

Remember to adequately label all plots and include any MATLAB scripts and functions with your solutions. A clear and complete presentation of your solutions is required for full credit.

1. Convert the following base-2 numbers to decimal:  $1011.\overline{011}$ ,  $11.101\overline{10}$ .
2. Sauer, Section 0.3, Exercises 1(b), 1(c), 8.
3. Sauer, Section 0.4, Computer Exercise 3.
4. Write a MATLAB function to solve the quadratic equation  $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$  using the classical quadratic formula

$$x_{\pm} = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}.$$

- (a) Test your function on the following cases:

- i.  $a = 2$ ,  $b = 3$ ,  $c = 1$ .
- ii.  $a = 1$ ,  $b = 3$ ,  $c = 4$ .

In each case and for choice of sign, verify the accuracy of the numerical solution by comparing it with the exact solution.

- (b) Now consider the case  $a = 1$ ,  $b = 3$ ,  $c = 8^{-14}$ . One solution is  $x_- \approx -3$ . Test your function on this case. It should perform poorly, so modify it as described in Example 0.6 to obtain accurate approximate roots. Finally, make a table which displays three sets of roots for this case: those calculated with your original function, those calculated with your modified function, and those calculated with MATLAB's built-in `roots` function.