Announcements

- Homework
  - I'm still working on the HW3 grading, sorry.
  - Be working on Homework 4!
    - Problem 3 should be doable at least up till the animation
    - Problem 2 doable after today
    - Pieces of Problem 1 doable after today
- No presenter for CS Tea tomorrow, and it is just out in the meeting area between offices
  - Still pizza, cookies, and goodies though!
  - 11:35am
- Polling: `rembold-class.ddns.net`

Review Question

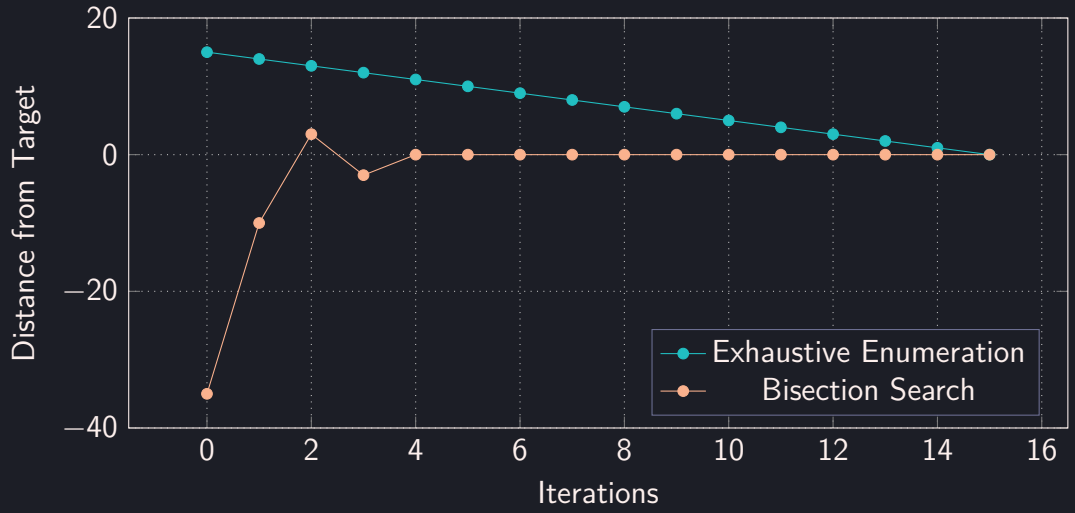
When the final line of the code to the right is run, what type of variable is x?

A) integer
B) float
C) string
D) NoneType

```
def func(A):
    m = str(A)
    n = m * 10
    print(n)

y = 5.0
x = func(y)
print(type(x))
```

Convergence



Newton-Raphson

- Alternative method to find roots of polynomials

$$f(x) = 4x^3 + 2x + 10$$

- Requires an initial guess to work, but *does not require explicit bounds*!
- Revolves around the idea that, if g is a guess for the root of $f(x)$, then

$$g - \frac{f(g)}{f'(g)}$$

is an even better guess.

Mathematical Understanding

- Need to find the derivative (probably analytically for the time being.
  - For polynomials of form $f(x) = Ax^n$,

$$f'(x) = Anx^{n-1}$$

  - Derivatives of sums add. If $f(x) = g(x) + h(x)$:

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  - Can always use an online calculator if your derivatives are shakey

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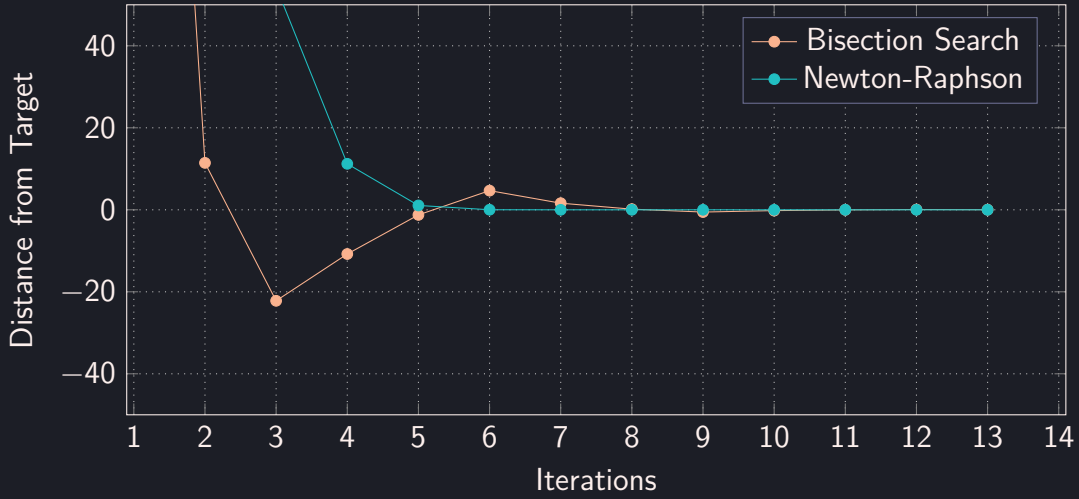
guess = 1
epsilon = 0.01
while abs(8*guess**2 - 3) > epsilon:
    val = 8*guess**2 - 3
    deriv = 16*guess
    guess = guess - val/deriv
print(guess)
```

Return of the Cube Root of 27

Example

Let's return again to computing the cube root of 27, but this time using the Newton-Raphson algorithm. We'll look for a solution that works for an epsilon of 0.01.

Comparison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Iterations

Be Careful

- Realize that any numeric method we have looked at will only get you a single solution!
- How do you work with equations that might have multiple possibilities?
  - You have to separate them out with separate ranges or guesses
  - Frequently might mean it would be useful to look at a quick plot of a function to understand near where certain roots exist
    - We'll learn to plot in Python more later in the semester, but for now you can always use something like Desmos or WolframAlpha
- Remember your expressions should be equal to 0
- Be careful of points with slope 0, as if you should hit them exactly your algorithm will break.

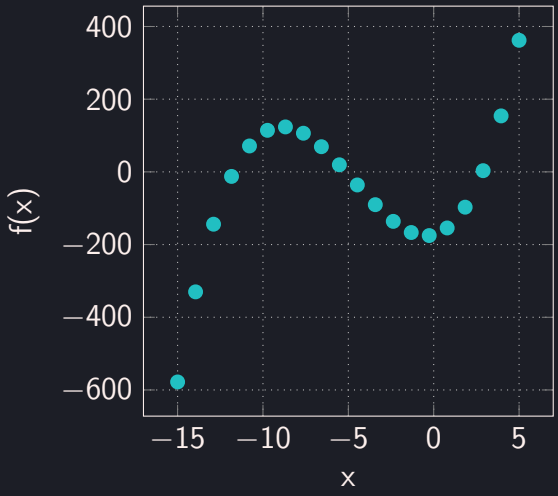
Multiroot Example

Example

Suppose you want to find when

$$(x+3)^3 + 5x^2 - 15x - 100 = 100$$

when epsilon $= 0.1$. Find all real solutions.



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```
func()
func('Bob',25)
func('Larry')
func(age=68)
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