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Unit - II

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Finite Differences:

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Let $y = f(x)$ be a given function of x and let y_0, y_1, y_2, \dots be the values of y corresponding to $x_0, x_0+h, x_0+2h, \dots$ of the values of x i.e., $y_0 = f(x_0), y_1 = f(x_0+h), y_2 = f(x_0+2h), \dots, y_n = f(x_0+nh)$.

Here the independent variable (or) argument x proceeds at equally spaced intervals and 'h' (constants) the difference between two consecutive value of x is called the interval of differencing.

Now $y_1 - y_0, y_2 - y_1, \dots, y_n - y_{n-1}$ are called the first differences of the function y and the differences of the given values are denoted by

$$\Delta y_n = y_{n+1} - y_n \quad [n=0, 1, 2, \dots]$$

Here ' Δ ' acts as an operator called forward difference operator.

Thus,

$$\Delta y_0 = y_1 - y_0$$

$$\Delta y_1 = y_2 - y_1$$

$$\Delta y_n = y_{n+1} - y_n$$

The differences of these first differences are called second differences.

Thus,

$$\Delta^2(y_0) = \Delta(y_0) = \Delta(y_1 - y_0) \quad (2)$$

$$\Delta^2(y_0) = \Delta(y_1) - \Delta(y_0)$$

$$\Delta^2(y_0) = y_2 - y_1 - [y_1 - y_0]$$

$$\Delta^2(y_0) = y_2 - y_1 - y_1 + y_0$$

$$\Delta^2(y_0) = y_2 - 2y_1 + y_0$$

$$\Delta^2(y_1) = \Delta(\Delta y_1) = \Delta(y_2 - y_1) = \Delta y_2 - \Delta y_1$$

$$\Delta^2(y_1) = y_3 - y_2 - [y_2 - y_1]$$

$$\Delta^2(y_1) = y_3 - y_2 - y_2 + y_1$$

$$\Delta^2(y_1) = y_3 - 2y_2 + y_1 \text{ and so on.}$$

In general $\Delta^n y_k = \Delta^{n-1} y_{k+1} - \Delta^{n-1} y_k$ defines n^{th} differences where k and n are integers.

The difference table is a standard format for displaying finite differences and is explained in the following table called forward difference table.

x_0	y_0	Δy_0			
x_1	y_1		$\Delta^2 y_0$		
x_2	y_2	Δy_1		$\Delta^3 y_0$	
x_3	y_3	Δy_2	$\Delta^2 y_1$		$\Delta^4 y_0$
x_4	y_4	Δy_3	$\Delta^2 y_2$	$\Delta^3 y_1$	

Here each difference proves to be a combination of y values.

for example,

$$\Delta^3 y_0 = \Delta^2 y_1 - \Delta^2 y_0$$

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$$\Delta^3 y_0 = (\Delta^2 y_0 - \Delta y_1) - (\Delta y_1 - \Delta y_0)$$

$$\Delta^3 y_0 = \{(y_3 - y_2) - (y_2 - y_1)\} - \{(y_2 - y_1) - (y_1 - y_0)\}$$

$$\Delta^3 y_0 = y_3 - y_2 - y_2 + y_1 - y_2 - y_1 - y_1 + y_0$$

$$\Delta^3 y_0 = y_3 - 2y_2 + y_1 - y_2 - 2y_1 + y_0$$

$$\Delta^3 y_0 = y_3 - 3y_2 + 3y_1 - y_0$$

Newton's forward:

- Interpolation formula

We know that

$$\Delta y_0 = y_1 - y_0 \text{ i.e. } \dots y_1 = y_0 + \Delta y_0 = (1 + \Delta)y_0$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta y_1 = y_2 - y_1 \text{ i.e. } \dots y_2 &= y_1 + \Delta y_1 = (1 + \Delta)y_1 \\ &= (1 + \Delta)(1 + \Delta)y_0 \\ &= (1 + \Delta)^2 y_0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Delta y_2 = y_3 - y_2 \text{ i.e. } \dots y_3 = y_2 + \Delta y_2 = (1 + \Delta)^3 y_0$$

In general

$$y_n = (1 + \Delta)^n y_0$$

Expanding $(1 + \Delta)^n$ by using Binomial theorem we have,

$$y_n = \left\{ 1 + \Delta n + \frac{n(n-1)\Delta^2}{2!} + \frac{n(n-1)(n-2)\Delta^3}{3!} + \dots \right\} y_0$$

$$y_n = \left\{ (x_0 + nh) = y_0 + n\Delta y_0 + \frac{n(n-1)}{2!} \Delta^2 y_0 + \frac{n(n-1)(n-2)}{3!} \Delta^3 y_0 + \dots \right\}$$

The result is known as Gregory Newton forward interpolation (or) Newton's formula for equal intervals. (4)

$$(1+x)^n = 1 + nx + \frac{n(n-1)}{2!} x^2 + \dots$$

$$(1+x)^{-n} = 1 - nx + \frac{n(n-1)}{2!} x^2 - \dots$$

$$(1-x)^n = 1 - nx + \frac{n(n-1)}{2!} x^2 - \dots$$

$$(1-x)^{-n} = 1 + nx + \frac{n(n-1)}{2!} x^2 + \dots$$

Backward differences:

We use another operator called the Backward difference operator ∇ and is defined by

$$\Delta y_n = y_n - y_{n-1}$$

For

$[n = 0, 1, 2, \dots]$ we get .

$$\nabla y_0 = y_0 - y_1$$

$$\nabla y_1 = y_1 - y_0$$

$$\nabla y_2 = y_2 - y_1 \text{ and so on.}$$

The second Backward difference is

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla^2 y_n &= \nabla(\nabla y_n) \\ &= \nabla(y_n - y_{n-1}) \\ &= \nabla y_n - \Delta y_{n-1} \\ &= (y_n - y_{n-1}) - (y_{n-1} - y_{n-2}) \\ &= y_n - 2y_{n-1} + y_{n-2}. \end{aligned}$$

Similarly the third Backward difference is.

$$\nabla^3 y_n = \nabla^2 y_n - \nabla^2 y_{n-1}.$$

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$$= (y_n - 2y_{n-1} + y_{n-2}) - (y_{n-1} - 2y_{n-2} + y_{n-3})$$

$$= y_n - 3y_{n-1} + 3y_{n-2} - y_{n-3} \text{ and so on}$$

Derive Newton's Backward table.

x	y	∇y	$\nabla^2 y$	$\nabla^3 y$	$\nabla^4 y$
$x-4 = x_0 - 4h$	$y-4$				
$x-3 = x_0 - 3h$	$y-3$	$\nabla y-3$			
$x-2 = x_0 - 2h$	$y-2$	$\nabla y-2$	$\nabla^2 y-2$		
$x-1 = x_0 - h$	$y-1$	$\nabla y-1$	$\nabla^2 y-1$	$\nabla^3 y-1$	
$x_0 = y_0$	y_0	∇y_0	$\nabla^2 y_0$	$\nabla^3 y_0$	$\nabla^4 y_0$

Newton's Backward Interpolation formula:

We know that $\nabla y = y_1 - y_0$ (or)

$$(1 - \nabla)y_1 = y_0 \text{ (or) } y_1 = (1 - \nabla)^{-1}y_0 \rightarrow \textcircled{1}$$

Also we know that $y_1 = (1 + \nabla)y_0 \rightarrow \textcircled{2}$

[By definition forward difference operator].

from $\textcircled{1}$ and $\textcircled{2}$ we get

$$(1 - \nabla)^{-1} = (1 + \nabla)$$

Hence $y_n = (1 + \nabla)^n y_0 = (1 - \nabla)^{-n} y_0$

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

i.e.,

$$y = (x_0 + nh)$$

$$= y_0 + n\nabla y_0 + \frac{n(n-1)}{2!} \nabla^2 y_0 + \frac{n(n-1)(n-2)}{3!} \nabla^3 y_0 + \dots$$

This is Gregory - Newton Backward interpolation formula.

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Central Differences:

The central difference operator δ is defined by the relation.

$$y_1 - y_0 = \delta y_{1/2}, \quad y_2 - y_1 = \delta y_{3/2}, \quad \dots, \quad y_n - y_{n-1} = \delta y_{n-1/2}$$

Similarly high order central differences can be defined with the value of x and y in the preceding two tables, a central differences table can be formed, thus,

x	y	δ	δ^2	δ^3	δ^4	δ^5	δ^6
x_0	y_0	$\delta y_{1/2}$					
x_1	y_1	$\delta y_{3/2}$	$\delta^2 y_1$	$\delta^3 y_{3/2}$			
x_2	y_2	$\delta y_{5/2}$	$\delta^2 y_2$	$\delta^3 y_{5/2}$	$\delta^4 y_2$	$\delta^5 y_{5/2}$	
x_3	y_3	$\delta y_{7/2}$	$\delta^2 y_3$	$\delta^3 y_{7/2}$	$\delta^4 y_3$	$\delta^5 y_{7/2}$	$\delta^6 y_3$
x_4	y_4	$\delta y_{9/2}$	$\delta^2 y_4$	$\delta^3 y_{9/2}$	$\delta^4 y_4$		
x_5	y_5	$\delta y_{11/2}$	$\delta^2 y_5$				
x_6	y_6						

It is clear from the tables that in a definite numerical case, the same numbers occur in the same position whether we use

forward, backward or central differences,

Thus, we obtain,

$$\Delta y_0 = \nabla y_1, \delta y^{1/2}$$

$$\Delta^3 y_2 = \nabla^3 y_n = \nabla^3 y^{7/2} \text{ etc.}$$

Newton's formula for Interpolation:

• Newton forward difference Interpolation formula:

Give the set of $(n+1)$ values viz.
 $(x_0, y_0), (x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2), \dots, (x_n, y_n)$
of x and y it is required to find $y_n(x)$
a polynomial of the n^{th} degree such that
 y and $y_n(x)$ agree at the tabulated points
let the value of x be equidistant

ie,

$$\text{let } x_i = x + ih, \quad i = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n.$$

Since $y_n(x)$ is polynomial of the n^{th} degree it may be written as

$$y_n(x) = a_0 + a_1(x-x_0) + a_2(x-x_0)(x-x_1) + \\ a_3(x-x_0)(x-x_1)(x-x_2) + \dots (x-x_{n-1})$$

Imposing now the condition that y and y_n should agree at the set of tabulated points or obtain

$$a_0 = y_0; \quad a_1 = \frac{y_1 - y_0}{x_1 - x_0} = \frac{\Delta y_0}{h}; \quad a_2 = \frac{\Delta^2 y_0}{h^2 2!}$$

$$a_3 = \frac{\Delta^3 y_0}{h^3 3!}; \quad \dots \quad a_n = \frac{\Delta^n y_0}{h^n n!}$$

Setting $x = x_0 + Pn$ and substituting for $y_0 \dots$ an equation (1) gives,

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$$y_n(x) = y_0 + P \Delta y_0 + \frac{P(P-1)}{2!} \Delta^2 y_0 + \frac{P(P-1)(P-2)}{3!} \Delta^3 y_0 + \dots + \frac{P(P-1)(P-2) \dots (P-n+1)}{n!} \Delta^n y_0$$

which is Newton's forward differences interpolation formula.

• Newton Backward Interpolation formula:

Give the set of $(n+1)$ values viz. $(x_0, y_0), (x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2) \dots (x_n, y_n)$ of x , and y . It is required to find $y_n(x)$ a polynomial of the n^{th} degree such that y and $y_n(x)$ agree at the tabulated points. Let the values of x be equidistant i.e. \dots

let $x_i = x_0 + ih$; $i = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n$

Since $y_n(x)$ is a polynomial of the n^{th} degree it may be written as

$$y_n(x) = a_0 + a_1(x-x_0) + a_2(x-x_0)(x-x_1) + a_3(x-x_0)(x-x_1)(x-x_2) + \dots + a_n(x-x_0)(x-x_1)(x-x_2) \dots (x-x_{n-1})$$

Instead of assuming $y_n(x)$ as in (1) if we choose it in the form

$$y_n(x) = a_0 + a_1(x-x_n) + a_2(x-x_n)(x-x_{n-1}) + a_3(x-x_n)(x-x_{n-1})(x-x_{n-2}) + \dots + a_n(x-x_n)(x-x_{n-1})(x-x_{n-2}) \dots (x-x_1)$$

and then impose the condition

that y and $y_n(x)$ should agree at the tabulated points. (9)

$x_n, x_{n-1}, \dots, x_2, x_1, x_0$. We obtain (after some simplification).

Backward difference formula :-

$$y_n(x) = y_n + p \nabla y_n + \frac{p(p+1)}{2!} \nabla^2 y_n + \dots$$

$$\frac{p(p+1)\dots(p+n-1)}{n!} \nabla^n y_n \rightarrow 0$$

Newton's interpolation formula
Problem: 1

The population of the town in the annual census was as given below. estimate the population for the year 1895. (in thousands)

year x	1891	1901	1911	1921	1931
Population y	46	66	81	93	101

Soln:

The difference table is

x	y	Δy	$\Delta^2 y$	$\Delta^3 y$	$\Delta^4 y$
1891	46	(66-46)			
1901	66	(20)	(15-20)		
1911	81	(15)	(-5)	(-3+5)	
1921	93	(12)	(-3)	(2)	(-1-2)
1931	101	(8)	(-4)	(-1)	(-3)

To find p

$x_0 \rightarrow$ initial value

$$x = x_0 + Ph$$

$x \rightarrow$ gn value

$h \rightarrow$ difference b/w x values

$$x_0 = 1891; x = 1895; h = 10$$

$$1895 = 1891 + P(10)$$

$$10P = 1895 - 1891$$

$$P = \frac{1895 - 1891}{10}$$

$$P = 0.4$$

Newton's forward formula is.

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

$$+ \frac{P(P-1)(P-2)(P-3)}{4!} \Delta^4 y_0 + \dots$$

$$y_0 + P \Delta y_0 + \frac{P(P-1)}{2!} \Delta^2 y_0 + (0.4)(20) + \frac{(0.4)(0.4-1)(-5)}{2!} +$$

$$\frac{(0.4)(0.4-1)(0.4-2)(2)}{3!} + (0.4)(0.4-1)$$

$$\frac{(0.4)(0.4-1)(0.4-2)(0.4-3)(-3)}{4!}$$

$$= 46 + 8 + \frac{(-0.24)(-5)}{2!} + \frac{(-0.896)(2)}{3!}$$

$$+ \frac{(-1.5584)(-3)}{4!}$$

$$= 54 + (-0.12)(-5) + (-0.1493)(2)$$

$$+ (-0.0649)(-3)$$

$$= 54 + 0.6 - 0.2986 + 0.1947$$

$$= 54.85$$