



### QEC - III

#1: Find  $m$  so that  $g(x) = \begin{cases} x-m & \text{if } x < 3 \\ 1-mx & \text{if } x > 3 \end{cases}$

is continuous for all  $x$ .

$$\left[ \lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = f(c) \Leftrightarrow f \text{ is cont. at } x=c. \right]$$

observe that  $x-m$  is a continuous function (since it is a polynomial) everywhere  $\Rightarrow$  therefore it is also continuous for  $x < 3$ .

Similarly,  $1-mx$  is also continuous (being a polynomial) for  $x > 3$ .

Therefore, we only need to check the continuity at the point  $x=3$ :

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 3^-} g(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 3^-} x-m = \underline{3-m}$$

$$\frac{+}{3} \quad x < 3$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 3^+} g(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 3^+} 1-mx = \underline{1-3m}$$

$$\frac{-}{3} \quad x > 3$$

$$g(3) = \underline{1-3m}$$

They must be equal.

$$3-m = 1-3m \Rightarrow -2m = 2 \Rightarrow \boxed{m = -1}$$

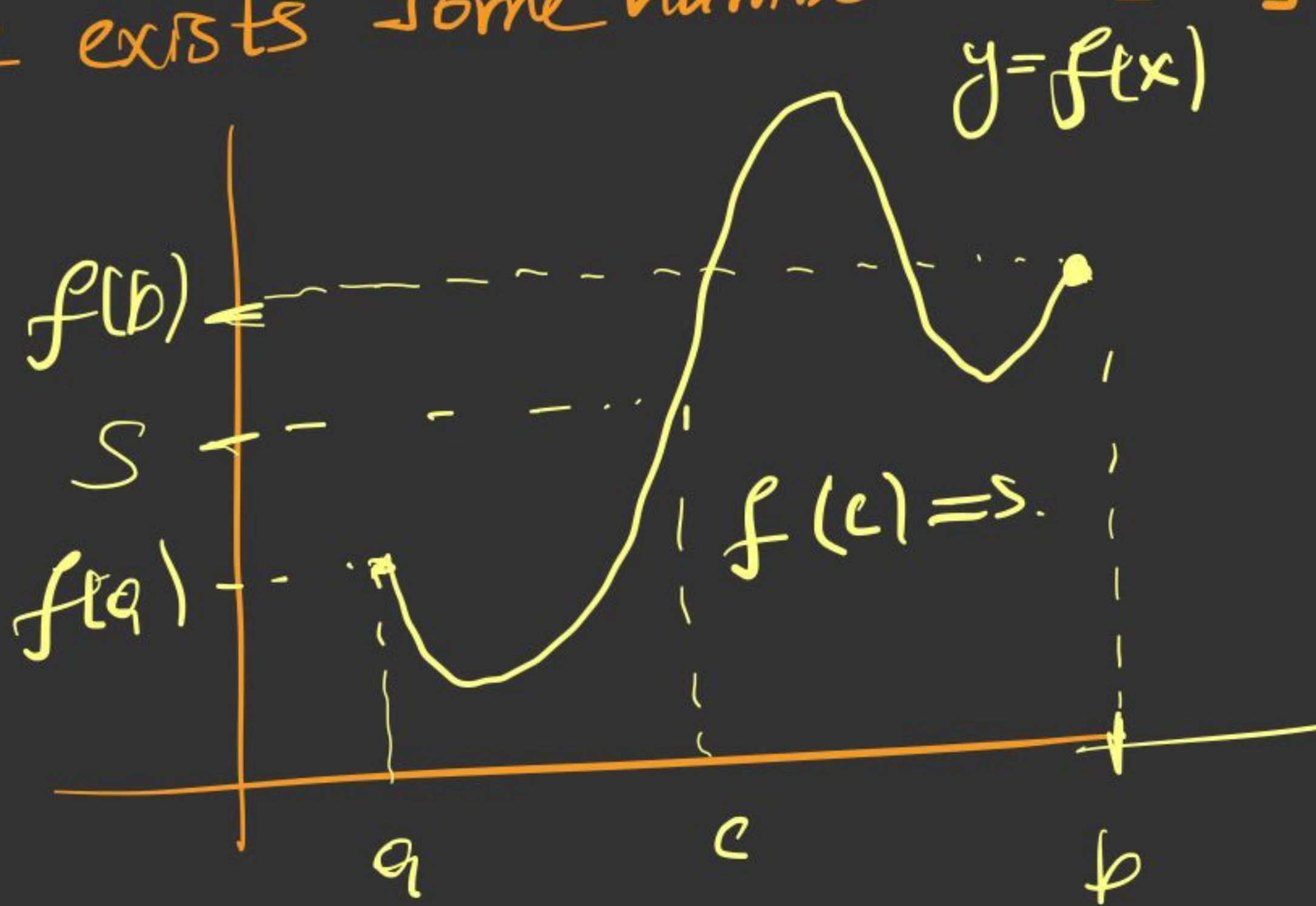
#2: Show that there is some  $a$  with  $0 < a < 2$

such that  $\underbrace{a^2 + \cos(\pi a)}_{f(a)} = 4$ .

$$\boxed{f(a) = 4}$$

Recall: Intermediate Value Theorem

If  $f$  is a continuous function on some closed interval  $[a, b]$  and if  $s$  is a value between  $f(a)$  &  $f(b)$  then there exists some number  $c \in [a, b]$  such that  $f(c) = s$ .



Let  $f(x) = x^2 + \cos(\pi x)$ .

Since  $x^2$  is cont. everywhere &  $\cos(\pi x)$  is also cont. everywhere,  $f$  will also be cont. on everywhere.

Therefore  $f$  is cont. on  $[0, 2]$ .

$$f(0) = 0^2 + \underbrace{\cos(\pi \cdot 0)}_1 = 1 \quad \wedge \quad \overset{4}{4}$$

$$f(2) = 2^2 + \underbrace{\cos(2\pi)}_1 = 5 \quad \wedge \quad \overset{4}{4}$$

Since  $1 < 4 < 5$ , by IVT  
" " " " "  
 $f(0)$   $f(2)$

there exists some  $a \in [0, 2]$  s.t.  $f(a) = 4$ .  
" "  
 $a^2 + \cos(\pi a)$

$1 = f(0) \neq 4$  so  $a \neq 0$ .

$5 = f(2) \neq 4$  so  $a \neq 2$ .

Therefore, there is some  $a \in (0, 2)$  s.t.  $f(a) = 4$ .

#3: Show that the equation  $\cos x = x^2 - 1$  has  
 $\cos x - x^2 + 1 = 0$  has  
at least two solutions.

Let  $f(x) = \cos x - x^2 + 1$ . Then since  $\cos$  and  
func. is cont. everywhere and  $-x^2 + 1$  is cont. everywhere  
(being a polynomial) then  $f$  is also cont. everywhere.

$$f(0) = \underbrace{\cos 0}_1 - 0^2 + 1 = \underline{2} > 0$$

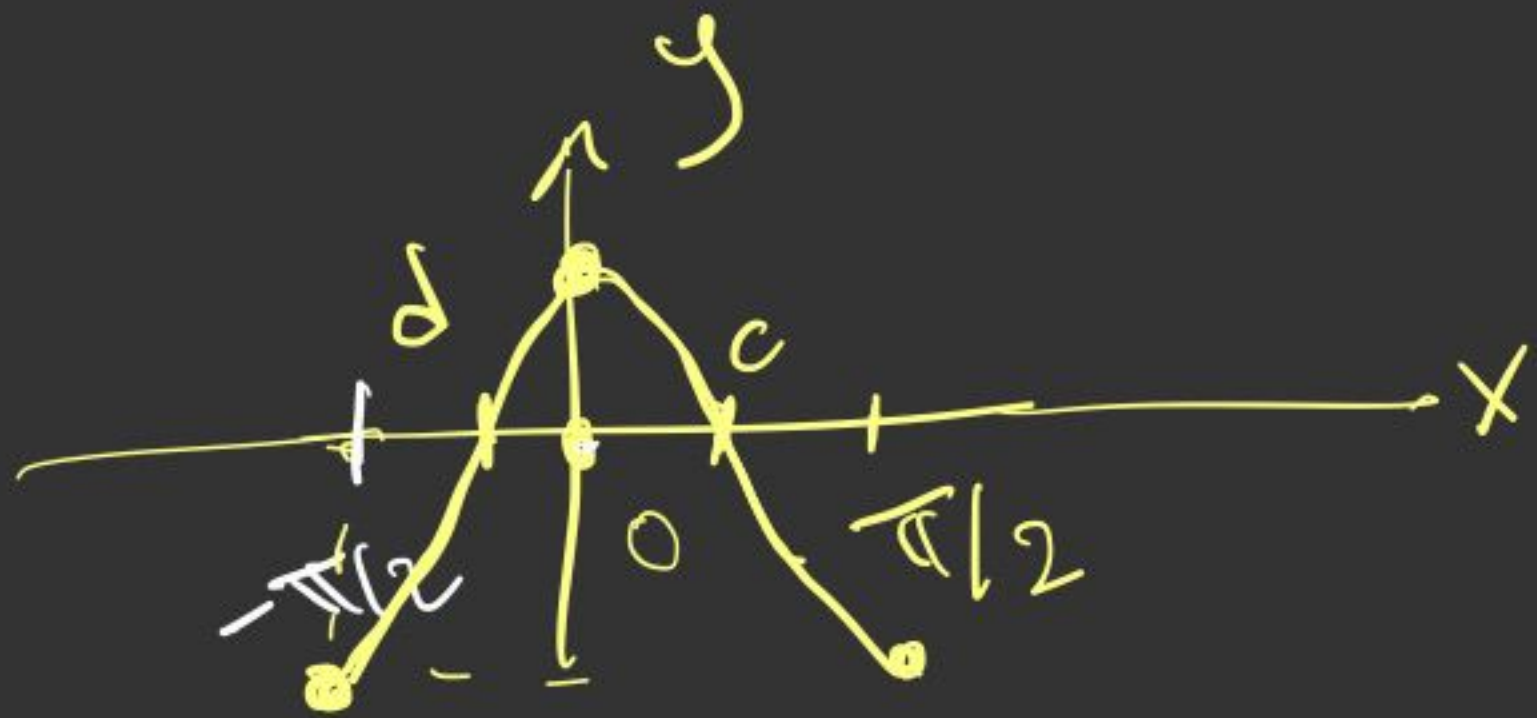
$$f(\pi/2) = \underbrace{\cos(\pi/2)}_0 - \frac{\pi^2}{4} + 1 = 1 - \frac{\pi^2}{4} < 0$$

Since  $1 - \frac{\pi^2}{4} < 0 < 2$ , and since  $f$  is  
" " "  
 $f(\pi/2)$   $f(0)$

cont. on  $[0, \pi/2]$  so by IVT,

there is some  $c \in [0, \pi/2]$  such that

$$f(c) = 0 \quad \text{So } c \text{ is a solution of that equation.}$$
$$\cos(c) - c^2 + 1 = 0.$$



$$f(-\pi/2) = \underbrace{\cos(-\pi/2) - \frac{\pi^2}{4} + 1}_0$$
$$= 1 - \frac{\pi^2}{4} < 0.$$

Since  $1 - \frac{\pi^2}{4} < 0 < 2$  and since  $f$  is

cont. on  $[-\pi/2, 0]$ , by IVT, there is  
some  $d \in [-\pi/2, 0]$  s.t.  $f(d) = \cos d - d^2 + 1 = 0.$

So  $d$  is another solution of the equ.

Since  $c$  &  $d$  are both solutions of  $f$ ,

$f$  must have at least two solutions  $\square$ .

#4: Show that the equation  $x^3 - 30x + 2 = 0$

has at least three solutions.

Let  $f(x) = x^3 - 30x + 2$ . Since  $f$  is a polynomial function  $f$  is continuous everywhere.

$$f(0) = 2 > 0.$$

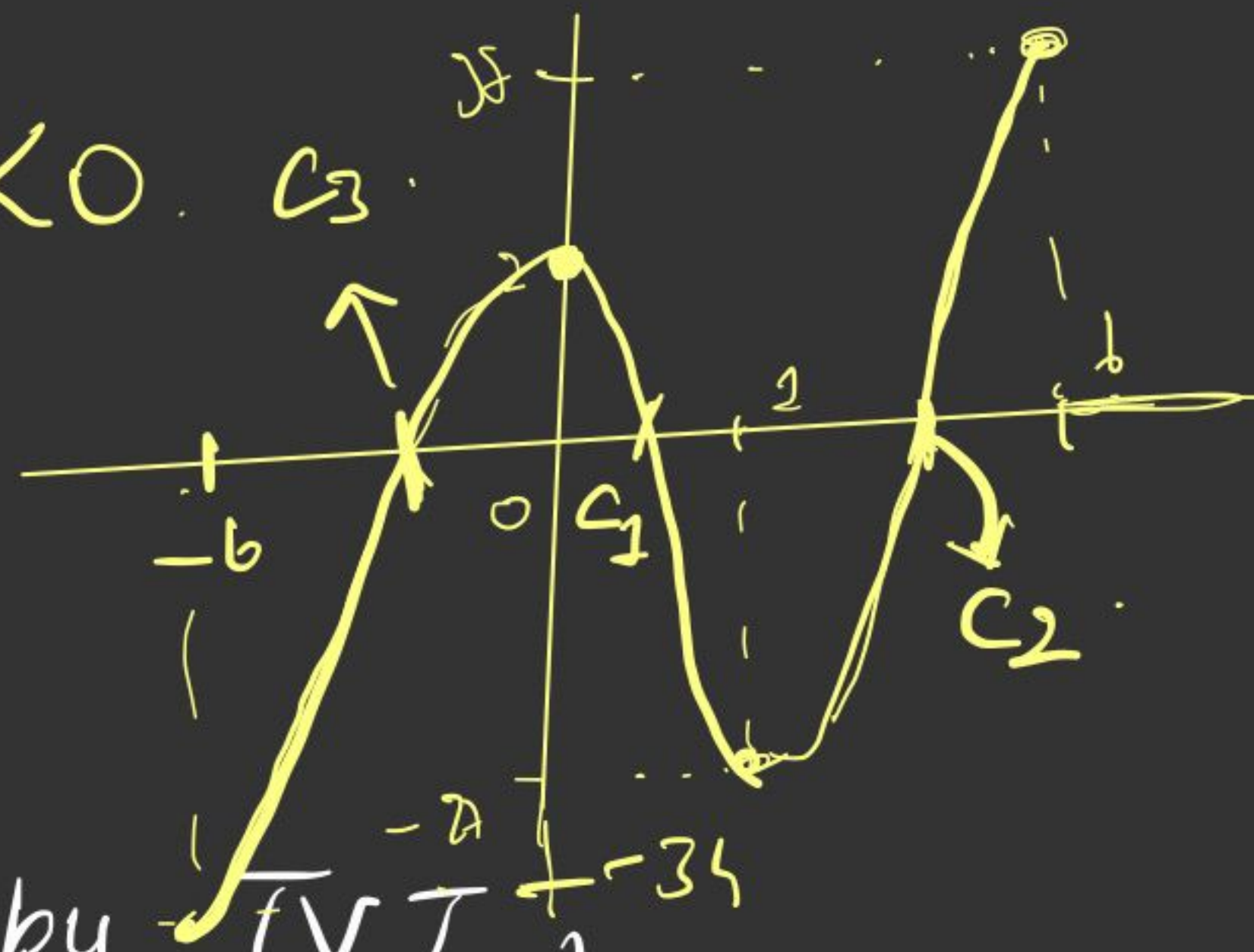
$$f(1) = 1 - 30 + 2 = -27 < 0.$$

• Since  $-27 < 0 < 2$  and  
" " " " "  
 $f(1)$  "  $f(0)$

since  $f$  is cont. on  $[0, 1]$ , by IVT,

there is some  $c_1 \in [0, 1]$  s.t.  $f(c_1) = 0$ .

So  $c_1$  is a solution.



$$f(b) = 21b - 180 + 2 = 38 > 0.$$

• Since  $-27 < 0 < 38$  and since  $f$  is cont. on  
" " " " "  
 $f(1)$  "  $f(b)$

$[1, b]$  by IVT, there is some  $c_2 \in [1, b]$

s.t.  $f(c_2) = 0$ .

So  $c_2$  is another solution.

$$f(-b) = -216 + 180 + 2 = -34 < 0$$

• Since  $\underbrace{-34}_{f(-b)} < 0 < \underbrace{2}_{f(0)}$  and since  $f$  is cont

on  $[-b, 0]$ , by IVT, there is some

number  $c_3 \in [-b, 0]$  s.t.  $f(c_3) = 0$ .

So  $c_3$  is also a solution.

$\{c_1, c_2, c_3\}$ .

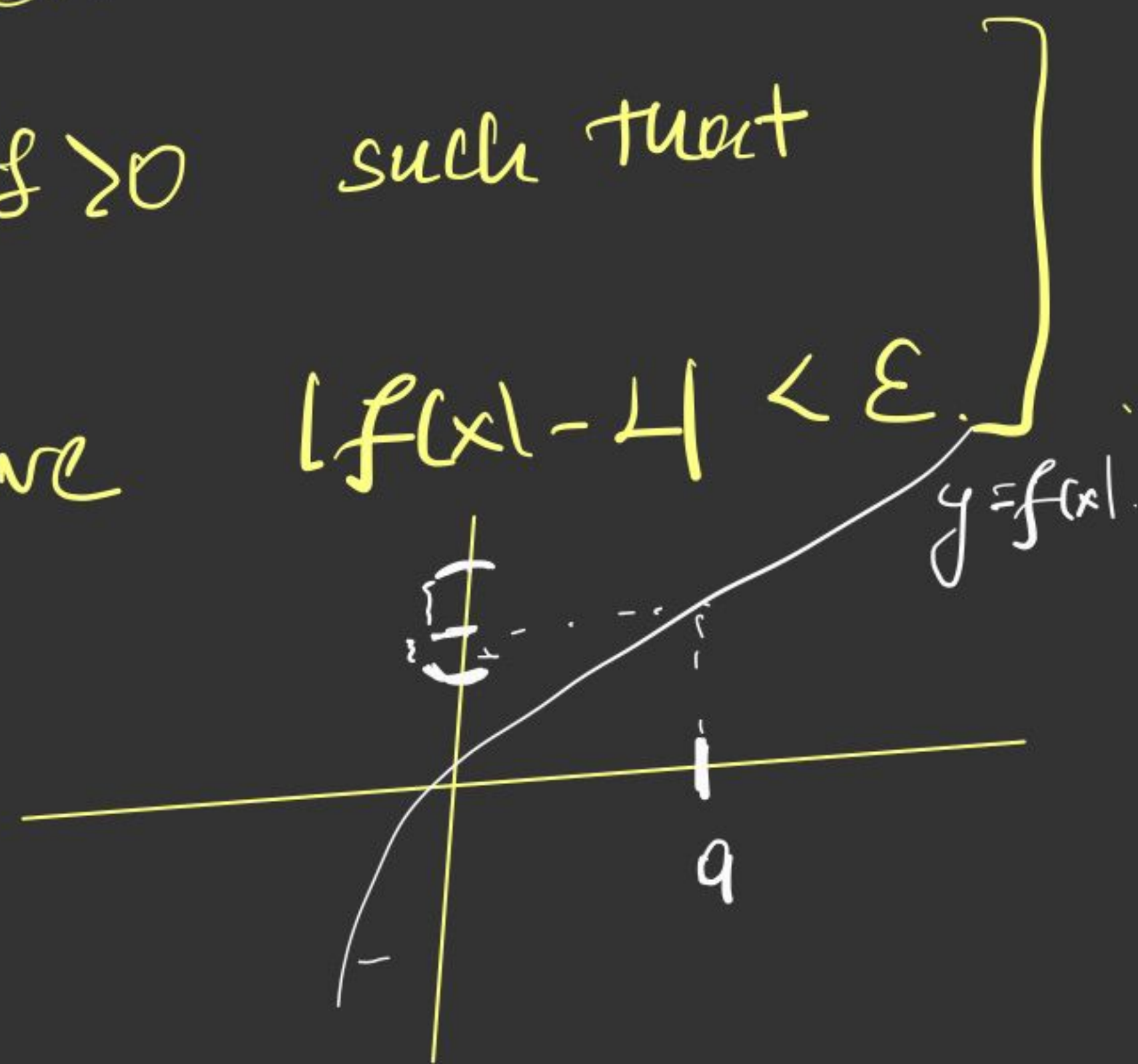
So  $x^2 - 30x + 2 = 0$  has at least 3 solutions  $\square$ .

#5: Use the formal definition of the limit

to verify the following:

(a)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} (ax + b)^{f(x)} = a \cdot c + b$  for any  $a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}$ .

$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = L \iff \forall \epsilon > 0, \exists \delta > 0$  such that  
 if  $0 < |x - a| < \delta$ , we have  $|f(x) - L| < \epsilon$ .



Let  $\epsilon > 0$  be given. Then there exists

$$\delta = \frac{\epsilon}{|a|} > 0 \text{ such that if}$$

$$0 < |x - c| < \delta \text{ we have}$$

$$|f(x) - L| = |ax + b - (a \cdot c + b)| = |ax + b - ac - b|$$

$$= |ax - ac| = |a(x - c)| = |a| \cdot |x - c|$$

$$< |a| \cdot \delta = \epsilon$$

$$\delta = \frac{\epsilon}{|a|} \quad \square$$

(b)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x-2}{1+x^2} = 0$

Let  $\epsilon > 0$  be given. Then there exists some

$$\delta = \dots > 0 \text{ such that if } 0 < |x - 2| < \delta$$

$$\text{then we have } |f(x) - L| = \left| \frac{x-2}{1+x^2} - 0 \right| = \left| \frac{x-2}{1+x^2} \right|$$

$$= \frac{|x-2|}{1+x^2} = |x-2| \cdot \frac{1}{1+x^2} \leq |x-2| < \delta = \epsilon$$

$$1+x^2 \geq 1$$

$$\frac{1}{1+x^2} \leq 1$$

$$\leq 1$$

$\square$



(c)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \sqrt{2x+3} = 3$

Let  $\varepsilon > 0$  be given. Then there exists

$\delta = \frac{\varepsilon}{2} > 0$  such that if

$0 < |x-3| < \delta$  we have

$$|f(x) - L| = \left| \sqrt{2x+3} - 3 \right| = \frac{|(2x+3) - 9|}{|\sqrt{2x+3} + 3|}$$

$$= \frac{|2x-6|}{|\sqrt{2x+3} + 3|} = \frac{2|x-3|}{|\sqrt{2x+3} + 3|} < 2 \cdot |x-3|$$

$\frac{2}{\sqrt{2x+3} + 3} > 1$

$< 2\delta = \varepsilon$   
 choose

$\delta = \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$