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$$f(x) = \tan x$$

$$f'(x) = \sec^2 x$$

$$\min_{0 \leq x \leq \frac{\pi}{2}} \sec^2 x \leq \frac{f(b) - f(a)}{b - a} = f'(c) \leq \max_{0 \leq x \leq \frac{\pi}{2}} \sec^2 x$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 \leq \frac{\tan(b) - \tan(a)}{b - a} \leq \infty$$

$$\Rightarrow \tan(b) - \tan(a) \geq b - a$$

Let  $b \neq a$  and  $a = 0$ .

$$\Rightarrow \tan b - 0 \geq b - 0$$

$$\tan b \geq b$$

Since  $b \in (0, \frac{\pi}{2})$  and  $b > 0$ ,

$$\therefore \tan b > 0$$

$$\therefore \tan x > 0 \text{ for } 0 < x < \frac{\pi}{2}.$$