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## Numerical Simulation of Photovoltaic Cell

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### ABSTRACT

In this paper, we established some mathematical methods in order to solve real zeroes of nonlinear equation for a single diode model for a PV cell without second derivatives for the function using Improved Double False Position method as called (Illinois algorithm) which is mainly due to some scholars and Ford (1995). We applied the new proposed method with two-step iterative method to solve test example in order to assess their validity and accuracy. The results obtained reveals that the modified method is accurate and efficient with a lesser number of iterations compared with the other standard methods such as NRM.

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## 1. Introduction

Improved Double False Position method is a root-finding algorithm; during the last few years, the numerical analysis for solving nonlinear equations has been successfully utilized. There are many articles concern with a nonlinear equation in the field of Engineering and Sciences have been achieved. Many root-finding algorithms can be utilized to acquire approximations to such a root. One of the most popular algorithms is Newton's method; it did not require second derivatives functions. Only iterative numerical algorithms can solve many nonlinear equations,

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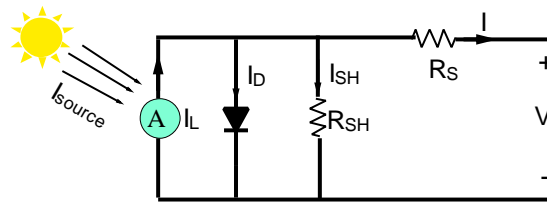
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involving most of the more complicated ones [1-39]. All the numerical methods need a rough approximate value of a given equation root to enable it to generate sequential initial values of a given equation root to enable it to generate a sequential of better approximate values for that root. Several techniques improved on the perfection of convergence for Newton's algorithm, for obtaining minimum iterations [40-66].

In this paper, some new technique (Illinois algorithm) based on NRM are introduced and analyzed for solving real zeroes of nonlinear equation of a photovoltaic cell. The procedure of the present work is: section two describes the non-linear equation; section three investigates the zero finding of Newton Raphson algorithm; while in section four Improved Double False Position method as called (Illinois method) has been termed; in section five results and discussion; finally in section six the conclusions..

## 2. Non-Linear Equation in Physical Example

Imagine Figure 1.



**Fig. 1 - Single-diode model; electrical circuit.**

Solving the values of  $V_{pv}$  in this circuit is achieved by (KCL) Kirchhoff's current law:

$$I = I_{ph} - I_D \tag{1}$$

$$I_D = I_0 \times (e^{(-V_{pv}/mV_T)} - 1) \tag{2}$$

$$I = I_{ph} - I_0(e^{(-V_{pv}/mV_T)} - 1) \tag{3}$$

where:

$T$ ,  $I_0$ ,  $1 < m < 2$ ,  $I_{ph}$ ,  $k$  and  $V_T = kT/q = 26 \text{ mV}$ ,  $q$ , temperature (K), reverse saturation current, the recombination factor, the photocurrent (A), Boltzmann constant=  $1.38 \times 10^{-23} \text{ J/K}$ , thermic voltage and the electron charge=  $1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}$  respectively.

$$I_{ph} = I_{source} \tag{4}$$

$$I_D = I_s \times (e^{(V_D/mV_T)} - 1) \tag{5}$$

By combine Eq. 4 in Eq. 5 yield

$$(I_{source}) - 10^{-12}(e^{(-V/1.2 \times 0.026)} - 1) = V/R \tag{6}$$

$$I_{pv} = V_{pv}/R; P_{pv} = I_{pv} \times V_{pv} \tag{7}$$

where  $I_s$  reverse saturation current=  $10^{-12} \text{ A}$ . In parallel,  $V = V_D = V_{pv}$

$V_{pv}$  has been determined numerically using Eq. 6 for the proposed method without any derivative of this equation.

## 3. Newton's Method

The following algorithm suggestion for solving Eq. 6 by using NRM

[1] Let the initial guess  $x_0 = 1$ .

[2] Define  $x = 0$

[3] while  $i \leq x_0$

[4] Compute  $x_{n+1} = x_n - \frac{f(x_n)}{f'(x_n)}$  for  $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ . The approximate solution (8)

[5] If  $|x_i - x_{i-1}| < \varepsilon = 10^{-9}$  (tolerance); then determine  $x_{n+1}$  and stop. (9)

[6] Put  $n = n + 1$ ;  $i = i + 1$  and go to 2.

[7] Output.

#### 4. Improved Double False Position Method [Illinois Algorithm] (IRFM)

Regula Falsi method is a root-finding algorithm, for solving nonlinear equations of the form  $y = f(x_n) = 0$ . It is old method for solving such equations but it is still in use. Several kinds of a false position technique is recognized, simple false position and double false position methods.

Double false position method (DFPM) is used to solve difficult examples that can be written algebraically in the form: calculate  $x$  so

$$f(x) = ax + b, \quad (10)$$

then

$$f(x_1) = b_1, f(x_2) = b_2 \quad (11)$$

Using a pair of initial test values  $x_0, x_1$ ; the output results of this method is given by the recurrence relation

$$x = \frac{b_1 x_2 - b_2 x_1}{b_1 - b_2} \quad (12)$$

If the function is linear yield

$$f(x) = ax + c \quad (13)$$

DFOM gives the exact solution, but the nonlinear function  $f$  gives an approximation improve using iteration.

The Illinois method halves the  $y$ -value of the possessed end point in the next estimate calculation when the new  $y$ -value ( $f(c_k)$ ) has the same sign as the previous one ( $f(c_k - 1)$ ), meaning that the end point of the previous step will be possessed; as a result

$$c_k = \frac{1}{2} f(b_k) a_k - f(a_k) b_k / \frac{1}{2} f(b_k) - f(a_k) \text{ or } c_k = f(b_k) a_k - \frac{1}{2} f(a_k) b_k / f(b_k) - \frac{1}{2} f(a_k) \quad (14)$$

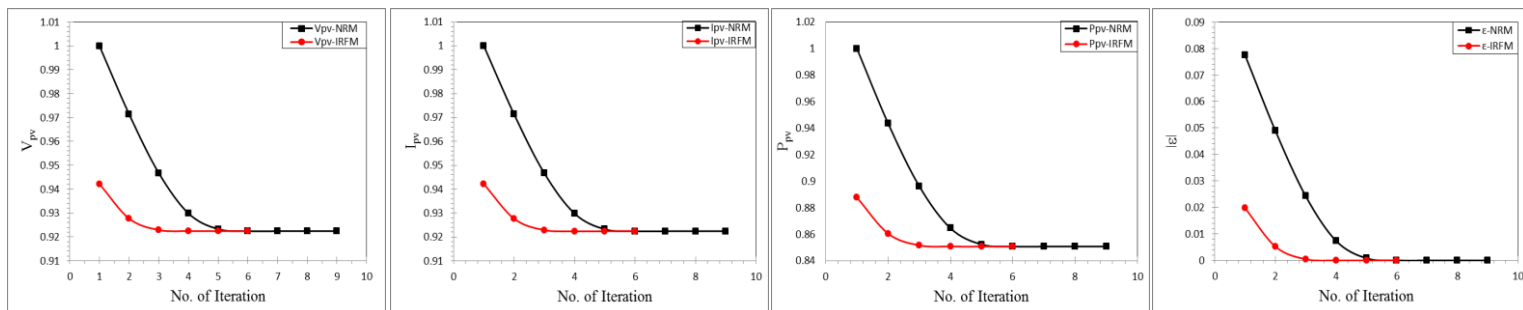
The tolerance  $\varepsilon = 10^{-9}$ ; and  $\sigma = |x_{n+1} - x_n| < \varepsilon, |f(x_n)| < \varepsilon$  to estimate the root of function.

#### 5. Numerical Example and Remarks

In this section, we applied the present techniques has been defined by (8) and (14) in order to solving PV non-linear equation which show the theoretical results have been derived from (6). Table 1-6 and Figures 2-5 displayed the approximation  $V_{pv}$  with the initial test values  $x_0$  is used for NRM and test values  $x_0, x_1$  for the proposed method IRFM in the condition of load resistance  $R = (1 - 5)$  ohm respectively. The value of the PV voltage  $V_{pv}$  has been determined using the same non-linear equation (6) for the two techniques. Moreover, the computational order of convergence (the tolerance of the two methods)  $\varepsilon$  is reported in these tables and figures. The effectiveness and accuracy of the NRM and IRFM have been tested by displaying the accuracy of the zeros of a nonlinear equation. The main goal of investigating the NRM and IRFM of a non-linear equation was to illustrate the accuracy of the approximate solution for  $V_{pv}$  values and the stability of the convergence, the consistency of the results obtained and to calculate the efficiency of the new suggested technique. The new suggested technique need six iterations in order to reach to the convergence on contrast the other method NRM which need nine iterations for the same purpose. Thus, the IRFM can be considered a very good alternative method to the NRM.

**Table 1 - Comparison of NRM and IRFM.**

Iterations	$V_{pv}$ -NRM	$I_{pv}$ -NRM	$P_{pv}$ -NRM	$V_{pv}$ -IRFM	$I_{pv}$ -IRFM	$P_{pv}$ -IRFM	$\epsilon$ -NRM	$\epsilon$ -IRFM
1	1	1	1	0.942216008	0.942216008	0.887771005	0.077576865	0.019792873
2	0.971416861	0.971416861	0.943650719	0.927694471	0.927694471	0.860617031	0.048993727	0.005271336
3	0.946732606	0.946732606	0.896302627	0.922901876	0.922901876	0.851747873	0.024309472	0.000478742
4	0.929865706	0.929865706	0.864650231	0.922428674	0.922428674	0.850874659	0.007442571	5.5397E-06
5	0.923247893	0.923247893	0.852386673	0.922423135	0.922423135	0.850864441	0.000824759	9.515E-10
6	0.922434	0.922434	0.850884484	0.922423135	0.922423135	0.850864439	1.08655E-05	0
7	0.922423136	0.922423136	0.850864443				1.9025E-09	
8	0.922423135	0.922423135	0.850864439				1.11022E-16	
9	0.922423135	0.922423135	0.850864439				0	



**Fig. 2 - Numerical approach of Eq. 6 based on NRM and IRFM.**

The examine function in Eq. 6 after 1st derivative using two methods NRM and RFM and the approximation  $V_{pv}$  for the examine function including the initial estimate value  $v_0$  with the (tolerance  $\epsilon$ ) value are displayed in Table 2.

**Table 2 - Comparison of NRM and IRFM.**

Iterations	$V_{pv}$ -NRM	$I_{pv}$ -NRM	$P_{pv}$ -NRM	$V_{pv}$ -IRFM	$I_{pv}$ -IRFM	$P_{pv}$ -IRFM	$\epsilon$ -NRM	$\epsilon$ -IRFM
1	1	0.5	0.5	0.94057085	0.470285425	0.442336762	0.082964618	0.023535468
2	0.971030472	0.485515236	0.471450089	0.924204903	0.462102452	0.427077352	0.05399509	0.007169521
3	0.945421967	0.472710983	0.446911348	0.917881577	0.458940788	0.421253294	0.028386584	0.000846194
4	0.926834477	0.463417238	0.429511073	0.917051661	0.45852583	0.420491874	0.009799094	1.62783E-05
5	0.918438746	0.459219373	0.421764865	0.91703539	0.458517695	0.420476954	0.001403363	8.06498E-09
6	0.917066885	0.458533442	0.420505836	0.917035382	0.458517691	0.420476946	3.15024E-05	1.88738E-15
7	0.917035399	0.458517699	0.420476961	0.917035382	0.458517691	0.420476946	1.61176E-08	0
8	0.917035382	0.458517691	0.420476946				4.21885E-15	
9	0.917035382	0.458517691	0.420476946				0	

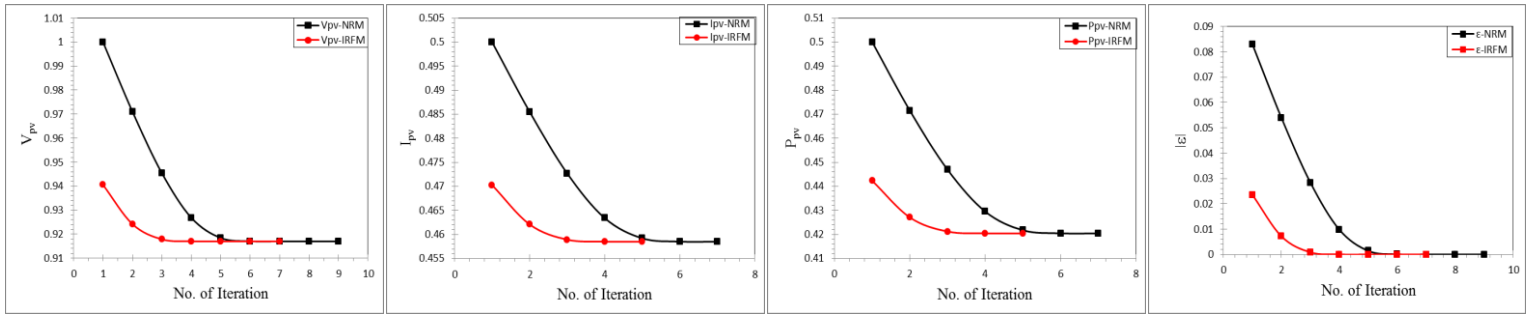


Fig. 3 - Numerical approach of Eq. 6 based on NRM and IRFM.

Table 3 - Comparison of NRM and IRFM.

Iterations	$V_{pv}$ -NRM	$I_{pv}$ -NRM	$P_{pv}$ -NRM	$V_{pv}$ -IRFM	$I_{pv}$ -IRFM	$P_{pv}$ -IRFM	$\epsilon$ -NRM	$\epsilon$ -IRFM
1	1	0.333333333	0.333333333	0.938877255	0.312959085	0.293830166	0.089596626	0.028473881
2	0.970643792	0.323547931	0.31404979	0.920408721	0.306802907	0.282384071	0.060240418	0.010005347
3	0.944084232	0.314694744	0.297098346	0.911969859	0.303989953	0.277229674	0.033680858	0.001566485
4	0.923594243	0.307864748	0.284342109	0.910455191	0.303485064	0.276309552	0.013190869	5.18173E-05
5	0.91287784	0.304292613	0.277781984	0.910403453	0.303467818	0.276278149	0.002474466	7.88982E-08
6	0.910501262	0.303500421	0.276337516	0.910403374	0.303467791	0.276278101	9.78883E-05	2.03726E-13
7	0.910403531	0.303467844	0.276278197	0.910403374	0.303467791	0.276278101	1.57417E-07	0
8	0.910403374	0.303467791	0.276278101				4.07563E-13	
9	0.910403374	0.303467791	0.276278101				0	

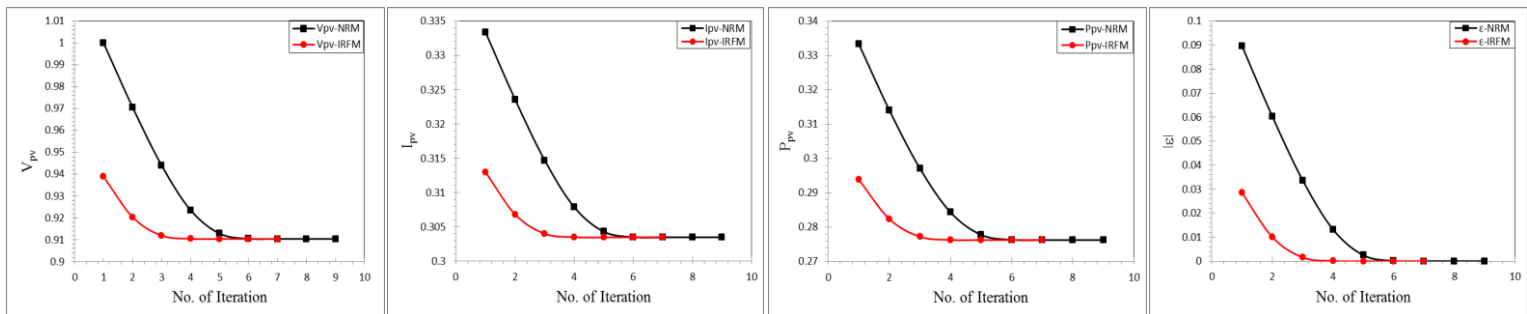


Fig. 4 - Numerical approach of Eq. 6 based on NRM and IRFM.

Table 4 - Comparison of NRM and IRFM.

Iterations	$V_{pv}$ -NRM	$I_{pv}$ -NRM	$P_{pv}$ -NRM	$V_{pv}$ -IRFM	$I_{pv}$ -IRFM	$P_{pv}$ -IRFM	$\epsilon$ -NRM	$\epsilon$ -IRFM
1	1	0.25	0.25	0.937133368	0.234283342	0.219554737	0.098259398	0.035392766
2	0.970256822	0.242564205	0.235349575	0.916262647	0.229065662	0.209884309	0.06851622	0.014522045
3	0.94271872	0.23567968	0.222179646	0.904846066	0.226211516	0.204686601	0.040978118	0.003105464
4	0.920123009	0.230030752	0.211656588	0.901927296	0.225481824	0.203368212	0.018382407	0.000186694
5	0.906346494	0.226586624	0.205365992	0.90174156	0.22543539	0.20328446	0.004605892	9.5847E-07
6	0.902077706	0.225519427	0.203436047	0.901740602	0.225435151	0.203284028	0.000337104	3.03469E-11
7	0.901742503	0.225435626	0.203284885	0.901740602	0.22543515	0.203284028	1.90088E-06	0
8	0.901740602	0.225435151	0.203284028				6.06911E-11	
9	0.901740602	0.22543515	0.203284028				0	

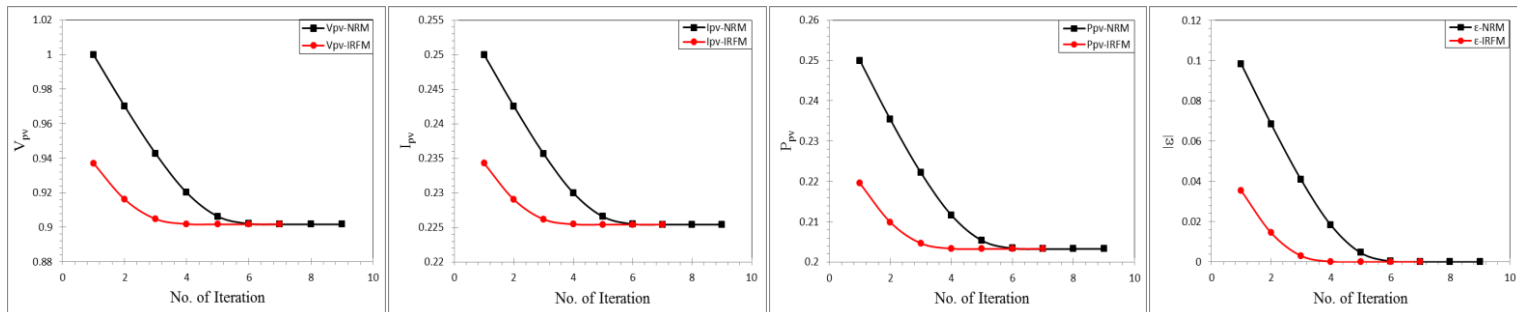


Fig. 5 - Numerical approach of Eq. 6 based on NRM and IRFM.

Table 5 - Comparison of NRM and IRFM.

Iterations	$V_{pv}$ -NRM	$I_{pv}$ -NRM	$P_{pv}$ -NRM	$V_{pv}$ -IRFM	$I_{pv}$ -IRFM	$P_{pv}$ -IRFM	$\epsilon$ -NRM	$\epsilon$ -IRFM
1	1	0.2	0.2	0.935337263	0.187067453	0.174971159	0.110907285	0.046244548
2	0.96986956	0.193973912	0.188129393	0.911715654	0.182343131	0.166245087	0.080776845	0.022622939
3	0.941324731	0.188264946	0.17721845	0.896015489	0.179203098	0.160568751	0.052232016	0.006922775
4	0.916395843	0.183279169	0.167956268	0.889931165	0.177986233	0.158395496	0.027303128	0.000838451
5	0.898535645	0.179707129	0.161473261	0.889109827	0.177821965	0.158103257	0.00944293	1.71125E-05
6	0.890477009	0.178095402	0.158589861	0.889092724	0.177818545	0.158097174	0.001384294	9.60373E-09
7	0.889125763	0.177825153	0.158108925	0.889092715	0.177818543	0.158097171	3.30483E-05	3.10862E-15
8	0.889092734	0.177818547	0.158097178	0.889092715	0.177818543	0.158097171	1.91907E-08	0
9	0.889092715	0.177818543	0.158097171				6.43929E-15	
10	0.889092715	0.177818543	0.158097171				0	

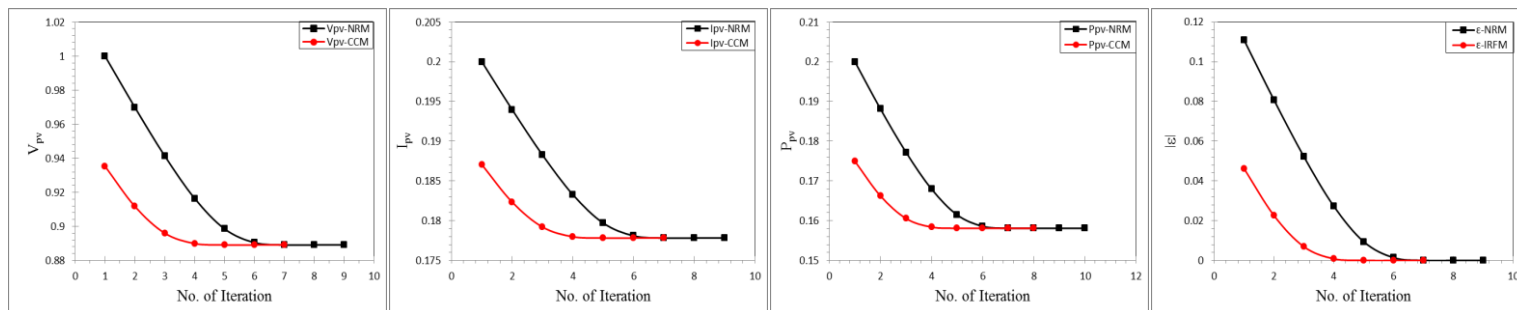


Fig. 6 - Numerical approach of Eq. 6 based on NRM and IRFM.

6. Conclusion

Modified double false position method is applied to numerical solution for solving real zeroes of nonlinear equation based on non-linear equation Eq. 6 in ambient temperature. Comparison of the results acquired by the proposed method with existing method (NRM) reveal that the presented method are very effective, accurate, convenient and easy to use. We employed Illinois algorithm and Newton's techniques in order to solve a non-linear equation of a PV cell.

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