

Ex) Perform five iterations of the bisection method to obtain the smallest positive root of the eq<sup>n</sup>  $x^3 - 5x + 1 = 0$ .

Sol<sup>n</sup>:- Since  $f(0) > 0$  and  $f(1) < 0$ , the smallest positive root lies in the interval  $(0, 1)$ .

Taking  $a_0 = 0$ ,  $b_0 = 1$ , we get,

$$m_1 = \frac{1}{2}(a_0 + b_0) = 0.5$$

$$f(m_1) = f(0.5) = -1.375$$

$$\text{and } f(0.5) f(0) < 0$$

Thus, the root lies in the interval  $(0, 0.5)$ .

Taking  $a_1 = 0$ ,  $b_1 = 0.5$ , we get

$$m_2 = \frac{1}{2} (a_1 + b_1) = 0.25$$

$$f(m_2) = f(0.25) = -0.234375$$

$$\text{and } f(0) \cdot f(0.25) < 0$$

Thus the root lies in the interval  $(0, 0.25)$ .

The sequence of intervals is given in the below:

$n$	$a_n$	$b_n$	$m_{n+1} = \left(\frac{a_n + b_n}{2}\right)$	$f(m_{n+1})$
0	0	0.5	0.25	-0.234375
1	0	0.25	0.125	0.37695
2	0.125	0.25	0.1875	0.06909
3	0.1875	0.25	0.21875	-0.08328

Hence the root lies in  $(0.1875, 0.21875)$ .

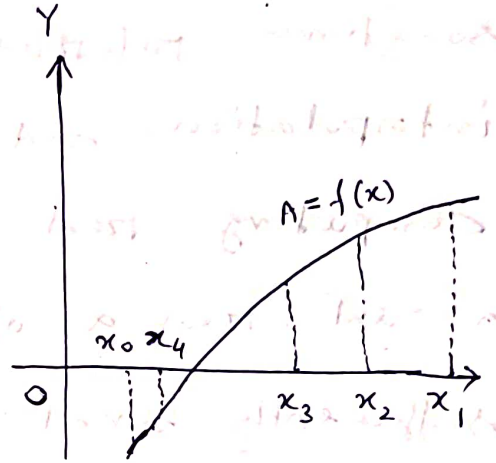
The approximate root is taken as the mid point of this interval, i.e.,  $0.203125$

Ex) Find an approximate root of the equation  $x^3 - 4x - 9 = 0$  using the bisection method four times.

Ex) Explain the bisection method with suitable diagram;

Ans:

This method is based on the theorem that states that "If a f<sup>n</sup>  $f(x)$  is continuous in the closed interval  $[x_0, x_1]$  and  $f(x_0)$  and  $f(x_1)$  are of opposite



signs [i.e. if  $f(x_0)f(x_1) < 0$ ] then there exists at least one real root of  $f(x) = 0$  between  $x_0$  and  $x_1$ .

Let  $f(x_0)$  and  $f(x_1)$  be of opposite signs

i.e.  $f(x_0)f(x_1) < 0$ . Then the desired root is approximately

$$x_2 = \frac{x_0 + x_1}{2}$$

Now  $x_3 = \frac{x_0 + x_2}{2}$  provided that  $f(x_0)f(x_2) < 0$  i.e.,

if it lies between  $x_0$  and  $x_2$ .

and  $x_3 = \frac{x_1 + x_2}{2}$  provided  $f(x_1)f(x_2) < 0$ .

Further  $x_4 = \frac{x_0 + x_3}{2}$  provided  $f(x_0)f(x_3) < 0$  and so on.

Thus, in each iteration we either find the root with desired accuracy or we narrow the range to half the previous interval.