

# Development Of Single To Dual Initial Root Values Mechanism Suitable For Bisection And Regular Falsi Iteration Methods

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**Abstract**— In this paper, development of single to dual initial root values mechanism suitable for Bisection and Regular Falsi iteration methods is presented. Generally, to find the root of function,  $f(x)$  using the Bisection and Regular Falsi iteration methods, two initial guess root values ( $X_L$  and  $X_U$ ) are required such that  $f(X_L) * f(X_U) < 0$ . As such, users of such method will continue to try two different sets of initial values until the required condition is met before they can proceed to use the Bisection or Regular Falsi iteration method to find the root of the function. In this paper, a procedure that can enable the user to provide only one initial guess root value and then the procedure will generate the required two initial root values that satisfy the Bisection or Regular Falsi iteration method is presented. The relevant mathematical expressions, algorithm and flowchart are presented along with numerical examples based on three different functions. The results show that for the different functions considered in the study, different arbitrary initial guess root values were selected and the procedure presented in this paper was able to generate the initial two root values that are suitable for Bisection and Regular Falsi iteration methods for finding the root of the functions. The results for the initial values for the first function,  $f(x) = x^{3.5} - 80 = 0$  simulated with a single initial guess root value ( $X_0=2.7978856000$ ) which is about 80% of the actual root ( $X = 3.4973572432$ ) shows that it took two iterations to arrive at the two initial root values ( $X_L = 2.7978856000$  and  $X_U=3.7348194090$ ) such that  $f(X_L) * f(X_U) < 0$  as required by the Regular Falsi or Bisection iteration method. Again, initial values for three different functions were simulated with a single initial guess root value that is about 80%, 40% and 20% of the actual root of the functions the results showed that for the different functions considered in the study and for the different arbitrary initial guess root values selected, the procedure presented in this paper was able to generate the initial two root values that are suitable for Bisection and Regular Falsi iteration methods for finding the root of the functions.

**Keywords**— *Bisection Method, Regular Falsi Method, Numerical Iteration Method, Root Of Function, Initial Root, Convergence Cycle*

## I. INTRODUCTION

Bisection and Regular Falsi methods are among the two most popular bracketing numerical iteration methods for finding the root of function,  $f(x)$ . Usually, the bracketing iteration methods require two initial guess root values,  $x_L$  and  $x_U$ , such that  $f(x_L) * f(x_U) < 0$  [1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10]. In essence, the two initial roots must bracket one of the roots ( $x$ ) of the function, such that  $x_L \leq x \leq x_U$ .

In practice, users of the Bisection and Regular Falsi methods are required to provide the two initial guess root values before the Bisection or Regular Falsi iteration can start [11,12,13,14,15]. However, in this paper, a method that enable the user to provide only one initial guess root value and then an algorithm developed in this paper will be used to generate the required two initial root values that satisfy the Bisection or Regular Falsi iteration method is presented. The mathematical expressions associated with the method are presented along with numerical examples based on three different functions. Matlab software was used to perform the simulation computations.

## II. METHODOLOGY

Regular Falsi or Bisection iteration methods require that given two initial roots,  $x_L$  and  $x_U$ , then the condition  $f(x_L) * f(x_U) < 0$  must be met before the iteration can proceed [16,17,18,19,20,21,22,23,24,25]. In this paper, the focus is on the use of single initial guess root value,  $x_0$  to analytically and automatically determine the two initial roots  $x_L$  and  $x_U$ , which are suitable for Regular Falsi or Bisection iteration methods. Now, let the function,  $f(x)$  be such that;

$$f(x) = 0 \quad (1)$$

Also, when a single initial guess root value,  $x_0$  is provided, then, the second initial guess root value,  $x_1$  can be calculated as;

$$x_1 = 1 + \frac{(x_0)f(x_0)}{f(x_0)-1} \quad (2)$$

In some cases,  $f(x_0) * f(x_1) > 0$ , as such, the two initial roots,  $x_0$  and  $x_1$  are not suitable for Regular Falsi or Bisection iteration method. However, from the available initial guess roots,  $x_0$  and  $x_1$  the suitable root values,

$x_L$  and  $x_U$  can be determined such that  $f(x_L) * f(x_U) < 0$ . The analytical expression used to realize  $x_L$  and  $x_U$  is given as;

$$x_k = 1 + \left( \frac{(K)f(x_{k-1})}{f(x_{k-1})-1} \right) (x_{k-1}) \quad (3)$$

Where  $k$  is incremented at each iteration until  $x_{k-1}$  and  $x_k$  is reached at which  $f(x_{k-1}) * f(x_k) < 0$ . The flowchart for single guess root value to dual initial root values mechanism suitable for Bisection and Regular Falsi iteration methods is given in Figure 1. The algorithm is summarized as follows;

Step 1: Choose a single initial value,  $x_0$

Step 2: Compute  $k = 1$

Step 3: Compute  $x_k = 1 + \left( \frac{(K)f(x_{k-1})}{f(x_{k-1})-1} \right) (x_{k-1})$

Step 4: If  $f(x_{k-1}) * f(x_k) < 0$  Then

Step 4.1: Goto Step 5

Step 4.2: Else

Step 4.2.1:  $k = k + 1$

Step 4.2.2:  $x_{k-1} = x_k$

Step 4.2.3: Goto Step 3

Step 4.3: Endif

Step 5: Return The Initial Roots

Step 5.1:  $x_L = x_{k-1}$

Step 5.2:  $x_U = x_k$

Step 5.3: Return The Initial Roots  $x_L$  and  $x_U$

// run the normal Bisection and Regular Falsi iteration method with the two initial values,  $x_L$  and  $x_U$

Step 5.4: End

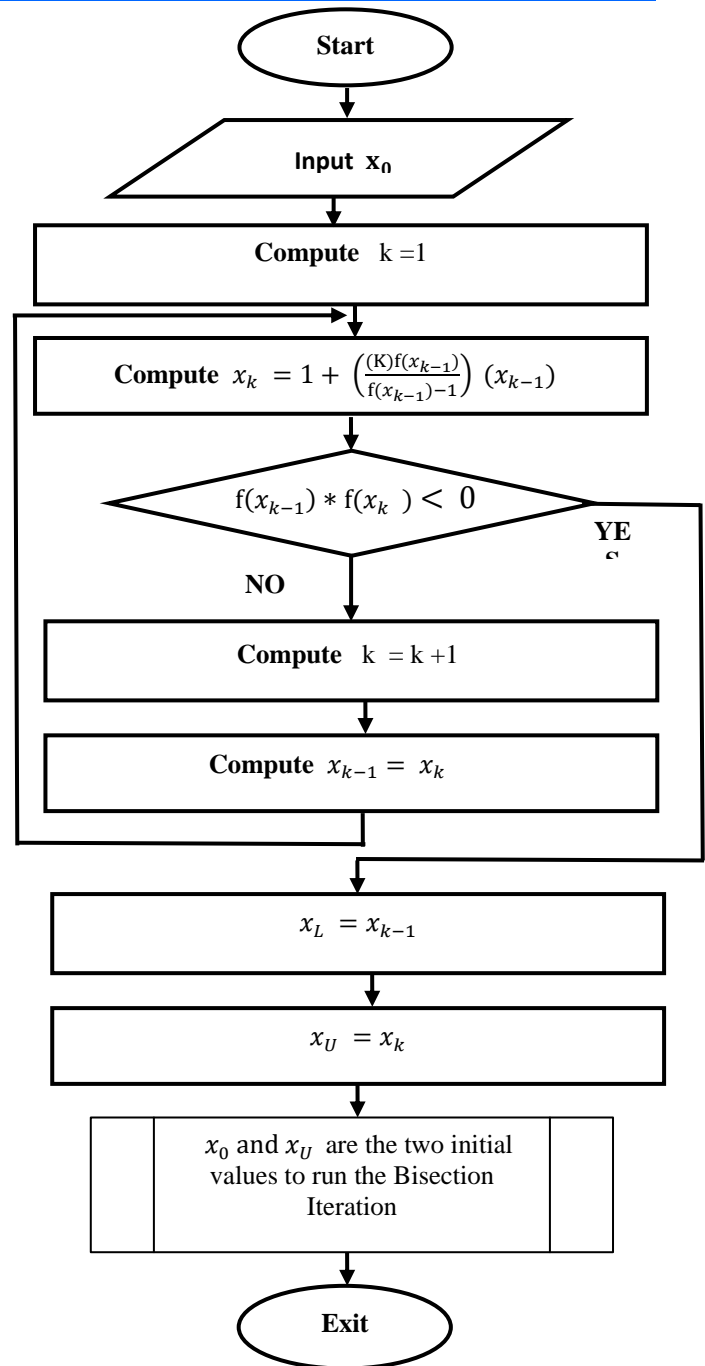


Figure 1: The flowchart for single to dual initial root values mechanism suitable for Bisection and Regular Falsi iteration methods

#### IV. NUMERICAL EXAMPLES, RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

The single guess root value to dual initial root values mechanism suitable for Bisection and Regular Falsi iteration methods is demonstrated using the following functions;

- 1)  $f(x) = x^{3.5} - 80 = 0$
- 2)  $f(x) = \cos(x) - xe^x = 0$
- 3)  $f(x) = x^2 - \sin(x) - 0.5 = 0$

The two initial root values mechanism was implemented in Matlab software. For each of the listed functions, a single guess root value was provided and the effective initial root values,  $x_L$  and  $x_U$  suitable for Bisection and Regular Falsi iteration methods were determined using the mechanism presented in this paper. The process was repeated for different initial single guess root values.

The results for the initial values for the first function,  $f(x) = x^{3.5} - 80 = 0$  simulated with a single initial guess root value ( $X_0=2.7978856000$ ) which is about 80% of the actual root ( $X = 3.4973572432$ ) is shown in Table 1.

The results show that it took 2 iterations to arrive at the 2 initial root values ( $X_L = 2.7978856000$  and  $X_U = 3.7348194090$ ) such that  $f(X_L)*f(X_U) < 0$  as required by the Regular Falsi or Bisection iteration method.

Again the results for the initial values for the first function,  $f(x) = x^{3.5} - 80 = 0$  simulated with a single initial guess root value which is about 40% of the actual root is shown in Table 2 while that with a single initial guess root value that is about 20% of the actual root is shown in Table 3.

**Table 1** The results for the initial values for the first function ,  $f(x) = x^{3.5} - 80 = 0$  simulated with a single initial guess root value that is about 80% of the actual root

k		$x_k$	$f(x_k)$	$f(x_{k-1}) * f(x_k)$	Actual Root ,X = 3.4973572432	
0	$f(x_0)=f(x)$	2.7978857946	-43.3642622559		$X_0=2.7978856000$	$X_1=3.7348194090$
0	$f(x_1)= f(x+\delta)$	3.7348195865	20.6801136174	-896.7778703869	(Xo/X)100%	80.%
1	$f(x_2)= f(1-(\Delta * x))$	8.3012685342	1568.1837202834	32430.2175084084	$X_L=2.7978856000$	$X_U=3.7348194090$
2	$f(x_3)= f(1-(2*\Delta)*x)$	25.3424572485	81855.2020236826	128363995.2340510000	$f(X_L)*f(X_U) = -896.7778703869$	

**Table 2** The results for the initial values for the first function ,  $f(x) = x^{3.5} - 80 = 0$  simulated with a single initial guess root value that is about 40% of the actual root

k		$x_k$	$f(x_k)$	$f(x_{k-1}) * f(x_k)$	Actual Root ,X = 3.4973572432	
0	$f(x_0)=f(x)$	1.3989428973	-76.7618276759		$X_0=1.3989428973$	$X_1=2.3809527993$
0	$f(x_1)= f(x+\delta)$	2.3809527993	-59.1729504293	4542.223823932	(Xo/x)100%	40.00
1	$f(x_2)= f(1-(\Delta * x))$	5.7006685400	362.3237565874	-21439.765687911	$X_L=2.3809527993$	$X_U=5.7006685400$
2	$f(x_3)= f(1-(2*\Delta)*x)$	17.8820775895	24100.3683437856	8732135.99345926	$f(X_L)*f(X_U) = -21439.7656879110$	

**Table 3** The results for the initial values for the first function ,  $f(x) = x^{3.5} - 80 = 0$  simulated with a single initial guess root value that is about 20% of the actual

j		$x_j$	$f(x_j)$	$f(x_{j-1}) * f(x_j)$	XL Actual Root ,X = 3.4973572432	
0	$f(x_0)=f(x)$	0.6994714486	-79.7137832989	1.0000000000	$X_0=0.6994714486$	$X_1=1.6908053767$
1	$f(x_1)= f(x+\delta)$	1.6908053767	-73.7146759877	5876.0757076318	(Xo/x)100%	20.00
2	$f(x_2)= f(1-(\Delta * x))$	4.3397144303	90.2605503147	-6653.5272209208	1.6908053767	$X_U=4.3397144303$
3	$f(x_3)= f(1-(2*\Delta)*x)$	13.8578431664	9826.8308280915	886975.1583929230	$f(X_L)*f(X_U) = -6653.5272209208$	

The results for the initial values for the second function,  $f(x) = \cos(x) - xe^x = 0$  simulated with a single initial guess root value ( $X_0=0.4142056000$ ) that is about 80% of the actual root ( $X = 0.5177573637$ ) is shown in Table 4. It took 2 iterations to arrive at the 2 initial root values ( $X_L=0.4142056000$  and  $X_U=0.8319052806$ ) such that  $f(X_L)*f(X_U) < 0$  as required by the Regular Falsi or

Bisection iteration method. Again the results for the initial values for the second function,  $f(x) = \cos(x) - xe^x = 0$  simulated with a single initial guess root value that is about 40% of the actual root is shown in Table 5 while that with a single initial guess root value that is about 20% of the actual root is shown in Table 6.

**Table 4** The results for the initial values for the first function ,  $f(x) = \cos(x) - xe^x = 0$  simulated with a single initial guess root value that is about 80% of the actual root

k		$x_k$	$f(x_k)$	$f(x_{k-1}) * f(x_k)$	Actual Root , $X = 0.5177573637$	
0	$f(x_0)=f(x)$	0.4142056000	0.2886735827		$X_0=0.4142056000$	$X_1=0.8319052806$
0	$f(x_1) = f(x+\delta)$	0.8319052806	-1.2379938055	-0.3573761072	( $X_0/x$ )100%	80.00
1	$f(x_2) = f(1-(\Delta * x))$	0.3247851565	0.4983032606	-0.6168963499	$X_L=0.4142056000$	$X_U=0.8319052806$
2	$f(x_3) = f(1-(2*\Delta)*x)$	0.6045828226	-0.2839425497	-0.1414894983	$f(X_L)*f(X_U)$	-0.3573761072

**Table 5** The results for the initial values for the first function ,  $f(x) = \cos(x) - xe^x = 0$  simulated with a single initial guess root value that is about 40% of the actual

k		$x_j$	$f(x_j)$	$f(x_{j-1}) * f(x_j)$	Actual Root , $X = 0.5177573637$	
0	$f(x_0)=f(x)$	0.2071028000	0.7238717368	1.0000000000	$X_0=0.2071028000$	$X_1=0.4570788887$
0	$f(x_1) = f(x+\delta)$	0.4570788887	0.1754106529	0.1269748140	( $X_0/x$ )100%	40.00
1	$f(x_2) = f(1-(\Delta * x))$	-1.3964695620	0.5190282082	0.0910430769	$X_L=-1.3964695620$	$X_U=11.9825575486$
2	$f(x_3) = f(1-(2*\Delta)*x)$	11.9825575486	-1916496.1749836200	-994715.5757877420	$f(X_L)*f(X_U)$	-994715.5757877420

In the case of Table 6, the initial guess root ,  $X_0=0.1035514000$  is 20% of the actual Root , $X = 0.5177573637$ . However, after the second iteration, the generated 2 initial root values ( $X_L = 0.2421004890$  and  $X_U = -2.5438988221$ ) bracketed another root of the function which in this case is  $X = -1.8639951924$ . At this point, the initial guess root ,  $X_0=0.1035514000$  is -5.56% of the actual root that is enclosed by  $X_L$  and  $X_U$ .

80% of the actual root ( $x = 0.5177573637$ ) is shown in Table 7. It took 2 iterations to arrive at the 2 initial root values ( $X_L=0.9568656266$  and  $X_1=1.2742668767$ ) such that  $f(X_L)*f(X_U) < 0$  as required by the Regular Falsi or Bisection iteration method.

Again the results for the initial values for the third function,  $f(x) = x^2 - \sin(x) - 0.5$  simulated with a single initial guess root value that is about 40% of the actual root is shown in Table 8 while that with a single initial guess root value that is about 20% of the actual root is shown in Table 9.

The results for the initial values for the third function,  $f(x) = x^2 - \sin(x) - 0.5$  simulated with a single initial guess root value  $X_0=0.9568656266$  that is about

**Table 6** The results for the initial values for the first function ,  $f(x) = \cos(x) - xe^x = 0$  simulated with a single initial guess root value that is about 20% of the actual

k		$x_k$	$f(x_k)$	$f(x_{k-1}) * f(x_k)$	Actual Root , $X = -1.8639951924$	
0	$f(x_0)=f(x)$	0.1035514000	0.8797941953	1.0000000000	$X_0=0.1035514000$	$X_1=0.6624193527$
0	$f(x_1) = f(x+\delta)$	0.2421004890	0.6624193527	0.5827927013	( $X_0/x$ )100%	-5.56
1	$f(x_2) = f(1-(\Delta * x))$	-2.5438988221	-0.6267881287	-0.4151965865	$X_L = 0.2421004890$	$X_U = -2.5438988221$
2	$f(x_3) = f(1-(2*\Delta)*x)$	56.8568886527	-28016642627163800	17560499005495100	$f(X_L)*f(X_U)$	-0.4151965865

**Table 7** The results for the initial values for the first function ,  $f(x) = x^2 - \sin(x) - 0.5$  simulated with a single initial guess root value that is about 80% of the actual root

k		$x_k$	$f(x_k)$	$f(x_{k-1}) * f(x_k)$	Actual Root , $X = 0.5177573637$	
0	$f(x_0)=f(x)$	0.9568656266	-0.4017980940	1.0000000000	$X_0=0.9568656266$	$X_1=1.2742668767$
1	$f(x_1) = f(x+\delta)$	1.2742668767	0.1673997218	-0.0672608892	( $X_0/x$ )100%	80.00
2	$f(x_2) = f(1-(\Delta * x))$	1.5485337534	0.8982045864	0.1503591979	$X_L=0.9568656266$	$X_U=1.2742668767$
3	$f(x_3) = f(1-(2*\Delta)*x)$	1.8228006302	1.8541875340	1.6654397470	$f(X_L)*f(X_U)$	-0.0672608892

**Table 8** The results for the initial values for the first function ,  $f(x) = x^2 - \sin(x) - 0.5$  simulated with a single initial guess root value that is about 40% of the actual root

k		$x_k$	$f(x_k)$	$f(x_{k-1}) * f(x_k)$	Actual Root ,X = <b>1.1960820333</b>	
0	$f(x_0)=f(x)$	<b>0.4784328133</b>	<b>-0.7314905655</b>	<b>1.0000000000</b>	$X_0=0.4784328133$	$X_1=1.2021201248$
0	$f(x_1) = f(x+\delta)$	<b>1.2021201248</b>	<b>0.0122875601</b>	<b>-0.0089882343</b>	<b>(X<sub>0</sub>/x)100%</b>	<b>40.00</b>
1	$f(x_2) = f(1-(\Delta * x))$	<b>1.4042402496</b>	<b>0.4857291067</b>	<b>0.0059684256</b>	$X_L=0.4784328133$	$X_U=1.2021201248$
2	$f(x_3) = f(1-(2*\Delta)*x)$	<b>1.6063603744</b>	<b>1.0810259865</b>	<b>0.5250857867</b>	$f(X_L)*f(X_U)$	<b>-0.0089882343</b>

**Table 9** The results for the initial values for the first function ,  $f(x) = x^2 - \sin(x) - 0.5$  simulated with a single initial guess root value that is about 20% of the actual root

kj		$x_k$	$f(x_k)$	$f(x_{k-1}) * f(x_k)$	Actual Root ,X = <b>1.1960808193</b>	
0	$f(x_0)=f(x)$	<b>0.2392164067</b>	<b>-0.6797169303</b>	<b>1.0000000000</b>	$X_0=0.2392164067$	$X_1=1.0968016924$
0	$f(x_1) = f(x+\delta)$	<b>1.0968016924</b>	<b>-0.1867781120</b>	<b>0.1269562449</b>	<b>(X<sub>0</sub>/x)100%</b>	<b>20</b>
1	$f(x_2) = f(1-(\Delta * x))$	<b>1.1936033848</b>	<b>-0.0050131305</b>	<b>0.0009363431</b>	$X_L = 1.1936033848$	$X_U=1.2904050772$
2	$f(x_3) = f(1-(2*\Delta)*x)$	<b>1.2904050772</b>	<b>0.2041980226</b>	<b>-0.0010236713</b>	$f(X_L)*f(X_U)$	<b>-0.0010236713</b>

## V CONCLUSION

A procedure to use one initial guess root value for a function to generate two initial root values that are suitable for Bisection and Regular Falsi iteration methods is presented. The relevant mathematical expressions, algorithm and flowchart are presented along with numerical examples based on three different functions. The results show that for the different functions considered in the study, different arbitrary initial guess root values were selected and the procedure presented in this paper was able to generate the initial two root values that are suitable for Bisection and Regular Falsi iteration methods for finding the root of the functions.

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