Math 4329: Worksheet 04 Dr. Natasha Sharma

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1. Show that the Bisection Method can be applied to find the root α of $e^{-x} - x = 0$ on the interval [0,1].

2. Perform three iterations of the Bisection Method to find the midpoint at the end of the third iteration. Take $\varepsilon=10^{-4}$.

3. What is the minimum number of iterations required to find α within an accuracy of 10^{-6} . Recall that $|\alpha - c_n| < \frac{(b-a)}{2^n}$. Please simplify the answer so that there is no log term involved.