



## Lecture 2

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# Numerical Methods & Computer Programming

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## Solution of Algebraic and Transcendental Equation

- ✓ Bisection Method
- ✓ Method of false position
- ✓ Iteration method
- ✓ Newton-Raphson Method
- ✓ Ramanujan's method
- ✓ The Secant Method



## 1. Bisection Method

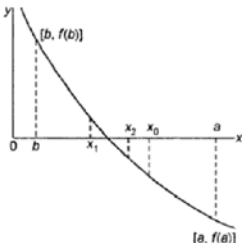
- Generally, if  $f(x)$  is real and continuous in the interval  $x_l$  to  $x_u$  and  $f(x_l) \cdot f(x_u) < 0$ , then there is at least one real root between  $x_l$  and  $x_u$  to this function.
- The interval at which the function changes sign is located. Then the interval is divided in half with the root lies in the midpoint of the subinterval. This process is repeated to obtain refined estimates.




## Bisection method

Choose two real numbers  $a$  and  $b$  such that  $f(a) f(b) < 0$ .  
 Set  $x_r = (a + b)/2$ .

- (a) If  $f(a) f(x_r) < 0$ , the root lies in the interval  $(a, x_r)$ . Then, set  $b = x_r$  and go to step 2 above.
- (b) If  $f(a) f(x_r) > 0$ , the root lies in the interval  $(x_r, b)$ . Then, set  $a = x_r$  and go to step 2.
- (c) If  $f(a) f(x_r) = 0$ , it means that  $x_r$  is a root of the equation  $f(x) = 0$  and the computation may be terminated.





**Example 2.1** Find a real root of the equation  $f(x) = x^3 - x - 1 = 0$ .

Since  $f(1)$  is negative and  $f(2)$  positive, a root lies between 1 and 2 and therefore we take  $x_0 = 3/2$ . Then

$$f(x_0) = \frac{27}{8} - \frac{3}{2} = \frac{15}{8}, \text{ which is positive.}$$

Hence the root lies between 1 and 1.5 and we obtain

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We find  $f(x_1) = -19/64$ , which is negative. We therefore conclude that the root lies between 1.25 and 1.5. It follows that

$$x_2 = \frac{1.25+1.5}{2} = 1.375$$

The procedure is repeated and the successive approximations are

$$x_3 = 1.3125, \quad x_4 = 1.34375, \quad x_5 = 1.328125, \text{ etc.}$$

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Let  $f(x) = x^3 - 2x - 5$ . Then

$$f(2) = -1 \text{ and } f(3) = 16.$$

Hence a root lies between 2 and 3 and we take

$$x_0 = \frac{2+3}{2} = 2.5$$

Since  $f(x_0) = 5.6250$ , we choose  $[2, 2.5]$  as the new interval. Then

$$x_1 = \frac{2+2.5}{2} = 2.25 \text{ and } f(x_1) = 1.890625$$

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3	2	2.25	2.125	0.3457
4	2	2.125	2.0625	-0.3513
5	2.0625	2.125	2.09375	-0.0089
6	2.09375	2.125	2.10938	0.1668
7	2.09375	2.10938	2.10156	0.07856
8	2.09375	2.10156	2.09766	0.03471
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Difference is less than .001

**Bisection Method - Termination Criteria**

Approximate relative Error :

$$\mathcal{E}_a = \left| \frac{X_r^n - X_r^{n-1}}{X_r^n} \right| \times 100\%$$

$$\mathcal{E}_a = \left| \frac{X_u - X_l}{X_u + X_l} \right| \times 100\% \text{ (Bisection)}$$

**Homework**

Find a positive root of the equation  $xe^x = 1$ , which lies between 0 to 1.

*Thank You*