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Lab# 03  
Root-Finding Methods

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Please answer the below questions:

**Q1 (2.5pts):** Implement the bisection method in a Python programming language to find the roots of a simple polynomial function (e.g.  $f(x) = x^3 - x^2 + 2$ ). Plot the function and the root found using the bisection method.

**Q2 (2.5pts):**

The function defined by  $f(x) = \sin \pi x$  has zeros at every integer. Show that when  $-1 < a < 0$  and  $2 < b < 3$ , the Bisection method converges to

- a. 0, if  $a + b < 2$       b. 2, if  $a + b > 2$       c. 1, if  $a + b = 2$

**Q3 (2.5pts):**

Use the Bisection method to find solutions accurate to within  $10^{-2}$  for  $x^4 - 2x^3 - 4x^2 + 4x + 4 = 0$  on each interval.

- a.  $[-2, -1]$       b.  $[0, 2]$       c.  $[2, 3]$       d.  $[-1, 0]$

**Q4 (2.5pts):** Using Newton Method to find a root of:

$$f(x) = e^{-x} - x, \quad f'(x) = -e^{-x} - 1$$

Try to produce the result in the following format:

$x_k$	$f(x_k)$	$f'(x_k)$	$\frac{f(x_k)}{f'(x_k)}$
1.0000	-0.6321	-1.3679	0.4621
0.5379	0.0461	-1.5840	-0.0291
0.5670	0.0002	-1.5672	-0.0002
0.5671	0.0000	-1.5671	-0.0000

**Q5 (2.5pts):** Use Newton's method to find solutions accurate to within  $10^{-5}$  for the following problems

- a.  $e^x + 2^{-x} + 2 \cos x - 6 = 0$  for  $1 \leq x \leq 2$   
b.  $\ln(x - 1) + \cos(x - 1) = 0$  for  $1.3 \leq x \leq 2$

**Q6 (2.5pts):** Repeat Exercise 6 using the Secant method.