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## Introduction

The poor convergence of the bisection method as well as its poor adaptability to higher dimensions motivate the use of better techniques. One such method is the *Method of False Position*.



طريقة الموقع الخطأ إحدى وسائل التحليل العددي، الغرض منها الحصول على الجذر الحقيقي للمعادلة  $f(x)=0$ .<sup>[1]</sup>

هي من أقدم الطرق الحسابية، وتشبه طريقة التنصيف مباشرة لكن معدل التقارب في طريقة الوضع الخاطئ أسرع من طريقة التنصيف.



**This method attempts to solve an equation of the form  $f(x)=0$ . (This is very common in most numerical analysis applications.) Any equation can be**

**written in this form.**

**The algorithm requires a function  $f(x)$  and two points  $a$  and  $b$  for which  $f(x)$  is positive for one of the values and negative for the other. We can write**

**this condition as  $f(a) \times f(b) < 0$ .**

**If the function  $f(x)$  is continuous on the interval  $[a,b]$  with  $f(a) \times f(b) < 0$ , the algorithm will eventually converge to a solution.**

**The idea for the False position method is to connect the points  $(a,f(a))$  and**

**$(b,f(b))$  with a straight line.**

**Since linear equations are the simplest equations to solve for find the regulafalsi**

**point (C) which is the solution to the linear equation connecting the endpoints.**

**Look at the sign of  $f(C)$ :**

**If  $\text{sign}(f(C)) = 0$  then end algorithm**

**else If  $\text{sign}(f(C)) = \text{sign}(f(a))$  then set  $a = C$**

**else set  $b = C$**



A detailed map of a university campus, likely Cambridge, showing various roads, green spaces, and buildings. A prominent red path winds through the campus, starting from the top left and moving towards the bottom right. A red arrow points to a specific location on this path, near a building labeled 'Central Plaza'. The map includes labels for various landmarks such as 'Lancaster Gate', 'Serpentine Garden', and 'The Albert Memorial'.

# Note

The False-Position and Bisection algorithms are quite similar. The only difference is the formula used to calculate the new estimate of the root  $x$

Estimate the root,  $c_r$ , of the equation  $f(x) = 0$  as

$$c_r = \frac{af(b) - bf(a)}{f(b) - f(a)}$$

Now check the following

If  $f(a)f(c) < 0$ , then the root lies between  $a$  and  $c$ ; then  $a = a$  and  $b = c$ .

If  $f(a)f(c) > 0$ , then the root lies between  $c$  and  $b$ ; then  $a = c$  and  $b = b$ .

If  $f(a)f(c) = 0$ , then the root is . Stop the algorithm.

Find the new estimate of the root

$$c_r = \frac{af(b) - bf(a)}{f(b) - f(a)}$$



باستخدام طريقة الوضع الخاطئ بدقة تصل إلى 0.0002 اوجد جذر المعادلة،  
 $x^3 - 2x - 5 = 0$  في الفترة  $[2, 3]$

الحل:

$$f(x) = x^3 - 2x - 5$$

$$f(2) = 2^3 - 2(2) - 5 = -1 < 0$$

$$f(3) = 3^3 - 2(3) - 5 = 16 > 0$$

$$C_r = \frac{af(b) - bf(a)}{f(b) - f(a)}$$

$$C_1 = \frac{2(16) - 3(-1)}{16 - (-1)} = 35/17 = 2.0588$$

$$f(2.0588) = -0.3908 < 0$$

$$C_1 = a$$





The root lies between [2.0588,3]

$$C_2 = \frac{2.0588(16) - 3(-0.3908)}{16 - (-0.3908)} = 2.0813$$

$$|C_2 - C_1| \leq 0.0002$$

$$|2.0813 - 2.0588| \leq 0.0002$$

$$|0.0225| \leq 0.0002$$

$$f(C_2) = (2.0813)^3 - 2(2.0813) - 5 = -0.14680$$

$$C_2 = a$$



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$$c_3=2.0862 , c_4=2.0915$$

$$c_5 =2.0934 , c_6=2.0941 , c_7=2.0943$$

وبالتالي الجذر هو 2.094 صحيح ل ثلاث خانات  
عشرية .



Thank  
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