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# **QUESTION 1 COMMENTING**

clear; close all; clc;

# **QUESTION 1:**

```
% Function is at the bottom!!! function out = f(theta)
% Testing theta = pi/4
disp(f(pi/4))
% Testing theta = -pi/4
disp(f(-pi/4))
% Both are close to 0, so we are good
```

# **QUESTION 2:**

```
% Plotting f(theta) on [-pi, pi]
theta_vals = -pi:0.01:pi;

f_vals = f(theta_vals);

figure(1)
plot(theta_vals, f_vals)
xlabel('\theta (radians)')
ylabel('f(\theta)')
title('Plot of f(\theta) on [-\pi, \pi]')
yline(0, '--r');
xline(pi/4, '--g', '\pi/4');
xline(-pi/4, '--g', '-\pi/4');
% Plot clearly shows that there are roots at +/- pi/4
```

**QUESTION 3:** 

**QUESTION 4:** 

**QUESTION 5:** 

**QUESTION 6:** 

**QUESTION 7:** 

**QUESTION 8:** 

# **ALL FUNCTIONS SUPPORTING THIS CODE**

```
function out = f(theta)
    % Platform lengths
    L1 = 2;
    L2 = sqrt(2);
    L3 = sqrt(2);
    % Angle across from L1
    gamma = pi / 2;
    % Strut lengths
    p1 = sqrt(5);
    p2 = sqrt(5);
   p3 = sqrt(5);
    % Strut base positions
    % Got these from Figure 1.15
    x1 = 4;
    x2 = 0;
    y2 = 4;
   A2 = L3 * cos(theta) - x1;
    B2 = L3 * sin(theta);
   A3 = L2 * (cos(theta) * cos(gamma) - sin(theta) * sin(gamma)) - x2;
    B3 = L2 * (cos(theta) * sin(gamma) + sin(theta) * cos(gamma)) - y2;
    N1 = B3 .* (p2^2 - p1^2 - A2.^2 - B2.^2) - B2 .* (p3^2 - p1^2 - A3.^2 - B2.^2)
B3.^2);
    N2 = -A3 .* (p2^2 - p1^2 - A2.^2 - B2.^2) + A2 .* (p3^2 - p1^2 - A3.^2 - B2.^2)
B3.^2);
    D = 2 * (A2 .* B3 - B2 .* A3);
    out = N1.^2 + N2.^2 - p1.^2 * D.^2;
```

end

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