

Prove that, $\sqrt{n+1} - \sqrt{n} < \frac{1}{2N}$ if $n > N^2$, n being a natural number.

Solution

Let $f(x) = \sqrt{x}, x \in [n, n+1]$

Since n is a natural number, clearly $f(x)$ satisfies the continuity and differentiability requirements of LMVT.

$$f'(c) = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{c}} = \frac{f(n+1) - f(n)}{(n+1) - n}, n < c < n+1$$

$$\frac{1}{2\sqrt{c}} = f(n+1) - f(n) = \sqrt{n+1} - \sqrt{n} \dots \dots (*)$$

Since, $n < c < n+1$

$$\sqrt{n} < \sqrt{c} < \sqrt{n+1}$$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} > \frac{1}{\sqrt{c}} > \frac{1}{\sqrt{n+1}} \dots \dots \dots (#)$$

Given, $n > N^2$

$$\sqrt{n} > N$$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} < \frac{1}{N}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} > \frac{1}{\sqrt{c}} \quad \text{from } (#)$$

$$\text{Hence, } \frac{1}{N} > \frac{1}{\sqrt{c}}$$

$$\frac{1}{2N} > \frac{1}{2\sqrt{c}}$$

$$\frac{1}{2N} > \sqrt{n+1} - \sqrt{n} \quad \text{from } (*)$$