

Unit - 3

Numerical differentiation and integration

Introduction:

Numerical differentiation is concerned with the computation of the derivatives of a function in terms of a set of given values of that function. The fundamental operation of differentiation is applied to the interpolating polynomial to evaluate the derivatives of a given tabulated function. The choice of a differentiation formula to be employed is based on the considerations as in the case of interpolation. So for finding derivatives at a point near the beginning of a table we use the differentiation of the Newton's forward interpolation formula, while for derivatives at the end of a table we use derivatives of the Newton's backward interpolation formula.

* Differentiation based on Newton's forward and backward interpolation formula:

By Newton's forward interpolation formula, we have

$$y = y_0 + u \Delta y_0 + \frac{u(u-1)}{2!} \Delta^2 y_0 + \frac{u(u-1)(u-2)}{3!} \Delta^3 y_0 + \dots$$

where the f^n $y = f(x)$ is tabulated for $x_i (= x_0 + ih)$, $i = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n$.

Differentiating both sides w.r.t. u , we have,

$$\frac{dy}{du} = \Delta y_0 + \frac{2u-1}{2} \Delta^2 y_0 + \frac{3u^2 - 6u + 2}{3!} \Delta^3 y_0 + \dots$$

$$\text{But } x = x_0 + uh \Rightarrow u = \frac{x - x_0}{h}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{du}{dx} = \frac{1}{h}$$

Now, $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{du} \frac{du}{dx}$

$$= \frac{1}{h} \left[\Delta y_0 + \frac{2u-1}{12} \Delta^2 y_0 + \frac{3u^2-6u+2}{12} \Delta^3 y_0 + \frac{4u^3-18u^2+22u-6}{24} \Delta^4 y_0 + \dots \right] \quad (1)$$

when $x=x_0$, $u=0$

$\therefore (1) \Rightarrow$

$$\left[\frac{dy}{dx} \right]_{x=x_0} = \frac{1}{h} \left[\Delta y_0 - \frac{1}{2} \Delta^2 y_0 + \frac{1}{3} \Delta^3 y_0 - \frac{1}{4} \Delta^4 y_0 + \frac{1}{5} \Delta^5 y_0 - \frac{1}{6} \Delta^6 y_0 + \dots \right] \quad (2)$$

Again, differentiating (1), w.r.t. x , we get

$$\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} = \frac{d}{du} \left(\frac{dy}{dx} \right) \frac{du}{dx}$$

$$= \frac{1}{h^2} \left[\frac{2}{12} \Delta^2 y_0 + \frac{6u-6}{12} \Delta^3 y_0 + \frac{12u^2-36u+22}{12} \Delta^4 y_0 + \dots \right]$$

when $x=x_0$, $u=0$

$\therefore (3) \Rightarrow$

$$\left[\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} \right]_{x=x_0} = \frac{1}{h^2} \left[\Delta^2 y_0 - \Delta^3 y_0 + \frac{11}{12} \Delta^4 y_0 - \frac{5}{6} \Delta^5 y_0 + \frac{137}{180} \Delta^6 y_0 + \dots \right] \quad (4)$$

and similarly,

$$\left[\frac{d^3 y}{dx^3} \right]_{x=x_0} = \frac{1}{h^3} \left[\Delta^3 y_0 - \frac{3}{2} \Delta^4 y_0 + \dots \right] \quad (5)$$

Also, Newton's backward interpolation formula is given by

$$y = y_n + u \nabla y_n + \frac{u(u+1)}{1!} \nabla^2 y_n + \frac{u(u+1)(u+2)}{2!} \nabla^3 y_n + \dots$$

Differentiating both sides w.r.t u , we get,

$$\frac{dy}{du} = \nabla y_n + \frac{2u+1}{1!} \nabla^2 y_n + \frac{3u^2+6u+2}{2!} \nabla^3 y_n + \dots$$

But, $u = \frac{x-x_n}{h} \Rightarrow \frac{du}{dx} = \frac{1}{h}$

and $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{du} \frac{du}{dx}$

$$= \frac{1}{h} \left[\nabla y_n + \frac{2u+1}{1!} \nabla^2 y_n + \frac{3u^2+6u+2}{2!} \nabla^3 y_n + \dots \right] \quad (6)$$

But, at $x = x_n$, $u = 0$

$\therefore (6) \Rightarrow$

$$\left[\frac{dy}{dx} \right]_{x=x_n} = \frac{1}{h} \left[\nabla y_n + \frac{1}{2} \nabla^2 y_n + \frac{1}{3} \nabla^3 y_n + \frac{1}{4} \nabla^4 y_n + \frac{1}{5} \nabla^5 y_n + \frac{1}{6} \nabla^6 y_n + \dots \right] \quad (7)$$

and $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \frac{d}{du} \left(\frac{dy}{du} \right) \frac{du}{dx}$

$$= \frac{1}{h^2} \left[\nabla^2 y_n + \frac{6u+6}{2!} \nabla^3 y_n + \frac{6u^2+18u+11}{3!} \nabla^4 y_n + \dots \right] \quad (8)$$

But at $x = x_n$, $u = 0$

$\therefore (8) \Rightarrow$

$$\left[\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} \right]_{x=x_n} = \frac{1}{h^2} \left[\nabla^2 y_n + \nabla^3 y_n + \frac{11}{12} \nabla^4 y_n + \frac{5}{6} \nabla^5 y_n + \frac{137}{180} \nabla^6 y_n + \dots \right] \quad (9)$$

Similarly, we get,

$$\left[\frac{d^3y}{dx^3} \right]_{x=x_n} = \frac{1}{h^3} \left[\nabla^3 y_n + \frac{3}{2} \nabla^4 y_n + \dots \right] \quad (10)$$

* Derivatives using central difference formula:

By Stirling's formula, we have

$$y_u = y_0 + \frac{u}{1} \left(\frac{\Delta y_0 + \Delta y_{-1}}{2} \right) + \frac{u^2}{2} \Delta^2 y_{-1} + \frac{u(u^2-1^2)}{6} \left(\frac{\Delta^3 y_{-1} + \Delta^3 y_{-2}}{2} \right) + \frac{u^2(u^2-1^2)}{24} \Delta^4 y_{-2} + \dots$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy_u}{du} = \left(\frac{\Delta y_0 + \Delta y_{-1}}{2} \right) + \frac{2u}{2} \Delta^2 y_{-1} + \frac{3u^2-1}{3} \left(\frac{\Delta^3 y_{-1} + \Delta^3 y_{-2}}{2} \right) + \frac{4u^3-2u}{4} \Delta^4 y_{-2} + \dots$$

But $u = \frac{x-x_0}{h}$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{du}{dx} = \frac{1}{h}$$

$$\therefore \frac{dy_u}{dx} = \frac{dy_u}{du} \frac{du}{dx}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy_u}{dx} = \frac{1}{h} \left[\left(\frac{\Delta y_0 + \Delta y_{-1}}{2} \right) + u \Delta^2 y_{-1} + \frac{3u^2-1}{3} \left(\frac{\Delta^3 y_{-1} + \Delta^3 y_{-2}}{2} \right) + \frac{4u^3-2u}{4} \Delta^4 y_{-2} + \dots \right]$$

But at $x = x_0$, $u = 0$

$\therefore (1) \Rightarrow$

$$\left. \frac{dy_u}{dx} \right]_{x=x_0} = \frac{1}{h} \left[\left(\frac{\Delta y_0 + \Delta y_{-1}}{2} \right) - \frac{1}{6} \left(\frac{\Delta^3 y_{-1} + \Delta^3 y_{-2}}{2} \right) + \frac{1}{30} \left(\frac{\Delta^5 y_{-2} + \Delta^5 y_{-3}}{2} \right) + \dots \right] \quad (2)$$

and similarly,

$$\left. \frac{dy_u}{dx} \right]_{x=x_0} = \frac{1}{h} \left[\Delta^2 y_{-1} - \frac{1}{12} \Delta^4 y_{-2} + \frac{1}{90} \Delta^6 y_{-3} - \dots \right] \quad (3)$$

Ex) Find $f'(5)$ from the following table;

x :	0	2	3	4	7	9
$f(x)$:	4	26	58	112	466	922

Sol: Here, the arguments are not equally spaced.

So we shall use Newton's divided difference formula.

The divided difference table is given below:

x	$f(x)$	$\Delta f(x)$	$\Delta^2 f(x)$	$\Delta^3 f(x)$	$\Delta^4 f(x)$	$\Delta^5 f(x)$
0	4					
		11				
2	26		7			
		32				
3	58		11		0	
		54				
4	112		16		0	
		118		1		
7	466					
		228				
9	922					

Newton's divided difference formula, if third differences are

constant is given by,

$$f(x) = f(x_0) + (x-x_0)f'(x_0, x_1) + \frac{(x-x_0)(x-x_1)}{2!}f''(x_0, x_1, x_2) + \frac{(x-x_0)(x-x_1)(x-x_2)}{3!}f'''(x_0, x_1, x_2, x_3)$$

Now, diff. w.r.t. x , we get,

$$f'(x) = f'(x_0, x_1) + \frac{(x-x_1) + (x-x_0)}{2}f''(x_0, x_1, x_2) + \frac{(x-x_0)(x-x_1) + (x-x_1)(x-x_2) + (x-x_2)(x-x_0)}{6}f'''(x_0, x_1, x_2, x_3)$$

Putting, $x=5$, $x_0=0$, $x_1=2$, $x_2=3$, $x_3=4$, and the values

of the various divided differences, we get,

$$f'(5) = 11 + \frac{(5-2) + (5-0)}{2} \cdot 7 + \frac{(5-0)(5-2) + (5-2)(5-3) + (5-3)(5-0)}{6} \cdot 1 = 11 + 56 + 31 = 98$$

Ex) Find $f'(6)$ from the following table:

x :	0	1	3	4	5	7	9	10
$f(x)$:	150	108	0	-54	-100	-144	-84	0

Ans: -23

Ex) Explain briefly the concept and technique of Numerical differentiation with the help of a suitable example.

Ans: Let us consider the problem of finding the 1st derivatives of the function tabulated below of the points

(i) $x=3.0$, (ii) $x=3.8$, (iii) $x=3.6$

x :	3.0	3.2	3.4	3.6	3.8	4.0
y :	-14.000	-10.032	-5.296	-0.256	6.672	14.000

Now,

(i) To find the 1st derivatives at $x=3.0$, i.e.,

to find $\left\{ \frac{dy}{dx} \right\}_{x=3.0}$, we are to follow Newton -

Gregory forward interpolation formula.

(ii) To find the 1st derivatives at $x=3.8$, we are to follow Newton - Gregory backward interpolation formula.

(iii) To find the 1st derivatives at $x=3.6$, we are to follow central difference formula.

Ex) How do you choose the proper interpolation formula for numerical differentiation? Explain.

Ans:- The problem of differentiation is solved by 1st approximating the f^n by an interpolation formula and then differentiating this formula as many times as desired. If the values of the argument are equally spaced i.e. the values of the f^n are known at equidistant values of x , we choose any one of the Newton's, Stirling's or Bessel's formula.

If the values of the f^n are not equally spaced then we shall use Newton's divided difference or Lagrange's formula.

If we desire to find the derivatives of the f^n at a point near the beginning or end of a set of tabular values, we use Newton's - Gregory's forward (or backward) formulae accordingly. To find the derivative at a point near the middle of the table, we should use a central difference formula to represent the function.

Ex) Find the first and second derivatives of the f^n tabulated below at the point $x = 3.0$:

x	$f(x)$	$\Delta f(x)$	$\Delta^2 f(x)$	$\Delta^3 f(x)$	$\Delta^4 f(x)$	$\Delta^5 f(x)$
3	-14.000					
3.2	-10.032	3.968				
3.4	-5.246	4.736	0.768			
3.6	0.256	5.552	0.816	0.048		
3.8	6.672	6.416	0.864	0.048		
4.0	14.000	7.328	0.912	0.048		

Solⁿ: Newton-Gregory forward difference interpolation formula is

$$f(a+xh) = f(a) + x \Delta f(a) + \frac{x^2 - x}{2} \Delta^2 f(a) + \frac{x^3 - 3x^2 + 2x}{6} \Delta^3 f(a) + \dots$$

Differentiating w.r.t x twice and then putting $x=0$ we get

$$h f'(a) = \Delta f(a) - \frac{1}{2} \Delta^2 f(a) + \frac{1}{3} \Delta^3 f(a) + \dots$$

$$\text{and } h^2 f''(a) = \Delta^2 f(a) - \Delta^3 f(a)$$

$$\text{Here, } a=3, h=0.2$$

$$\therefore 0.2 \times f'(3) = 3.968 - \frac{1}{2} (.768) + \frac{1}{3} (.048)$$

$$= 2.6$$

$$\Rightarrow f'(3) = 13$$

$$\text{and } (0.2)^2 f''(3) = .768 - .048$$

$$= .72$$

$$\Rightarrow f''(3) = 18$$

$\therefore \frac{dy}{dx}$ and $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$ at $x=3$ are both equal to 18.

Ex) Find $f'(0.1)$ from the following data:

$$x: 0 \quad 1 \quad 2 \quad 3 \quad 4$$

$$f(x): 1 \quad 0 \quad 1 \quad 10 \quad 33$$

Solⁿ: Newton-Gregory forward difference interpolation formula is

$$f(a+hu) = f(a) + u \Delta f(a) + \frac{u(u-1)}{2} \Delta^2 f(a) + \frac{u(u-1)(u-2)}{6} \Delta^3 f(a) + \dots \quad (1)$$

$$\text{Here, } h=1, u = \frac{x-0}{1} = x, a=0$$

$$\text{where } u = \frac{x-x_0}{h}$$

(1) $\Rightarrow$

$$f(x) = f(0) + x \Delta f(0) + \frac{x(x-1)}{12} \Delta^2 f(0) + \dots \quad (2)$$

Now,

x	$f(x)$	$\Delta f(x)$	$\Delta^2 f(x)$	$\Delta^3 f(x)$	$\Delta^4 f(x)$
0	1				
1	0	-1			
2	1	1	2		
3	10	9	8	6	0
4	33	23	14		

$\therefore (2) \Rightarrow$

$$f(x) = 1 + x(-1) + \frac{x(x-1)}{12} 2 + \frac{x(x-1)(x-2)}{12} 6 \quad (3)$$

$$\therefore f'(x) = -1 + (2x-1) + (3x^2 - 6x + 2)$$

$$\therefore f'(0.1) = -1 + (2 \times 0.1 - 1) + \{ 3 \times (0.1)^2 - 6 \times (0.1) + 2 \}$$

$$= -0.37 \quad (\text{approx})$$

Ex) Find the derivative of $f(x)$ at $x = 0.4$ from the following

table:

x	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.4
$y = f(x)$	1.10517	1.22140	1.34986	1.49182

Solⁿ: Since $x = 0.4$ lies near the end of the table, therefore in this case we shall use Newton's Backward formula. The difference table is as below:

x	y	∇y	$\nabla^2 y$	$\nabla^3 y$
0.1	1.10517			
0.2	1.22140	.11623		
0.3	1.34986	.12846	.01223	
0.4	1.49182	.14196	.01350	.00127

Newton's Backward formula is

$$f(a+nh+xh) = f(a+nh) + x \nabla f(a+nh) + \frac{x^2+x}{1!2} \nabla^2 f(a+nh) + \frac{x^3+3x^2+2x}{1!3} \nabla^3 f(a+nh) \quad \dots (1)$$

Here $f(a+nh)$ is the last term and h is the differencing interval.

Diff. (1) w.r.t. x , we get

$$h f'(a+nh+xh) = \nabla f(a+nh) + \frac{2x+1}{2} \nabla^2 f(a+nh) + \frac{3x^2+6x+2}{(6+3x-3x^2) + (1-x^2) + 1} \nabla^3 f(a+nh) \quad \dots (2)$$

On putting $x=0$ in (2), we get

$$0.1 \times f'(.4) = .14196 + \frac{1}{2} (.01350) + \frac{1}{3} (.00127) \Rightarrow f'(.4) = 1.4913$$

Ex) Given that

x	1.0	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.4	1.5	1.6
y	7.989	8.403	8.781	9.129	9.451	9.750	10.031

find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ and $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$ at $x=1.6$

Soln: The difference table is

x	y	∇y	$\nabla^2 y$	$\nabla^3 y$	$\nabla^4 y$	$\nabla^5 y$	$\nabla^6 y$
1.0	7.989	.414					
1.1	8.403		-.036				
		.378		.006			
1.2	8.781		-.030		.002		
		.348		.004		.001	
1.3	9.129		-.026		-.001		.002
		.322		.003		.003	
1.4	9.451		-.023		.002		
		.299		.005			
1.5	9.750		-.018				
		.281					
1.6	10.031						

we have,

$$\left[\frac{dy}{dx} \right]_{x=x_n} = \frac{1}{h} \left[\nabla y_n + \frac{1}{2} \nabla^2 y_n + \frac{1}{3} \nabla^3 y_n + \frac{1}{4} \nabla^4 y_n + \frac{1}{5} \nabla^5 y_n + \frac{1}{6} \nabla^6 y_n + \dots \right] \quad (1)$$

$$\text{and } \left[\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} \right]_{x=x_n} = \frac{1}{h^2} \left[\nabla^2 y_n + \nabla^3 y_n + \frac{11}{12} \nabla^4 y_n + \frac{5}{6} \nabla^5 y_n + \frac{137}{180} \nabla^6 y_n + \dots \right] \quad (2)$$

Here, $h = 0.1$, $x_n = 1.6$

Putting these values in (1) and (2), we get,

$$\left[\frac{dy}{dx} \right]_{x=1.6} = \frac{1}{0.1} \left[.281 + \frac{1}{2} (-.018) + \frac{1}{3} (.005) + \frac{1}{4} (.002) + \frac{1}{5} (.003) + \frac{1}{6} (.002) \right]$$

$$= \cancel{2.751} \quad \boxed{2.751} \checkmark$$

$$\text{and } \left[\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} \right]_{x=1.6} = \frac{1}{(0.1)^2} \left[-.018 + .005 + \frac{11}{12} (.002) + \frac{5}{6} (.003) + \frac{137}{180} (.002) \right]$$

$$= \cancel{-7.14} \quad \boxed{-7.14} \checkmark$$

* To establish formula for $f'(x)$ ~~and $f''(x)$~~ without using interpolation formula:

We know that

$$1 + \Delta \equiv E \equiv e^{hD}$$

$$\Rightarrow hD = \log(1 + \Delta) = \Delta - \frac{1}{2} \Delta^2 + \frac{1}{3} \Delta^3 - \frac{1}{4} \Delta^4 + \dots$$

$$\Rightarrow D \equiv \frac{1}{h} \left[\Delta - \frac{1}{2} \Delta^2 + \frac{1}{3} \Delta^3 - \frac{1}{4} \Delta^4 + \dots \right]$$

Then $D y_0$ i.e. $\left. \frac{dy}{dx} \right|_{x=x_0} = \frac{1}{h} \left[\Delta y_0 - \frac{1}{2} \Delta^2 y_0 + \frac{1}{3} \Delta^3 y_0 - \frac{1}{4} \Delta^4 y_0 + \dots \right]$

and

$$1 - \nabla \equiv E^{-1} \equiv e^{-hD}$$

$$\Rightarrow -hD = \log(1 - \nabla) = - \left(\nabla + \frac{1}{2} \nabla^2 + \frac{1}{3} \nabla^3 + \frac{1}{4} \nabla^4 + \dots \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow D \equiv -\frac{1}{h} \left[\nabla + \frac{1}{2} \nabla^2 + \frac{1}{3} \nabla^3 + \frac{1}{4} \nabla^4 + \dots \right]$$

Then $D y_n$ i.e. $\left. \frac{dy}{dx} \right|_{x=x_n} = \frac{1}{h} \left[\nabla y_n + \frac{1}{2} \nabla^2 y_n + \frac{1}{3} \nabla^3 y_n + \frac{1}{4} \nabla^4 y_n + \dots \right]$

$$\left[(0.005) \cdot \frac{1}{4} + (0.002) \cdot \frac{1}{3} + (-0.013) \cdot \frac{1}{2} + 0.581 \right] \cdot \frac{1}{0.1} = \left[\frac{y_2}{y_0} \right]_{x=1.0}$$

Ex) A slider in a machine moves along a fixed straight rod. Its distance x cm along the rod is given below for various values of time t seconds:

t :	0	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.6
x :	30.13	31.62	32.87	33.64	33.95	33.81	33.24

Find the velocity of the slider when $t = 0.3$ seconds.

Solⁿ: Here we have to find $\frac{dx}{dt}$ and $\frac{d^2x}{dt^2}$ at $t = 0.3$ which lies in the middle of the table. So we use Stirling's formula with $t_0 = 0.3$ (so that $u = 0$)

$$\left[\frac{dx}{dt} \right]_{t_0=0.3} = \frac{1}{h} \left[\left(\frac{\Delta x_0 + \Delta x_{-1}}{2} \right) - \frac{1}{6} \left(\frac{\Delta^3 x_{-1} + \Delta^3 x_{-2}}{2} \right) + \frac{1}{30} \left(\frac{\Delta^5 x_{-2} + \Delta^5 x_{-3}}{2} \right) + \dots \right]$$

$$\left[\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} \right]_{t_0=0.3} = \frac{1}{h^2} \left[\Delta^2 x_{-1} - \frac{1}{12} \Delta^4 x_{-2} + \frac{1}{90} \Delta^6 x_{-3} - \dots \right]$$

with $t_0 = 0.3$ as centre we make the central difference table:

t	u	x_u	Δx_u	$\Delta^2 x_u$	$\Delta^3 x_u$	$\Delta^4 x_u$	$\Delta^5 x_u$	$\Delta^6 x_u$
0	-3	30.13						
0.1	-2	31.62	1.49					
0.2	-1	32.87	1.25	-0.24				
0.3	0	33.64	0.77	-0.48	0.26			
0.4	1	33.95	0.31	-0.46	-0.02			
0.5	2	33.81	-0.14	-0.45	0.01	-0.01		
0.6	3	33.24	-0.57	-0.43	0.02	0.01	-0.02	

Here $h = 0.1$

$$\therefore \left. \frac{dx}{dt} \right]_{t_0=0.3} = \frac{1}{0.1} \left[\frac{.77 + .31}{2} - \frac{1}{6} \times \frac{.02 + 0.01}{2} + \frac{1}{30} \times \frac{-.27 - .02}{2} \right]$$
$$= 5.32 \text{ cm/s}$$

$\therefore$ velocity = 5.32 cm/s at $t = 0.3$ sec.

$$\text{and } \left. \frac{dv_x}{dt} \right]_{t_0=0.3} = \frac{1}{(0.1)^2} \left[-.46 - \frac{1}{12} \times (-0.01) + \frac{1}{90} \times 0.29 \right]$$
$$= -45.6 \text{ cm/s}^2$$

$\therefore$ Acc^m at $t = 0.3$ is 45.6 cm/s² (in magnitude)