THE MEAN VALUE THEOREM March 31, 2017

(1) Consider the graphs below. Can we guarantee that there is a point (c, f(c)), where the slope of the tangent line is the same as the slope of the secant line from a to b?



(2) I made some hot chocolate last night. It was 185°F. I let it cool while I played videogames. Twenty minutes later, the temperature of my not-quite-so-hot chocolate was 120°F. What does the Mean Value Theorem say about this situation? (Be specific to this case.)

(3) An elevator starts at ground level at time t = 0 seconds. At t = 20 seconds, the elevator has risen 100 feet. What does the Mean Value Theorem tell you about this situation?

- (4) Let $g(x) = |x^2 1|$.
 - (a) Do the hypotheses of the MVT hold on [0, 3]? Explain.

(b) Do the conclusions of the MVT hold on [1,3]? Explain.

(5) Does the MVT apply to $g(x) = x^{\frac{1}{3}}$ on [0, 8]? Why or why not? If so, find all values of c that satisfy the theorem.

(6) Find all values of c which satisfy the MVT for $h(x) = x^3 + 6x + 2$ on [-1, 3].

(7) A car travels 110 miles in 2 hours. What does the MVT tell you?