

Fundamental Rootfinding

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Problem 1 (Quadratic Roots)

```
def quad_poly(a,b,c):
    print("For the function:", a, "x^2 +", b, "x +", c)
    if (a == 0) & (b == 0):
        if (c == 0):
            print("All reals")
        else:
            print("No solution")
    elif (a == 0):
        print(- c / b)
    elif (b ** 2 - 4 * a * c < 0):
        print("No real solution")
    elif (b >= 0):
        print((- b - (b ** 2 - 4 * a * c) ** (1/2)) / (2 * a))
        print(2 * c / (-b - (b ** 2 - 4 * a * c) ** (1/2)))
    else:
        print((- b + (b ** 2 - 4 * a * c) ** (1/2)) / (2 * a))
        print(2 * c / (-b + (b ** 2 - 4 * a * c) ** (1/2)))

quad_poly(0,0,2)
```

```
For the function: 0 x^2 + 0 x + 2
No solution
```

```
quad_poly(0,3,-10)
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For the function: 0 x^2 + 3 x + -10
3.3333333333333335
```

```
quad_poly(2,-10,5)
```

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For the function: 2 x^2 + -10 x + 5
4.436491673103708
0.5635083268962916
```

```
quad_poly(12 / 10, 5 * 10 ** 20, -2 / 1000)
```

```
For the function: 1.2 x^2 + 500000000000000000000 x + -0.002
-4.166666666666667e+20
4.0000000000000004e-24
```

```
quad_poly(2, 10, 32)
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```
For the function: 2 x^2 + 10 x + 32
No real solution
```

$$\begin{aligned}
 f5 &:= x \mapsto 2\,x^2 + 10\,x + 32 & (1) \\
 \{fsolve(f1(x) = 0, x)\} & & (2) \\
 \{fsolve(f2(x) = 0, x)\} & & (3) \\
 \{fsolve(f3(x) = 0, x)\} & & (4) \\
 \{fsolve(f4(x) = 0, x)\} & & (5) \\
 \{fsolve(f5(x) = 0, x)\} & & (6)
 \end{aligned}$$

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Problem 2 (Bisection Method)

```
import math
def f(x):
    return((x**3.0) - (2.0 * math.sin(x)))

def g(x):
    return(2.0 - ((x**2.0) * math.exp(-.385 * x)))
def bisectf(a, b, nmax, eps):
    fa = f(a)
    fb = f(b)
    print("Begin")
    if fa * fb > 0:
        print("\ta =", a)
        print("\tb =", b)
        print("\tfa =", fa)
        print("\tfb =", fb)
        print("\t\tThe function has the same signs at a and b.  End")
        return
    error = b - a
    for n in range(0, nmax + 1):
        error = error / 2.0
        c = a + error
        fc = f(c)
        print("\tn =", n)
        print("\t\tc = ", c)
        print("\t\tfc =", fc)
        print("\t\tError =", error)
        if abs(error) < eps:
            print("\t\t\tConvergence!  End")
            return
        if fa * fc < 0:
            b = c
            fb = fc
        else:
            a = c
            fa = fc
def bisectg(a, b, nmax, eps):
    fa = g(a)
    fb = g(b)
    print("Begin")
    if fa * fb > 0:
        print("\ta =", a)
        print("\tb =", b)
        print("\tfa =", fa)
        print("\tfb =", fb)
        print("\t\tThe function has the same signs at a and b.  End")
        return
    error = b - a
    for n in range(0, nmax + 1):
        error = error / 2.0
        c = a + error
        fc = g(c)
```

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print("\tn =", n)
print("\t\tc = ", c)
print("\t\tfc =", fc)
print("\t\tError =", error)
if abs(error) < eps:
    print("\t\t\tConvergence! End")
    return
if fa * fc < 0:
    b = c
    fb = fc
else:
    a = c
    fa = fc
bisectf(-2.0, 3.0, 100, 10**-10)

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Begin

```

n = 0
    c = 0.5
    fc = -0.833851077208406
    Error = 2.5
n = 1
    c = 1.75
    fc = 3.391403106252126
    Error = 1.25
n = 2
    c = 1.125
    fc = -0.38070706319819037
    Error = 0.625
n = 3
    c = 1.4375
    fc = 0.9882006024674768
    Error = 0.3125
n = 4
    c = 1.28125
    fc = 0.18655499043684554
    Error = 0.15625
n = 5
    c = 1.203125
    fc = -0.12479861550947025
    Error = 0.078125
n = 6
    c = 1.2421875
    fc = 0.023747855460964473
    Error = 0.0390625
n = 7
    c = 1.22265625
    fc = -0.05228317258085524
    Error = 0.01953125
n = 8
    c = 1.232421875
    fc = -0.014710216242693086
    Error = 0.009765625
n = 9
    c = 1.2373046875

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fc = 0.004407792432213231
Error = 0.0048828125
n = 10
c = 1.23486328125
fc = -0.005178920271853293
Error = 0.00244140625
n = 11
c = 1.236083984375
fc = -0.0003924970675475148
Error = 0.001220703125
n = 12
c = 1.2366943359375
fc = 0.0020059136386210152
Error = 0.0006103515625
n = 13
c = 1.23638916015625
fc = 0.0008062748691961552
Error = 0.00030517578125
n = 14
c = 1.236236572265625
fc = 0.00020678055856349076
Error = 0.000152587890625
n = 15
c = 1.2361602783203125
fc = -9.28853385790962e-05
Error = 7.62939453125e-05
n = 16
c = 1.2361984252929688
fc = 5.6940838785601855e-05
Error = 3.814697265625e-05
n = 17
c = 1.2361793518066406
fc = -1.7973942675331145e-05
Error = 1.9073486328125e-05
n = 18
c = 1.2361888885498047
fc = 1.948302485743625e-05
Error = 9.5367431640625e-06
n = 19
c = 1.2361841201782227
fc = 7.544352920163533e-07
Error = 4.76837158203125e-06
n = 20
c = 1.2361817359924316
fc = -8.609780141277668e-06
Error = 2.384185791015625e-06
n = 21
c = 1.2361829280853271
fc = -3.927679036896947e-06
Error = 1.1920928955078125e-06
n = 22
c = 1.236183524131775
fc = -1.5866235254513583e-06
Error = 5.960464477539062e-07

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n = 23
  c = 1.2361838221549988
  fc = -4.160945299425123e-07
  Error = 2.980232238769531e-07
n = 24
  c = 1.2361839711666107
  fc = 1.691702777861792e-07
  Error = 1.4901161193847656e-07
n = 25
  c = 1.2361838966608047
  fc = -1.234621518353407e-07
  Error = 7.450580596923828e-08
n = 26
  c = 1.2361839339137077
  fc = 2.285405642510341e-08
  Error = 3.725290298461914e-08
n = 27
  c = 1.2361839152872562
  fc = -5.030404959249779e-08
  Error = 1.862645149230957e-08
n = 28
  c = 1.236183924600482
  fc = -1.3724996916764098e-08
  Error = 9.313225746154785e-09
n = 29
  c = 1.2361839292570949
  fc = 4.5645296431473525e-09
  Error = 4.6566128730773926e-09
n = 30
  c = 1.2361839269287884
  fc = -4.5802335257860705e-09
  Error = 2.3283064365386963e-09
n = 31
  c = 1.2361839280929416
  fc = -7.851941319358957e-12
  Error = 1.1641532182693481e-09
n = 32
  c = 1.2361839286750183
  fc = 2.278338850913997e-09
  Error = 5.820766091346741e-10
n = 33
  c = 1.23618392838398
  fc = 1.135243454797319e-09
  Error = 2.9103830456733704e-10
n = 34
  c = 1.2361839282384608
  fc = 5.636955346943751e-10
  Error = 1.4551915228366852e-10
n = 35
  c = 1.2361839281657012
  fc = 2.779219077098105e-10
  Error = 7.275957614183426e-11
  Convergence! End

```

```
bisectg(1.0, 12.0, 100, 10**-10)
```

```
Begin
```

```
a = 1.0
```

```
b = 12.0
```

```
fa = 1.3195493637954123
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fb = 0.5811973671890349
```

```
The function has the same signs at a and b. End
```

```
bisectg(1.0, 4.0, 100, 10**-10)
```

```
Begin
```

```
n = 0
```

```
c = 2.5
```

```
fc = -0.38710530814968047
```

```
Error = 1.5
```

```
n = 1
```

```
c = 1.75
```

```
fc = 0.43875812876248776
```

```
Error = 0.75
```

```
n = 2
```

```
c = 2.125
```

```
fc = 0.007443266599291176
```

```
Error = 0.375
```

```
n = 3
```

```
c = 2.3125
```

```
fc = -0.1953596457087885
```

```
Error = 0.1875
```

```
n = 4
```

```
c = 2.21875
```

```
fc = -0.09524229051310185
```

```
Error = 0.09375
```

```
n = 5
```

```
c = 2.171875
```

```
fc = -0.04420676555520808
```

```
Error = 0.046875
```

```
n = 6
```

```
c = 2.1484375
```

```
fc = -0.018456741350282524
```

```
Error = 0.0234375
```

```
n = 7
```

```
c = 2.13671875
```

```
fc = -0.00552525122268932
```

```
Error = 0.01171875
```

```
n = 8
```

```
c = 2.130859375
```

```
fc = 0.000954408899078496
```

```
Error = 0.005859375
```

```
n = 9
```

```
c = 2.1337890625
```

```
fc = -0.002286574586482182
```

```
Error = 0.0029296875
```

```
n = 10
```

```
c = 2.13232421875
```

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fc = -0.0006663707350962333
Error = 0.00146484375
n = 11
c = 2.131591796875
fc = 0.00014394716733967527
Error = 0.000732421875
n = 12
c = 2.1319580078125
fc = -0.000261229769820126
Error = 0.0003662109375
n = 13
c = 2.13177490234375
fc = -5.864579681613691e-05
Error = 0.00018310546875
n = 14
c = 2.131683349609375
fc = 4.264956148158916e-05
Error = 9.1552734375e-05
n = 15
c = 2.1317291259765625
fc = -7.998398626973824e-06
Error = 4.57763671875e-05
n = 16
c = 2.1317062377929688
fc = 1.732551118927006e-05
Error = 2.288818359375e-05
n = 17
c = 2.1317176818847656
fc = 4.663538721638716e-06
Error = 1.1444091796875e-05
n = 18
c = 2.131723403930664
fc = -1.6674343426004157e-06
Error = 5.7220458984375e-06
n = 19
c = 2.131720542907715
fc = 1.4980510918416456e-06
Error = 2.86102294921875e-06
n = 20
c = 2.1317219734191895
fc = -8.46918997154944e-08
Error = 1.430511474609375e-06
n = 21
c = 2.131721258163452
fc = 7.06679527562315e-07
Error = 7.152557373046875e-07
n = 22
c = 2.131721615791321
fc = 3.10993796936998e-07
Error = 3.5762786865234375e-07
n = 23
c = 2.131721794605255
fc = 1.1315094439190432e-07
Error = 1.7881393432617188e-07

```



```

n = 24
  c = 2.1317218840122223
  fc = 1.4229521339004236e-08
  Error = 8.940696716308594e-08
n = 25
  c = 2.131721928715706
  fc = -3.523118907722278e-08
  Error = 4.470348358154297e-08
n = 26
  c = 2.131721906363964
  fc = -1.0500833980131574e-08
  Error = 2.2351741790771484e-08
n = 27
  c = 2.131721895188093
  fc = 1.8643435684140286e-09
  Error = 1.1175870895385742e-08
n = 28
  c = 2.1317219007760286
  fc = -4.318245316881075e-09
  Error = 5.587935447692871e-09
n = 29
  c = 2.131721897982061
  fc = -1.226950541166616e-09
  Error = 2.7939677238464355e-09
n = 30
  c = 2.131721896585077
  fc = 3.1869640260140386e-10
  Error = 1.3969838619232178e-09
n = 31
  c = 2.131721897283569
  fc = -4.5412740234951343e-10
  Error = 6.984919309616089e-10
n = 32
  c = 2.131721896934323
  fc = -6.77151668071474e-11
  Error = 3.4924596548080444e-10
n = 33
  c = 2.1317218967597
  fc = 1.2549050687482577e-10
  Error = 1.7462298274040222e-10
n = 34
  c = 2.1317218968470115
  fc = 2.8887559011536723e-11
  Error = 8.731149137020111e-11
  Convergence! End

```

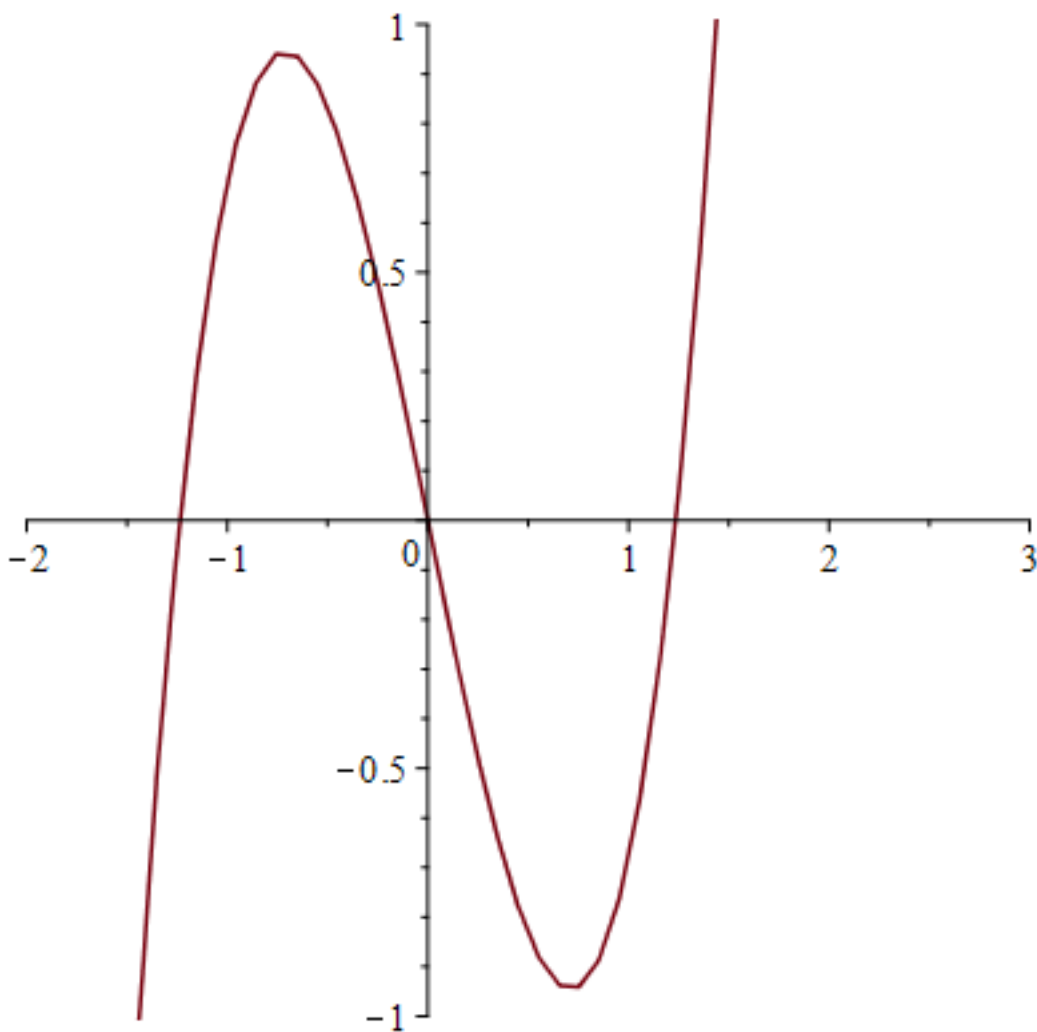


Figure 2: Maple Plot for Bisection 1

Since -2 and 3 have opposite signs, the process is allowed to continue, despite the fact that there are multiple zeros on the interval. The first bisection splits the interval at 0.5, and since -2 and 0.5 share a sign, we select the right half of the interval. Left with only one zero on our new interval, the process slowly converges to that root, at ≈ 1.2 .

Maple gives the zeros:

$$\{x = 1.236183928\}, \{x = -1.236183928\}, \{x = 0.\}$$

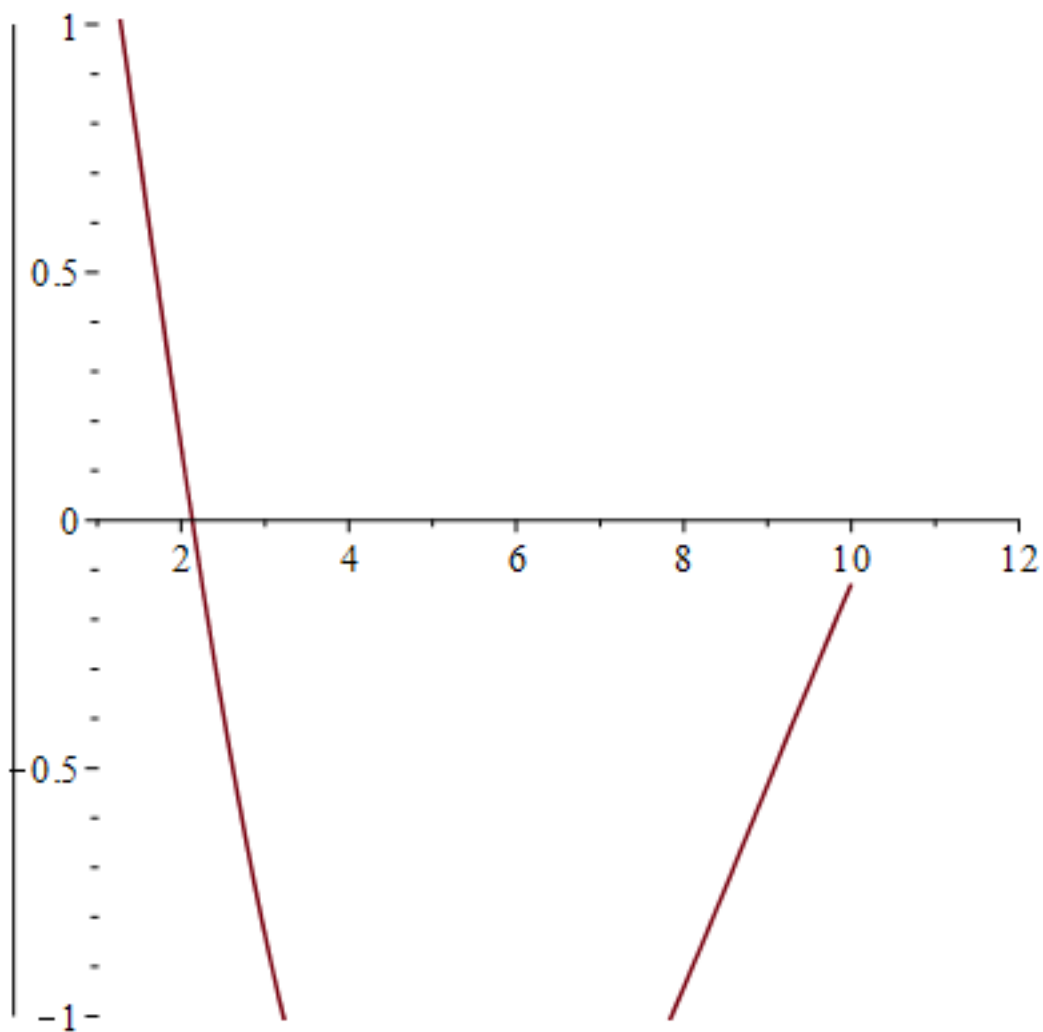


Figure 3: Maple Plot for Bisection 2

Despite there being zeros on the interval, the endpoints 1 and 12 share the same sign, and we're not allowed to continue further. This highlights a serious limitation to the method.

Maple gives the zeros:

$$\{x = -1.136354516\}, \{x = 2.131721897\}, \{x = 10.32951608\}$$

Only the last two of these are within the interval.

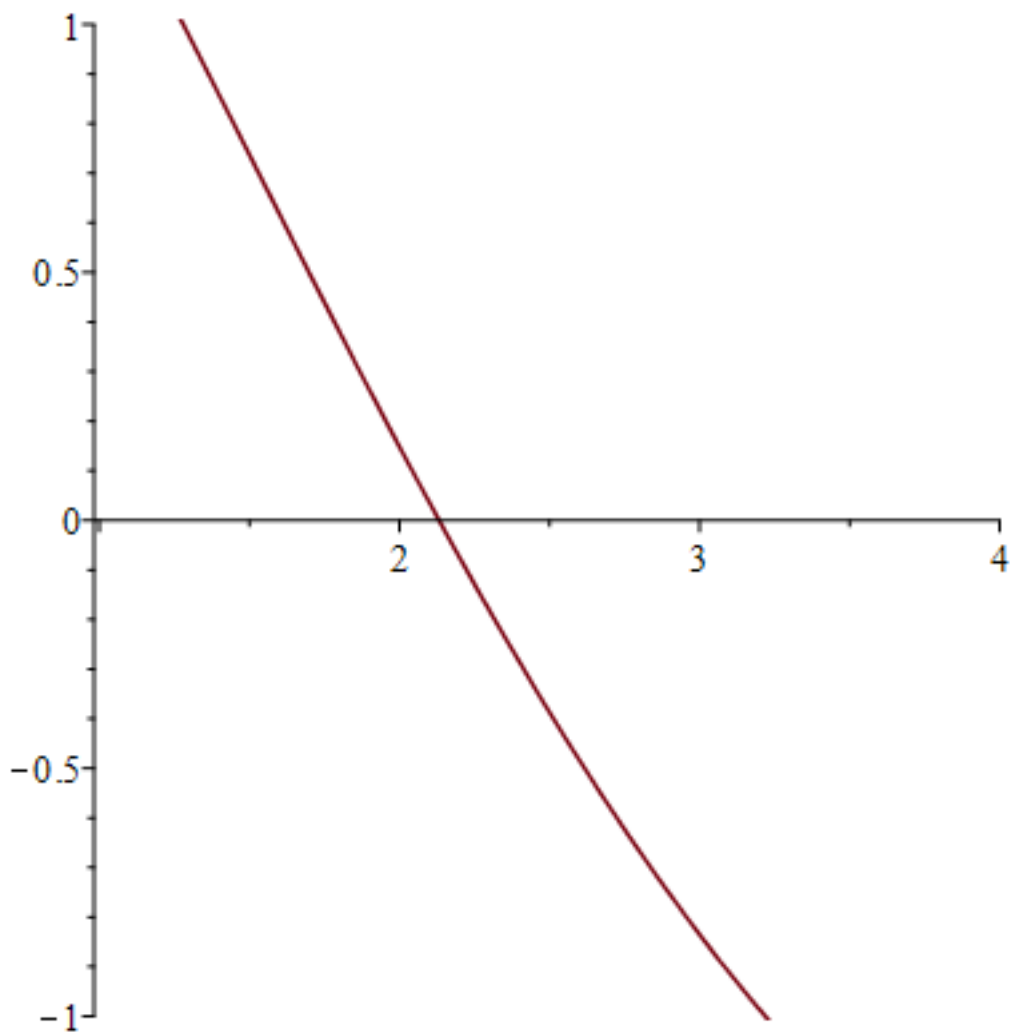


Figure 4: Maple Plot for Bisection 3

With only one zero on our new interval and opposite signs at the endpoints, this interval with this function is ideal for application of the bisection method. We hone in on our one zero around 2.1 exactly as expected.

Maple gives the zeros:

$$\{x = -1.136354516\}, \{x = 2.131721897\}, \{x = 10.32951608\}$$

Only the second of these is within our interval.