

Solving nonlinear equations in one variable

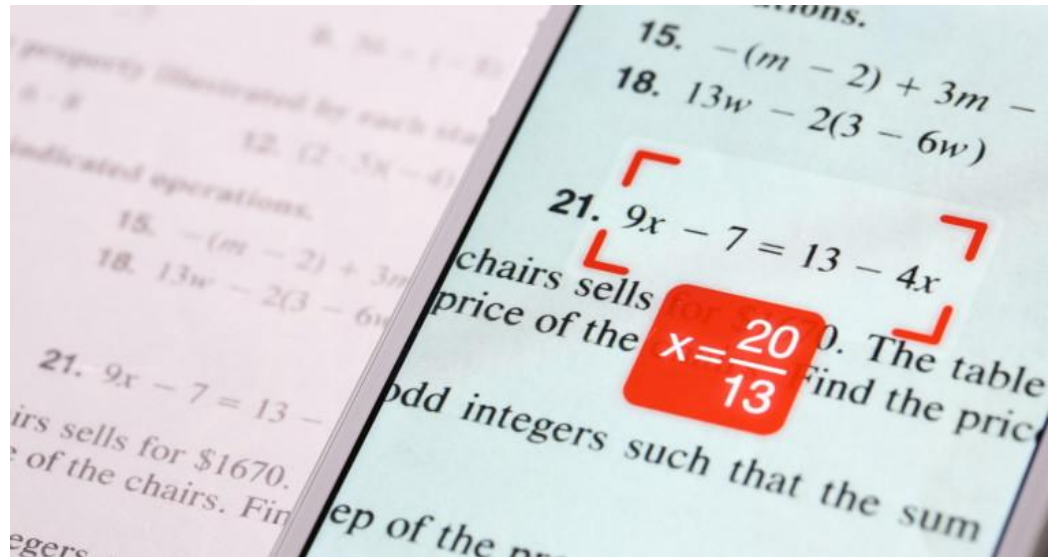
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- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XIbVB50mlh4>

Today

- Evaluating a polynomial (warm-up!)
- Solving an equation with one variable



What is an efficient way to compute

$$P(x) = 2x^4 + 3x^3 - 3x^2 + 5x - 1$$



$$P\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = ?$$

How many operations in total?

Method 1

$$P(x) = 2x^4 + 3x^3 - 3x^2 + 5x - 1$$

$$P\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = 2 * \frac{1}{2} * \frac{1}{2} * \frac{1}{2} * \frac{1}{2} + 3 * \frac{1}{2} * \frac{1}{2} * \frac{1}{2} - 3 * \frac{1}{2} * \frac{1}{2} + 5 * \frac{1}{2} - 1$$

- Number of multiplications? **10**
- Number of additions? **4**

Method 2

$$P(x) = 2x^4 + 3x^3 - 3x^2 + 5x - 1$$

$$\frac{1}{2} * \frac{1}{2} = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 \quad \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 * \frac{1}{2} = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^3 \quad \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^3 * \frac{1}{2} = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^4$$

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- Number of multiplications? **7**
- Number of additions? **4**

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operations?

Nested multiplication (Horner's method)

$$\begin{aligned}P(x) &= 2x^4 + 3x^3 - 3x^2 + 5x - 1 \\&= -1 + 5x - 3x^2 + 3x^3 + 2x^4 \\&= -1 + x(5 - 3x + 3x^2 + 2x^3) \\&= -1 + x(5 + x(-3 + 3x + 2x^2)) \\&= -1 + x(5 + x(-3 + x(3 + 2x)))\end{aligned}$$

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 - Number of additions? **4**

程式練習 (HW#0)

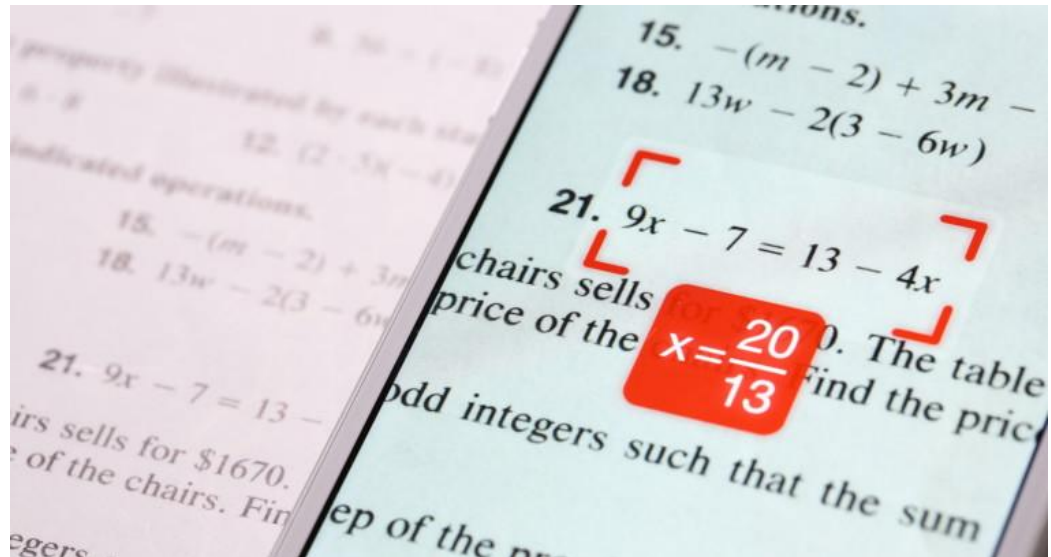
- 請使用 Horner's method 計算多項式的值
- 請用你的程式計算

$$P(x) = 1 + x + \cdots + x^{50}$$

$$P(1.0001) = ?$$

Today

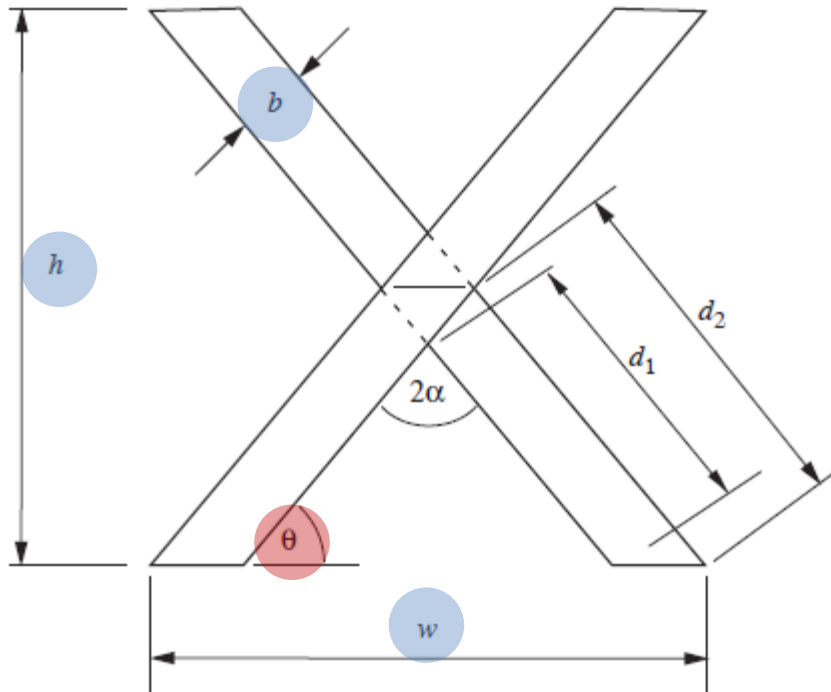
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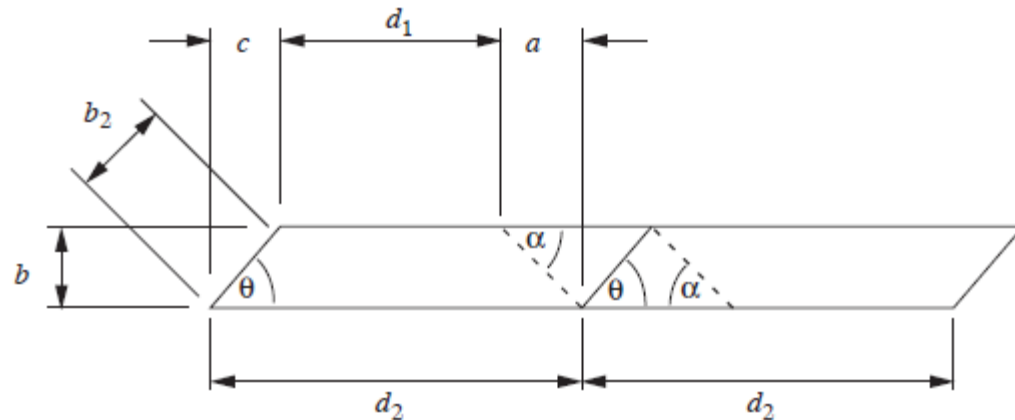
Example 1: Picnic Table Leg

- Computing the dimensions of a picnic table leg involves a root-finding problem.

Leg assembly



Detail of one leg



- Dimensions of a the picnic table leg satisfy

$$w \sin \theta = h \cos \theta + b$$

- Given w , h , and b , what is the value of θ ?
- An analytical solution for $\theta = f(w, h, b)$ exists, but is not obvious.
- Use a numerical root-finding procedure to find the value of θ that satisfies

$$f(\theta) = w \sin \theta - h \cos \theta - b = 0$$

→ 方程式求根問題

Example 2: Kepler's equation

(計算行星的軌道)

$$x - a \sin x = b$$

- Given a and b , what is the value of x ?
- $a = 0.2$, $b = \pi/3$, $x = ?$
- A numerical approach:

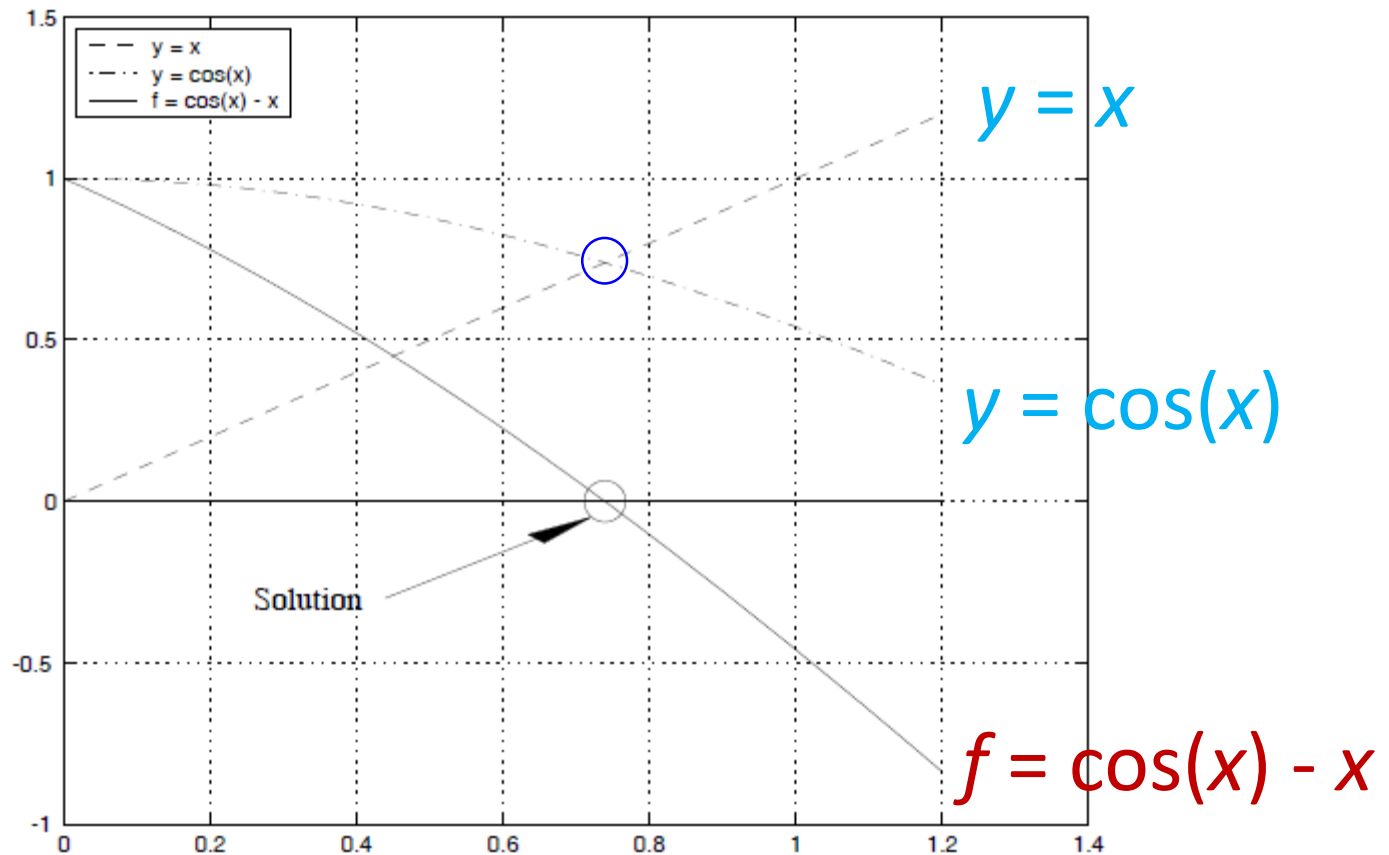
solve

$$f(x) = x - a \sin x - b = 0$$

Roots of $f(x) = 0$

- Any function of one variable x can be put in the form $f(x) = 0$? **Yes!**
- Example:
 - To find x that satisfies $\cos(x) = x$,
 - Find the zero crossing of $f(x) = \cos(x) - x = 0$.

$$\cos(x) = x, \quad x = ?$$



Number of Roots

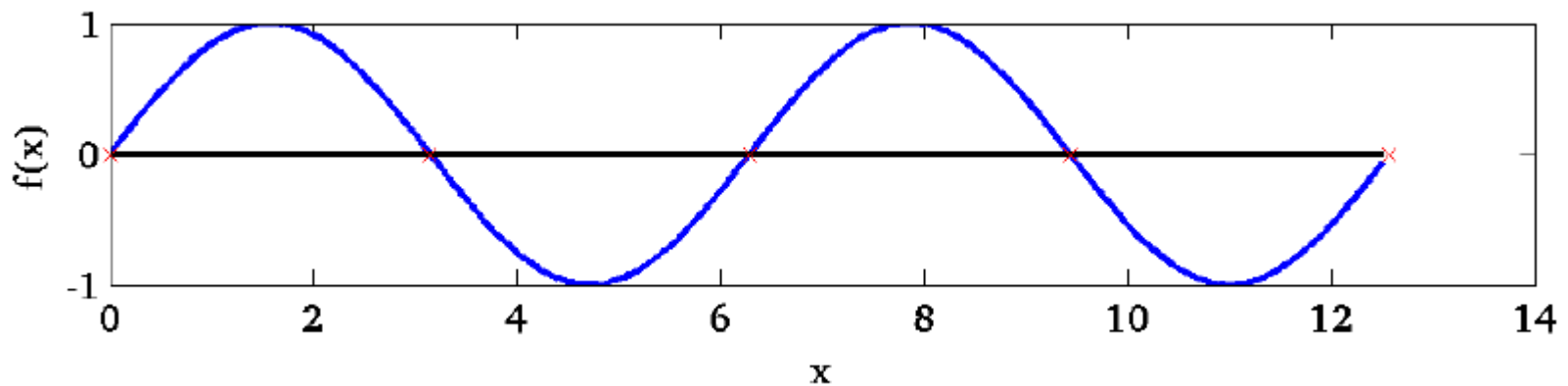
- In contrast to scalar linear equations

$$mx - n = 0 \Rightarrow x = \frac{n}{m},$$

nonlinear equations have an undetermined number of zeros.

Number of Roots

- $f(x) = \sin(x)$
- On $[a, b] = [0, 4\pi]$ there are **???** roots.



Finding roots

$$f(x) = x^3 + x - 1 = 0$$

$$x = ?$$

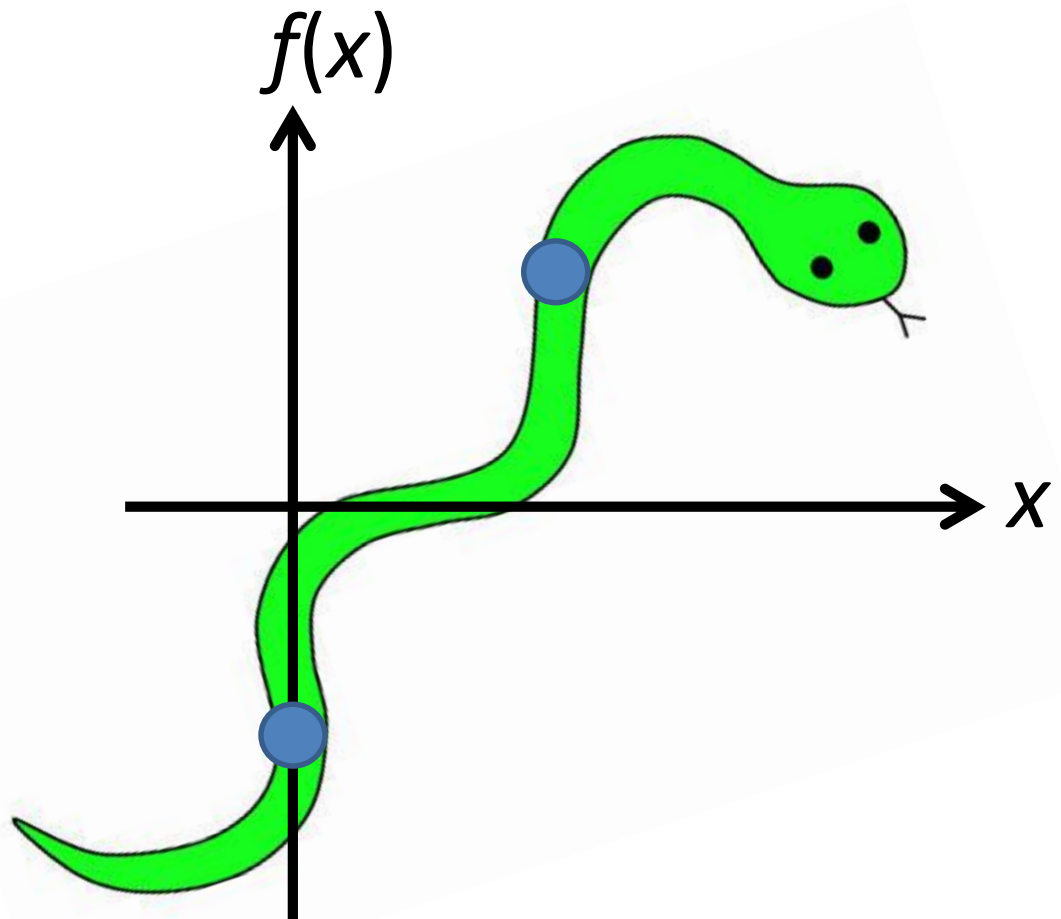
幾個解？

範圍為？

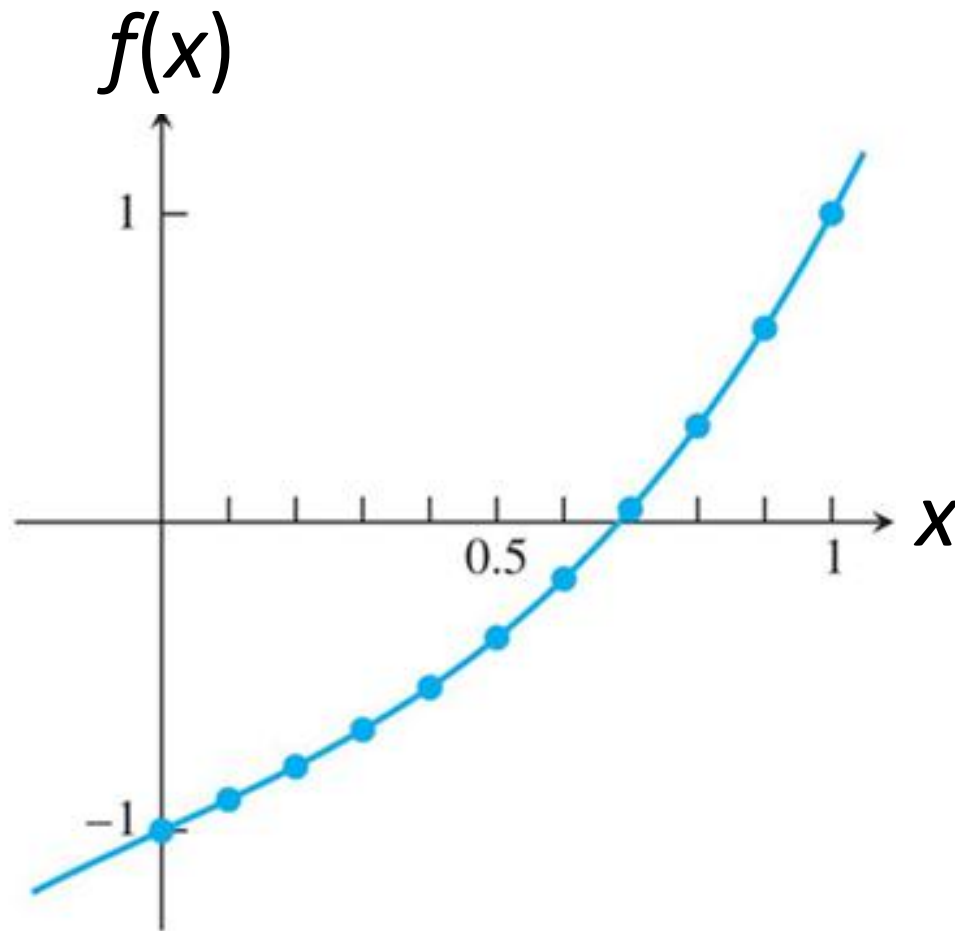
$$f(x) = x^3 + x - 1 = 0$$

- Must have a root between 0 and 1

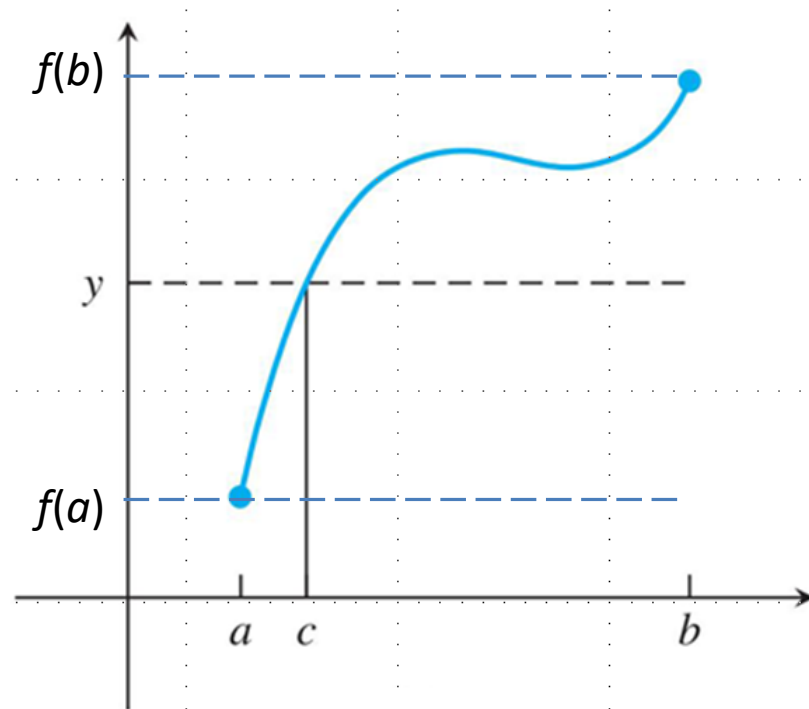
- $f(0) = -1$
- $f(1) = 1$
- $f(0)f(1) < 0$



$$f(x) = x^3 + x - 1 = 0$$



Intermediate value theorem



- Let f be a continuous function on the interval $[a, b]$. If y is a number between $f(a)$ and $f(b)$, then there exists a number c with $a \leq c \leq b$ such that $f(c) = y$.

猜數字 (1~100)

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Bisection

- 猜數字
 - Method for finding a root of a scalar equation $f(x) = 0$ in an interval $[a, b]$
 - Assumption: $f(a)f(b) < 0$
 - Since f is continuous there must be a zero $x^* \in [a, b]$
1. Compute midpoint m of the interval and check $f(m)$
 2. Depending on the sign of $f(m)$, we can decide if $x^* \in [a, m]$ or $x^* \in [m, b]$
 - Of course, if $f(m) = 0$ then we are done.

Bisection

- Given $f(\cdot)$ $f(x) = x^3 + x - 1$
- Given a range $[a, b]$ $[0, 1]$
- Determine a stopping condition
 $(b - a) < 10^{-6}$ or $f((a+b)/2) \approx 0$

Compute the roots of $f(x) = 0$

Bisection: Example

$$f(x) = x^3 + x - 1$$

a	b	mid	$f(mid)$
0	1	0.5	-0.3750

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0.6563	0.6875	0.6719	-0.0248

Bisection: Example

$$f(x) = x^3 + x - 1$$

a	b	mid	$f(mid)$
0.6563	0.6875	0.6719	-0.0248
0.6719	0.6875	0.6797	-0.0063
0.6797	0.6875	0.6836	0.0031
0.6797	0.6836	0.6816	-0.0016
0.6816	0.6836	0.6826	0.0006
⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮

程式練習 (HW#1)

- 請寫一個程式(Bisection)計算方程式的根
- 請用你的程式計算

$$x - x^{1/3} - 2 = 0 \qquad 3 < x < 4$$