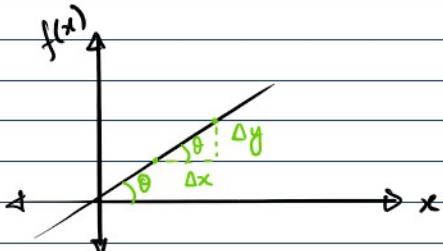


Numerical Differentiation

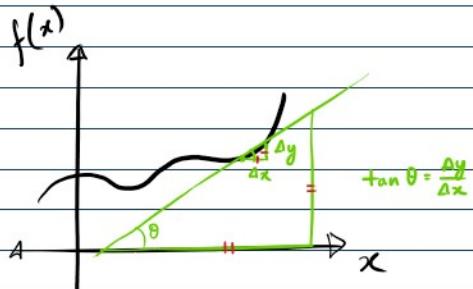
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Chapter 03

General idea of differentiation:



$$f'(x) = \frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x} = \tan \theta$$



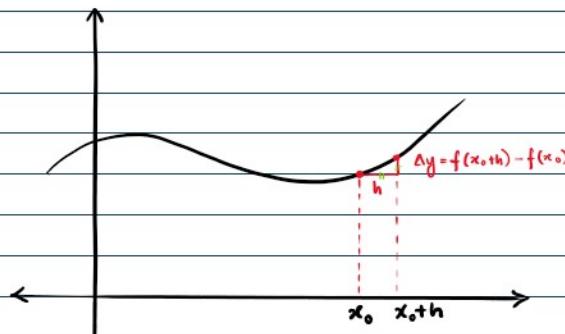
Formal definition of derivative:

$$f'(x_0) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x_0 + h) - f(x_0)}{h}$$

$$f'(x_0) = \frac{f(x_0 + h) - f(x_0)}{h}$$

Trivial Approximation

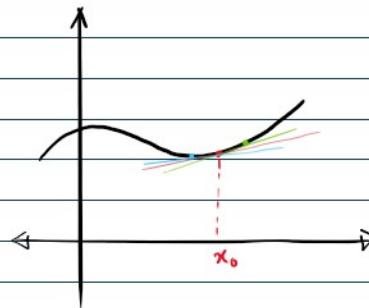
The smaller the 'h', the answer will be more accurate



In equation ①

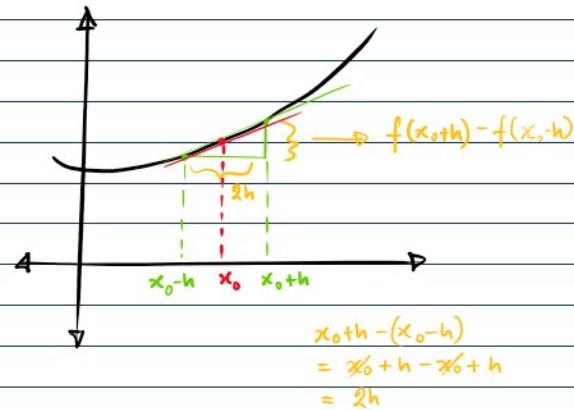
✓ if $h > 0$, forward difference

✓ if $h < 0$, backward difference



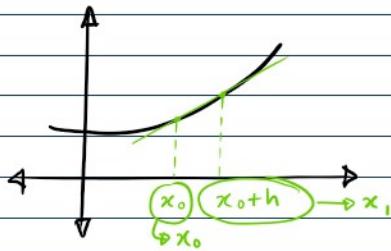
Central Difference (formula)

$$f'(x_0) = \frac{f(x_0+h) - f(x_0-h)}{2h}$$



Important Note: Central difference is more accurate than forward and backward difference because it provides a parallel line to the original line.

Forward Difference



$$P_1(x) = \frac{x - x_1}{x_0 - x_1} \cdot f(x_0) + \frac{x - x_0}{x_1 - x_0} \cdot f(x_1)$$

$$f(x) = \frac{x - x_0}{x_0 - x_1} \cdot f(x_0) + \frac{x - x_1}{x_1 - x_0} \cdot f(x_1) + \frac{f''(\xi)}{2!} \cdot (x - x_0)(x - x_1)$$

Error from Taylor's Theorem

$$\frac{d}{dx}(uv) = \frac{du}{dx} \cdot v + \frac{dv}{dx} \cdot u$$

$\xi \in [x_0, x_1]$

$$f'(x) = \frac{1}{x_0 - x_1} \cdot f(x_0) + \frac{1}{x_1 - x_0} \cdot f(x_1) + \frac{f'''(\xi)}{2} \cdot \frac{d\xi}{dx} \cdot (x - x_0)(x - x_1) +$$

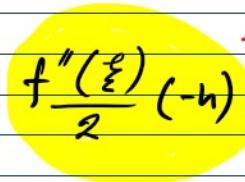
$$\frac{f''(\xi)}{2} (2x - x_0 - x_1)$$

$$\therefore f'(x_0) = \frac{f(x_1) - f(x_0)}{x_1 - x_0} + \frac{f''(\xi)}{2}(x_0 - x_1)$$

as $x_1 = x_0 + h$

$$= \frac{f(x_0 + h) - f(x_0)}{h} + \frac{f''(\xi)}{2}(-h)$$

Truncation Error



Error $\propto h$

\Rightarrow Linearly proportional to h

$f''(\xi)$

Example :

$\ln(x)$ at $x_0 = 2$

$$\frac{d}{dx} (\ln x) = \frac{1}{x}$$

$$f(x_0) = \frac{1}{x_0}$$

$$f(2) = \frac{1}{2} = 0.5$$

h

Forward difference

Truncation Error

$$* \frac{\ln(2+h) - \ln(2)}{h}$$

$$1 \longrightarrow 0.90547 \longrightarrow 0.9453$$

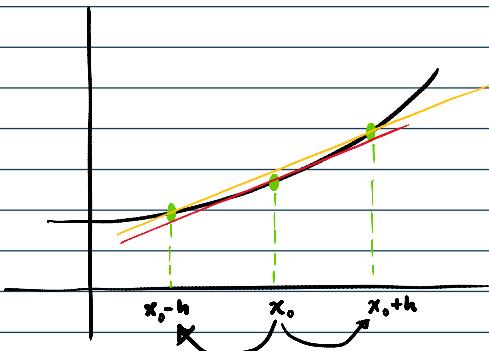
$$0.1 \longrightarrow 0.987902 \longrightarrow 0.0120981$$

$$0.01 \longrightarrow 0.998751 \longrightarrow 0.00129585$$

$$0.001 \longrightarrow 0.999875 \longrightarrow 0.000124958$$

Error $\sim (-h)$

Central Difference



$$x_0, \quad x_1 = x_0 + h, \quad x_2 = x_0 + 2h$$

$$f(x) = \frac{(x-x_1)(x-x_2)}{(x_0-x_1)(x_0-x_2)} \cdot f(x_0) + \frac{(x-x_0)(x-x_2)}{(x_1-x_0)(x_1-x_2)} \cdot f(x_1) + \frac{(x-x_0)(x-x_1)}{(x_2-x_0)(x_2-x_1)} \cdot f(x_2)$$

$$+ \frac{f^{(3)}(\xi)}{3!} (x-x_0)(x-x_1)(x-x_2)$$

Rough
 $x^2 - x_2 x_0 - x_0 x - x_0^2 x_2$
 $2x - x_0 - x_0$

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

$$+ \frac{f^{(3)}(\xi)}{3!} [(x-x_1)(x-x_2) + (x-x_0)(x-x_2) + (x-x_1)(x-x_0)]$$

$$+ \frac{f^{(4)}(\xi)}{3!} \cdot \frac{d(\xi)}{dx} \cdot (x-x_0)(x-x_1)(x-x_2)$$

$$f'(x_1) = \frac{x_1 - x_2}{(x_0-x_1)(x_0-x_2)} \cdot f(x_0) + \frac{2x_1 - x_0 - x_2}{(x_1-x_0)(x_1-x_2)} \cdot f(x_1) + \frac{x_1 - x_0}{(x_2-x_0)(x_2-x_1)} \cdot f(x_2)$$

$$+ \frac{f^{(3)}(\xi)}{3!} \cdot (x-x_0)(x-x_2)$$

By putting values of x_0, x_1 , and x_2 $x_1 = x_0 + h ; x_2 = x_0 + 2h$,

$$f'(x_1) = -\frac{1}{2h} f(x_0) + \frac{1}{2h} f(x_0+2h) - \frac{f^{(3)}(\xi)}{3!} h^2$$

$$= \frac{f(x_0+2h) - f(x_0)}{2h} - \boxed{\frac{f^{(3)}(\xi)}{3!} h^2}$$

Truncation
Error

$$\text{Error} \propto h^2$$

$$\ln(x) \propto 0.5$$

Example → Derivative of $f(x) = \log(x)$ at $x = 2$.

h	Forward difference	Truncation error	Central difference	Truncation error
1	0.405465	0.0945349	0.549306	-0.0493061
0.1	0.487902	0.0110984	0.500417	-0.000417293
0.01	0.498754	0.00124585	0.500004	-4.16673e-06
0.001	0.499875	0.000124958	0.500000	-4.16666e-08

$\propto h$

$\propto h^2$