

A. Consider the following function, $f(x) = 7e^{-5x}$. Based on these, answer the following questions:

1. (2 marks) Approximate the derivative of $f(x)$ at $x_0 = 1.0$ with step size $h = 0.1$ using the forward and central difference methods up to 5 significant figures.
2. (4 marks) Determine the upper bound of truncation error of $f(x)$ at $x_0 = 1.0$. Using step size $h = 0.1$ for the backward and central difference methods up to 5 significant figures.
3. (4 marks) Compute $f'(1.1)$ with step size $h = 0.1$ using backward difference method, and also calculate the relative error. Use 5 significant figures.

1.

Forward Difference

$$\begin{aligned}
 f'(x_0) &= \frac{f(x_0+h) - f(x_0)}{h} \\
 &= \frac{f(1+0.1) - f(1)}{0.1} \\
 &= \frac{f(1.1) - f(1)}{0.1} \\
 &= \frac{(7e^{-5 \times 1.1}) - (7e^{-5 \times 1})}{0.1} \\
 &= -0.18558 \quad (5 \text{ s. f.})
 \end{aligned}$$

Central Difference

$$\begin{aligned}
 f'(x_0) &= \frac{f(x_0+h) - f(x_0-h)}{2h} \\
 &= \frac{f(1+0.1) - f(1-0.1)}{0.1} \\
 &= \frac{f(1.1) - f(0.9)}{0.1} \\
 &= \frac{(7e^{-5 \times 1.1}) - (7e^{-5 \times 0.9})}{0.1} \\
 &= -0.49156 \quad (5 \text{ s. f.})
 \end{aligned}$$

2.

Backward Difference

$$\text{Truncation Error} = \frac{f^{(2)}(\xi)}{2}(h)$$

Central Difference

$$\text{Truncation Error} = \frac{f^{(3)}(\xi)}{6}(h)^2$$

Given that-

$$f(x) = 7e^{-5x}$$

$$\Rightarrow f'(x) = -35e^{-5x}$$

$$\Rightarrow f^2(x) = 175e^{-5x}$$

$$\Rightarrow f^3(x) = -875e^{-5x}$$

Now,

For Backward Difference,

$$\text{Interval: } [x_0 - h, x_0] = [1 - 0.1, 1] = [0.9, 1]$$

$$\therefore f^2(x = 0.9) = 1.9441 \text{ (5 s.f.)} \quad \checkmark$$

$$\therefore f^2(x = 1) = 1.1791 \text{ (5 s.f.)} \quad \times$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \text{Upper bound of Truncation Error} &= \frac{f^{(2)}(\xi)}{2}(h) \\ &= \frac{1.9441}{2} \times 0.1 \\ &= 0.097205 \text{ (5 s.f.)} \end{aligned}$$

For Central Difference,

$$\text{Interval: } [x_0 - h, x_0 + h] = [1 - 0.1, 1 + 0.1] = [0.9, 1.1]$$

$$\therefore f^3(x = 0.9) = -9.7204 \text{ (5 s.f.)} \quad \times$$

$$\therefore f^3(x = 1.1) = -3.5759 \text{ (5 s.f.)} \quad \checkmark$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \text{Upper bound of Truncation Error} &= \frac{f^{(3)}(\xi)}{6}(h)^2 \\ &= \frac{-3.5759}{6}(0.1)^2 \\ &= -5.95983 \times 10^{-3} \text{ (5 s.f.)} \end{aligned}$$

3.

Backward Difference

$$\begin{aligned}f'(x_0) &= \frac{f(x_0) - f(x_0 - h)}{h} \\f'(1.1) &= \frac{f(1.1) - f(1.1 - 0.1)}{0.1} \\&= \frac{f(1.1) - f(1)}{0.1} \\&= \frac{(7e^{-5 \times 1.1}) - (7e^{-5 \times 1})}{0.1} \\&= -0.18558 \quad (5 \text{ s.f.})\end{aligned}$$

Given that-

$$\begin{aligned}f(x) &= 7e^{-5x} \\ \Rightarrow f'(x) &= -35e^{-5x} \\ \Rightarrow f'(x = 1.1) &= -35e^{-5 \times 1.1} = -0.14304 \quad (5 \text{ s.f.})\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\therefore \text{Relative Error} &= \left| \frac{f'(x) - \text{Backward Difference}}{f'(x)} \right| \\&= \left| \frac{-0.14304 - (-0.18558)}{-0.14304} \right| \\&= \left| \frac{-0.14304 + 0.18558}{-0.14304} \right| \\&= 0.29739 \quad (5 \text{ s.f.})\end{aligned}$$

B. Read the following questions and answer accordingly:

1. (5 marks) Deduce an expression for $D_h^{(1)}$ from D_h by replacing h with $\frac{h}{3}$ using Richardson extrapolation method.
2. (3 marks) If $f(x) = -9e^{7x} + 4x^3$, compute $D_{0.2}^{(1)}$ at $x = 2.7$ using Richardson extrapolation method up to 4 significant figures and calculate the truncation error.
3. (2 marks) Following B(2), if $f(x) = -9e^{7x} + 4x^3$, compute $D_{0.2}^{(2)}$ at $x = 2.7$ using Richardson extrapolation method up to 4 significant figures .

1.

$$D_h = \frac{f(x+h)-f(x-h)}{2h}$$

From Taylor series-

$$f(x) = f(x_0) + f'(x_0)(x - x_0) + \frac{f''(x_0)}{2!}(x - x_0)^2 + \frac{f'''(x_0)}{3!}(x - x_0)^3 + \dots$$

Now,

$$f(x + h) = f(x) + f'(x)(h) + \frac{f''(x)}{2!}(h)^2 + \frac{f'''(x)}{3!}(h)^3 + \frac{f^{(4)}(x)}{4!}(h)^4 + \frac{f^{(5)}(x)}{5!}(h)^5 + O(h^6)$$

$$f(x - h) = f(x) - f'(x)(h) + \frac{f''(x)}{2!}(h)^2 - \frac{f'''(x)}{3!}(h)^3 + \frac{f^{(4)}(x)}{4!}(h)^4 - \frac{f^{(5)}(x)}{5!}(h)^5 + O(h^6)$$

So,

[5th order approximation]

$$D_h = \frac{f(x+h)-f(x-h)}{2h}$$

$$\Rightarrow D_h = \frac{1}{2h} \left(2f'(x)(h) + 2\frac{f'''(x)}{3!}(h)^3 + 2\frac{f^{(5)}(x)}{5!}(h)^5 + O(h^7) \right)$$

$$D_h = f'(x) + \frac{f'''(x)}{3!}(h)^2 + \frac{f^{(5)}(x)}{5!}(h)^4 + O(h^6) \quad - (1)$$

$$D_{\frac{h}{3}} = f'(x) + \frac{f'''(x)}{3!}\left(\frac{h}{3}\right)^2 + \frac{f^{(5)}(x)}{5!}\left(\frac{h}{3}\right)^4 + O(h^6) \quad - (2)$$

Now, $4 \times (2) - (1) \rightarrow$

$$\begin{aligned} 9 \times D_{\frac{h}{3}} - D_h &= 9 \times \left(f'(x) + \frac{f'''(x)}{3!}\left(\frac{h}{3}\right)^2 + \frac{f^{(5)}(x)}{5!}\left(\frac{h}{3}\right)^4 + O(h^6) \right) \\ &\quad - \left(f'(x) + \frac{f'''(x)}{3!}(h)^2 + \frac{f^{(5)}(x)}{5!}(h)^4 + O(h^6) \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$= 8f^1(x) + 0 - \frac{8}{9} \frac{f^5(x)}{5!}(h)^4 + o(h^6)$$

$$\frac{9 \times D_{\frac{h}{3}} - D_h}{8} = f^1(x) - \frac{1}{9} \frac{f^5(x)}{5!}(h)^4 + o(h^6)$$

$$\therefore D_h^{(1)} = f^1(x) - \frac{1}{9} \frac{f^5(x)}{5!}(h)^4 + o(h^6)$$

2.

$$D_h = \frac{f(x+h) - f(x-h)}{2h}$$

Considering $h = 0.2$ and $\frac{h}{2} = 0.1$,

$$\begin{aligned} D_h = D_{0.2} &= \frac{f(2.7+0.2) - f(2.7-0.2)}{2 \times 0.2} \\ &= \frac{f(2.9) - f(2.5)}{0.4} \\ &= \frac{-5894140511.82314 - (-358422997.07818)}{0.4} \\ &= -1.384 \times 10^{10} \quad (4 \text{ s.f.}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} D_{\frac{h}{2}} = D_{0.1} &= \frac{f(2.7+0.1) - f(2.7-0.1)}{2 \times 0.1} \\ &= \frac{f(2.8) - f(2.6)}{0.2} \\ &= \frac{-2926943517.28982 - (-721775336.34142)}{0.2} \\ &= -1.103 \times 10^{10} \quad (4 \text{ s.f.}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore D_{h=0.2}^{(1)} = \frac{2^2 \times D_{\frac{h}{2}} - D_h}{2^2 - 1} = \frac{4 \times D_{\frac{h}{2}} - D_h}{4 - 1} = \frac{4 \times D_{\frac{h}{2}} - D_h}{3}$$

$$= \frac{(4 \times (-1.103 \times 10^{10})) - (-1.384 \times 10^{10})}{3} = -1.009 \times 10^{10} (4 \text{ s.f.})$$

Given that-

$$f(x) = -9e^{7x} + 4x^3$$

$$\Rightarrow f'(x) = -63e^{7x} + 12x^2$$

$$\Rightarrow f'(x = 2.7) = -63e^{7 \times 2.7} + 12 \times (2.7)^2 = -1.017 \times 10^{10} (4 \text{ s.f.})$$

$$\therefore \text{Truncation error} = |\text{Actual derivative} - \text{approx. derivative}|$$

$$= |(-1.017 \times 10^{10}) - (-1.009 \times 10^{10})|$$

$$= 0.08434 \times 10^9 \quad (4 \text{ s.f.})$$

3.

$$\text{Considering } h = 0.1 \text{ and } \frac{h}{2} = 0.05,$$

$$D_{\frac{0.2}{2}} = D_{0.1} = D_h = \frac{f(2.7+0.1) - f(2.7-0.1)}{2 \times 0.1}$$

$$= \frac{f(2.8) - f(2.6)}{0.2}$$

$$= \frac{-2926943517.28982 - (-721775336.34142)}{0.2}$$

$$= -1.103 \times 10^{10} \quad (4 \text{ s.f.})$$

$$D_{\frac{0.2}{4}} = D_{0.05} = D_{\frac{h}{2}} = \frac{f(2.7+0.05) - f(2.7-0.05)}{2 \times 0.05}$$

$$= \frac{f(2.75) - f(2.65)}{0.1}$$

$$= \frac{-2062582214.60328 - (-1024247982.504723)}{0.1}$$

$$= -1.038 \times 10^{10} \quad (4 \text{ s.f.})$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\therefore D_{h=0.1}^{(1)} &= \frac{2^2 \times D_{\frac{h}{2}} - D_h}{2^2 - 1} = \frac{4 \times D_{\frac{h}{2}} - D_h}{4 - 1} = \frac{4 \times D_{\frac{h}{2}} - D_h}{3} \\
&= \frac{(4 \times (-1.038 \times 10^{10})) - (-1.103 \times 10^{10})}{3} = -1.016 \times 10^{10} (4 \text{ s.f.})
\end{aligned}$$

So,

$$\begin{aligned}
D_{h=0.2}^{(2)} &= \frac{2^4 \times D_{\frac{h}{2}}^{(1)} - D_h^{(1)}}{2^4 - 1} = \frac{16 \times D_{\frac{h}{2}}^{(1)} - D_h^{(1)}}{16 - 1} = \frac{16 \times D_{\frac{h}{2}}^{(1)} - D_h^{(1)}}{15} \\
&= \frac{(16 \times (-1.016 \times 10^{10})) - (-1.009 \times 10^{10})}{15} = -1.016 \times 10^{10} (4 \text{ s.f.})
\end{aligned}$$