**Problem statement** a) Suppose  $f(x) = x^3$  and  $g(x) = 4\cos(7x+5) + 8\sin(x^2-9) + 6$ . Find specific numbers A and B so that all values of g are between A and B (that is,  $A \le g(x) \le B$  for all x). The values of A and B don't have to be precise! Find a value of x (call it  $x_A$ ) so that  $f(x_A) < A$  and another value of x (call it  $x_B$ ) so that  $f(x_B) > B$ .

b) Make a rough sketch on the same graph of y = f(x) and y = g(x) and y = A and y = B for x between  $x_A$  and  $x_B$ .

c) Find one root of f(x) = g(x) approximately.

d) Explain why the following result is correct: if F and G are continuous functions defined on all real numbers and if  $\lim_{x \to +\infty} F(x) = +\infty$  and  $\lim_{x \to -\infty} F(x) = -\infty$  and if G is bounded (this means there are numbers A and B so that  $A \leq G(x) \leq B$  for all x) then the equation F(x) = G(x) must have at least one root. (Look up the Intermediate Value Theorem.)