

## Subjective Problems

### PROBLEM

Using Rolle's theorem, prove that there is at least one root in  $(45^{1/100}, 46)$  of the polynomial

$$P(x) = 51x^{101} - 2323(x)^{100} - 45x + 1035. \quad (2004 - 2 \text{ Marks})$$

### SOLUTION

We are given,

$$P(x) = 51x^{101} - 2323x^{100} - 45x + 1035$$

To show that at least one root of  $P(x)$  lies in  $(45^{1/100}, 46)$ , using Rolle's theorem, we consider antiderivative of  $P(x)$

$$\text{i.e. } F(x) = \frac{x^{102}}{2} - \frac{2323x^{101}}{101} - \frac{45x^2}{2} + 1035x$$

Then being a polynomial function  $F(x)$  is continuous and differentiable.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now, } F(45^{1/100}) &= \frac{(45)^{\frac{102}{100}}}{2} - \frac{2323(45)^{\frac{101}{100}}}{101} \\ &\quad - \frac{45 \cdot (45)^{\frac{2}{100}}}{2} + 1035(45)^{\frac{1}{100}} \\ &= \frac{45}{2} (45)^{\frac{2}{100}} - 23 \times 45 (45)^{\frac{1}{100}} \end{aligned}$$

$$- \frac{45 \cdot (45)^{\frac{2}{100}}}{2} + 1035(45)^{\frac{1}{100}} = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{And } F(46) &= \frac{(46)^{102}}{2} - \frac{2323(46)^{101}}{101} - \frac{45(46)^2}{2} + 1035(46) \\ &= 23(46)^{101} - 23(46)^{101} - 23 \times 45 \times 46 + 1035 \times 46 = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore F(45^{\frac{1}{100}}) = F(46) = 0$$

$\therefore$  Rolle's theorem is applicable.

Hence, there must exist at least one root of  $F'(x) = 0$