

(\*Example HOMEWORK for PHY 711

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Problem Set 0

The purpose of this problem set is to become familiar with the use of Maple, Mathematica, or Wolfram Alpha as a tool for analyzing

mathematically complex problems. Choose one of the tools to visualize and solve the following problems.

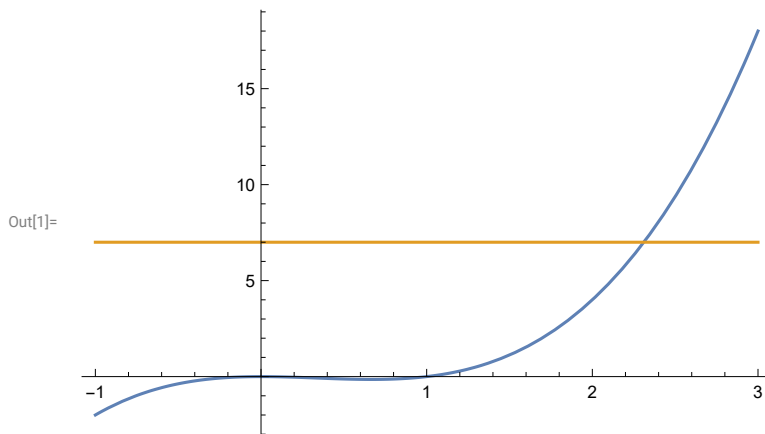
1. Numerically find the values of  $x$  which satisfy the following equation.  $x^3 - x^2 = 7$ . Use graphics to help visualize the problem.

2.  $g(x) = \int_0^x e^{-s^2} ds$

(Use  $e^{-s^2}$ . Use graphics to help you visualize the integrand and the integral.)\*

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In[1]:= `Plot[{x^3 - x^2, 7}, {x, -1, 3}]`



In[2]:= `NSolve[x^3 - x^2 == 7, x]`

Out[2]= `{ {x -> -0.655426 - 1.61233 i}, {x -> -0.655426 + 1.61233 i}, {x -> 2.31085} }`

`Integrate[Exp[-s^2], {s, 0, x}]`

Out[3]=

`{ {1/2 Sqrt[Pi] Erf[x]}, {} }`

In[ ]:=

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Plot[{Exp[-u^2], (1/2)*Sqrt[Pi]*Erf[u]}, {u, 0, 5}]
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Out[ ]:=

