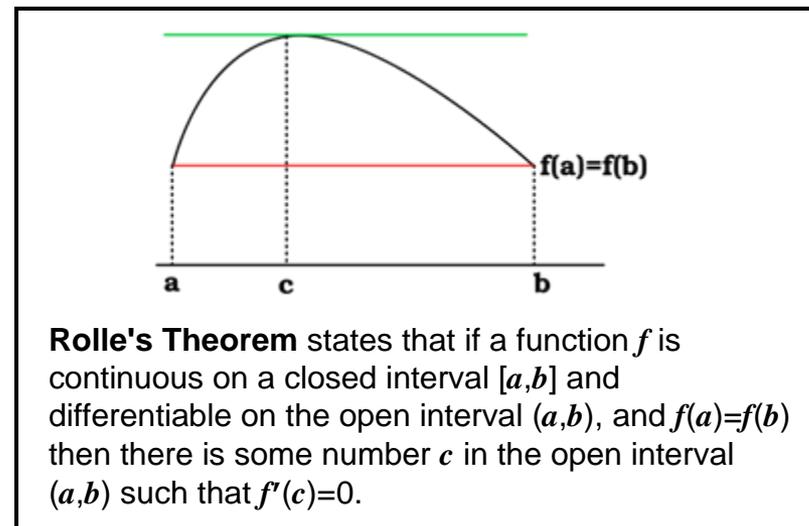


Today in Math History...

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Rolle solution. Michel Rolle published an elegant solution to a difficult problem publicly posed by Ozanam. This brought him public recognition.



Ozanam proposed finding four numbers which corresponded in the following ways... the difference of any two of these numbers not only make a perfect square, but also equal the sum of the first three. Rolle's solution was published in "Journal des savans."

He is best known for Rolle's Theorem and invented the current standardized notation $\sqrt[n]{x}$.