



❖ Numerical Differentiation

For forward interpolation

$$x = x_0 + rh \rightarrow r = \frac{x-x_0}{h}, \text{ from it } x - x_1 = (r-1)h$$

$$f_n = f_0 + (x - x_0)f[x_0, x_1] + (x - x_0)(x - x_1)f[x_0, x_1, x_2] + \dots + (x - x_0) \dots (x - x_n)f[x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n]$$

Now for $\Delta f_i = f_{i+1} - f_i \rightarrow \Delta^2 = \Delta f_{i+1} - \Delta f_i$ and so on

$$\Delta^n = \Delta^{n-1} f_{i+1} - \Delta^{n-1} f_i$$

Since $f[x_0, x_1] = \frac{f_1 - f_0}{x_1 - x_0}$, $\Delta f_0 = f_1 - f_0$ and $(x - x_0) = rh \rightarrow$

$$f_n = f_0 + rh \frac{f_1 - f_0}{x_1 - x_0} + rh(r-1)h \frac{f(x_1, x_2) - f(x_0, x_1)}{x_2 - x_0} + \dots$$

$$f_n = f_0 + r\Delta f_0 + \frac{r(r-1)}{2!} \Delta^2 f_0 + \frac{r(r-1)(r-2)}{3!} \Delta^3 f_0 \dots + \frac{r(r-1)(r-2)}{n!} \Delta^n f_0 \dots \dots \dots (1)$$

Since $x = x_0 + rh$ then $f_n(x) = f_n(x_0 + rh)$

To find the first and second derivatives of equation (1) then, derive equation (1) with respect to (r) gives

$$h \bar{f}'_n(x_0 + rh) = \Delta f_0 + \frac{(2r-1)}{2!} \Delta^2 f_0 + \frac{3r^2-6r+2}{3!} \Delta^3 f_0 \dots$$

$$\rightarrow \bar{f}'_n(x_0 + rh) = \frac{1}{h} (\Delta f_0 + \frac{(2r-1)}{2} \Delta^2 f_0 + \frac{3r^2-6r+2}{6} \Delta^3 f_0)$$

$$h^2 \bar{f}''_n(x_0 + rh) = \Delta^2 f_0 + (r-1) \Delta^3 f_0$$

$$\rightarrow \bar{f}''_n(x_0 + rh) = \frac{1}{h^2} (\Delta^2 f_0 + (r-1) \Delta^3 f_0)$$

For backward interpolation

$$\nabla f_i = f_i - f_{i-1} \rightarrow \nabla^2 = \nabla f_i - \nabla f_{i-1} \text{ and so on } \Delta^n = \Delta^{n-1} f_i - \Delta^{n-1} f_{i-1}$$



$$f_n = f_0 + r\nabla f_0 + \frac{r(r-1)}{2!} \nabla^2 f_0 + \frac{r(r-1)(r-2)}{3!} \nabla^3 f_0 \dots + \frac{r(r-1)(r-2)}{n!} \nabla^n f_0 \dots \dots \dots (1)$$

Ex₁/ find three-point formula for the derivative of (f) at $x = x_0$ using forward interpolation

Sol:

Since there is three points then ($x_0, x_1, \text{ and } x_2$)

x_i	f_i	Δf_i	$\Delta^2 f_i$
x_0	f_0	$f_1 - f_0$	$f_2 - 2f_1 + f_0$
x_1	f_1	$f_2 - f_1$	
x_2	f_2		

For $x = x_0$, this means that ($r = 0$)

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{f}_n(x_0) &= \frac{1}{h} (\Delta f_0 - \frac{1}{2} \Delta^2 f_0) \\ &= \frac{1}{h} (f_1 - f_0 - \frac{1}{2} f_2 + f_1 - \frac{1}{2} f_0) \\ &= \frac{1}{h} (2f_1 - \frac{3}{2} f_0 - \frac{1}{2} f_2) \\ &= \frac{1}{2h} (-3f_0 + 4f_1 - f_2) \end{aligned}$$

Ex₂/ repeat example(1) for the second order and when $x = x_0$

Sol:

Since $\bar{f}_n(x_0) = \frac{1}{h^2} (\Delta^2 f_0 - \Delta^3 f_0)$ for $x = x_0$, then

$$\bar{f}_n(x_0) = \frac{1}{h^2} (f_2 - 2f_1 + f_0)$$

Note: in previous two examples it is found that when all the coefficients of ($f_0, f_1, \text{ and } f_2$) are added to each other, the result will be equal to zero.



Ex₃/ obtain forward difference for four-order interpolating polynomial

Sol:

x_i	f_i	Δf_i	$\Delta^2 f_i$	$\Delta^3 f_i$	$\Delta^4 f_i$
x_0	f_0	Δf_0			
x_1	f_1	Δf_1	$\Delta^2 f_0$	$\Delta^3 f_0$	
x_2	f_2	Δf_2	$\Delta^2 f_1$	$\Delta^3 f_1$	$\Delta^4 f_0$
x_3	f_3	Δf_3	$\Delta^2 f_2$		
x_4	f_4				

Ex₄/ for $x = x_0$, find each of the following [Δf_0 , $\Delta^2 f_0$, $\Delta^3 f_0$, $\Delta^4 f_0$, Δf_1 , $\Delta^2 f_1$, $\Delta^3 f_1$, Δf_2 , $\Delta^2 f_2$, and Δf_3] which obtained in example (3)

Sol:

$$\Delta f_0 = f_1 - f_0, \Delta f_1 = f_2 - f_1, \Delta f_2 = f_3 - f_2, \Delta f_3 = f_4 - f_3$$

$$\Delta^2 f_0 = (f_2 - f_1) - (f_1 - f_0) \rightarrow \Delta^2 f_0 = (f_2 - 2f_1 + f_0)$$

$$\Delta^2 f_1 = (f_3 - f_2) - (f_2 - f_1) \rightarrow \Delta^2 f_1 = (f_3 - 2f_2 + f_1)$$

$$\Delta^3 f_0 = (\Delta^2 f_1 - \Delta^2 f_0) \rightarrow \Delta^3 f_0 = (f_3 - 2f_2 + f_1) - (f_2 - 2f_1 + f_0)$$

$$= (f_3 - 3f_2 + 3f_1 - f_0)$$

$$\Delta^2 f_2 = (f_4 - f_3) - (f_3 - f_2) \rightarrow \Delta^2 f_2 = (f_4 - 2f_3 + f_2)$$

$$\Delta^3 f_1 = (\Delta^2 f_2 - \Delta^2 f_1) \rightarrow \Delta^3 f_1 = (f_4 - 2f_3 + f_2) - (f_3 - 2f_2 + f_1)$$

$$= (f_4 - 3f_3 + 3f_2 - f_1)$$

$$\Delta^4 f_0 = \Delta^3 f_1 - \Delta^3 f_0 \rightarrow \Delta^4 f_0 = (f_4 - 3f_3 + 3f_2 - f_1) - (f_3 - 3f_2 + 3f_1 - f_0)$$

$$= (f_4 - 4f_3 + 5f_2 - 4f_1 + f_0)$$



Ex₄/ find third order for $f(x) = x^2 + x + 1$

Sol:

x_i	f_i	Δf_i	$\Delta^2 f_i$	$\Delta^3 f_i$
x_0	$x^2 + x + 1$			
		$2x + 2$		
x_1	$x^2 + 3x + 3$		2	
		$2x + 4$		0
x_2	$x^2 + 5x + 7$		2	
		$2x + 6$		
x_3	$x^2 + 7x + 13$			

Ex₅/ use central derivative to find three point formula for the first derivative at $x = x_i$

Sol:

x_i	Δf_i	$\Delta^2 f_i$
x_0	f_{i-1}	
	$f_i - f_{i-1}$	
x_1	f_i	$f_{i+1} - 2f_i + f_{i-1}$
	$f_{i+1} - f_i$	
x_2	f_{i+1}	

$$\text{Since } \bar{f}_n(x_0 - rh) = \frac{1}{h} (\Delta f_0 + \frac{(2r-1)}{2} \Delta^2 f_0 + \frac{3r^2-6r+2}{6} \Delta^3 f_0)$$

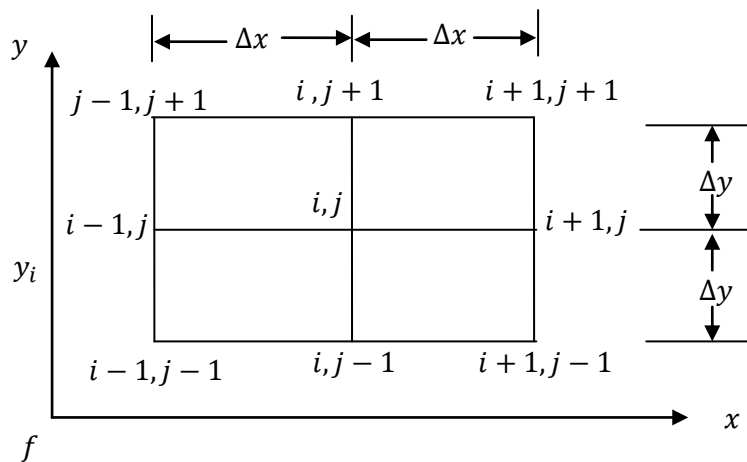
For $r = 1$

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{f}_i &= \frac{1}{h} (\Delta f_0 + \frac{1}{2} \Delta^2 f_0) \\ &= \frac{1}{h} (f_i - f_{i-1} + \frac{1}{2} (f_{i+1} - 2f_i + f_{i-1})) \\ &= \frac{1}{2h} (f_{i+1} - f_{i-1}) \end{aligned}$$



❖ Mixed Derivatives

Assume that (f) is a function of two variables (x, y) , in this case the mixed derivative will be $\frac{d^2 f}{dx dy}$, the central derivative approximations and a second order polynomial. Let the center at a point (x_i, y_j) and Consider the following figure



$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d^2 f}{dx dy} &= \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{df}{dy} \right) \\ &= \frac{d}{dx} \left[\frac{1}{2\Delta y} (f_{i,j+1} - f_{i,j-1}) \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{2\Delta y} \left[\frac{d}{dx} (f_{i,j+1}) - \frac{d}{dx} (f_{i,j-1}) \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{4\Delta x \Delta y} [(f_{i+1,j+1} - f_{i-1,j+1}) - (f_{i+1,j-1} - f_{i-1,j-1})] \\ &= \frac{1}{4\Delta x \Delta y} [f_{i+1,j+1} + f_{i-1,j-1} - f_{i-1,j+1} - f_{i+1,j-1}] \end{aligned}$$

Ex₆/ Approximate the mixed partial derivative $\frac{d^2 f}{dx^2 dy^2}$ at $x = 1, y = 1$ for the function $f(x, y) = x^3 y^3$, use central differences and a second-order polynomial approximation. Note that (h) is the same at $(x \text{ and } y)$ directions.



Sol:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{d^4 f}{dx^2 dy^2} &= \frac{d^2}{dx^2} \left(\frac{d^2}{dy^2} \right) \\
 &= \frac{d^2}{dx^2} \left[\frac{d}{dy} \left(\frac{df}{dy} \right) \right] \\
 &= \frac{d^2}{dx^2} \left[\frac{d}{dy} \left(\frac{1}{2\Delta y} (f_{i,j+1} - f_{i,j-1}) \right) \right] \\
 &= \frac{d^2}{dx^2} \left[\frac{1}{2\Delta y} \left(\frac{df_{i,j+1}}{dy} - \frac{df_{i,j-1}}{dy} \right) \right] \\
 &= \frac{d^2}{dx^2} \left[\frac{1}{2\Delta y} \left[\frac{1}{2\Delta y} (f_{i,j+1} - f_{i,j} - (f_{i,j} - f_{i,j-1})) \right] \right], \text{ let } h = 2\Delta y \text{ then} \\
 &= \frac{d^2}{dx^2} \left[\frac{1}{h^2} (f_{i,j+1} - 2f_{i,j} + f_{i,j-1}) \right] \\
 &= \frac{1}{h^2} \left[\frac{d}{dx} \left[\frac{df_{i,j+1}}{dx} - 2 \frac{df_{i,j}}{dx} + \frac{df_{i,j-1}}{dx} \right] \right] \\
 &= \frac{1}{h^2} \left[\frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{1}{2\Delta x} \right) [(f_{i+1,j+1} - f_{i-1,j+1}) - 2(f_{i+1,j} - f_{i-1,j}) + (f_{i+1,j-1} - f_{i-1,j-1})] \right], \text{ let } 2\Delta x = h \text{ then} \\
 &= \frac{1}{h^4} [f_{i+1,j+1} - f_{i,j+1} - f_{i,j+1} - f_{i-1,j+1} - 2f_{i+1,j} + 2f_{i,j} + 2f_{i,j} - \\
 &2f_{i-1,j} - f_{i+1,j-1} - f_{i,j-1} + f_{i-1,j-1} - f_{i,j-1}] \\
 &= \frac{1}{h^4} [f_{i+1,j+1} - 2f_{i,j+1} + f_{i-1,j+1} - 2f_{i+1,j} + 4f_{i,j} - 2f_{i-1,j} + f_{i+1,j-1} \\
 &\quad - 2f_{i,j-1} + f_{i-1,j-1}]
 \end{aligned}$$

❖ Stencil Representation of Derivatives

For equally spaced base points the difference approximations for the first and the second derivatives obtained earlier can be conveniently expressed in so-called "stencil" form. Consider for example the equation of the first derivative that obtained in example one which represent the 1st order forward derivative approximation

$$\bar{f}_0 = \frac{1}{2h} (-3f_0 + 4f_1 - f_2) \rightarrow \bar{f}_0 = \frac{1}{2h} \left(\textcircled{\textcircled{-3}} \textcircled{4} \textcircled{-1} \right)$$



Then $\bar{f}_0 = \frac{1}{2h}$

The double circles represent the position of the base point x_i .

The 1st order central derivative approximation is given as

$$\bar{f}_i = \frac{1}{2h} (f_{i+1} - f_{i-1})$$

Can be represented as $\left[\frac{1}{2h} \left(\begin{array}{c} \textcircled{-1} \text{---} \textcircled{\textcircled{0}} \text{---} \textcircled{1} \end{array} \right) \right]$

Ex₇/ represent the second order forward derivative approximation in stencil form

Sol:

$$\text{Since } \bar{\bar{f}}_n(x_0) = \frac{1}{h^2} (f_2 - 2f_1 + f_0)$$

Then the stencil form $\bar{\bar{f}}_n(x_0) = \frac{1}{h^2} \left(\begin{array}{c} \textcircled{1} \text{---} \textcircled{\textcircled{-2}} \text{---} \textcircled{1} \end{array} \right)$

Ex₈/ give the stencil form of the second order mixed derivative

Sol:

