



**Numerical Methods Lab**  
**Lab report-1**  
**Bisection Method**

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# Lab 1 - Report and Code for Bisection Method

## Objective:

To find the root of a given nonlinear equation using the **Bisection Method** with a predefined accuracy and iteration limit.

## Theory:

The **Bisection Method** is a numerical technique to find the root of a continuous function  $f(x)$ . If a function changes sign over an interval  $[a, b]$ , i.e.,  $f(a) \cdot f(b) < 0$  then there exists at least one root in that interval.

The method works by repeatedly bisecting the interval and selecting the subinterval in which the function changes sign.

The new midpoint is calculated as:

$$\text{mid} = (a+b)/2;$$

if  $f(\text{mid})$  is sufficiently close to 0 (within given error tolerance), we treat it as the root.

## Given Function:

$$f(x) = x^3 - 4x - 9$$

## Algorithm Steps:

1. Input initial guesses  $a$ ,  $b$ , error tolerance  $\epsilon$ , and maximum iteration count.
2. Check if  $f(a) \cdot f(b) < 0$ . If not, root is not guaranteed in the interval.

Calculate midpoint  $\text{mid} = (a+b)/2$ ;

3. If  $|f(\text{mid})| < \epsilon$ , return  $\text{mid}$  as the root.
4. Update interval:
  - If  $f(a) \cdot f(\text{mid}) < 0$ , set  $b = \text{mid}$ ,  $a = \text{mid}$
  - Else, set  $a = \text{mid}$
5. Repeat for the specified number of iterations or until error condition is met.

### Source Code (C++):

```
#include <bits/stdc++.h>
using namespace std;
float f(float x)
{
    return x * x * x - 4 * x - 9;
}
void solve()
{
    float a, b, x, mid, error;
    int max_iter;

    cin >> a;

    cin >> b;

    cin >> error;
    cin >> max_iter;

    if (f(a) * f(b) >= 0)
    {
        cout << "no value found" << endl;
        return;
    }

    for (int i = 0; i < max_iter; ++i)
    {
        mid = (a + b) / 2;

        cout << "Iteration " << i << ": mid = " << mid << endl;
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if (fabs(f(mid)) < error || fabs(b - a) < error)
{
    cout << "Root found after " << i << " iterations: " << mid << endl;
    return;
}

if (f(a) * f(mid) < 0)
    b = mid;
else
    a = mid;
}

cout << "solution not found" << endl;


return;
}

int main()
{
    solve();
    return 0;
}
```

**Sample Input:**

**4**  
**-7**  
**0.0001**  
**20**

**Sample output:**



Iteration 0: mid = -1.5  
Iteration 1: mid = 1.25  
Iteration 2: mid = 2.625  
Iteration 3: mid = 3.3125  
Iteration 4: mid = 2.96875  
Iteration 5: mid = 2.79688  
Iteration 6: mid = 2.71094  
Iteration 7: mid = 2.66797  
Iteration 8: mid = 2.68945  
Iteration 9: mid = 2.7002  
Iteration 10: mid = 2.70557  
Iteration 11: mid = 2.70825  
Iteration 12: mid = 2.70691  
Iteration 13: mid = 2.70624  
Iteration 14: mid = 2.70657  
Iteration 15: mid = 2.70641  
Iteration 16: mid = 2.70649  
Iteration 17: mid = 2.70653

#### Conclusion:

The Bisection Method successfully found a root of the equation  $f(x)=x^3-4x-9$  within the specified interval and tolerance. This method is reliable for continuous functions where a sign change occurs.

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#### Advantages:

- Simple and easy to implement.
- Guaranteed convergence if conditions are met.



Limitations:

- Slow convergence.
- Requires function to have opposite signs at the endpoints.

