

Proposed solution to problem 106 – Mathcontest Section, vol.6 issue 2

Let $f: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be continuous on $[a, b]$ and differentiable on (a, b) . Suppose that f has infinitely many zeros, but there is no $x \in (a, b)$ with $f(x) = f'(x) = 0$. (a) Prove that $f(a)f(b) = 0$. (b) give an example of such a function on $[0, 1]$.