

MA 427 Homework 3

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5: Ch 5. #13

a.

```
format short
x = (1782^12 + 1841^12)^(1/12)
```

```
x = 1.9220e+03
```

```
format long
x = (1782^12 + 1841^12)^(1/12)
```

```
x =
    1.921999999955867e+03
```

b.

```
abserror = abs(round(x)-x)
```

```
abserror =
    4.413345777720679e-08
```

```
relerror = abs(round(x)-x)/abs(x)
```

```
relerror =
    2.296225690854328e-11
```

c.

1782 is an even number. Any even number raised to a non-zero integer power will also be even. Therefore 1782^{12} is even.

1841 is an odd number. Any odd number raised to a non-zero integer power will also be odd. Therefore 1841^{12} is odd.

The sum of any odd and even number is always odd. Therefore $1782^{12} + 1841^{12}$ is an odd number. But the equation says:

$1782^{12} + 1841^{12} = 1922^{12}$, which is an even number, and we know this cannot be true.

d.

```
format long
x = (3987^12 + 4365^12)^(1/12)
```

```
x =  
4.4720000000007058e+03
```

```
abserror = abs(round(x)-x)
```

```
abserror =  
7.057678885757923e-09
```

```
relerror = abs(round(x)-x)/abs(x)
```

```
relerror =  
1.578192952984522e-12
```

We can see from these MATLAB calculations that although the error is very small, x is not exactly 4472, which shows that the equation is debunked.

Also, from Fermat's Last Theorem, we know this would be mathematically impossible since $n = 12 \geq 3$ and the theorem states that there does not exist any natural numbers x , y , and z that satisfy the equation $x^n + y^n = z^n$ for $n \geq 3$.

6: Ch 5. #15

a.

```
binary = '00011001100110011001100';  
decimal = 0;  
for i = 1:length(binary)  
    if binary(i) == '1'  
        decimal = decimal + 2^(-i);  
    end  
end  
x = decimal;  
sym(x)
```

```
ans =  
209715  
2097152
```

b.

```
difference = abs(x-(1/10))
```

```
difference =  
9.536743164617612e-08
```

c.

```
timeerror = abs(360000-3600000*x)
```

```
timeerror =
```

0.343322753906250

d.

3750 miles per hour to miles per second:

```
mps = 3750/3600
```

```
mps =  
1.041666666666667
```

Distance (in miles) traveled during time error found in part (c):

```
d = mps*timeerror
```

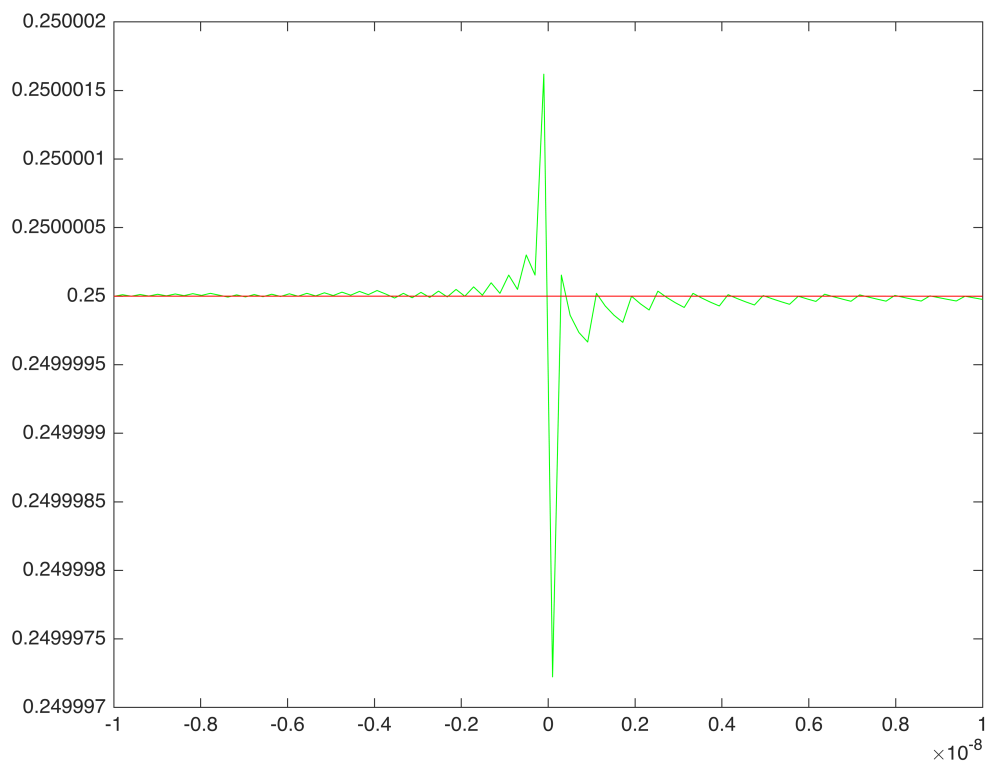
```
d =  
0.357627868652344
```

7.

a.

Multiply by conjugate to rewrite:

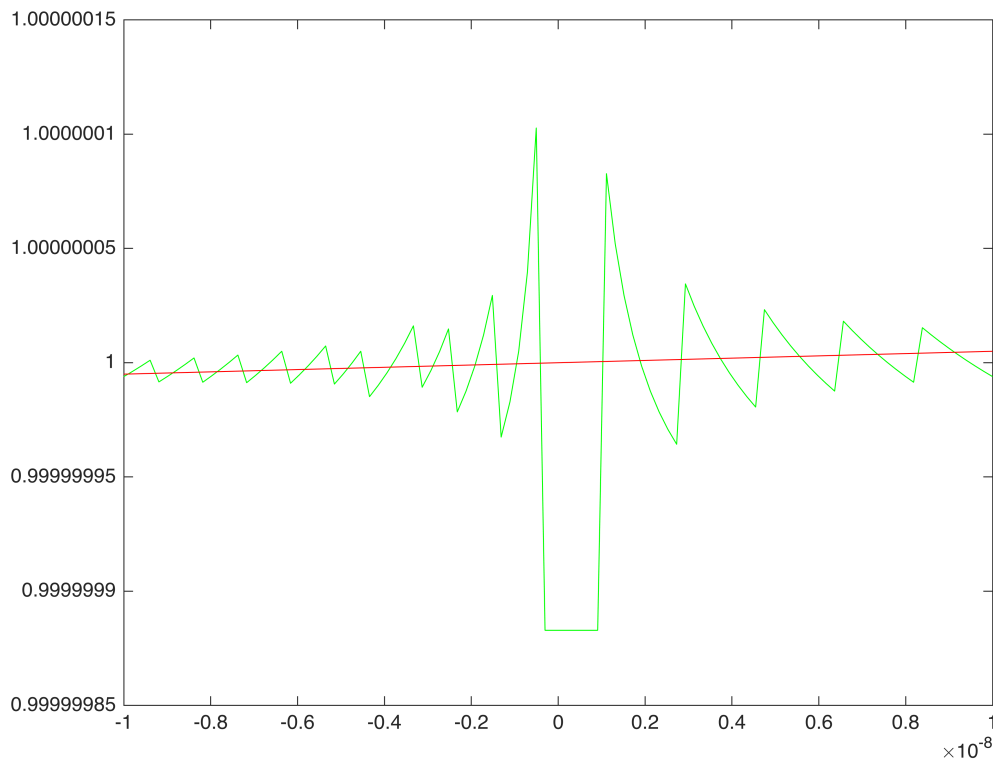
```
x = linspace(-1e-8,1e-8,100);  
y1 = (sqrt(4+x)-2)./x;  
plot(x,y1,'g')  
hold on  
y2 = 1./(sqrt(4+x)+2);  
plot(x,y2,'r')  
hold off
```



b.

Use Taylor expansion of e^x around $x = 0$ and substitute the expansion back into $f(x)$ to simplify and rewrite:

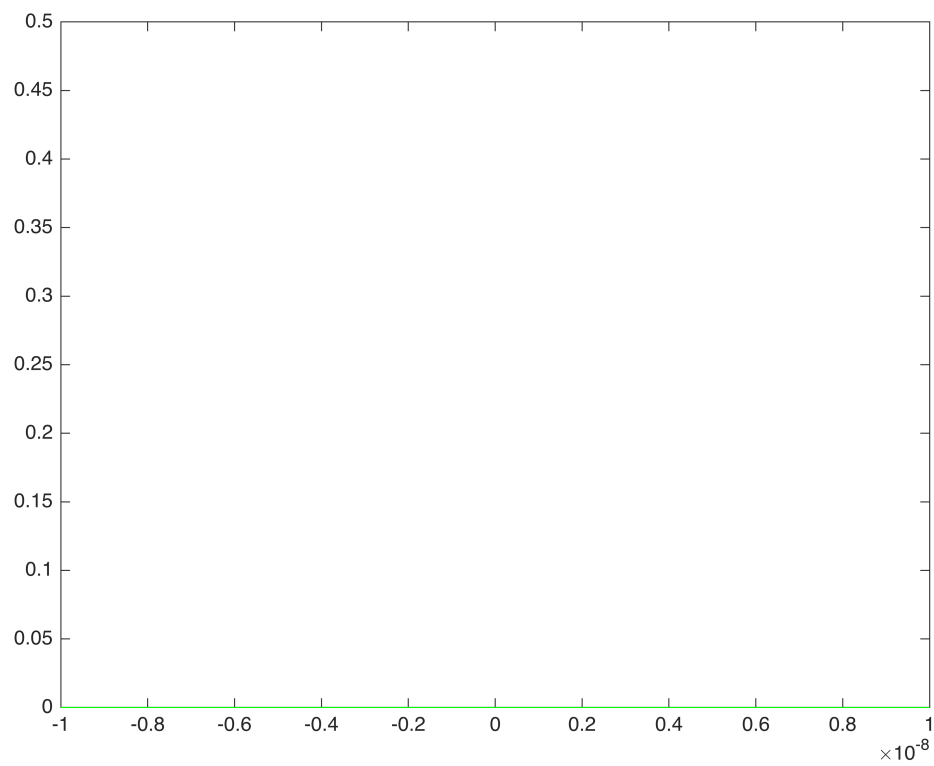
```
x = linspace(-1e-8,1e-8,100);
y1 = (exp(x)-1)./x;
plot(x,y1,'g')
hold on
y2 = (x+2)./2;
plot(x,y2,'r')
hold off
```



c.

Use Taylor expansion of $\cos(x)$ around $x = 0$, substituting x^{15} into the expansion and then the expansion back into $f(x)$ to simplify and rewrite:

```
x = linspace(-1e-8,1e-8,100);
y1 = (1-cos(x.^15))./(x.^30);
plot(x,y1,'g')
hold on
y2 = 1/2;
plot(x,y2,'r')
hold off
```



Not sure why my second plot of (x,y_2) is not showing up.