

## \* Newton's forward difference interpolation

If the curve  $y=f(x)$  passes through the points  $(x_i, y_i)$ ,  $i=1, 2, \dots, m$  such that  $x_{i+1} - x_i = h$ .

$y$  at  $x=X$  is given by

$$y(x) = y_1 + \frac{(x-x_1)}{h} \Delta y_1 + \frac{(x-x_1)(x-x_2)}{2! h^2} \Delta^2 y_1 + \dots + \frac{(x-x_1)(x-x_2)\dots(x-x_{m-1})}{(m-1)! h^{m-1}} \Delta^{m-1} y_1$$

To find poly use this formula.

If  $\frac{x-x_1}{h} = u$  in above eqn

$$\therefore \frac{x-x_2}{h} = \frac{x-(x_1+h)}{h} = \frac{x-x_1}{h} - \frac{h}{h} = u-1$$

Similarly  $\frac{x-x_3}{h} = u-2$  & so on  $\frac{x-x_{m-1}}{h} = u-m+2$

Also  $x=X$

$$Y = y(X) = y_1 + u \Delta y_1 + \frac{u(u-1)}{2!} \Delta^2 y_1 + \dots + \frac{u(u-1)\dots(u-m+2)}{(m-1)!} \Delta^{m-1} y_1$$

Use this formula when we need to find  $y$  at  $X$

## Remark

1) To find  $y$  at  $x=X$

- ① When  $x=X$  is near to the start of the table use forward diff. interpolation.
- ② When  $x=X$  is near to the end of the table use backward diff. interpolation.

2) Highest order forward diff. of  $y_1$  is  $m-1$  when we have  $m$  ordinates.  
No forward diff. for  $y_m$ .

3) Highest order backward diff. of  $y_m$  is  $m-1$  when we have  $m$  ordinates.  
No backward diff. for  $y_1$

## \*Examples

1) Find the polynomial passing through the points and estimate the value of  $y$  for  $x=1.5$ .  
Also find the slope of the curve at  $x=1.5$ .

$x$	0	2	4	6	8
$y$	5	29	125	341	725

→ Difference table

$y$	$\Delta y$	$\Delta^2 y$	$\Delta^3 y$	$\Delta^4 y$
$y_1 = 5$	24	72	48	0
$y_2 = 29$	96	120	48	—
$y_3 = 125$	216	168	—	—
$y_4 = 341$	384	—	—	—
$y_5 = 725$	—	—	—	—

Newton's forward difference interpolation formula

$$y(x) = y_1 + \frac{x-x_1}{h} \Delta y_1 + \frac{(x-x_1)(x-x_2)}{2! h^2} \Delta^2 y_1 + \frac{(x-x_1)(x-x_2)(x-x_3)}{3! h^3} \Delta^3 y_1 + \frac{(x-x_1)(x-x_2)(x-x_3)(x-x_4)}{4! h^4} \Delta^4 y_1$$

Here,  $x_1 = 0$ ,  $h = 2$

from diff. table  $y_1 = 5$ ,  $\Delta y_1 = 24$ ,  $\Delta^2 y_1 = 72$ ,  $\Delta^3 y_1 = 48$ ,  $\Delta^4 y_1 = 0$

$$\therefore y(x) = 5 + \frac{x-0}{2} \times 24 + \frac{(x-0)(x-2)}{2! 2^2} \times 72 + \frac{(x-0)(x-2)(x-4)}{3! 2^3} \times 48 + \frac{(x-0)(x-2)(x-4)(x-6)}{4! 2^4} \times 0$$

$$= 5 + 12x + 9x^2 - 18x + x^3 - 6x^2 + 8x + 0$$

$$y(x) = x^3 + 3x^2 + 2x + 5 \quad \text{--- polynomial.}$$

$$\therefore y(1.5) = 18.125 \quad \text{--- } y \text{ at } x=1.5$$

$$\text{slope} = \frac{dy}{dx} = 3x^2 + 6x + 2$$

$$\therefore y'(1.5) = 17.75 \quad \text{--- slope of the curve at } x=1.5$$

2) By using Newton's forward diff. interpolation formula find the value of  $y$  at  $x=0.5$  from the following table of  $x$  and  $y$  values

$x$	0	1	2	3	4
$y$	1	5	25	100	250

→ Diff. table

$y$	$\Delta y$	$\Delta^2 y$	$\Delta^3 y$	$\Delta^4 y$
1	4	16	39	-19
5	20	55	20	—
25	75	75	—	—
100	150	—	—	—
250	—	—	—	—

$$y(x) = y_1 + u \Delta y_1 + \frac{u(u-1)}{2!} \Delta^2 y_1 + \frac{u(u-1)(u-2)}{3!} \Delta^3 y_1 + \frac{u(u-1)(u-2)(u-3)}{4!} \Delta^4 y_1$$

Where,  $u = \frac{x-x_1}{h} = \frac{0.5-0}{1}$  — given

$\therefore u = 0.5$

and  $y_1 = 1$ ,  $\Delta y_1 = 4$ ,  $\Delta^2 y_1 = 16$ ,  $\Delta^3 y_1 = 39$ ,  $\Delta^4 y_1 = -19$

$$\therefore y(0.5) = 1 + 0.5 \times 4 + \frac{0.5(0.5-1)}{2} \times 16 + \frac{0.5(0.5-1)(0.5-2)}{6} \times 39 + \frac{0.5(0.5-1)(0.5-2)(0.5-3)}{24} \times (-19)$$

$\therefore y(0.5) = 4.1797$

3) From the following table estimate the number of students who obtained marks between 40 & 45.

marks	30-40	40-50	50-60	60-70	70-80
no. of students	31	42	51	35	31

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marks less than ( $x$ )	40	50	60	70	80
no. of students ( $y$ )	31	73	124	159	190

Then find no. of students obtained marks less than 45

$$y(45) = ?$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{no. of students who obtained marks bet}^n 40 \text{ \& } 45 \\ = y(45) - y(40) \end{aligned}$$