

First derivative using the backwards differentiation method

Calculates the first derivative of f using the backwards differentiation numerical method.

By using $f'(x) \approx \frac{f(x) - f(x-h)}{h}$, we calculate an approximation to the first derivative of f , where the error of said method is $O(h)$.

Parameters

1. $f \rightarrow$ The symbolical function to calculate its derivative.
2. $h \rightarrow$ The absolute value of the difference between $f(x)$ and $f(x-h)$.
3. $x \rightarrow$ The point where the derivative will be calculated.
4. $df \rightarrow$ The symbolical derivative to calculate the error of the method.

Returns

1. $dfa \rightarrow$ The value of the derivative calculated using the numerical method in p .
2. $h \rightarrow$ The absolute value of the difference between $f(x)$ and $f(x-h)$.
3. $error \rightarrow$ The absolute error between the numerical method and the actual derivative.

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function [dfa, h, error] = backwardsFirstDerivative(f, df, x, h)
    format longE
    dfa = (f(x) - f(x-h))/(h);
    error = abs(df - dfa);
end
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