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% Cory Wolfe  
f = @(x) x^5-x^2+4;
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Manual evaluation

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x = 4; h = .5;  
df_f_c = (f(x+h)-f(x))/h % forward  
df_b_c = (f(x)-f(x-h))/h % backward  
h = .25;  
df_f_f = (f(x+h)-f(x))/h % forward finer  
df_b_f = (f(x)-f(x-h))/h % backward finer  
h = 0.5;  
df_f2_c = (-f(x+2*h)+4*f(x+h)-3*f(x))/(2*h) % Forward O(h2)  
df_b2_c = ( 3*f(x)-4*f(x-h)+f(x-2*h))/(2*h) % Backward O(h2)  
df_c2_c = ( f(x+h)-f(x-h))/(2*h) % Centered O(h2)  
h = 0.25;  
df_f2_f = (-f(x+2*h)+4*f(x+h)-3*f(x))/(2*h) % Forward O(h2)  
df_b2_f = ( 3*f(x)-4*f(x-h)+f(x-2*h))/(2*h) % Backward O(h2)  
df_c2_f = ( f(x+h)-f(x-h))/(2*h) % Centered O(h2)  
  
df_f_c =  
    1.6341e+03  
df_b_c =  
    990.0625  
df_f_f =  
    1.4421e+03  
df_b_f =  
    1.1219e+03  
df_f2_c =  
    1.1761e+03  
df_b2_c =  
    1.2061e+03  
df_c2_c =  
    1.3121e+03  
df_f2_f =  
    1.2501e+03  
df_b2_f =  
    1.2538e+03  
df_c2_f =  
    1.2820e+03
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Truncation Error

```
exact = 1272;
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E_f_c = abs(exact-df_f_c);
E_f_f = abs(exact - df_f_f);
E_f2_c = abs(exact - df_f2_c);
E_f2_f = abs(exact - df_f2_f);
fprintf('True Error\n')
fprintf('      O(h)      O(h2)\n')
fprintf('Coarse  %.2f      %.2f\n',E_f_c,E_f2_c)
fprintf('Fine    %.2f      %.2f\n',E_f_f,E_f2_f)
fprintf('\nTrue Relative Error\n')
fprintf('      O(h)      O(h2)\n')
fprintf('Coarse  %.2f      %.2f\n',E_f_c/exact,E_f2_c/exact)
fprintf('Fine    %.2f      %.2f\n',E_f_f/exact,E_f2_f/exact)

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True Error
      O(h)      O(h2)
Coarse  362.06      95.88
Fine    170.07      21.93

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True Relative Error
      O(h)      O(h2)
Coarse  0.28      0.08
Fine    0.13      0.02

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Using derfun

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df_f_c
derfun(f,4,.5,1,'f')
df_b2_c
derfun(f,4,.5,2,'b')
df_c2_f
derfun(f,4,.25,2,'c')
help derfun

df_f_c =
    1.6341e+03
ans =
    1.6341e+03
df_b2_c =
    1.2061e+03
ans =
    1.2061e+03
df_c2_f =
    1.2820e+03
ans =
    1.2820e+03
derfun: Numerical calculation of first derivative
df = derfun(f,x,h,O,dir)

inputs:
f = function to differentiate
x = location where to evaluate derivative
h = step size
O = order of accuracy (1, 2 or 4)
dir = string indicating direction, 'f' 'b' 'c'

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outputs:

df = numerical estimation of the derivative

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