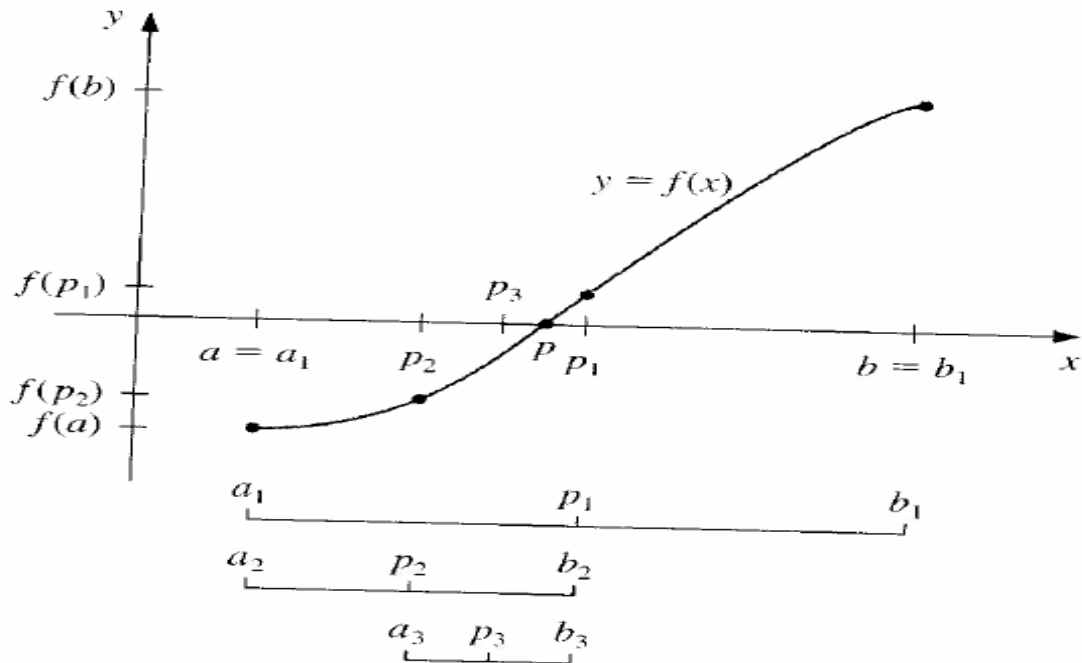




Bisection method

INPUT **a, b**; tolerance **TOL**; maximum number of iterations **N0**.

OUTPUT solution **p** or message of failure.

STEP1 Set $i = 1$;
 $FA = f(a)$;

STEP2 While $i \leq N0$ do STEPs 3-6.

STEP3 Set $p = a + (b-a)/2$; // a good way of computing middle point
 $FP = f(p)$.

STEP4 IF $FP = 0$ or $(b-a) < TOL$ then
 OUTPUT (**p**);
 STOP.

STEP5 Set $i = i + 1$.

STEP6 If $FP \cdot FA > 0$ then
 Set **a** = **p**;
 $FA = FP$.
 else
 set **b** = **p**;

STEP7 OUTPUT("Method failed after **N0** iterations");
 STOP.