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# Newton interpolation calculator (NIC)

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Newton interpolation calculator or NIC for short is a simple calculator developed using python programming language. With a simple GUI created using TKinter and cx\_Freeze modules. Thanks to the developers of Equation and math modules, it wasn't hard at all to develop this project.

Newton interpolation calculator is implementing Newton's forward interpolation and Newton's backward interpolation formulas to find the function values of  $f$  at any non-tabulated value of  $x$  in any interval. Demonstration of usage, source code and test values are briefly demonstrated in up coming sections.

NIC project is for educational purpose only.

This project is supervised by

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# Newton's forward and backward formulas

## - Newton's forward formula

This formula is used when the required value of  $f(x)$  is near the beginning of the table

Let the function  $f$  is known at  $n+1$  equally spaced data points  $a = x_0 < x_1 < \dots < x_n = b$  in the interval  $[a, b]$  as  $f_0, f_1, \dots, f_n$ . Then the  $n$  the degree polynomial approximation of  $f(x)$  can be given as

$$f(x) \cong P_n(S) = f_0 + S\Delta f_0 + \frac{S(S-1)}{2!}\Delta^2 f_0 + \dots + \frac{S(S-1)\dots(S-n+1)}{n!}\Delta^n f_0$$

$$\text{where } S = \frac{x - x_0}{h}, h = x_1 - x_0$$

**Forward difference table:** Consider the function value  $(x_i, f_i)$   $i = 0, 1, 2, \dots, 5$  then the forward difference table is

i	$x_i$	$f_i$	$\Delta f$	$\Delta^2 f$	$\Delta^3 f$	$\Delta^4$
0	$x_0$	$f_0$				
1	$x_1$	$f_1$	$\Delta f_0$	$\Delta^2 f_0$	$\Delta^3 f_0$	
2	$x_2$	$f_2$	$\Delta f_1$	$\Delta^2 f_1$	$\Delta^3 f_1$	$\Delta^4 f_0$
3	$x_3$	$f_3$	$\Delta f_2$	$\Delta^2 f_2$		
4	$x_4$	$f_4$	$\Delta f_3$			

## - Newton's backward formula

This formula is used when the required value of  $f(x)$  is near the ending of the table

Let the function  $f$  is known at  $n+1$  equally spaced data points  $a = x_0 < x_1 < \dots < x_n = b$  in the interval  $[a, b]$  as  $f_0, f_1, \dots, f_n$ . Then the  $n$  the degree polynomial approximation of  $f(x)$  can be given as

$$f(x) \cong P_n(S) = f_n + s\nabla f_n + \frac{s(s+1)}{2!}\nabla^2 f_n + \dots + \frac{s(s+1)\dots(s+n-1)}{n!}\nabla^n f_n$$

$$\text{Where } s = \frac{x-x_n}{h}, h = x_1 - x_0$$

**Backward difference table:** Consider the function value  $(x_i, f_i)$   $i = 0, 1, 2, \dots, 5$  then the backward difference table is

i	$x_i$	$f_i$	$\nabla f_i$	$\nabla^2 f_i$	$\nabla^3 f_i$	$\nabla^4 f_i$
0	$x_0$	$f_0$				
1	$x_1$	$f_1$	$\nabla f_1$	$\nabla^2 f_2$	$\nabla^3 f_3$	
2	$x_2$	$f_2$	$\nabla f_2$	$\nabla^2 f_3$	$\nabla^3 f_4$	$\nabla^4 f_4$
3	$x_3$	$f_3$	$\nabla f_3$	$\nabla^2 f_4$		
4	$x_4$	$f_4$				

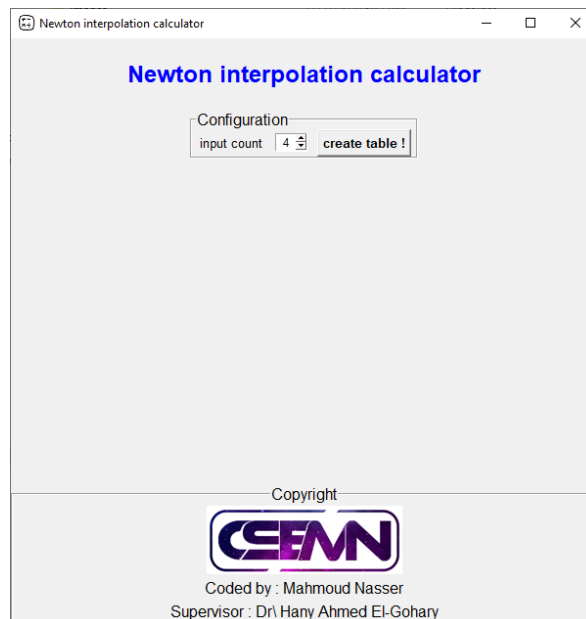
# NIC usage demonstration

The NIC files and directories is as following...

images	11/27/2020 5:47 PM	File folder	
lib	11/27/2020 5:47 PM	File folder	
api-ms-win-crt-heap-l1-1-0.dll	12/6/2019 10:09 PM	Application exten...	13 KB
api-ms-win-crt-locale-l1-1-0.dll	12/6/2019 10:09 PM	Application exten...	12 KB
api-ms-win-crt-math-l1-1-0.dll	12/6/2019 10:09 PM	Application exten...	21 KB
api-ms-win-crt-runtime-l1-1-0.dll	12/6/2019 10:09 PM	Application exten...	16 KB
api-ms-win-crt-stdio-l1-1-0.dll	12/6/2019 10:09 PM	Application exten...	18 KB
NIC	11/27/2020 5:47 PM	Application	31 KB
python3.dll	7/20/2020 4:03 PM	Application exten...	58 KB
python38.dll	7/20/2020 4:03 PM	Application exten...	3,957 KB
tcl86t.dll	7/20/2020 4:03 PM	Application exten...	1,304 KB
tk86t.dll	7/20/2020 4:03 PM	Application exten...	1,174 KB
vcruntime140.dll	7/20/2020 4:03 PM	Application exten...	82 KB

For executing the application simply double click on the **NIC.exe** file

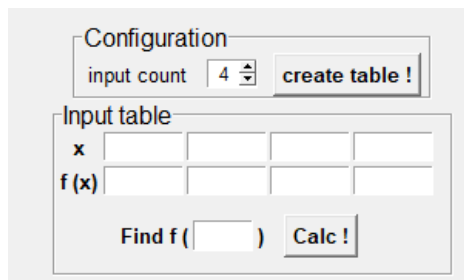
A GUI window will start and show up as following...



In the configuration panel there is a spin box labeled **input count**

This section is to be filled with the count of  $x$  known values in the table

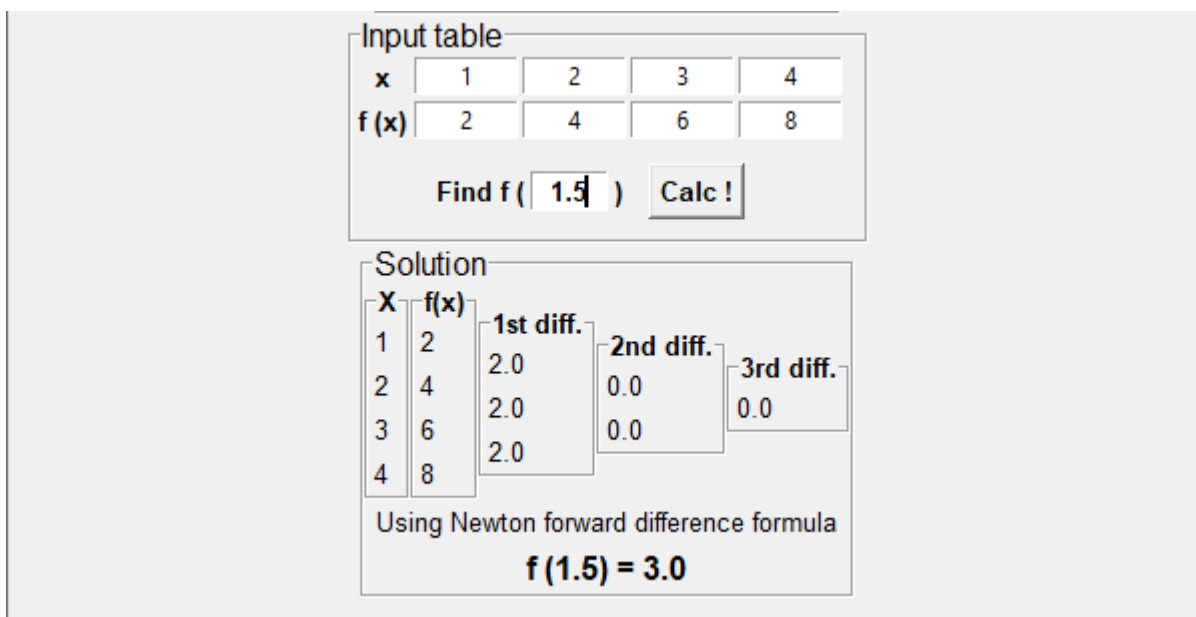
Afterwards, click on **create table** button which will create a table as following...



The image shows two panels from a software interface. The top panel, titled "Configuration", contains a spin box labeled "input count" with the value "4" and a button labeled "create table !". The bottom panel, titled "Input table", contains two rows of input fields. The first row is labeled "x" and the second row is labeled "f(x)". Below these rows are two buttons: "Find f ( )" and "Calc !".

First row is to be filled with  $x$  values and second row is to be filled with the  $f(x)$  values. At the third row one input field to be filled with the  $x$  value which need to calculate  $f(x)$  value for...

After filling previous fields, click **Calc !** button to process input values and show the required  $f(x)$  value and the difference table used during the process as following ...



The image shows two panels from a software interface. The top panel, titled "Input table", contains two rows of input fields. The first row is labeled "x" and the second row is labeled "f(x)". Below these rows are two buttons: "Find f ( )" and "Calc !". The bottom panel, titled "Solution", contains a table with columns "X", "f(x)", "1st diff.", "2nd diff.", and "3rd diff.". Below the table is the text "Using Newton forward difference formula" and the result  $f(1.5) = 3.0$ .

X	f(x)	1st diff.	2nd diff.	3rd diff.
1	2			
2	4	2.0		
3	6	2.0	0.0	
4	8	2.0	0.0	0.0

Using Newton forward difference formula  
 $f(1.5) = 3.0$

Note that the NIC show out which formula was used during the process...

To input new problem consider clicking on **create table** again

# Examples

Following 3 examples mixed between newton forward and backward formulas...

Newton interpolation calculator

**Newton interpolation calculator**

Configuration  
input count: 4

Input table

x	4	6	8	10
f(x)	1	3	8	20


Find f ( 4.5 )

Solution

X	f(x)	1st diff.	2nd diff.	3rd diff.
4	1	2.0	3.0	4.0
6	3	5.0	7.0	
8	8	12.0		
10	20			

Using Newton forward difference formula  
**f(4.5) = 1.4375**

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Newton interpolation calculator

**Newton interpolation calculator**

Configuration  
input count: 4

Input table

x	4	6	8	10
f(x)	1	3	8	20


Find f ( 9 )

Solution

X	f(x)	1st diff.	2nd diff.	3rd diff.
4	1	2.0	3.0	4.0
6	3	5.0	7.0	
8	8	12.0		
10	20			

Using Newton backward difference formula  
**f(9.0) = 12.875**

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Newton interpolation calculator

**Newton interpolation calculator**

Configuration  
input count: 5

Input table

x	0.0	0.2	0.4	0.6	0.8
f(x)	1.0	1.22140	1.49182	1.82212	2.22554


Find f ( 0.05 )

Solution

X	f(x)	1st diff.	2nd diff.	3rd diff.	4th diff.
0.0	1.0	0.22140000000000004	0.04901999999999984	0.010860000000000314	0.0023799999999996047
0.2	1.22140	0.27041999999999999	0.059880000000000155	0.013239999999999919	
0.4	1.49182	0.33030000000000004	0.07312000000000007		
0.6	1.82212	0.40342000000000001			
0.8	2.22554				

Using Newton forward difference formula  
**f(0.05) = 1.0512587988281252**

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# Source code

Following is the source code written in python for the NIC application

```
import math
from tkinter import Label, LabelFrame, Entry, Button, Tk, END, CENTER, Frame, messagebox, Spinbox
from PIL import ImageTk, Image
from Equation import Expression

#create a table for input -> by "create table" button
def createInputTable():

    #remove any previous results
    for child in outputTableFrame.winfo_children():
        child.destroy()
    outputTableFrame.pack_forget()
    diffTableContainer.clear()

    #check if there were previous tables and remove it
    if len(inputTableValues)>0:
        for i in inputTableValues :
            i[0].grid_remove()
            i[1].grid_remove()
        inputTableValues.clear()
    inputTableFrame.pack_forget()
    if len(calcFrameElements)>0 :
        for i in calcFrameElements:
            calcFrameElements[i].grid_forget()
        calcFrameElements.clear()

    # create new input table
    xLabel = Label(inputTableFrame,text="x",font=("Arial",10,"bold"))
    xLabel.grid(row=0,column=0)
    yLabel = Label(inputTableFrame,text="f (x)",font=("Arial",10,"bold"))
    yLabel.grid(row=1,column=0)

    for i in range(int(inputcountEntry.get())):
        xEntry = Entry(inputTableFrame,width=8,justify=CENTER, validate = 'focusout', validatecommand = numValidate)
        xEntry.grid(row=0,column=i+1,padx=1,pady=1)
        yEntry = Entry(inputTableFrame,width=8,justify=CENTER, validate = 'focusout', validatecommand = numValidate)
        yEntry.grid(row=1,column=i+1,padx=1,pady=1)
        inputTableValues.append([xEntry,yEntry])
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calcFrame = Frame(inputTableFrame)
calcFrameElements["lable"] = Label(calcFrame,text="Find f (",font=("Arial",10,"bold"))
calcFrameElements["lable"].grid(row=0,column=0)
calcFrameElements["entry"] = Entry(calcFrame,justify=CENTER,width=5,font=("Arial",10,"bold"), validate = 'focusout', validatecommand = numValidate)
calcFrameElements["entry"].grid(row=0,column=1)
calcFrameElements["lable2"] = Label(calcFrame,text=")",font=("Arial",10,"bold"))
calcFrameElements["lable2"].grid(row=0,column=2)
calcFrameElements["button"] = Button(calcFrame,text="Calc !",command=createOutputTable,font=("Arial",10,"bold"))
calcFrameElements["button"].grid(row=0,column=3,padx=10)

colspn=len(inputTableValues)+1
calcFrame.grid(row=2,pady=10,columnspan=colspn)

inputTableFrame.pack(ipadx=5)

def createOutputTable():

    #remove any previous results
    for child in outputTableFrame.winfo_children():
        child.destroy()
    outputTableFrame.pack_forget()
    diffTableContainer.clear()

    #validate if any empty entries

    for i in inputTableValues :
        if (i[0].get() == "" or i[1].get()==""):
            messagebox.showerror("Empty !","please, fill all input values !")
            return
    if (calcFrameElements["entry"].get()==""):
        messagebox.showerror("Empty !","please, fill f(x) value !")
        return

    calcDiffTable()

    for i in range(len(differenceTableValues)+2) : # +2 for x and y columns
        #create X and Y columns
        if i < 2 :
            if i == 0 :
                diffTableContainer[f"col{i}"] = LabelFrame(outputTableFrame, text="X",font=("Arial",10,"bold"))

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        elif i==1 :
            diffTableContainer[f"col{i}"] = LabelFrame(outputTableFrame, text="f(x)",font=
("Arial",10,"bold"))
            inputValues=[]
            for k in inputTableValues :
                inputValues.append(k[i].get())
                for j in range(0,len(inputValues)) :
                    diffTableContainer[f"col{i}-
row{j}"]= Label(diffTableContainer[f"col{i}"],text= inputValues[j],font=("Arial",10))
                    diffTableContainer[f"col{i}-row{j}"].grid(column=i,row=j)
            else:
                diffTableContainer[f"col{i}"] = LabelFrame(outputTableFrame, text=f"{ordinal[i-
1]} diff.",font=("Arial",10,"bold"))
                tmp=0
                for l in differenceTableValues[i-2] :
                    diffTableContainer[f"col{i}-
row{j}"]= Label(diffTableContainer[f"col{i}"],text=l,font=("Arial",10))
                    diffTableContainer[f"col{i}-row{j}"].grid(column=i,row=tmp)
                    tmp+=1

            diffTableContainer[f"col{i}"].grid(row=0,column=i)
            outputTableFrame.pack()

            xVal = float(calcFrameElements["entry"].get())
            x0 = float(inputTableValues[0][0].get())
            xn = float(inputTableValues[len(inputTableValues)-1][0].get())

            if ( abs( x0- xVal ) < abs( xn - xVal ) ) :
                result = calcNewtonForward()
                diffTableContainer["method"] = Label(outputTableFrame,text="Using Newton forward diff
erence formula",font=("Arial",10))
            elif ( abs( x0- xVal ) > abs( xn - xVal ) ):
                result = calcNewtonBackward()
                diffTableContainer["method"] = Label(outputTableFrame,text="Using Newton backward dif
ference formula",font=("Arial",10))
            else :
                diffTableContainer["method"] = Label(outputTableFrame,text="Can't calculate values in
the middle of the table",font=("Arial",10))
                result="Unknown !"

            diffTableContainer["result"] = Label(outputTableFrame,text=(f"f ({xVal}) = {result}"),fon
t=("Arial",12,"bold"))
            colSpan=len(differenceTableValues)+2
            diffTableContainer["method"].grid(column=0,row=1,columnspan=colSpan)

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diffTableContainer["result"].grid(column=0,row=2,columnspan=colSpan)

#create and calculate the difference table
def calcDiffTable():

    differenceTableValues.clear()

    #obtains y values from the input table
    yValues=[]
    for i in inputTableValues :
        yValues.append(float(i[1].get()))

    #calculate delta y values
    deltaYValues=[]
    for j in range(len(yValues)-1) :
        deltaYValues.append(yValues[j+1]-yValues[j])

    differenceTableValues.append(deltaYValues)

    for i in range(len(yValues)-2) :
        deltaYValues=[]
        for k in range(len(differenceTableValues[i])-1) :
            deltaYValues.append(differenceTableValues[i][k+1] - differenceTableValues[i][k])

        differenceTableValues.append(deltaYValues)

#to return s(s-1)(s-2)....
def factOfS(rep) :
    if rep==0 :
        return "S"
    elif rep > 0 :
        return (f"(S-{rep})"+" * "+factOfS(rep-1))

def calcNewtonForward():

    xVal=float(calcFrameElements["entry"].get()) # desired value to obtain f(x) at
    x0 = float(inputTableValues[0][0].get())
    x1 = float(inputTableValues[1][0].get())
    h = x1-x0
    sVal = (xVal-x0) / h
    f_x0 = float(inputTableValues[0][1].get())
    p_x = f_x0
    times= len(differenceTableValues)
    for i in range(times) :

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        deltaY = float(differenceTableValues[i][0])
        factOfSVal = Expression(factOfS(i))(sVal)
        p_x += ((factOfSVal / math.factorial(i+1) ) * deltaY)
    return p_x

def calcNewtonBackward():

    xVal=float(calcFrameElements["entry"].get()) # desired value to obtain f(x) at
    x0 = float(inputTableValues[0][0].get())
    x1 = float(inputTableValues[1][0].get())
    xn = float(inputTableValues[len(inputTableValues)-1][0].get())
    h = x1-x0
    sVal = (xVal-xn) / h
    f_xn = float(inputTableValues[len(inputTableValues)-1][1].get())
    p_x = f_xn
    times= len(differenceTableValues)
    for i in range(times) :
        deltaY = float(differenceTableValues[i][(len(differenceTableValues[i])-1)])
        factOfSVal = Expression(factOfS(i).replace("-", "+"))(sVal) #replace s(s-1)(s-
2)... by s(s+1)(s+2)...
        p_x += ((factOfSVal / math.factorial(i+1) ) * deltaY)
    return p_x

def validate(action, index, value_if_allowed,
            prior_value, text, validation_type, trigger_type, widget_name):
    if value_if_allowed:
        try:
            float(value_if_allowed)
            return True
        except ValueError:
            messagebox.showerror("Invalid input", "please, Enter only numbers")
            return False
    else:
        return False

main_window = Tk()
main_window.title("Newton interpolation calculator")
main_window.geometry("600x600")
main_window.iconbitmap(".\\images\\NIC.ico")

numValidate = (main_window.register(validate), '%d', '%i', '%P', '%s', '%S', '%v', '%V', '%W')
#number validation
bigLabel = Label(main_window, text="Newton interpolation calculator", fg="Blue", font=('Arial', 18, "bold"), anchor="center", pady=20)
bigLabel.pack()

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#Configuration frame
#contains input count and creat input table
configFrame= LabelFrame(main_window, text="Configuration",font=("Arial",12))
inputcountLable = Label(configFrame,text="input count",font=("Arial",10))
inputcountLable.grid(row=0,column=0,padx=5)
inputcountEnrty = Spinbox(configFrame,from_= 2, to = 10,width=3,justify=CENTER, validate = 'f
ocusout', validatecommand = numValidate)
inputcountEnrty.delete(0)
inputcountEnrty.insert(END,"4")
inputcountEnrty.grid(row=0,column=1,padx=5)
inputcountButton = Button(configFrame,text="create table !",command=createInputTable,font=('A
rial',10,"bold"))
inputcountButton.grid(row=0,column=2,padx=5)
configFrame.pack()
#End of configuration frame

#input table frame
#contains values of X and f(x) entered by user
inputTableFrame= LabelFrame(main_window, text="Input table",font=("Arial",12))
inputTableValues= []
calcFrameElements={}

#output table frame
#contains values of X and f(x) and delta(n) of x columns
outputTableFrame= LabelFrame(main_window, text="Solution",font=("Arial",12))
differenceTableValues= []
diffTableContainer={}

ordinal=("0th","1st","2nd","3rd","4th","5th","6th","7th","8th","9th","10th") #tuple of ordina
l numbers

#copyright section
copyrightFrame = LabelFrame(main_window,text="Copyright",labelanchor='n',font=("Arial",12))
img = ImageTk.PhotoImage(Image.open(".\\images\\logo.png").resize((200,70)))
Label(copyrightFrame,image=img).pack()
Label(copyrightFrame,font=("Arial",12),text="Coded by : Mahmoud Nasser").pack()
Label(copyrightFrame,font=("Arial",12),text="Supervisor : Dr\\ Hany Ahmed El-Gohary").pack()

copyrightFrame.pack(fill="x",side="bottom")
#Main loop
main_window.mainloop()

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