

Suppose  $f(x) = x^3 + x - 1$ .

1. Explain why  $f$  has a root in the interval  $[0, 1]$ .
2. Suppose  $A$  is a constant and  $g(x) = x^3 + x - 1 + Ax(x - 1)(2x - 1)$ . Show that  $g$  has at least one root in the interval  $[0, 1]$ .
3. Calculate  $g\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)$  and  $g\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)$ . Show that if  $A$  is large enough,  $g$  must have three roots in the interval  $[0, 1]$ . For what values of  $A$  do we know for sure that  $g$  has three roots in  $[0, 1]$ ?