### 5.3.2 Average Value of a Function

What do we mean by the average value of a function?

Think about the average value of $f(x)=x^{2}$ over $[0,3]$


What about the average value of a velocity graph? (The average velocity)


Write a formula:
***The formula applies to the average value of all functions***

Now find the average value of $f(x)=x^{2}$ over $[0,3]$


Will $f(x)=x^{2}$ ever equal its average value over $[0,3] ? ?$ Where?

Will there always be an $x=c$ in $[a, b]$ such that $f(c)$ is the average value of the function over [a,b]? Under what conditions?

What theorem does this sound like?

Theorem:

Find the average value of each function over the given interval. At what x-value does the function take on its average value?

1. $f(x)=-2 x^{3},[1,3]$
2. $f(x)=(x+2)^{2},[-1,1]$

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\text { 3. } g(x)=x^{3}+1,[1,4]
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4. $h(x)=e^{2 x},[0, \ln 2] \quad$ (Check using calc)

Comparisons between Mean Value Theorems

| MVT for derivatives | MVT for integrals |
| :--- | :--- |
| Average rate of <br> change | Average value of <br> function |
| Derivative $\mathrm{f}^{\prime}(\mathrm{x})$ | $\mathrm{f}(\mathrm{x})$ |
| Set them $=$ | Set them $=$ |
| Solve | Solve |

