

Numerical Differentiation

The method of obtaining the derivatives of a function using a numerical technique is known as numerical differentiation.

The choice of the formula is the same as in case of interpolation problems.



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FORMULAE FOR DERIVATIVES

(1) **Newton's forward difference interpolation formula is**

$$y = y_0 + u \Delta y_0 + \frac{u(u-1)}{2!} \Delta^2 y_0 + \frac{u(u-1)(u-2)}{3!} \Delta^3 y_0 + \dots \quad (1)$$

where $u = \frac{x-a}{h}$ (2)

Differentiating eqn. (1) with respect to u , we get

$$\frac{dy}{du} = \Delta y_0 + \frac{2u-1}{2} \Delta^2 y_0 + \frac{3u^2-6u+2}{6} \Delta^3 y_0 + \dots \quad (3)$$

Differentiating eqn. (2) with respect to x , we get

$$\frac{du}{dx} = \frac{1}{h} \quad (4)$$

We know that

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{du} \cdot \frac{du}{dx} = \frac{1}{h} \left[\Delta y_0 + \left(\frac{2u-1}{2} \right) \Delta^2 y_0 + \left(\frac{3u^2-6u+2}{6} \right) \Delta^3 y_0 + \dots \right] \quad (5)$$

Expression (5) provides the value of $\frac{dy}{dx}$ at any x which is not tabulated.

Formula (5) becomes simple for tabulated values of x , in particular when $x = a$ and $u = 0$

Putting $u = 0$ in (5), we get

$$\left(\frac{dy}{dx} \right)_{x=a} = \frac{1}{h} \left[\Delta y_0 - \frac{1}{2} \Delta^2 y_0 + \frac{1}{3} \Delta^3 y_0 - \frac{1}{4} \Delta^4 y_0 + \frac{1}{5} \Delta^5 y_0 - \dots \right] \quad (6)$$

Differentiating eqn. (5) with respect to x , we get

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} &= \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{dy}{dx} \right) = \frac{d}{du} \left(\frac{dy}{dx} \right) \frac{du}{dx} \\ &= \frac{1}{h} \left[\Delta^2 y_0 + (u-1) \Delta^3 y_0 + \left(\frac{6u^2 - 18u + 11}{12} \right) \Delta^4 y_0 + \dots \right] \frac{1}{h} \\ &= \frac{1}{h^2} \left[\Delta^2 y_0 + (u-1) \Delta^3 y_0 + \left(\frac{6u^2 - 18u + 11}{12} \right) \Delta^4 y_0 + \dots \right] \quad (7) \end{aligned}$$

Putting $u = 0$ in (7), we get

$$\left(\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} \right)_{x=a} = \frac{1}{h^2} \left(\Delta^2 y_0 - \Delta^3 y_0 + \frac{11}{12} \Delta^4 y_0 + \dots \right) \quad (8)$$

Newton's backward difference interpolation formula is

$$y = y_n + u \nabla y_n + \frac{u(u+1)}{2!} \nabla^2 y_n + \frac{u(u+1)(u+2)}{3!} \nabla^3 y_n + \dots \quad (10)$$

where $u = \frac{x - x_n}{h}$ (11)

$$\left(\frac{dy}{dx} \right)_{x=x_n} = \frac{1}{h} \left(\nabla y_n + \frac{1}{2} \nabla^2 y_n + \frac{1}{3} \nabla^3 y_n + \frac{1}{4} \nabla^4 y_n + \dots \right)$$

$$\left(\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} \right)_{x=x_n} = \frac{1}{h^2} \left(\nabla^2 y_n + \nabla^3 y_n + \frac{11}{12} \nabla^4 y_n + \dots \right)$$

Similarly, we get

$$\left(\frac{d^3 y}{dx^3} \right)_{x=x_n} = \frac{1}{h^3} \left(\nabla^3 y_n + \frac{3}{2} \nabla^4 y_n + \dots \right)$$

and so on.

Stirling's central difference interpolation formula is

$$\begin{aligned}
 y = y_0 &+ \frac{u}{1!} \left(\frac{\Delta y_0 + \Delta y_{-1}}{2} \right) + \frac{u^2}{2!} \Delta^2 y_{-1} + \frac{u(u^2 - 1^2)}{3!} \left(\frac{\Delta^3 y_{-1} + \Delta^3 y_{-2}}{2} \right) \\
 &+ \frac{u^2(u^2 - 1^2)}{4!} \Delta^4 y_{-2} + \frac{u(u^2 - 1^2)(u^2 - 2^2)}{5!} \left(\frac{\Delta^5 y_{-2} + \Delta^5 y_{-3}}{2} \right) + \dots
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{19}$$

where
$$u = \frac{x - a}{h} \tag{20}$$

$$\left(\frac{dy}{dx} \right)_{x=a} = \frac{1}{h} \left[\left(\frac{\Delta y_0 + \Delta y_{-1}}{2} \right) - \frac{1}{6} \left(\frac{\Delta^3 y_{-1} + \Delta^3 y_{-2}}{2} \right) + \frac{1}{30} \left(\frac{\Delta^5 y_{-2} + \Delta^5 y_{-3}}{2} \right) - \dots \right]$$

$$\left(\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} \right)_{x=a} = \frac{1}{h^2} \left(\Delta^2 y_{-1} - \frac{1}{12} \Delta^4 y_{-2} + \frac{1}{90} \Delta^6 y_{-3} - \dots \right)$$

Bessel's central difference interpolation formula is

$$\begin{aligned}
 y = & \left(\frac{y_0 + y_1}{2} \right) + \left(u - \frac{1}{2} \right) \Delta y_0 + \frac{u(u-1)}{2!} \left(\frac{\Delta^2 y_{-1} + \Delta^2 y_0}{2} \right) \\
 & + \frac{u(u-1) \left(u - \frac{1}{2} \right)}{3!} \Delta^3 y_{-1} + \frac{(u+1)u(u-1)(u-2)}{4!} \left(\frac{\Delta^4 y_{-2} + \Delta^4 y_{-1}}{2} \right) \\
 & + \frac{(u+1)u(u-1)(u-2) \left(u - \frac{1}{2} \right)}{5!} \Delta^5 y_{-2} \\
 & + \frac{(u+2)(u+1)u(u-1)(u-2)(u-3)}{6!} \left(\frac{\Delta^6 y_{-3} + \Delta^6 y_{-2}}{2} \right) + \dots
 \end{aligned}$$

where $u = \frac{x-a}{h}$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \left(\frac{dy}{dx} \right)_{x=a} = & \frac{1}{h} \left[\Delta y_0 - \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\Delta^2 y_{-1} + \Delta^2 y_0}{2} \right) + \frac{1}{12} \Delta^3 y_{-1} + \frac{1}{12} \left(\frac{\Delta^4 y_{-2} + \Delta^4 y_{-1}}{2} \right) \right. \\
 & \left. - \frac{1}{120} \Delta^5 y_{-2} - \frac{1}{60} \left(\frac{\Delta^6 y_{-3} + \Delta^6 y_{-2}}{2} \right) + \dots \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

For unequally spaced values of the argument

(i) Newton's divided difference formula is

$$f(x) = f(x_0) + (x - x_0) \Delta f(x_0) + (x - x_0)(x - x_1) \Delta^2 f(x_0) + (x - x_0)(x - x_1)(x - x_2) \Delta^3 f(x_0) + (x - x_0)(x - x_1)(x - x_2)(x - x_3) \Delta^4 f(x_0) + \dots \quad (34)$$

$f'(x)$ is given by

$$f'(x) = \Delta f(x_0) + \{2x - (x_0 + x_1)\} \Delta^2 f(x_0) + \{3x^2 - 2x(x_0 + x_1 + x_2) + (x_0x_1 + x_1x_2 + x_2x_0)\} \Delta^3 f(x_0) + \dots \quad (35)$$

Example 2. The table given below reveals the velocity ' v ' of a body during the time ' t ' specified. Find its acceleration at $t = 1.1$.

t :	1.0	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.4
v :	43.1	47.7	52.1	56.4	60.8

Sol. The difference table is:

t	v	Δv	$\Delta^2 v$	$\Delta^3 v$	$\Delta^4 v$
1.0	43.1				
1.1	47.7	4.6			
		4.4	-0.2	0.1	
1.2	52.1		-0.1		0.1
		4.3		0.2	
1.3	56.4		0.1		
		4.4			
1.4	60.8				

Let $a = 1.1$,

$\therefore v_0 = 47.7$ and $h = 0.1$

Acceleration at $t = 1.1$ is given by

$$\left[\frac{dv}{dt} \right]_{t=1.1} = \frac{1}{h} \left[\Delta v_0 - \frac{1}{2} \Delta^2 v_0 + \frac{1}{3} \Delta^3 v_0 \right] = \frac{1}{0.1} \left[4.4 - \frac{1}{2}(-0.1) + \frac{1}{3}(0.2) \right]$$

$$= 45.1667$$

Hence the required acceleration is **45.1667**.

Example 4. The distance covered by an athlete for the 50 meter race is given in the following table:

Time (sec):	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
Distance (meter):	0	2.5	8.5	15.5	24.5	36.5	50

Determine the speed of the athlete at $t = 5$ sec., correct to two decimals.

t	s	∇s	$\nabla^2 s$	$\nabla^3 s$	$\nabla^4 s$	$\nabla^5 s$	$\nabla^6 s$
0	0	2.5					
1	2.5	6	3.5	-2.5			
2	8.5	7	1	1	3.5		
3	15.5	9	2	1	0	-3.5	
4	24.5	12	3	-1.5	-2.5	-2.5	1
5	36.5	13.5	1.5				
6	50						

Here we use Newton's Backward difference Formula for first derivative

$$\left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)_{x=x_n} = \frac{1}{h} \left(\nabla y_n + \frac{1}{2} \nabla^2 y_n + \frac{1}{3} \nabla^3 y_n + \frac{1}{4} \nabla^4 y_n + \dots \right)$$

The speed of the athlete at $t = 5$ sec is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\frac{ds}{dt}\right)_{t=5} &= \frac{1}{h} \left[\nabla s_5 + \frac{1}{2} \nabla^2 s_5 + \frac{1}{3} \nabla^3 s_5 + \frac{1}{4} \nabla^4 s_5 + \frac{1}{5} \nabla^5 s_5 \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{1} \left[12 + \frac{1}{2} (3) + \frac{1}{3} (1) + \frac{1}{4} (0) + \frac{1}{5} (-3.5) \right] \\ &= 13.1333 \approx 13.13 \text{ metre/sec.} \end{aligned}$$

Example 5. Find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ and $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$ at $x = 6$, given that

$x:$	4.5	5.0	5.5	6.0	6.5	7.0	7.5
$y:$	9.69	12.90	16.71	21.18	26.37	32.34	39.15.

Sol. Here $a = 6.0 \quad \therefore y_0 = 21.18$ and $h = 0.5$

The forward difference table is:

x	y	Δy	$\Delta^2 y$	$\Delta^3 y$	$\Delta^4 y$
4.5	9.69				
		3.21			
5.0	12.9		0.60		
		3.81		0.06	
5.5	16.71		0.66		0
		4.47		0.06	
6.0	21.18		0.72		0
		5.19		0.06	
6.5	26.37		0.78		0
		5.97		0.06	
7.0	32.34		0.84		
		6.81			
7.5	39.15				

We know that

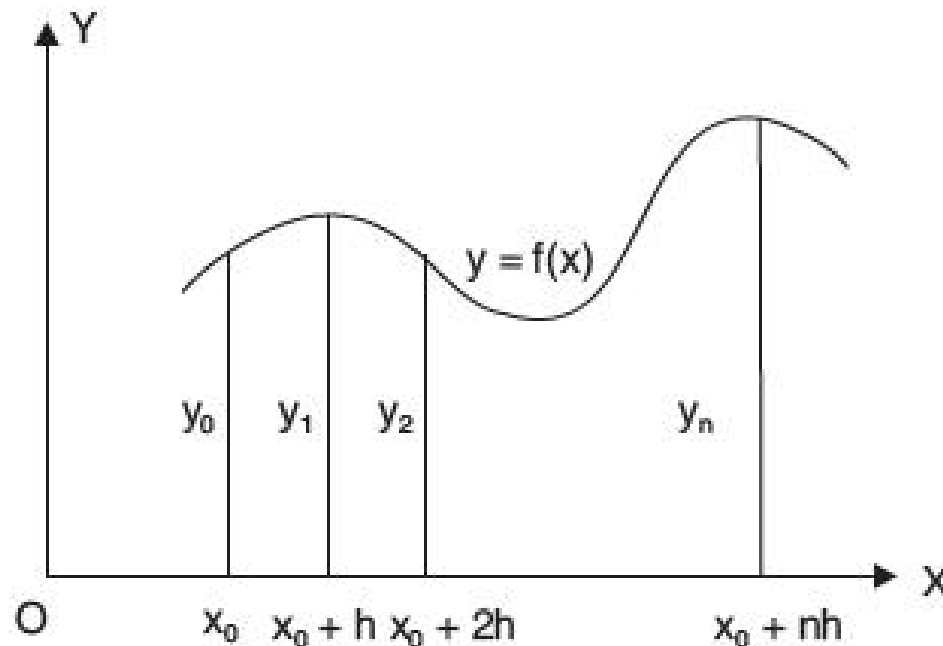
$$\begin{aligned}\left[\frac{dy}{dx}\right]_{x=6} &= \frac{1}{h} \left(\Delta y_0 - \frac{1}{2} \Delta^2 y_0 + \frac{1}{3} \Delta^3 y_0 \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{0.5} \left[5.19 - \frac{1}{2}(0.78) + \frac{1}{3}(0.06) \right] = 9.64\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}\left[\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}\right]_{x=6} &= \frac{1}{h^2} \left[\Delta^2 y_0 - \Delta^3 y_0 + \frac{11}{12} \Delta^4 y_0 \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{0.25} [0.78 - 0.06] = 4(0.72) = 2.88.\end{aligned}$$

NUMERICAL INTEGRATION

Given a set of tabulated values of the integrand $f(x)$, determining the value of $\int_{x_0}^{x_n} f(x) dx$; called numerical integration. The given interval of integration is subdivided into a large number of subintervals of equal width h and the function tabulated at the points of subdivision is replaced by any one of the interpolating polynomials like Newton-Gregory's, Stirling's, Bessel's over each of the subintervals and the integral is evaluated.



NEWTON-COTE'S QUADRATURE FORMULA

Let $I = \int_a^b y \, dx$, where y takes the values $y_0, y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n$ for $x = x_0, x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$.

Let the interval of integration (a, b) be divided into n equal sub-intervals, each of width $h = \frac{b-a}{n}$ so that

$$x_0 = a, x_1 = x_0 + h, x_2 = x_0 + 2h, \dots, x_n = x_0 + nh = b.$$

$$\therefore I = \int_{x_0}^{x_0 + nh} f(x) \, dx$$

Since any x is given by $x = x_0 + rh$ and $dx = h \, dr$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore I &= h \int_0^n f(x_0 + rh) \, dr \\ &= h \int_0^n \left[y_0 + r\Delta y_0 + \frac{r(r-1)}{2!} \Delta^2 y_0 + \frac{r(r-1)(r-2)}{3!} \Delta^3 y_0 + \dots \right] dr \end{aligned}$$

[by Newton's forward interpolation formula]

$$\begin{aligned}
&= h \left[ry_0 + \frac{r^2}{2} \Delta y_0 + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{r^3}{3} - \frac{r^2}{2} \right) \Delta^2 y_0 \right. \\
&\quad \left. + \frac{1}{6} \left(\frac{r^4}{4} - r^3 + r^2 \right) \Delta^3 y_0 + \dots \right]_0^n \\
&= nh \left[y_0 + \frac{n}{2} \Delta y_0 + \frac{n(2n-3)}{12} \Delta^2 y_0 + \frac{n(n-2)^2}{24} \Delta^3 y_0 + \dots \right] \quad (49)
\end{aligned}$$

This is a **general quadrature formula** and is known as **Newton-Cote's quadrature formula**. A number of important deductions *viz.* Trapezoidal rule, Simpson's one-third and three-eighth rules, Weddle's rule can be immediately deduced by putting $n = 1, 2, 3$, and 6 , respectively, in formula (49).

$$I = \int_{x_0}^{x_0 + nh} f(x) dx = nh \left[y_0 + \frac{n}{2} \Delta y_0 + \frac{n(2n-3)}{12} \Delta^2 y_0 + \frac{n(n-2)^2}{24} \Delta^3 y_0 + \dots \right]$$

TRAPEZOIDAL RULE ($n = 1$)

Putting $n = 1$ in formula (49) and taking the curve through (x_0, y_0) and (x_1, y_1) as a polynomial of degree one so that differences of an order higher than one vanish, we get

$$\int_{x_0}^{x_0+h} f(x) dx = h \left(y_0 + \frac{1}{2} \Delta y_0 \right) = \frac{h}{2} [2y_0 + (y_1 - y_0)] = \frac{h}{2} (y_0 + y_1)$$

Similarly, for the next sub-interval $(x_0 + h, x_0 + 2h)$, we get

$$\int_{x_0+h}^{x_0+2h} f(x) dx = \frac{h}{2} (y_1 + y_2), \dots, \int_{x_0+(n-1)h}^{x_0+nh} f(x) dx = \frac{h}{2} (y_{n-1} + y_n)$$

Adding the above integrals, we get

$$\int_{x_0}^{x_0+nh} f(x) dx = \frac{h}{2} [(y_0 + y_n) + 2(y_1 + y_2 + \dots + y_{n-1})]$$

which is known as **Trapezoidal rule**. By increasing the number of subintervals, thereby making h very small, we can improve the accuracy of the value of the given integral.

SIMPSON'S ONE-THIRD RULE ($n = 2$)

Putting $n = 2$ in formula (49) and taking the curve through (x_0, y_0) , (x_1, y_1) and (x_2, y_2) as a polynomial of degree two so that differences of order higher than two vanish, we get

$$\begin{aligned}\int_{x_0}^{x_0+2h} f(x) dx &= 2h \left[y_0 + \Delta y_0 + \frac{1}{6} \Delta^2 y_0 \right] \\ &= \frac{2h}{6} [6y_0 + 6(y_1 - y_0) + (y_2 - 2y_1 + y_0)] \\ &= \frac{h}{3} (y_0 + 4y_1 + y_2)\end{aligned}$$

Similarly,

$$\begin{aligned}\int_{x_0+2h}^{x_0+4h} f(x) dx &= \frac{h}{3} (y_2 + 4y_3 + y_4), \dots, \\ \int_{x_0+(n-2)h}^{x_0+nh} f(x) dx &= \frac{h}{3} (y_{n-2} + 4y_{n-1} + y_n)\end{aligned}$$

Adding the above integrals, we get

$$\begin{aligned}\int_{x_0}^{x_0+nh} f(x) dx &= \frac{h}{3} [(y_0 + y_n) + 4(y_1 + y_3 + \dots + y_{n-1}) \\ &\quad + 2(y_2 + y_4 + \dots + y_{n-2})]\end{aligned}$$

which is known as **Simpson's one-third rule**.

While using this formula, the given interval of integration must be divided into an even number of sub-intervals

SIMPSON'S THREE-EIGHTH RULE ($n = 3$)

Putting $n = 3$ in formula (49) and taking the curve through (x_0, y_0) , (x_1, y_1) , (x_2, y_2) , and (x_3, y_3) as a polynomial of degree three so that differences of order higher than three vanish, we get

$$\begin{aligned}\int_{x_0}^{x_0+3h} f(x) dx &= 3h \left(y_0 + \frac{3}{2} \Delta y_0 + \frac{3}{4} \Delta^2 y_0 + \frac{1}{8} \Delta^3 y_0 \right) \\ &= \frac{3h}{8} [8y_0 + 12(y_1 - y_0) + 6(y_2 - 2y_1 + y_0) + (y_3 - 3y_2 + 3y_1 - y_0)] \\ &= \frac{3h}{8} [y_0 + 3y_1 + 3y_2 + y_3]\end{aligned}$$

Similarly, $\int_{x_0+3h}^{x_0+6h} f(x) dx = \frac{3h}{8} [y_3 + 3y_4 + 3y_5 + y_6], \dots$

$$\int_{x_0+(n-3)h}^{x_0+6h} f(x) dx = \frac{3h}{8} [y_{n-3} + 3y_{n-2} + 3y_{n-1} + y_n]$$

Adding the above integrals, we get

$$\begin{aligned}\int_{x_0}^{x_0+nh} f(x) dx &= \frac{3h}{8} [(y_0 + y_n) + 3(y_1 + y_2 + y_4 + y_5 \\ &\quad + \dots + y_{n-2} + y_{n-1}) + 2(y_3 + y_6 + \dots + y_{n-3})]\end{aligned}$$

While using this formula, the given interval of integration must be divided into sub-intervals whose number n is a multiple of 3.

Example 1. Use Trapezoidal rule to evaluate $\int_0^1 x^3 dx$ considering five sub-intervals.

Sol. Dividing the interval $(0, 1)$ into 5 equal parts, each of width $h = \frac{1-0}{5} = 0.2$, the values of $f(x) = x^3$ are given below:

$x:$	0	0.2	0.4	0.6	0.8	1.0
$f(x):$	0	0.008	0.064	0.216	0.512	1.000
	y_0	y_1	y_2	y_3	y_4	y_5

By Trapezoidal rule, we have

$$\begin{aligned}\int_0^1 x^3 dx &= \frac{h}{2} [(y_0 + y_5) + 2(y_1 + y_2 + y_3 + y_4)] \\&= \frac{0.2}{2} [(0 + 1) + 2(0.008 + 0.064 + 0.216 + 0.512)] \\&= 0.1 \times 2.6 = 0.26.\end{aligned}$$

Example 2. Evaluate $\int_0^1 \frac{dx}{1+x^2}$ using

(i) Simpson's $\frac{1}{3}$ rule taking $h = \frac{1}{4}$

(ii) Simpson's $\frac{3}{8}$ rule taking $h = \frac{1}{6}$

Hence compute an approximate value of π in each case.

Sol. (i) The values of $f(x) = \frac{1}{1+x^2}$ at $x = 0, \frac{1}{4}, \frac{2}{4}, \frac{3}{4}, 1$ are given below:

$x:$	0	$\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{2}{4}$	$\frac{3}{4}$	1
$f(x):$	1	$\frac{16}{17}$	0.8	0.64	0.5
	y_0	y_1	y_2	y_3	y_4

By Simpson's $\frac{1}{3}$ rule,

$$\begin{aligned}\int_0^1 \frac{dx}{1+x^2} &= \frac{h}{3} [(y_0 + y_4) + 4(y_1 + y_3) + 2y_2] \\ &= \frac{1}{12} \left[(1 + 0.5) + 4 \left\{ \frac{16}{17} + .64 \right\} + 2(0.8) \right] = 0.785392156\end{aligned}$$

Also
$$\int_0^1 \frac{dx}{1+x^2} = \left[\tan^{-1} x \right]_0^1 = \tan^{-1} 1 = \frac{\pi}{4}$$

$$\therefore \frac{\pi}{4} \simeq 0.785392156 \Rightarrow \pi \simeq 3.1415686$$

(ii) The values of $f(x) = \frac{1}{1+x^2}$ at $x = 0, \frac{1}{6}, \frac{2}{6}, \frac{3}{6}, \frac{4}{6}, \frac{5}{6}, 1$ are given below:

$x:$	0	$\frac{1}{6}$	$\frac{2}{6}$	$\frac{3}{6}$	$\frac{4}{6}$	$\frac{5}{6}$	1
$f(x):$	1	$\frac{36}{37}$	$\frac{9}{10}$	$\frac{4}{5}$	$\frac{9}{13}$	$\frac{36}{61}$	$\frac{1}{2}$
	y_0	y_1	y_2	y_3	y_4	y_5	y_6

By Simpson's $\frac{3}{8}$ rule,

$$\begin{aligned}\int_0^1 \frac{dx}{1+x^2} &= \frac{3h}{8} [(y_0 + y_6) + 3(y_1 + y_2 + y_4 + y_5) + 2y_3] \\ &= \frac{3\left(\frac{1}{6}\right)}{8} \left[\left(1 + \frac{1}{2}\right) + 3\left\{\frac{36}{37} + \frac{9}{10} + \frac{9}{13} + \frac{36}{61}\right\} + 2\left(\frac{4}{5}\right) \right] \\ &= 0.785395862\end{aligned}$$

Also,
$$\int_0^1 \frac{dx}{1+x^2} = \frac{\pi}{4}$$

$$\therefore \frac{\pi}{4} = 0.785395862$$

$$\Rightarrow \pi = 3.141583$$

Example 10. Evaluate $\int_1^2 e^{-\frac{1}{2}x} dx$ using four intervals.

Sol. The table of values is:

$x:$	1	1.25	1.5	1.75	2
$y = e^{-x/2}:$	.60653	.53526	.47237	.41686	.36788
	y_0	y_1	y_2	y_3	y_4

Since we have four (even) subintervals here, we will use Simpson's $\frac{1}{3}$ rd rule.

$$\begin{aligned}\therefore \int_1^2 e^{-\frac{1}{2}x} dx &= \frac{h}{3} [(y_0 + y_4) + 4(y_1 + y_3) + 2y_2] \\ &= \frac{.25}{3} [(.60653 + .36788) + 4(.53526) + .41686) + 2(.47237)] \\ &= 0.4773025.\end{aligned}$$

Example 5. Evaluate $\int_{0.6}^2 y \, dx$, where y is given by the following table:

x :	0.6	0.8	1.0	1.2	1.4	1.6	1.8	2.0
y :	1.23	1.58	2.03	4.32	6.25	8.36	10.23	12.45.

Sol. Here the number of subintervals is 7, which is neither even nor a multiple of 3. Also, this number is neither a multiple of 4 nor a multiple of 6, hence using Trapezoidal rule, we get

$$\begin{aligned}\int_{0.6}^2 y \, dx &= \frac{h}{2} [(y_0 + y_7) + 2(y_1 + y_2 + y_3 + y_4 + y_5 + y_6)] \\ &= \frac{0.2}{2} [(1.23 + 12.45) + 2(1.58 + 2.03 + 4.32 + 6.25 + 8.36 + 10.23)] \\ &= 7.922.\end{aligned}$$

| Here $h = 0.2$

Example 6. Find $\int_1^{11} f(x) dx$, where $f(x)$ is given by the following table, using a suitable integration formula.

$x:$	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
$f(x):$	543	512	501	489	453	400	352	310	250	172	95

Sol. Since the number of subintervals is 10 (even) hence we shall use Simpson's $\frac{1}{3}$ rd rule.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \int_1^{11} f(x) dx &= \frac{h}{3} [(y_0 + y_{10}) + 4(y_1 + y_3 + y_5 + y_7 + y_9) + 2(y_2 + y_4 + y_6 + y_8)] \\
 &= \frac{1}{3} [(543 + 95) + 4(512 + 489 + 400 + 310 + 172) \\
 &\quad + 2(501 + 453 + 352 + 250)] \\
 &= \frac{1}{3} [638 + 7532 + 3112] = 3760.67.
 \end{aligned}$$

BOOLE'S RULE

Putting $n = 4$ in formula and neglecting all differences of order higher than four, we get

$$\int_{x_0}^{x_0 + 4h} f(x) dx = h \int_0^4 \left[y_0 + r\Delta y_0 + \frac{r(r-1)}{2!} \Delta^2 y_0 + \frac{r(r-1)(r-2)}{3!} \Delta^3 y_0 + \frac{r(r-1)(r-2)(r-3)}{4!} \Delta^4 y_0 \right] dr$$

| By Newton's forward interpolation formula

$$= 4h \left[y_0 + \frac{n}{2} \Delta y_0 + \frac{n(2n-3)}{12} \Delta^2 y_0 + \frac{n(n-2)^2}{24} \Delta^3 y_0 + \left(\frac{n^4}{5} - \frac{3n^3}{2} + \frac{11n^2}{3} - 3n \right) \frac{\Delta^4 y_0}{4!} \right]_0^4$$

$$= 4h \left[y_0 + 2\Delta y_0 + \frac{5}{3} \Delta^2 y_0 + \frac{3}{2} \Delta^3 y_0 + \frac{7}{90} \Delta^4 y_0 \right]$$

$$= \frac{2h}{45} (7y_0 + 32y_1 + 12y_2 + 32y_3 + 7y_4)$$

Similarly, $\int_{x_0+4h}^{x_0+8h} f(x) dx = \frac{2h}{45} (7y_4 + 32y_5 + 12y_6 + 32y_7 + 7y_8)$ and so on.

Adding all these integrals from x_0 to $x_0 + nh$, where n is a multiple of 4, we get

$$\int_{x_0}^{x_0+nh} f(x) dx = \frac{2h}{45} [7y_0 + 32y_1 + 12y_2 + 32y_3 + 14y_4 + 32y_5 + 12y_6 + 32y_7 + 14y_8 + \dots]$$

This is known as **Boole's rule**.

While applying Boole's rule, the number of sub-intervals should be taken as a multiple of 4.

Example 13. Evaluate $\int_0^4 \frac{dx}{1+x^2}$ using Boole's rule taking

(i) $h = 1$

(ii) $h = 0.5$

Compare the results with the actual value and indicate the error in both.

Sol. (i) Dividing the given interval into 4 equal subintervals (i.e., $h = 1$), the table is as follows:

$x:$	0	1	2	3	4
$y:$	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{5}$	$\frac{1}{10}$	$\frac{1}{17}$
	y_0	y_1	y_2	y_3	y_4

using Boole's rule,

$$\begin{aligned}\int_0^4 y \, dx &= \frac{2h}{45} [7y_0 + 32y_1 + 12y_2 + 32y_3 + 7y_4] \\ &= \frac{2(1)}{45} \left[7(1) + 32\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) + 12\left(\frac{1}{5}\right) + 32\left(\frac{1}{10}\right) + 7\left(\frac{1}{17}\right) \right] \\ &= 1.289412 \text{ (approx.)}\end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \int_0^4 \frac{dx}{1+x^2} = 1.289412.$$

(ii) Dividing the given interval into 8 equal subintervals (*i.e.*, $h = 0.5$), the table is as follows:

$x:$	0	.5	1	1.5	2	2.5	3	3.5	4
$y:$	1	0.8	0.5	$\frac{4}{13}$	.2	$\frac{4}{29}$	.1	$\frac{4}{53}$	$\frac{1}{17}$
	y_0	y_1	y_2	y_3	y_4	y_5	y_6	y_7	y_8

using Boole's rule,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \int_0^4 y dx &= \frac{2h}{45} [7(y_0) + 32(y_1) + 12(y_2) + 32(y_3) + 7(y_4) \\
 &\quad + 7(y_4) + 32(y_5) + 12(y_6) + 32(y_7) + 7(y_8)] \\
 &= \frac{1}{45} \left[7(1) + 32(.8) + 12(.5) + 32\left(\frac{4}{13}\right) + 7(.2) + 7(.2) \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + 32\left(\frac{4}{29}\right) + 12(1) + 32\left(\frac{4}{53}\right) + 7\left(\frac{1}{17}\right) \right] \\
 &= 1.326373
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \int_0^4 \frac{dx}{1+x^2} = 1.326373$$

But the actual value is

$$\int_0^4 \frac{dx}{1+x^2} = \left(\tan^{-1} x \right)_0^4 = \tan^{-1}(4) = 1.325818$$

$$\text{Error in result I} = \left(\frac{1325818 - 1289412}{1325818} \right) \times 100 = 2.746\%$$

$$\text{Error in result II} = \left(\frac{1325818 - 1326373}{1325818} \right) \times 100 = -0.0419\%$$

Example 14. A river is 80 m wide. The depth 'y' of the river at a distance 'x' from one bank is given by the following table:

x:	0	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80
y:	0	4	7	9	12	15	14	8	3

Find the approximate area of cross-section of the river using
(i) Boole's rule.

Sol. The required area of the cross-section of the river

$$= \int_0^{80} y \, dx$$

Here the number of sub intervals is 8.

(i) By Boole's rule,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \int_0^{80} y \, dx &= \frac{2h}{45} [7y_0 + 32y_1 + 12y_2 + 32y_3 + 7y_4 + 7y_4 \\
 &\quad + 32y_5 + 12y_6 + 32y_7 + 7y_8] \\
 &= \frac{2(10)}{45} [7(0) + 32(4) + 12(7) + 32(9) + 7(12) + 7(12) + 32(15) \\
 &\quad + 12(14) + 32(8) + 7(3)] \\
 &= 708
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence the required area of the cross-section of the river = 708 sq. m.

(ii) By Simpson's $\frac{1}{3}$ rd rule

$$\begin{aligned}\int_0^{80} y \, dx &= \frac{h}{3} [(y_0 + y_8) + 4(y_1 + y_3 + y_5 + y_7) + 2(y_2 + y_4 + y_6)] \\ &= \frac{10}{3} [(0 + 3) + 4(4 + 9 + 15 + 8) + 2(7 + 12 + 14)] \\ &= 710\end{aligned}$$

Example Find the solution of $\frac{dy}{dx} = 1 + xy$, $y(0) = 1$ which passes through $(0, 1)$ in the interval $(0, 0.5)$ such that the value of y is correct to three decimal places (use the whole interval as one interval only). Take $h = 0.1$.

Sol. The given initial value problem is

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = f(x, y) = 1 + xy; \quad y(0) = 1$$

i.e., $y = y_0 = 1 \quad \text{at} \quad x = x_0 = 0$

Here, $y^{(1)} = 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2}$

$$y^{(2)} = 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{x^4}{8}$$

$$y^{(3)} = 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{x^4}{8} + \frac{x^5}{15} + \frac{x^6}{48}$$

$$y^{(4)} = y^{(3)} + \frac{x^7}{105} + \frac{x^8}{384}$$

when $x = 0$, $y = 1.000$

$$x = 0.1, \quad y^{(1)} = 1.105, \quad y^{(2)} = 1.1053 \dots$$

$\therefore y = 1.105$ (correct up to 3 decimals)

$$x = 0.2, \quad y^{(1)} = 1.220, \quad y^{(2)} = 1.223 = y^{(3)}$$

$$\therefore y = 1.223 \quad (\text{correct up to 3 decimals})$$

$$x = 0.3, \quad y = 1.355 \quad \text{as} \quad y^{(2)} = 1.355 = y^{(3)}$$

$$x = 0.4, \quad y = 1.505 \quad (\text{similarly})$$

$$x = 0.5, \quad y = 1.677 \quad \text{as} \quad y^{(4)} = y^{(3)} = 1.677$$

Thus,

x	0	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.5
y	1.000	1.105	1.223	1.355	1.505	1.677

We have numerically solved the given differential eqn. for $x = 0, .1, .2, .3, .4$, and $.5$.