

1**a**

The equation is:

$$\begin{aligned}
 f(x) &= x + ((x + (((x + (\cos(x - x) - (x - x))) * x) * x)) * x) \\
 &= x + ((x + (((x + (\cos(0) - 0)) * x) * x)) * x) \\
 &= x + ((x + (((x + 1) * x) * x)) * x) \\
 &= x + ((x + ((x^2 + x) * x)) * x) \\
 &= x + ((x + x^3 + x^2) * x) \\
 &= x + (x^2 + x^4 + x^3) \\
 &= x^4 + x^3 + x^2 + x
 \end{aligned}$$

b

The only unnecessary term is $(-XX)$ that is subtracted from the cosine term. The term $(-(\cos(-XX))(-XX))$ could simply be $(\cos(-XX))$.