  $y = x^3 - 9x^2 + 24x - 18$ ;  $[2, 4]$



$$\left\{ \frac{9 + \sqrt{3}}{3}, \frac{9 - \sqrt{3}}{3} \right\}$$

3)  $y = -\frac{x^2}{2} + x - \frac{1}{2}$ ;  $[-2, 1]$

$$\left\{ -\frac{1}{2} \right\}$$

4)  $y = \frac{x^2}{2} - 2x - 1$ ;  $[-1, 1]$

$$\{0\}$$

5)  $y = x^3 + 3x^2 - 2$ ;  $[-2, 0]$

$$\left\{ \frac{-3 + \sqrt{3}}{3}, \frac{-3 - \sqrt{3}}{3} \right\}$$

6)  $y = -x^3 + 4x^2 - 3$ ;  $[0, 4]$

$$\left\{ \frac{8}{3} \right\}$$

7)  $y = \frac{x^2 - 9}{3x}$ ;  $[1, 4]$

$$\{2\}$$

8)  $y = \frac{x^2}{2x - 4}$ ;  $[-4, 1]$

$$\{2 - \sqrt{6}\}$$

9)  $y = -(-2x + 6)^{\frac{1}{2}}$ ;  $[-2, 3]$

$$\left\{ \frac{7}{4} \right\}$$

10)  $y = -(-5x + 25)^{\frac{1}{2}}$ ;  $[3, 5]$

$$\left\{ \frac{9}{2} \right\}$$

**For each problem, determine if the Mean Value Theorem can be applied. If it can, find all values of  $c$  that satisfy the theorem. If it cannot, explain why not.**

11)  $y = -\frac{x^2}{4x + 8}$ ;  $[-3, -1]$

The function is not continuous on  $[-3, -1]$

12)  $y = \frac{-x^2 + 9}{4x}$ ;  $[1, 3]$

$$\{\sqrt{3}\}$$

13)  $y = -(6x + 24)^{\frac{2}{3}}$ ;  $[-4, -1]$

$$\left\{ -\frac{28}{9} \right\}$$

14)  $y = (x - 3)^{\frac{2}{3}}$ ;  $[1, 4]$

The function is not differentiable on  $(1, 4)$

### Critical thinking question:

15) Use the Mean Value Theorem to prove that  $|\sin a - \sin b| \leq |a - b|$  for all real values of  $a$  and  $b$  where  $a \neq b$ .

Let  $f(x) = \sin x$ . Use the interval  $[a, b]$ . By the MVT, we know that there is at least one  $c$

such that  $\frac{\sin b - \sin a}{b - a} = \cos c$ . We know  $\cos c \leq 1$  for all  $c$ . Therefore,  $\frac{\sin b - \sin a}{b - a} \leq 1$ ,

$$\frac{|\sin a - \sin b|}{|a - b|} \leq 1, \text{ and } |\sin a - \sin b| \leq |a - b|.$$