**Transcendental Equations**

Goal Seek may be used to solve transcendental equations. The first equation we solve in this exercise is the same as that solved in Exercise 1 using the bisection method.

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| 1 | Goal Seek and Transcendental equations |

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| 2 |  | x | f(x) |
| 3 | Exp(-x) - Sin(x) | 0 |  |
| 4 | Cos(x)- Tan(x)/2 | 1 |  |
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1. b) Enter the formulas:

C3: =EXP(-B3) - SIN(B3)

C4: =COS(B4) - TAN(B4)/2

1. Make C3 the active cell and call up Goal Seek from the Tools menu. The *Set Cell* is C3, the *To Value* is zero 0, and the *By Changing Cell* is B3.
2. Click OK. How does the result compare with that obtained in Bisection Method?
3. Find the root of exp(-x) - = 0 with a value close to 3.
4. Find two positive roots for - /2 = 0.