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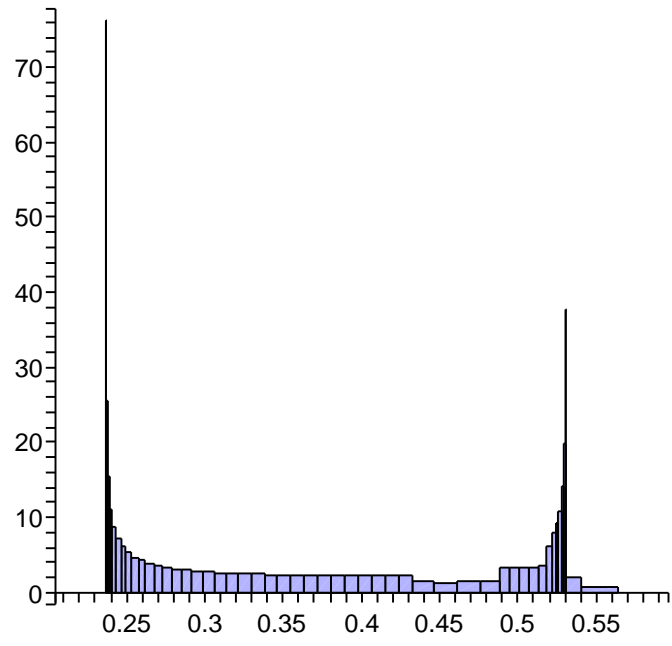
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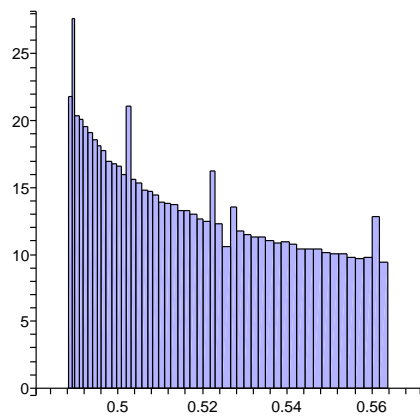
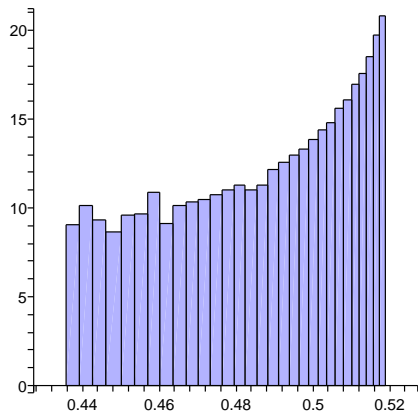
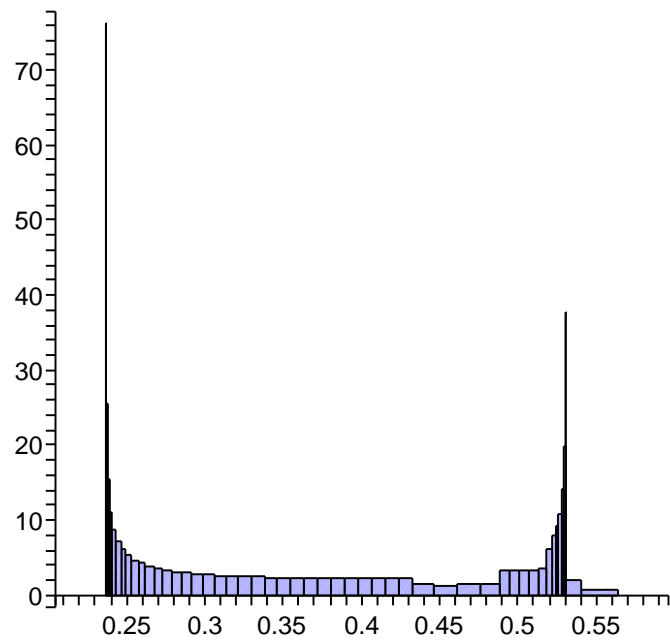
Here $P(x) = ax^2 + bx + c$ and $\|P\|$ is

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5	$-8x^2 - 3x + 4$	$[1, -2, 0]$	$-x$	0.36944
6	$-5x^2 - 12x + 8$	$[1, -2, 2]$	$-x$	0.52585
7	$-7x^2 + 13x - 5$	$[1, 1, -1]$	x	0.29817
8	$-20x^2 - 2x + 7$	$[1, 1, 1]$	$-x$	0.30221
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12	$-56x^2 - 56x + 47$	$[1, -1, 1]$	$-x$	0.49437
13	$-103x^2 + 56x$	$[1, 2, 0]$	$-x^2$	0.23684
14	$-159x^2 - 103x + 103$	$[1, 2, 0]$	$-x$	0.43562
15	$-206x^2 + 215x - 56$	$[1, 3, -1]$	$-x^2$	0.25421
16	$-421x^2 - 150x + 206$	$[1, 2, 0]$	$-x$	0.36462
17	$271x^2 + 627x - 421$	$[1, 2, -2]$	x	0.52701
18	$-356x^2 + 692x - 271$	$[1, 1, 1]$	$-x$	0.30221
19	$-1048x^2 - 85x + 356$	$[1, -1, 1]$	$-x$	0.29817
20	$963x^2 + 1404x - 1048$	$[1, 1, -1]$	x	0.52582

21	$-441x^2 + 2011x - 963$	$[1, 1, 1]$	$-x$	0.36950
22	$-2452x^2 + 522x + 441$	$[1, -1, 1]$	$-x$	0.25197
23	$-2893x^2 + 2533x - 522$	$[0, 1, 1]$	$-x^2 - x$	0.49147
24	$2974x^2 + 2893x - 2452$	$[1, 1, -1]$	$-1/2x^2 - 1/2$	0.49108
25	$-5345x^2 + 3055x - 81$	$[1, 1, 0]$	x^2	0.23692
26	$8400x^2 + 5264x - 5345$	$[1, 2, -1]$	x	0.43099
27	$10609x^2 - 11536x + 3136$	$[1, -3, -1]$	$-x^2$	0.25660
28	$-22145x^2 - 7473x + 10609$	$[1, -2, 0]$	x	0.35977
29	$-14672x^2 - 32754x + 22145$	$[1, 2, 2]$	$-x$	0.52805
30	$18082x^2 - 36817x + 14672$	$[1, -1, 1]$	$-x$	0.30634
31	$-54899x^2 - 3410x + 18082$	$[1, 1, -1]$	x	0.29423
32	$-51489x^2 - 72981x + 54899$	$[1, 1, 1]$	$-x$	0.52447
33	$21492x^2 - 106388x + 51489$	$[1, -1, 1]$	$-x$	0.37440
34	$-127880x^2 + 29997x + 21492$	$[1, 1, -1]$	x	0.24987
35	$-149372x^2 + 136385x - 29997$	$[0, -1, 1]$	$-x^2 - x$	0.49498
36	$-157877x^2 - 149372x + 127880$	$[1, 1, 1]$	$1/2x^2 + 1/2$	0.48766
37	$-277252x^2 + 166382x - 8505$	$[1, 1, 0]$	$-x^2$	0.23717
38	$443634x^2 + 268747x - 277252$	$[1, -2, -1]$	x	0.42632
39	$-545999x^2 + 618521x - 174887$	$[1, 3, 1]$	x^2	0.25913
40	$-1164520x^2 - 371112x + 545999$	$[1, -2, 0]$	$-x$	0.35494

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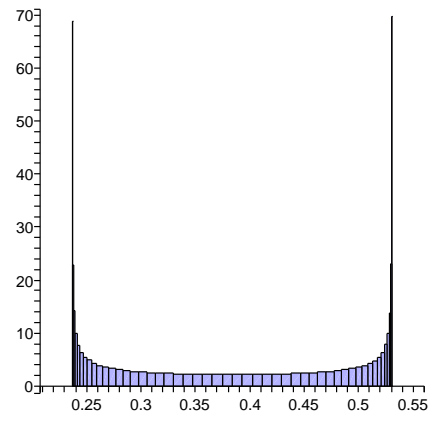
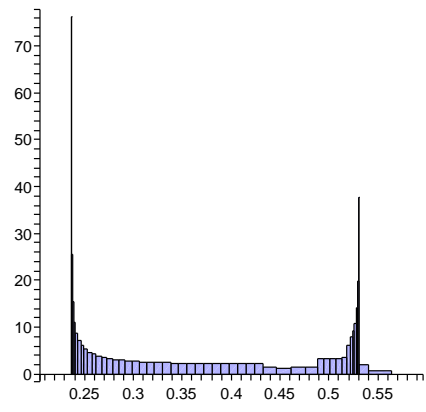
-1	-1		-1
0	x	$-x$	0.61803
1	$x - 1$	$-x$	$[1, 1, 1]$ 0.54018
2	$2x - 1$	$-x$	$[1, 1, 1]$ 0.47214
3	$3x - 2$	$-x$	$[1, 1, 1]$ 0.43769
4	$5x - 3$	$-x$	$[1, 1, 1]$ 0.45085
5	$8x - 5$	$-x$	$[1, 1, 1]$ 0.44582
6	$13x - 8$	$-x$	$[1, 1, 1]$ 0.44774
7	$21x - 13$	$-x$	$[1, 1, 1]$ 0.44701
8	$34x - 21$	$-x$	$[1, 1, 1]$ 0.44729
9	$55x - 34$	$-x$	$[1, 1, 1]$ 0.44718
10	$89x - 55$	$-x$	$[1, 1, 1]$ 0.44722
11	$144x - 89$	$-x$	$[1, 1, 1]$ 0.44721
12	$233x - 144$	$-x$	$[1, 1, 1]$ 0.44722
13	$377x - 233$	$-x$	$[1, 1, 1]$ 0.44721
14	$610x - 377$	$-x$	$[1, 1, 1]$ 0.44721
15	$987x - 610$	$-x$	$[1, 1, 1]$ 0.44721
16	$1597x - 987$	$-x$	$[1, 1, 1]$ 0.44721
17	$2584x - 1597$	$-x$	$[1, 1, 1]$ 0.44721
18	$4181x - 2584$	$-x$	$[1, 1, 1]$ 0.44721
19	$6765x - 4181$	$-x$	$[1, 1, 1]$ 0.44721
20	$10946x - 6765$	$-x$	$[1, 1, 1]$ 0.44721

Let $\xi = 0.5436\dots$ be a root of $f(x) = x^3 + x^2 + x - 1$. Then

1	$-x^2 - x + 1$	$[1, -1, -1]$	x	0.48214
2	$-2x^2 + x$	$[1, -2, 0]$	$-x^2$	0.23753
3	$3x^2 + 2x - 2$	$[1, -2, 0]$	x	0.43909
4	$-4x^2 + 4x - 1$	$[1, 3, 1]$	x^2	0.25195
5	$-8x^2 - 3x + 4$	$[1, -2, 0]$	$-x$	0.36944
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13	$-103x^2 + 56x$	$[1, 2, 0]$	$-x^2$	0.23684
14	$-159x^2 - 103x + 103$	$[1, 2, 0]$	$-x$	0.43562
15	$-206x^2 + 215x - 56$	$[1, 3, -1]$	$-x^2$	0.25421
16	$-421x^2 - 150x + 206$	$[1, 2, 0]$	$-x$	0.36462
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19	$-1048x^2 - 85x + 356$	$[1, -1, 1]$	$-x$	0.29817
20	$963x^2 + 1404x - 1048$	$[1, 1, -1]$	x	0.52582

Let $\xi = 0.5436\dots$ be a root of $f(x) = x^3 + x^2 + x - 1$. Then

1	x	$[1, -1, -1, 1]$	x	0.54369
2	x^2	$[1, -1, -1, 1]$	x	0.29560
3	$-x^2 - x + 1$	$[1, -1, -1, 1]$	x	0.48214
4	$2x - 1$	$[1, -1, -1, 1]$	x	0.43689
5	$2x^2 - x$	$[1, -1, -1, 1]$	x	0.23753
6	$-3x^2 - 2x + 2$	$[1, -1, -1, 1]$	x	0.43909
7	$x^2 + 5x - 3$	$[1, -1, -1, 1]$	x	0.49150
8	$4x^2 - 4x + 1$	$[1, -1, -1, 1]$	x	0.25195
9	$-8x^2 - 3x + 4$	$[1, -1, -1, 1]$	x	0.36944
10	$5x^2 + 12x - 8$	$[1, -1, -1, 1]$	x	0.52585
11	$7x^2 - 13x + 5$	$[1, -1, -1, 1]$	x	0.29817
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20	$-56x^2 - 262x + 159$	$[1, -1, -1, 1]$	x	0.49437

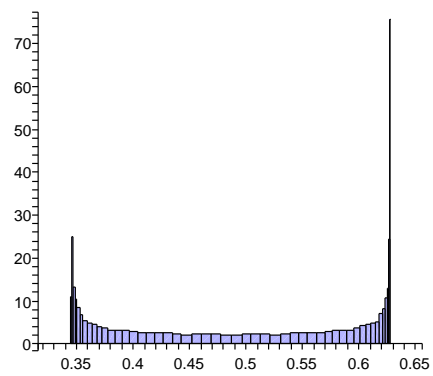
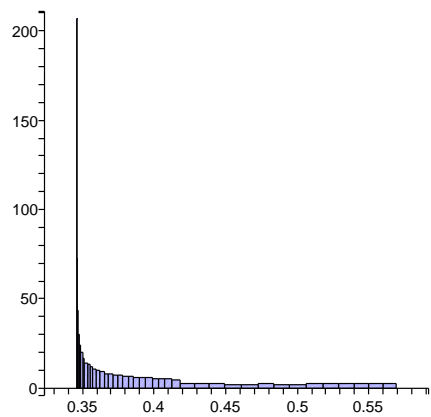


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3	$2x^2 + 3x - 3$	$x^2 + x - 1$
4	$5x^2 + x - 3$	$x^2 - 2x + 1$
5	$8x^2 - 4x - 1$	$2x^2 - 1$
6	$4x^2 + 9x - 8$	$3x - 2$
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9	$7x^2 + 26x - 21$	$3x^2 - 5x + 2$
10	$28x^2 + 19x - 26$	$5x^2 + x - 3$
11	$54x^2 - 9x - 19$	$x^2 - 8x + 5$
12	$63x^2 + 64x - 73$	$8x^2 - 4x - 1$
13	$136x^2 + x - 64$	$4x^2 + 9x - 8$
14	$200x^2 - 135x - 1$	$9x^2 - 12x + 4$
15	$135x^2 + 201x - 200$	$12x^2 + 5x - 9$
16	$335x^2 + 66x - 201$	$5x^2 - 21x + 12$
17	$536x^2 - 269x - 66$	$21x^2 - 7x - 5$
18	$269x^2 + 602x - 536$	$7x^2 + 26x - 21$
19	$805x^2 + 333x - 602$	$26x^2 - 28x + 7$
20	$1407x^2 - 472x - 333$	$28x^2 + 19x - 26$
21	$472x^2 + 1740x - 1407$	$19x^2 - 54x + 28$
22	$1879x^2 + 1268x - 1740$	$54x^2 - 9x - 19$
23	$3619x^2 - 611x - 1268$	$9x^2 + 73x - 54$
24	$4230x^2 + 4276x - 4887$	$73x^2 - 63x + 9$
25	$9117x^2 + 46x - 4276$	$63x^2 + 64x - 73$



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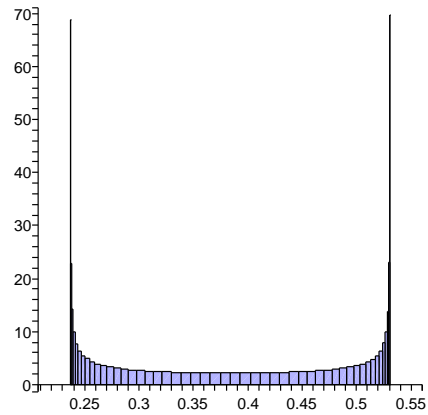
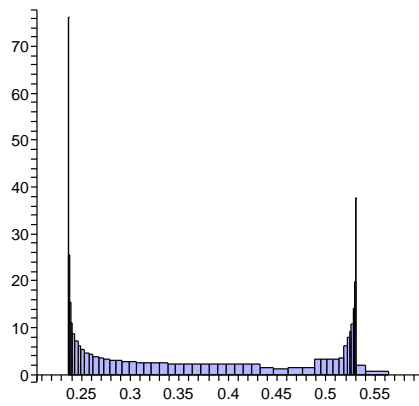
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$$I = \inf_n K_n = 0.2368.. \quad \text{and} \quad S = \sup_n K_n = 0.5308..$$

are roots of

$$p(x) = (11x^3 + 11x^2 + x - 1)(121x^3 - 143x^2 + 55x - 7)$$

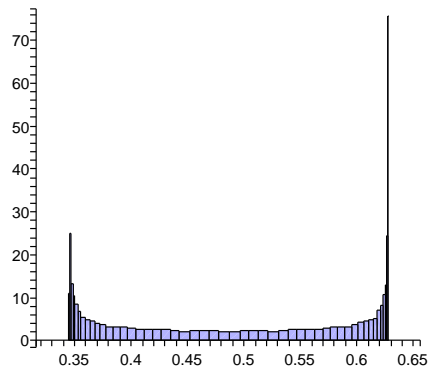
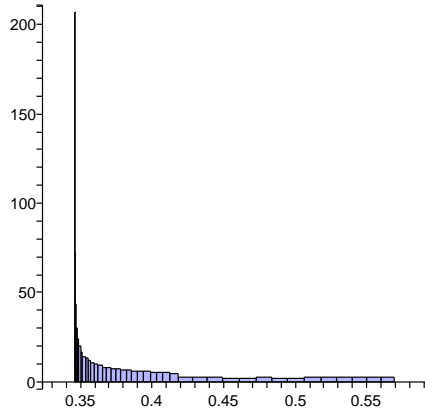


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$$I = \inf_n K_n = 0.3458.. \quad \text{and} \quad S = \sup_n K_n = 0.6276..$$

are roots of

$$p(x) = 29791 x^6 - 26908 x^5 + 11532 x^4 - 3968 x^3 - 320 x + 192$$



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$$\begin{aligned} P_n(\xi) &= \xi^n = a_n + b_n\xi + c_n\xi^2, \\ P_n(\xi_1) &= \xi_1^n = a_n + b_n\xi_1 + c_n\xi_1^2, \\ P_n(\xi_2) &= \xi_2^n = a_n + b_n\xi_2 + c_n\xi_2^2. \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

In other words,

$$\begin{pmatrix} \xi^n \\ \xi_1^n \\ \xi_2^n \end{pmatrix} = V \begin{pmatrix} a_n \\ b_n \\ c_n \end{pmatrix}, \quad \text{where } V = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \xi & \xi^2 \\ 1 & \xi_1 & \xi_1^2 \\ 1 & \xi_2 & \xi_2^2 \end{pmatrix} \tag{2}$$

is the Vandermonde matrix. From (2) it follows that

$$\begin{pmatrix} a_n \\ b_n \\ c_n \end{pmatrix} = V^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} \xi^n \\ \xi_1^n \\ \xi_2^n \end{pmatrix}. \tag{3}$$

Since ξ, ξ_1 and ξ_2 are roots of $f(x)$ and the last coefficient of f is -1 , it follows that $|\xi\xi_1\xi_2| = 1$. Therefore

$$|\xi|^{-1/2} = |\xi_1| = |\xi_2|, \tag{4}$$

because ξ_1 and ξ_2 are complex conjugates. Applying (4) to (3), we get

$$\begin{pmatrix} a_n \\ b_n \\ c_n \end{pmatrix} = V^{-1} \xi^{-n/2} \begin{pmatrix} \xi^{3n/2} \\ \cos(n\beta) + i \sin(n\beta) \\ \cos(n\beta) - i \sin(n\beta) \end{pmatrix}, \tag{5}$$

where $\beta = \arg(\xi_1)$. Observe that for large n , $\xi^{3n/2}$ is much smaller than $|\cos(n\beta) \pm i \sin(n\beta)|$, therefore

$$\begin{pmatrix} a_n \\ b_n \\ c_n \end{pmatrix} \approx V^{-1} \xi^{-n/2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \cos(n\beta) + i \sin(n\beta) \\ \cos(n\beta) - i \sin(n\beta) \end{pmatrix},$$

which can be rewritten as

$$\xi^{n/2} \begin{pmatrix} a_n \\ b_n \\ c_n \end{pmatrix} \approx \frac{2i}{D} \begin{pmatrix} \xi^{3/2} \sin((n-1)\beta) - \sin((n-2)\beta) \\ \xi^{-1} \sin((n-2)\beta) - \xi^2 \sin(n\beta) \\ \xi \sin(n\beta) - \xi^{-1/2} \sin((n-1)\beta) \end{pmatrix}, \tag{6}$$

where D is the determinant of V .

Put

$$g_1(n) = \xi^{3/2} \sin((n-1)\beta) - \sin((n-2)\beta),$$

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From (1) and (6) it follows that

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We have

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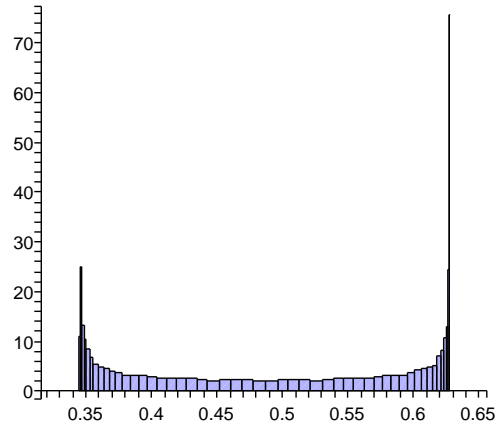
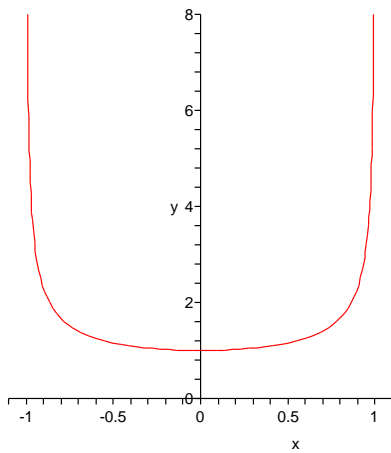
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The density function is

$$\varphi(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{A_i^2 + B_i^2 - x^2}}, \quad i = 1, 2, 3.$$

If $A_i^2 + B_i^2 = 1$,



Put

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To show that the points $(g_1(n), g_2(n), g_3(n))$ trace an ellipse in 3-dimensional space, we note that

$$g_1(n) + \xi g_2(n) + \xi^2 g_3(n) = 0$$

and

$$-\frac{g_1^2(n)}{a^2} + \frac{g_2^2(n)}{b^2} + \frac{g_3^2(n)}{c^2} = 1,$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} a^2 &= \frac{\xi^{3/2} \sin^2 \beta (\xi^3 + 1 - 2\xi^{3/2} \cos \beta)}{\xi^{3/2} + \cos \beta}, \\ b^2 &= -\frac{\sin^2 \beta (\xi^3 + 1 - 2\xi^{3/2} \cos \beta)}{\xi^{1/2} \cos \beta}, \\ c^2 &= \frac{\sin^2 \beta (\xi^3 + 1 - 2\xi^{3/2} \cos \beta)}{\xi(1 + \xi^{3/2} \cos \beta)}. \end{aligned}$$

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One can see that

$$(g_1(n))^2 + (g_2(n))^2 + (g_3(n))^2 = A \sin(n\beta) \cos(n\beta) + B \cos^2(n\beta) + C,$$

where $A = A(\xi, \beta)$, $B = B(\xi, \beta)$, $C = C(\xi, \beta)$. One can show that the function

$$f(x) = Ax\sqrt{1-x^2} + Bx^2 + C$$

attains its minimum(maximum) values at

$$x_{min} = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \sqrt{1 - \frac{B}{\sqrt{A^2 + B^2}}} \quad \text{and} \quad x_{max} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \sqrt{1 + \frac{B}{\sqrt{A^2 + B^2}}}$$

and these values are

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ANSWER: We have

$$a_1 = \begin{cases} 2 & \text{if } a_2 = 2 \\ 8 & \text{if } a_2 = 4 \\ \left\lceil \frac{a_2^2 + 1}{2} \right\rceil & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

We now find

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One can show that $\max(g_2^2(n), g_3^2(n))$ attains its infimum value if either $g_2(n) = g_3(n)$ or $g_2(n) = -g_3(n)$, that is when

$$\tan(n\beta) = \pm \frac{\sin \beta (-2\xi^{1/2} \cos \beta + \xi)}{-2\xi^{1/2} \cos^2 \beta + \xi \cos \beta + \xi^{7/2} - \xi^{5/2} + \xi^{1/2}}$$

Substituting this into (9) we obtain that I is a root of

$$pl = c_3 z^3 + c_1 z + 1,$$

with

$$c_3 = (a_1 a_2 + a_2^2 + a_1 + 2a_2 + 2)^2 d, \quad c_1 = -(a_2^4 - 4a_1 a_2^2 + 2a_2^3 + a_1^2 - 7a_1 a_2 + a_2^2 - 3a_1 - 6a_2 - 9),$$

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Similarly, S is a root of

$$pl = -d^2 z^3 + c_2 z^2 + c_0,$$

with

$$c_2 = -4(a_2^4 - 4a_1 a_2^2 + a_1^2 - 6a_2)d, \quad c_0 = 64(a_1 a_2 + 1)^2,$$

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if $f(x) = x^3 + x^2 + x - 1$, then $\inf = 0.1221..$ is a root of $pl = 2156z^3 - 24z - 1$ (first) and $\sup = 0.3503..$ is a root of $pl = -121z^3 - 88z^2 + 16$ (first)

if $f(x) = x^3 + x^2 - 1$, then $\inf = 0.1711..$ is a root of $pl = 575z^3 - 11z - 1$ (first) and $\sup = 0.5598..$ is a root of $pl = -529z^3 + 92z^2 + 64$ (second)

if $f(x) = x^3 + x - 1$, then $\inf = 0.1325..$ is a root of $pl = 31z^3 + 7z - 1$ (second) and $\sup = 0.4532..$ is a root of $pl = -961z^3 + 124z^2 + 64$ (first)

Consider a polynomial $f(x) = x^3 + a_2x^2 + a_1x - 1$ in $\mathbb{Z}[x]$ irreducible over \mathbb{Q} . Let ξ, ξ_1 and ξ_2 be its roots. Assume that ξ is real and ξ_1, ξ_2 are complex. We also assume that $|\xi| < 1$.

We introduce a sequence of polynomials $P_n(x) = a_n + b_nx + c_nx^2$ in $\mathbb{Z}[x]$, defined by $P_n(x) = x^n \pmod{f}$. Since $f(\xi) = f(\xi_1) = f(\xi_2) = 0$, we have

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In other words,

$$\begin{pmatrix} \xi^n \\ \xi_1^n \\ \xi_2^n \end{pmatrix} = V \begin{pmatrix} a_n \\ b_n \\ c_n \end{pmatrix}, \quad \text{where } V = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \xi & \xi^2 \\ 1 & \xi_1 & \xi_1^2 \\ 1 & \xi_2 & \xi_2^2 \end{pmatrix} \tag{2}$$

is the Vandermonde matrix. From (2) it follows that

$$\begin{pmatrix} a_n \\ b_n \\ c_n \end{pmatrix} = V^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} \xi^n \\ \xi_1^n \\ \xi_2^n \end{pmatrix}. \tag{3}$$

Since ξ, ξ_1 and ξ_2 are roots of $f(x)$ and the last coefficient of f is -1 , it follows that $|\xi\xi_1\xi_2| = 1$. Therefore

$$|\xi|^{-1/2} = |\xi_1| = |\xi_2|, \tag{4}$$

because ξ_1 and ξ_2 are complex conjugates. Applying (4) to (3), we get

$$\begin{pmatrix} a_n \\ b_n \\ c_n \end{pmatrix} = V^{-1} \xi^{-n/2} \begin{pmatrix} \xi^{3n/2} \\ \cos(n\beta) + i \sin(n\beta) \\ \cos(n\beta) - i \sin(n\beta) \end{pmatrix}, \tag{5}$$

where $\beta = \arg(\xi_1)$. Observe that for large n , $\xi^{3n/2}$ is much smaller than $|\cos(n\beta) \pm i \sin(n\beta)|$, therefore

$$\begin{pmatrix} a_n \\ b_n \\ c_n \end{pmatrix} \approx V^{-1} \xi^{-n/2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \cos(n\beta) + i \sin(n\beta) \\ \cos(n\beta) - i \sin(n\beta) \end{pmatrix},$$

which can be rewritten as

$$\xi^{n/2} \begin{pmatrix} a_n \\ b_n \\ c_n \end{pmatrix} \approx \frac{2i}{D} \begin{pmatrix} \xi^{3/2} \sin((n-1)\beta) - \sin((n-2)\beta) \\ \xi^{-1} \sin((n-2)\beta) - \xi^2 \sin(n\beta) \\ \xi \sin(n\beta) - \xi^{-1/2} \sin((n-1)\beta) \end{pmatrix}, \tag{6}$$

where D is the determinant of V .

Consider a polynomial $f(x) = 2x^3 - 2x^2 - 2x + 1$. It is irreducible over \mathbb{Q} and all its roots $\xi = 0.4030\dots$, $\xi_1 = -0.8546\dots$ and $\xi_2 = 1.4516\dots$ are real.

We introduce a sequence of polynomials $P_n(x) = a_n + b_n x + c_n x^2$ in $\mathbb{Z}[x]$, defined by

$$P_n(x) = 2^k(x^2 + 12x - 5)^n \pmod{f},$$

were

$$k = \begin{cases} 2\lfloor n/3 \rfloor & \text{if } n \equiv 0 \text{ or } 1 \pmod{3} \\ 2\lfloor n/3 \rfloor + 1 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

One can show that P_n have integer coefficients. Since $f(\xi) = f(\xi_1) = f(\xi_2) = 0$, we have

$$P_n(\xi) = 2^k(\xi^2 + 12\xi - 5)^n = a_n + b_n\xi + c_n\xi^2,$$

$$P_n(\xi_1) = 2^k(\xi_1^2 + 12\xi_1 - 5)^n = a_n + b_n\xi_1 + c_n\xi_1^2,$$

$$P_n(\xi_2) = 2^k(\xi_2^2 + 12\xi_2 - 5)^n = a_n + b_n\xi_2 + c_n\xi_2^2.$$

In other words,

$$2^k \begin{pmatrix} (\xi^2 + 12\xi - 5)^n \\ (\xi_1^2 + 12\xi_1 - 5)^n \\ (\xi_2^2 + 12\xi_2 - 5)^n \end{pmatrix} = V \begin{pmatrix} a_n \\ b_n \\ c_n \end{pmatrix}, \quad \text{where } V = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \xi & \xi^2 \\ 1 & \xi_1 & \xi_1^2 \\ 1 & \xi_2 & \xi_2^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

is the Vandermonde matrix. From this it follows that

$$\begin{pmatrix} a_n \\ b_n \\ c_n \end{pmatrix} = 2^k V^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} (\xi^2 + 12\xi - 5)^n \\ (\xi_1^2 + 12\xi_1 - 5)^n \\ (\xi_2^2 + 12\xi_2 - 5)^n \end{pmatrix},$$

so

$$\begin{aligned} 2^{k/2}(\xi^2 + 12\xi - 5)^{n/2} \begin{pmatrix} a_n \\ b_n \\ c_n \end{pmatrix} &= 2^{3k/2} V^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} (\xi^2 + 12\xi - 5)^{3n/2} \\ (\xi_1^2 + 12\xi_1 - 5)^n (\xi^2 + 12\xi - 5)^{n/2} \\ (\xi_2^2 + 12\xi_2 - 5)^n (\xi^2 + 12\xi - 5)^{n/2} \end{pmatrix} \\ &\approx V^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ [2(\xi_1^2 + 12\xi_1 - 5)(\xi^2 + 12\xi - 5)^{1/2}]^n \\ [2(\xi_2^2 + 12\xi_2 - 5)(\xi^2 + 12\xi - 5)^{1/2}]^n \end{pmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

A straightforward calculation shows that $2(\xi_1^2 + 12\xi_1 - 5)(\xi^2 + 12\xi - 5)^{1/2} \approx -0.9999592172$ and $2(\xi_2^2 + 12\xi_2 - 5)(\xi^2 + 12\xi - 5)^{1/2} \approx 1.000040785$. Note that $1.000040785^{10000} \approx 1.5$. In other words, the drift of the scaled errors will be almost invisible for at least 10000 iterations.

Consider a polynomial $f(x) = x^3 + a_2x^2 + a_1x + 1$ in $\mathbb{Z}[x]$ irreducible over \mathbb{Q} such that $a_1 + a_2 = -3$. Let ξ, ξ_1 and ξ_2 be its roots. Assume that all three roots are real and that the fundamental units are x and $x - 1$. We also assume that $0 < \xi < 1, \xi_1 < 0, \xi_2 > 1$. Then $g(x) = x^3 + (a_2 + 3)x^2 + (a_1 + 2a_2 + 3)x - 1$ is a minimal polynomial of $\xi - 1$. Let γ be such a number that

$$\frac{|\xi_1|}{\xi_2} = \left(\frac{\xi_2 - 1}{1 - \xi_1} \right)^\gamma. \quad (1)$$

Put

$$m = \lfloor n\gamma \rfloor, \quad n \in \mathbb{Z}^+. \quad (2)$$

We introduce a sequence of polynomials $P_n(x) = a_n + b_nx + c_nx^2$ in $\mathbb{Z}[x]$, defined by $P_n(x) = x^n(x-1)^m \pmod{f}$. Since $f(\xi) = f(\xi_1) = f(\xi_2) = 0$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} P_n(\xi) &= \xi^n(\xi - 1)^m = a_n + b_n\xi + c_n\xi^2, \\ P_n(\xi_1) &= \xi_1^n(\xi_1 - 1)^m = a_n + b_n\xi_1 + c_n\xi_1^2, \\ P_n(\xi_2) &= \xi_2^n(\xi_2 - 1)^m = a_n + b_n\xi_2 + c_n\xi_2^2. \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

In other words,

$$\begin{pmatrix} \xi^n(\xi - 1)^m \\ \xi_1^n(\xi_1 - 1)^m \\ \xi_2^n(\xi_2 - 1)^m \end{pmatrix} = V \begin{pmatrix} a_n \\ b_n \\ c_n \end{pmatrix}, \quad \text{where } V = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \xi & \xi^2 \\ 1 & \xi_1 & \xi_1^2 \\ 1 & \xi_2 & \xi_2^2 \end{pmatrix} \quad (4)$$

is the Vandermonde matrix. From (4) it follows that

$$\begin{pmatrix} a_n \\ b_n \\ c_n \end{pmatrix} = V^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} \xi^n(\xi - 1)^m \\ \xi_1^n(\xi_1 - 1)^m \\ \xi_2^n(\xi_2 - 1)^m \end{pmatrix},$$

so

$$\xi^{n/2}(1 - \xi)^{m/2} \begin{pmatrix} a_n \\ b_n \\ c_n \end{pmatrix} = V^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} (-1)^m \xi^{3n/2} (1 - \xi)^{3m/2} \\ (-1)^m (\xi^{1/2} \xi_1)^n ((1 - \xi)^{1/2} (1 - \xi_1))^m \\ (\xi^{1/2} \xi_2)^n ((1 - \xi)^{1/2} (\xi_2 - 1))^m \end{pmatrix}. \quad (5)$$

Since ξ, ξ_1 and ξ_2 are roots of $f(x)$ and the last coefficient of f is 1, it follows that $|\xi\xi_1\xi_2| = 1$. Similarly, since $\xi - 1, \xi_1 - 1$ and $\xi_2 - 1$ are roots of $g(x)$ and the last coefficient of g is -1 , it follows that $|(\xi - 1)(\xi_1 - 1)(\xi_2 - 1)| = 1$. Also, for a large m the first entry is much smaller than the last two. From this, (1) and (2) it follows that

$$\xi^{n/2}(1 - \xi)^{m/2} \begin{pmatrix} a_n \\ b_n \\ c_n \end{pmatrix} \approx (-1)^m V^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \nu \\ \nu^{-1} \end{pmatrix}, \quad \text{where } \nu = \left(\frac{\xi_2 - 1}{1 - \xi_1} \right)^{\frac{n\gamma - m}{2}}.$$

Since

$$V^{-1} = \frac{1}{D} \begin{pmatrix} \xi_1\xi_2(\xi_2 - \xi_1) & \xi\xi_2(\xi - \xi_2) & \xi\xi_1(\xi_1 - \xi) \\ \xi_1^2 - \xi_2^2 & \xi_2^2 - \xi^2 & \xi^2 - \xi_1^2 \\ \xi_2 - \xi_1 & \xi - \xi_2 & \xi_1 - \xi \end{pmatrix},$$

where D is the determinant of V , we have

$$\xi^{n/2}(1-\xi)^{m/2} \begin{pmatrix} a_n \\ b_n \\ c_n \end{pmatrix} \approx \frac{(-1)^m}{D} \begin{pmatrix} \xi\xi_2(\xi-\xi_2)\nu - \xi\xi_1(\xi-\xi_1)\nu^{-1} \\ (\xi_2^2 - \xi^2)\nu + (\xi^2 - \xi_1^2)\nu^{-1} \\ (\xi - \xi_2)\nu + (\xi_1 - \xi)\nu^{-1} \end{pmatrix}. \quad (6)$$

Put

$$g_1(n) = \xi\xi_2(\xi - \xi_2)\nu - \xi\xi_1(\xi - \xi_1)\nu^{-1},$$

$$g_2(n) = (\xi_2^2 - \xi^2)\nu + (\xi^2 - \xi_1^2)\nu^{-1},$$

$$g_3(n) = (\xi - \xi_2)\nu + (\xi_1 - \xi)\nu^{-1}.$$

From (3) and (6) it follows that

$$(P_n(\xi))^{1/2}a_n \approx \frac{(-1)^m}{D}g_1(n),$$

$$(P_n(\xi))^{1/2}b_n \approx \frac{(-1)^m}{D}g_2(n),$$

$$(P_n(\xi))^{1/2}c_n \approx \frac{(-1)^m}{D}g_3(n).$$

(7)

To show that the points $(g_1(n), g_2(n), g_3(n))$ trace a hyperbola in 3-dimensional space, we note that

$$g_1(n) + \xi g_2(n) + \xi^2 g_3(n) = 0$$

and

$$-\frac{g_1^2(n)}{a^2} + \frac{g_2^2(n)}{b^2} + \frac{g_3^2(n)}{c^2} = 1,$$

where

$$a^2 = \frac{-2D\xi^3(\xi_2 - \xi_1)}{2\xi + \xi_1 + \xi_2}, \quad b^2 = \frac{-2D\xi(\xi_2 - \xi_1)}{\xi_1 + \xi_2}, \quad c^2 = \frac{2D(\xi_2 - \xi_1)}{\xi\xi_1 + \xi\xi_2 + 2\xi_1\xi_2}.$$