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Newton's Divided difference interpolation

Let $f(x)$ be a function defined at two distinct points x_0 and x_1 .
Let $p(x)$ be interpolating polynomial of degree '1'.

\therefore ~~$p(x)$~~ $p(x)$ can be expressed as,

$$p(x) = a_0x + a_1 \quad \text{--- ①}$$

As it is interpolating polynomial

$$\therefore f(x_0) = p(x_0) = a_0x_0 + a_1 \quad \text{--- ②}$$

$$f(x_1) = p(x_1) = a_0x_1 + a_1 \quad \text{--- ③}$$

Eliminating a_0 and a_1

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from above three eqs
we get

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$$p(x_0 - x_1) = x f(x_0) - x f(x_1) - f(x_0) \cdot x_1 + x_0 \cdot f(x_1)$$

Adding ~~$x_0 f(x_0)$~~ and subtracting $x_0 f(x_0)$ on R.H.S.

$$p(x) [x_0 - x_1] = x \checkmark f(x_0) - x \checkmark f(x_1) - f(x_0) \cdot x_1 + x_0 \checkmark f(x_1) - x_0 \checkmark f(x_0) + x_0 \checkmark f(x_0)$$

$$= x_0 \cdot f(x_0) - x_1 \cdot f(x_0) + x_0 [f(x_1) - f(x_0)] - x [f(x_1) - f(x_0)]$$

$$= f(x_0) [x_0 - x_1] + (x_0 - x) [f(x_1) - f(x_0)]$$

$$\Rightarrow p(x) = \frac{f(x_0) \cdot (x_0 - x) + (x_0 - x) [f(x_1) - f(x_0)]}{x_0 - x_1}$$

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							1	2	3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
24	25	26	27	28	29	30							

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$$P(x) = \frac{f(x_0)(x_1 - x)}{(x_1 - x_0)} + \frac{(x_0 - x) \cdot [f(x_1) - f(x_0)]}{(x_1 - x_0)}$$

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$$P(x) = f(x_0) + \frac{(x_1 - x) \cdot [f(x_1) - f(x_0)]}{x_1 - x_0}$$

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$$\Rightarrow P(x) = f(x_0) + \frac{(x - x_0) \cdot [f(x_1) - f(x_0)]}{x_1 - x_0}$$

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$$P(x) = f(x_0) + (x - x_0) \cdot \frac{f(x_1) - f(x_0)}{x_1 - x_0}$$

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$$\Rightarrow \boxed{P(x) = f(x_0) + (x - x_0) \cdot f[x_0, x_1]}$$

Where

$$\boxed{f[x_0, x_1] = \frac{f(x_1) - f(x_0)}{x_1 - x_0}}$$

which is called 1st divided difference of $f(x)$ at x_0, x_1 .

It is also expressed as

$$f_1(x) = f(x_0) + (x - x_0) f[x_0, x_1]$$

which is also called Newton's first divided difference interpolation formula.

Similarly Newton's 2nd divided difference interpolation formula is

$$f_2(x) = f(x_0) + (x - x_0) f[x_0, x_1] + (x - x_0)(x - x_1) f[x_0, x_1, x_2]$$

where $f[x_0, x_1, x_2] = \frac{f[x_1, x_2] - f[x_0, x_1]}{x_2 - x_0}$

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Here $f[x_1, x_2] = \frac{f(x_2) - f(x_1)}{x_2 - x_1}$

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$$f[x_0, x_1] = \frac{f(x_1) - f(x_0)}{x_1 - x_0}$$

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Proceeding in this way the
 nth divided difference
 interpolation formula is

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$$f_n(x) = p(x) = f(x_0) + (x - x_0) f[x_0, x_1] + (x - x_0)(x - x_1) f[x_0, x_1, x_2] + (x - x_0)(x - x_1)(x - x_2) f[x_0, x_1, x_2, x_3] + \dots + (x - x_0)(x - x_1) \dots (x - x_{n-1}) f[x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n]$$

where



$$f[x_0, x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n] = \frac{f[x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n] - f[x_0, x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}]}{x_n - x_0}$$

Divided Difference Table :-

x	$f(x)$	1st D.D	2nd D.D	3rd D.D	4th D.D
x_0	$f(x_0)$				
x_1	$f(x_1)$	$f[x_0, x_1]$			
x_2	$f(x_2)$	$f[x_1, x_2]$	$f[x_0, x_1, x_2]$		
x_3	$f(x_3)$	$f[x_2, x_3]$	$f[x_1, x_2, x_3]$	$f[x_0, x_1, x_2, x_3]$	
x_4	$f(x_4)$	$f[x_3, x_4]$	$f[x_2, x_3, x_4]$	$f[x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4]$	$f[x_0, x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4]$

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Construct a Newton's divided difference table from the following data

x	0	2	4	6	8
y	18	6	54	124	414

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1st D.D

2nd D.D

3rd D.D

4th D.D

x	f(x)	$\Delta^1 f$	$\Delta^2 f$	$\Delta^3 f$	$\Delta^4 f$
10					
11	0				
12	2	12			
1	4	24	3		
2	54		9	1	0
3	174	60	15	1	
4		120			
5	414				

Explanation

$\frac{6 - f(11)}{2 - 0} = 12$ $\frac{54 - 6}{4 - 2} = 24$ $\frac{174 - 54}{6 - 4} = 60$ $\frac{414 - 174}{8 - 6} = 120$	$\frac{24 - 12}{4 - 0} = 3$ $\frac{60 - 24}{6 - 2} = 9$ $\frac{120 - 60}{8 - 4} = 15$	$\frac{9 - 3}{6 - 0} = 1$ $\frac{15 - 9}{8 - 2} = 1$
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Find the interpolating polynomial of degree 2 by using Newton's divided difference formula. Also find $f(2)$ from the following table.

x	x_0	x_1	x_2
	0	1	3
$f(x)$	1	3	55

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 $(0, 1), (1, 3), (3, 55)$

Q. Given that

x	0	1	3
y	1	3	55

Q. Table

	$f(x)$	1st D.D	2nd D.D
0	1		
1	3	2	
2		26	8
3	55		

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9 W.K.T Newton's Divided
10 Difference formula.

$$\begin{aligned}
 f(x) &= f(x_0) + (x-x_0) f[x_0, x_1] \\
 &\quad + (x-x_0)(x-x_1) f[x_0, x_1, x_2] + \dots \\
 &\quad + (x-x_0)(x-x_1) \dots (x-x_{n-1}) f[x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n]
 \end{aligned}$$

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$$f_2(x) = f(x_0) + (x-x_0) f[x_0, x_1]$$

$$+ (x-x_0)(x-x_1) f[x_0, x_1, x_2]$$

12 Putting the value from the table

$$f_2(x) = 1 + (x-0) \cdot 2 + (x-0)(x-1) \cdot 8$$

$$= 1 + 2x + (x^2 - x) \cdot 8$$

$$= 1 + 2x + 8x^2 - 8x$$

$$f_2(x) = 8x^2 - 6x + 1$$

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which is required interpolating polynomial.

We have to find $f(2)$

putting $x=2$ we get

$$\begin{aligned} f_2(2) &= 8(2)^2 - 6 \cdot 2 + 1 \\ &= 32 - 12 + 1 = 21 \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \boxed{f(2) = 21}$$

Using Newton's divided difference formula find the value of $f(4)$ from the given data.

$$f(0) = 2, \quad f(1) = 3, \quad f(2) = 12$$

$$f(5) = 3587$$

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Soln Given that

$$f(0) = 2, f(1) = 3, f(2) = 12, f(5) = 3587$$

$$f(n_0) = 2, f(n_1) = 3, f(n_2) = 12$$

$$f(n_3) = 3587$$

D.D Table

n	$f(n)$	1st Δf	2nd $\Delta^2 f$	3rd $\Delta^3 f$
n_0 0	2			
n_1 1	3	1		
n_2 2	12	9	8	
n_3 5	3587	275	19	1

W.K.T Newton's divided difference formula

$$f_n(x) = f(n_0) + (x - n_0) f[n_0, n_1] + (x - n_0)(x - n_1) f[n_0, n_1, n_2] + \dots + (x - n_0)(x - n_1) \dots (x - n_{k-1}) f[n_0, n_1, \dots, n_k]$$

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Here

$$f_3(n) = f(n_0) + (n-n_0) \cdot f(n_0, n_1) + (n-n_0)(n-n_1) \cdot f(n_0, n_1, n_2) + (n-n_0)(n-n_1)(n-n_2) f(n_0, n_1, n_2, n_3)$$

Putting all values from the table we get

$$\begin{aligned} f_3(n) &= 2 + (n-0) \cdot 1 + (n-0)(n-1) \cdot 4 \\ &\quad + (n-0)(n-1)(n-2) \cdot 1 \\ &= 2 + n + (n^2 - n) \cdot 4 \\ &\quad + n(n^2 - 3n + 2) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= 2 + n + 4n^2 - 4n \\ &\quad + n^3 - 3n^2 + 2n \end{aligned}$$

$$f_3(n) = n^3 + n^2 - n + 2$$

$$f_3(4) = 4^3 + 4^2 - 4 + 2 = 78$$

Q Using Newton's divided difference interpolation formula find the value of $f(2)$ from the following table.

X	3	4	7	9	10
Y	5	8	11	13	17

Ans $f(2) = 1$