

Here  $h = 0.1$ ,  $\therefore 0.24 = 0.1 + (0.1)u$  or  $u = 1.4$

Newton-Gregory forward difference formula is

$$y(0.24) = y(0.1) + u \Delta y(0.1) + \frac{u(u-1)}{2!} \Delta^2 y(0.1) + \frac{u(u-1)(u-2)}{3!} \Delta^3 y(0.1) \\ + \frac{u(u-1)(u-2)(u-3)}{4!} \Delta^4 y(0.1)$$

$$\Rightarrow 10^5 y(0.24) = 10^5 y(0.1) + u \cdot 10^5 \Delta y(0.1) + \frac{u(u-1)}{2!} \cdot 10^5 \Delta^2 y(0.1) \\ + \frac{u(u-1)(u-2)}{3!} \cdot 10^5 \Delta^3 y(0.1) + \frac{u(u-1)(u-2)(u-3)}{4!} \cdot 10^5 \Delta^4 y(0.1)$$

$$\Rightarrow 10^5 y(0.24) = 110517 + (1.4)(11623) + \frac{(1.4)(1.4-1)}{2} (1223) \\ + \frac{(1.4)(1.4-1)(1.4-2)}{3!} (127) + \frac{(1.4)(1.4-1)(1.4-2)(1.4-3)}{4!} (17) \\ = 127124.9088$$

$$\therefore y(0.24) = e^{0.24} = 1.271249088$$

**Example 4.** The following table gives the population of a town during the last six censuses. Estimate the population in 1913 by Newton's forward difference formula

Year	1911	1921	1931	1941	1951	1961
Population (in thousands)	12	15	20	27	39	52

[U.P.T.U. (MCA) 2009]

Sol. Here,  $a = 1911, h = 10, x = 1913$

$$\therefore u = \frac{x-a}{h} = \frac{1913-1911}{10} = 0.2$$

Forward difference table is

x	f(x)	$\Delta f(x)$	$\Delta^2 f(x)$	$\Delta^3 f(x)$	$\Delta^4 f(x)$	$\Delta^5 f(x)$
1911	12					
1921	15	3				
1931	20	5	2			
1941	27	7	5	3		
1951	39	12	1	-4	3	-10
1961	52	13				

Newton's forward difference formula is

$$\begin{aligned}
 f(1913) &= f(1911) + u\Delta f(1911) + \frac{u(u-1)}{2!} \Delta^2 f(1911) + \frac{u(u-1)(u-2)}{3!} \Delta^3 f(1911) \\
 &\quad + \frac{u(u-1)(u-2)(u-3)}{4!} \Delta^4 f(1911) + \frac{u(u-1)(u-2)(u-3)(u-4)}{5!} \Delta^5 f(1911) \\
 &= 12 + (0.2)(3) + \frac{(0.2)(-0.8)}{2}(2) + \frac{(0.2)(-0.8)(-1.8)(-2.8)}{4!}(3) \\
 &\quad + \frac{(0.2)(-0.8)(-1.8)(-2.8)(-3.8)}{5!}(-10)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$f(1913) = 12.08384 \text{ thousands}$$

Hence the population of the town in the year 1913  $\approx 12083.84 = 12084$   
(approximately).

**Example 5.** From the table, estimate the number of students who obtained marks between 40 and 45. (M.T.U. 2013)

Marks less than (x)	y	$\Delta y$	$\Delta^2 y$	$\Delta^3 y$	$\Delta^4 y$
40	31	42	9	-25	37
50	73	51	-16	12	
60	124	35	-4		
70	159	31			
80	190				

We shall find  $y_{45}$ , number of students with marks less than 45.

$$a = 40, h = 10, a + hu = 45.$$

$$\therefore 40 + 10u = 45 \Rightarrow u = .5$$

By Newton's forward difference formula,

$$\begin{aligned}
 y(45) &= y(40) + u \Delta y(40) + \frac{u(u-1)}{2!} \Delta^2 y(40) \\
 &\quad + \frac{u(u-1)(u-2)}{3!} \Delta^3 y(40) + \frac{u(u-1)(u-2)(u-3)}{4!} \Delta^4 y(40)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= 31 + (.5)(42) + \frac{(.5)(.5-1)}{2} (9) + \frac{(.5)(.5-1)(.5-2)}{6} (-25) \\
 &\quad + \frac{(.5)(.5-1)(.5-2)(.5-3)}{24} \\
 &= 47,8672 \approx 48
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence number of students getting marks less than 45 = 48

By number of students getting marks less than 40 = 31

Hence number of students getting marks between 40 and 45 = 48 - 31 = 17.

**Example 6.** Find the cubic polynomial which takes the following values:

$x:$	0	1	2	3
$f(x):$	1	2	1	10.

**Sol.** Let us form the difference table:

$x$	$y$	$\Delta y$	$\Delta^2 y$	$\Delta^3 y$
0	1			
1	2	1		
2	1	-1	9	
3	10		-2	12

Here,  $h = 1$ . Hence using the formula,  $x = a + hu$   
and choosing  $a = 0$ , we get  $x = u$

∴ By Newton's forward difference formula,

$$\begin{aligned}
 y &= y_0 + x \Delta y_0 + \frac{x(x-1)}{2!} \Delta^2 y_0 + \frac{x(x-1)(x-2)}{3!} \Delta^3 y_0 \\
 &= 1 + x(1) + \frac{x(x-1)}{2!} (-2) + \frac{x(x-1)(x-2)}{3!} (12) \\
 &= 2x^3 - 7x^2 + 6x + 1
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence the required cubic polynomial is

$$y = f(x) = 2x^3 - 7x^2 + 6x + 1.$$

**Example 7.** The following table gives the marks secured by 100 students in the Numerical Analysis subject:

Range of marks:      30-40      40-50      50-60      60-70      70-80

No. of students:      25      35      22      11      7

Use Newton's forward difference interpolation formula to find.

(i) the number of students who got more than 55 marks.

(ii) the number of students who secured marks in the range from 36 to 45.

Sol. The given table is re-arranged as follows:

Marks obtained	No. of students
Less than 40	25
Less than 50	60
Less than 60	82
Less than 70	93
Less than 80	100

$$(i) \text{ Here, } a = 40, \quad h = 10, \quad a + hu = 55 \\ \therefore 40 + 10u = 55 \quad \Rightarrow \quad u = 1.5$$

First, we find the number of students who got less than 55 marks.

The difference table is as under:

Marks obtained less than	No. of students = $y$	$\Delta y$	$\Delta^2 y$	$\Delta^3 y$	$\Delta^4 y$
40	25				
50	60	35	-13	2	5
60	82	22	-11		
70	93	11	-4		
80	100	7			

Applying Newton's forward difference formula,

$$y_{55} = y_{40} + u \Delta y_{40} + \frac{u(u-1)}{2!} \Delta^2 y_{40} + \frac{u(u-1)(u-2)}{3!} \Delta^3 y_{40} + \frac{u(u-1)(u-2)(u-3)}{4!} \Delta^4 y_{40} \\ = 25 + (1.5)(35) + \frac{(1.5)(.5)}{2!} (-13) + \frac{(1.5)(.5)(-.5)}{3!} (2) + \frac{(1.5)(.5)(-.5)(-1.5)}{4!} (5) \\ = 71.6171875 \approx 72$$

There are 72 students who got less than 55 marks.

∴ No. of students who got more than 55 marks =  $100 - 72 = 28$

(ii) To calculate the number of students securing marks between 36 and 45, take the difference of  $y_{45}$  and  $y_{36}$ .

$$u = \frac{x-a}{h} = \frac{36-40}{10} = -.4$$

Also,

$$u = \frac{45-40}{10} = .5$$

By Newton's forward difference formula.

$$y_{36} = y_{40} + u \Delta y_{40} + \frac{u(u-1)}{2!} \Delta^2 y_{40} + \frac{u(u-1)(u-2)}{3!} \Delta^3 y_{40} \\ + \frac{u(u-1)(u-2)(u-3)}{4!} \Delta^4 y_{40}$$

$$= 25 + (-.4)(35) + \frac{(-.4)(-.1.4)}{2!} (-13) + \frac{(-.4)(-.1.4)(-.2.4)}{3!} (2)$$

$$+ \frac{(-.4)(-.1.4)(-.2.4)(-.3.4)}{4!} (5) \approx 7.864,$$

Also,  $y_{45} = y_{40} + u \Delta y_{40} + \frac{u(u-1)}{2!} \Delta^2 y_{40} + \frac{u(u-1)(u-2)}{3!} \Delta^3 y_{40}$

$$+ \frac{u(u-1)(u-2)(u-3)}{4!} \Delta^4 y_{40}$$

$$= 25 + (.5)(35) + \frac{(.5)(-.5)}{2} (-13) + \frac{(.5)(-.5)(-.1.5)}{6} (2)$$

$$+ \frac{(.5)(-.5)(-.1.5)(-.2.5)}{24} (5)$$

$$= 44.0546 \approx 44.$$

Hence the number of students who secured marks in the range from 36 to 45  
 $= y_{45} - y_{36} = 44 - 8 = 36.$

**Example 8.** The following are the numbers of deaths in four successive ten year groups. Find the number of deaths at 45-50 and 50-55.

Age group:	25-35	35-45	45-55	55-65
Deaths:	13229	18139	24225	31496.

**Sol.** Difference table of cumulative frequencies:

Age upto x	No. of deaths $f(x)$	$\Delta f(x)$	$\Delta^2 f(x)$	$\Delta^3 f(x)$
35	13229			
45	31368	18139	24225	6086
55	55593		7271	1185
65	87089	31496		

Here,  $h = 10, a = 35, a + hu = 50$

$$\therefore 35 + 10u = 50 \Rightarrow u = 1.5$$

By Newton's forward difference formula,

$$y_{50} = y_{35} + u \Delta y_{35} + \frac{u(u-1)}{2!} \Delta^2 y_{35} + \frac{u(u-1)(u-2)}{3!} \Delta^3 y_{35}$$

$$= 13229 + (1.5)(18139) + \frac{(1.5)(.5)}{2} (6086) + \frac{(1.5)(.5)(-.5)}{6} (1185)$$

$$= 42645.6875 \approx 42646$$

$\therefore$  Deaths at the age between 45 - 50 is  $42646 - 31368 = 11278$

and Deaths at the age between 50 - 55 is  $55593 - 42646 = 12947$ .

## ASSIGNMENT

1. Estimate the value of  $f(22)$  from the following available data:

$x:$	20	25	30	35	40	45
$f(x):$	354	332	291	260	231	204

2. Given that:

$x:$	1	2	3	4	5	6
$y(x):$	0	1	8	27	64	125

Find the value of  $f(2.5)$ .

[U.P.T.U. (MCA) 2008]

3. (i) The table below gives value of  $\tan x$  for  $.10 \leq x \leq .30$ .

$x:$	.10	.15	.20	.25	.30
$\tan x:$	.1003	.1511	.2027	.2553	.3093

Evaluate  $\tan 0.12$  using Newton's forward difference formula.

- (ii) Find the value of  $\sin 52^\circ$  from the following table using Newton's forward difference formula:

$\theta:$	45°	50°	55°	60°
$\sin \theta:$	0.7071	0.7660	0.8192	0.8660

4. (i) Fit a polynomial of degree 3 and hence determine  $y(3.5)$  for the following data:

$x:$	3	4	5	6
$y:$	6	24	60	120

[M.T.U. 2013, G.B.T.U. 2011, 2012]

- (ii) Find the interpolating polynomial to the following data and hence find the value of  $y$  for  $x = 5$ :

$x:$	4	6	8	10
$f(x):$	1	3	8	16

(G.B.T.U. 2013)

- (iii) Express the value of  $\theta$  in terms of  $x$  using the following data:

$x:$	40	50	60	70	80	90
$\theta:$	184	204	226	250	276	304

(M.T.U. 2012)

Also find  $\theta$  at  $x = 43$ .

5. (i) Obtain the value of  $f(3.5)$  from the following data:

$x:$	3	4	5	6	7
$f(x):$	3	6.6	15	22	35

(G.B.T.U. 2010)

- (ii) Use Newton-Gregory formula to compute  $y$  at  $x = 24$  from the following data:

$x:$	21	25	29	33	37
$y:$	18.4	17.8	17.1	16.3	15.5

[G.B.T.U. (C.O.) 2011]

6. (i) Find the cubic polynomial which takes the following values:

$$y(0) = 1, \quad y(1) = 0, \quad y(2) = 1 \text{ and } y(3) = 10$$

Hence or otherwise obtain  $y(4)$ .

- (ii) Find the polynomial interpolating the data:

$x:$	0	1	2
$y:$	0	5	2

(U.P.T.U. 2008)

7. Ordinates  $f(x)$  of a normal curve in terms of standard deviation  $x$  are given as

$x:$	1.00	1.02	1.04	1.06	1.08
$f(x):$	0.2420	0.2371	0.2323	0.2275	0.2227

Find the ordinate for standard deviation  $x = 1.025$ .

8. Find the number of men getting wages between ₹ 10 and ₹ 15 from following table:

<i>Wages (in ₹):</i>	0–10	10–20	20–30	30–40
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<i>Frequency:</i>	9	30	35	42
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(G.B.T.U. 2011)

9. Following are the marks obtained by 492 candidates in a certain examination

<i>Marks:</i>	0–40	40–45	45–50	50–55	55–60	60–65
<i>No. of candidates:</i>	210	43	54	74	32	79

Find out the number of candidates who secured

(a) more than 48 but not more than 50 marks

(b) less than 48 but not less than 45 marks.

10. Find the number of students from the following data who secured marks not more than 45

<i>Marks range:</i>	30–40	40–50	50–60	60–70	70–80
<i>No. of students :</i>	35	48	70	40	22

11. Use Newton's forward difference formula to obtain the interpolating polynomial  $f(x)$  satisfying the following data:

<i>x:</i>	1	2	3	4
<i>f(x):</i>	26	18	4	1

If another point  $x = 5$ ,  $f(x) = 26$  is added to the above data, will the interpolating polynomial be the same as before or different. Explain why?

12. Find the polynomial of degree four which takes the following values:

<i>x:</i>	2	4	6	8	10
<i>y:</i>	0	0	1	0	0

(U.P.T.U. 2007)

13. Use Newton's method to find a polynomial  $p(x)$  of lowest possible degree such that  $p(n) = 2^n$  for  $n = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4$ .

14. Find the order of the polynomial which might be suitable for the following function:

<i>x:</i>	2	2.1	2.2	2.3	2.4	2.5	2.6	2.7
<i>f(x):</i>	0.577	0.568	0.556	0.540	0.520	0.497	0.471	0.442

Also find the value of  $f(2.15)$  using difference formulae.

[G.B.T.U. (MCA) 2010]

### Answers

1.  $352.22304$

2.  $3.375$

3. (i)  $0.1205$

(ii)  $0.7880$

4. (i)  $x^3 - 3x^2 + 2x$ , 13.125

(ii)  $\frac{3}{8}x^2 - \frac{11}{4}x + 6$ , 1.625

(iii)  $\frac{1}{100}x^2 + \frac{11}{10}x + 124$ , 189.79

5. (i)  $3.28125$

(ii) 17.9571

6. (i)  $x^3 - 2x^2 + 1$ ; 33

(ii)  $9x - 4x^2$

7. 0.23589625

8. 15

9. (a) 27

(b) 27

10. 51

11.  $\frac{17}{6}x^3 - 20x^2 + \frac{193}{6}x + 11$ ; no change since third differences are constant.

12.  $\frac{1}{64}(x^4 - 24x^3 + 196x^2 - 624x + 640)$

13.  $\frac{x^4}{24} - \frac{x^3}{12} + \frac{11}{12}x^2 + \frac{7x}{12} + 1$

14. 7<sup>th</sup>, 0.562425293.

### 4.35. NEWTON'S GREGORY BACKWARD INTERPOLATION FORMULA

[U.P.T.U. MCA (SUM) 2008]

Let  $y = f(x)$  be a function of  $x$  which assumes the values  $f(a), f(a+h), f(a+2h), \dots, f(a+nh)$  for  $(n+1)$  equidistant values  $a, a+h, a+2h, \dots, a+nh$  of the independent variable  $x$ .

Let  $f(x)$  be a polynomial of  $n^{\text{th}}$  degree.

$$\text{Let, } f(x) = A_0 + A_1(x - a - nh) + A_2(x - a - nh)(x - a - \overline{n-1}h) + \dots + A_n(x - a - nh)(x - a - \overline{n-1}h) \dots (x - a - h) \quad \dots(1)$$

where  $A_0, A_1, A_2, A_3, \dots, A_n$  are to be determined.

Put  $x = a + nh, a + \overline{n-1}h, \dots, a$  in (1) respectively.

$$\text{Put } x = a + nh, \text{ then } f(a + nh) = A_0 \quad \dots(2)$$

$$\text{Put } x = a + (n-1)h, \text{ then}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f(a + \overline{n-1}h) &= A_0 - h A_1 = f(a + nh) - h A_1 && | \text{ By (2)} \\ \Rightarrow A_1 &= \frac{\nabla f(a + nh)}{h} && \dots(3) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Put } x = a + (n-2)h, \text{ then}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f(a + \overline{n-2}h) &= A_0 - 2hA_1 + (-2h)(-h)A_2 \\ \Rightarrow 2!h^2 A_2 &= f(a + \overline{n-2}h) - f(a + nh) + 2\nabla f(a + nh) = \nabla^2 f(a + nh) \\ A_2 &= \frac{\nabla^2 f(a + nh)}{2!h^2} && \dots(4) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Proceeding, we get } A_n = \frac{\nabla^n f(a + nh)}{n!h^n} \quad \dots(5)$$

Substituting the values in (1), we get

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= f(a + nh) + (x - a - nh) \frac{\nabla f(a + nh)}{h} + \dots + (x - a - nh)(x - a - \overline{n-1}h) \\ &\quad \dots (x - a - h) \frac{\nabla^n f(a + nh)}{n!h^n} \quad \dots(6) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Put } x = a + nh + uh, \text{ then}$$

$$x - a - nh = uh$$

$$x - a - (n-1)h = (u+1)h$$

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$$x - a - h = (u + \overline{n-1})h$$

$\therefore$  (6) becomes,

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= f(a + nh) + u \nabla f(a + nh) + \frac{u(u+1)}{2!} \nabla^2 f(a + nh) \\ &\quad + \dots + uh \cdot (u+1)h \dots (u + \overline{n-1})(h) \frac{\nabla^n f(a + nh)}{n!h^n} \end{aligned}$$

or

$$\begin{aligned} f(a + nh + uh) &= f(a + nh) + u \nabla f(a + nh) + \frac{u(u+1)}{2!} \nabla^2 f(a + nh) \\ &\quad + \dots + \frac{u(u+1) \dots (u + \overline{n-1})}{n!} \nabla^n f(a + nh) \end{aligned}$$

This formula is useful when the value of  $f(x)$  is required near the end of the table.

## EXAMPLES

**Example 1.** The population of a town was as given. Estimate the population for the year 1925.

Years (x):      1891    1901    1911    1921    1931

Population (y):    46    66    81    93    101  
(in thousands)

Sol. Here,

$$a + nh = 1931, h = 10, \quad a + nh + uh = 1925$$

$$\therefore u = \frac{1925 - 1931}{10} = -0.6$$

Difference table is:

x	y	$\nabla y$	$\nabla^2 y$	$\nabla^3 y$	$\nabla^4 y$
1891	46		20		
1901	66	15	-5	2	-3
1911	81	12	-3	-1	
1921	93	8	-4		
1931	101				

Applying Newton's Backward difference formula, we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 y_{1925} &= y_{1931} + u \nabla y_{1931} + \frac{u(u+1)}{2!} \nabla^2 y_{1931} \\
 &\quad + \frac{u(u+1)(u+2)}{3!} \nabla^3 y_{1931} + \frac{u(u+1)(u+2)(u+3)}{4!} \nabla^4 y_{1931} \\
 &= 101 + (-.6)(8) + \frac{(-.6)(.4)}{2!} (-4) + \frac{(-.6)(.4)(1.4)}{3!} (-1) \\
 &\quad + \frac{(-.6)(.4)(1.4)(2.4)}{4!} \\
 &= 96.8368 \text{ thousands.}
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence the population for the year 1925 = 96836.8  $\approx$  96837.

**Example 2.** The population of a town is as follows:

Year:      1921    1931    1941    1951    1961    1971

Population:    20    24    29    36    46    51

(in Lakhs)

Estimate the increase in population during the period 1955 to 1961.

Sol. Here,       $a + nh = 1971, h = 10, a + nh + uh = 1955$

$$\therefore 1971 + 10u = 1955 \Rightarrow u = -1.6$$

Difference table is:

$x$	$y$	$\nabla y$	$\nabla^2 y$	$\nabla^3 y$	$\nabla^4 y$	$\nabla^5 y$
1921	20	4				
1931	24	5	1			
1941	29	7	2	1		
1951	36	10	3	-8	0	
1961	46	5	-5		-9	
1971	51					

Applying Newton's backward difference formula, we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 y_{1955} &= y_{1971} + u \nabla y_{1971} + \frac{u(u+1)}{2!} \nabla^2 y_{1971} + \frac{u(u+1)(u+2)}{3!} \nabla^3 y_{1971} \\
 &\quad + \frac{u(u+1)(u+2)(u+3)}{4!} \nabla^4 y_{1971} + \frac{u(u+1)(u+2)(u+3)(u+4)}{5!} \nabla^5 y_{1971} \\
 &= 51 + (-1.6)(5) + \frac{(-1.6)(-0.6)}{2!} (-5) + \frac{(-1.6)(-0.6)(0.4)}{6} (-8) \\
 &\quad + \frac{(-1.6)(-0.6)(0.4)(1.4)}{24} (-9) + \frac{(-1.6)(-0.6)(0.4)(1.4)(2.4)}{120} (-9) \\
 &= 39.789632
 \end{aligned}$$

∴ Increase in population during period 1955 to 1961 is

$$= 46 - 39.789632 = 6.210368 \text{ Lakhs} = 621036.8 \approx 621037.$$

**Example 3.** Evaluate from following table  $f(3.8)$  to three significant figures using Gregory-Newton backward interpolation formula.

$x:$	0	1	2	3	4	(U.P.T.U. 2009)
$f(x):$	1	1.5	2.2	3.1	4.6	

Sol. Here,  $a + nh = 4$ ,  $h = 1$ ,  $a + nh + uh = 3.8$

$$\therefore u = \frac{3.8 - 4}{1} = -0.2$$

Backward difference table is

$z$	$f(x)$	$\nabla f(x)$	$\nabla^2 f(x)$	$\nabla^3 f(x)$	$\nabla^4 f(x)$
0	1				
1	1.5	0.5			
2	2.2	0.7	0.2		
3	3.1	0.9	0.2	0	
4	4.6	1.5	0.6	0.4	

By Newton's backward difference formula,

$$\begin{aligned}
 f(3.8) &= f(4) + u \nabla f(4) + \frac{u(u+1)}{2} \nabla^2 f(4) + \frac{u(u+1)(u+2)}{3!} \nabla^3 f(4) \\
 &\quad + \frac{u(u+1)(u+2)(u+3)}{4!} \nabla^4 f(4) \\
 &= 4.6 + (-0.2)(1.5) + \frac{(-0.2)(0.8)}{2}(0.6) + \frac{(-0.2)(0.8)(1.8)}{3!}(4) \\
 &\quad + \frac{(-0.2)(0.8)(1.8)(2.8)}{4!}(4) = 4.219
 \end{aligned}$$

**Example 4.** Given  $\log x$  for  $x = 40, 45, 50, 55, 60$  and  $65$  according to the following table

$x:$	40	45	50	55	60	65
$\log x:$	1.60206	1.65321	1.69897	1.74036	1.77815	1.81291

Find the value of  $\log 5875$ .

[M.T.U. (MCA) 2011]

**Sol.** The difference table is:

$x$	$10^5 \log x = 10^5 y_x$	$10^5 \nabla y_x$	$10^5 \nabla^2 y_x$	$10^5 \nabla^3 y_x$	$10^5 \nabla^4 y_x$	$10^5 \nabla^5 y_x$
40	160206					
45	165321	5115	-539			
50	169897	4576	-437	102	-25	
55	174036	4139	-360	77	-20	5
60	177815	3779	-303	57		
65	181291	3476				

Newton's Backward difference formula is

$$\begin{aligned}
 f(a + nh + uh) &= f(a + nh) + u \nabla f(a + nh) + \frac{u(u+1)}{2!} \nabla^2 f(a + nh) \\
 &\quad + \frac{u(u+1)(u+2)}{3!} \nabla^3 f(a + nh) + \frac{u(u+1)(u+2)(u+3)}{4!} \nabla^4 f(a + nh) \\
 &\quad + \frac{u(u+1)(u+2)(u+3)(u+4)}{5!} \nabla^5 f(a + nh)
 \end{aligned}$$

First we shall find the value of  $\log(58.75)$ .

Here,  $a + nh = 65, h = 5, a + nh + uh = 58.75$

$$\therefore 65 + 5u = 58.75 \Rightarrow u = -1.25$$

From (1),

$$\begin{aligned}
 10^5 f(58.75) &= 181291 + (-1.25)(3476) + \frac{(-1.25)(-.25)}{2!} (-303) \\
 &\quad + \frac{(-1.25)(-.25)(.75)}{3!} (57) + \frac{(-1.25)(-.25)(.75)(1.75)}{4!} (-20) \\
 &\quad + \frac{(-1.25)(-.25)(.75)(1.75)(2.75)}{5!} (5)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow 10^5 f(58.75) = 176900.588$$

$$\therefore f(58.75) = \log 58.75 = 176900.588 \times 10^{-5} = 1.76900588$$

Hence,

$$\log 5875 = 3.76900588$$

| ∵ Mantissa remain the same

**Example 5.** From the following table of half-yearly premium for policies maturing at different ages, estimate the premium for policy maturing at the age of 63:

Age:	45	50	55	60	65
Premium:	114.84	96.16	83.32	74.48	68.48
(in rupees)					

Sol. The difference table is:

Age (x)	Premium (in rupees) (y)	$\nabla y$	$\nabla^2 y$	$\nabla^3 y$	$\nabla^4 y$
45	114.84	-18.68	5.84	-1.84	.68
50	96.16	-12.84	4	-1.16	
55	83.32	-8.84	2.84		
60	74.48	-6			
65	68.48				

$$\text{Here } a + nh = 65, \quad h = 5, \quad a + nh + uh = 63$$

$$\therefore 65 + 5u = 63 \Rightarrow u = -0.4$$

By Newton's backward difference formula,

$$\begin{aligned}
 y(63) &= y(65) + u \nabla y(65) + \frac{u(u+1)}{2!} \nabla^2 y(65) + \frac{u(u+1)(u+2)}{3!} \nabla^3 y(65) \\
 &\quad + \frac{u(u+1)(u+2)(u+3)}{4!} \nabla^4 y(65)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= 68.48 + (-0.4)(-6) + \frac{(-0.4)(0.6)}{2} (2.84) + \frac{(-0.4)(0.6)(1.6)}{6} (-1.16) + \frac{(-0.4)(0.6)(1.6)(2.6)}{24} (0.68) \\
 &= 70.585152
 \end{aligned}$$

## ASSIGNMENT

1. Find a polynomial of degree three using Newton-Gregory backward difference formula which takes the following values. Hence find  $y(7)$ :

$x:$	3	4	5	6
$y:$	6	24	60	120

(G.B.T.U. 20)

2. The population of a town in decennial census is as under. Estimate the population for the year 1955:

<i>Year:</i>	1921	1931	1941	1951	1961
<i>Population (in lacs):</i>	46	66	81	93	101

(M.T.U. 20)

3. Estimate the value of  $f(42)$  from the following available data:

$x:$	20	25	30	35	40	45
$f(x):$	354	332	291	260	231	204

4. The table below gives the value of  $\tan x$  for  $0.10 \leq x \leq 0.30$ :

$x:$	0.10	0.15	0.20	0.25	0.30
$y = \tan x:$	0.1003	0.1511	0.2027	0.2553	0.3093
Find:	(i) $\tan 0.50$	(ii) $\tan 0.26$	(iii) $\tan 0.40$ .		

5. (i) Given:

$x:$	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
$f(x):$	1	8	27	64	125	216	343	512

Find  $f(7.5)$  using Newton's Backward difference formula.

- (ii) Compute  $f(8)$  from the following data:

$x:$	1	3	5	7	9
$f(x):$	9	21	81	237	537

(G.B.T.U. 20)

6. Using Newton's backward difference formula, find the value of  $e^{-1.9}$  from the following table values of  $e^{-x}$ :

$x:$	1	1.25	1.50	1.75	2.00
$e^{-x}:$	0.3679	0.2865	0.2231	0.1738	0.1353

(U.P.T.U. 20)

7. If  $y(10) = 35.3$ ,  $y(15) = 32.4$ ,  $y(20) = 29.2$ ,  $y(25) = 26.1$ ,  $y(30) = 23.2$  and  $y(35) = 20.5$ , find  $y(37)$  using Newton's forward as well as backward interpolation formula. Also explain why the difference (if any) in the result occur.

8. From the following table of values of  $x$  and  $f(x)$ , determine (i)  $f(0.23)$  (ii)  $f(0.29)$ :

$x:$	0.20	0.22	0.24	0.26	0.28	0.30
$f(x):$	1.6596	1.6698	1.6804	1.6912	1.7024	1.7139

9. From the following table, find the value of  $\tan 17^\circ$

$\theta^\circ:$	0	4	8	12	16	20	24
$\tan \theta^\circ:$	0	0.0699	0.1405	0.2126	0.2867	0.3640	0.4402

10. From the following table:

$x:$	10°	20°	30°	40°	50°	60°	70°	80°
$\cos x:$	0.9848	0.9397	0.8660	0.7630	0.6428	0.5000	0.3420	0.1737

Calculate  $\cos 25^\circ$  and  $\cos 73^\circ$  using Gregory Newton formula.

(U.P.T.U. 20)

**Answers**

- |                           |                    |             |
|---------------------------|--------------------|-------------|
| 1. $x^3 - 3x^2 + 2x, 210$ | 2. 9683680         | 3. 219      |
| 4. (i) .5543              | (ii) .2662         | (iii) .4241 |
| 5. (i) 421.875            | (ii) 366           | 6. 0.1496   |
| 7. 34.22007, 34.30866     | 8. (i) 1.6751      | (ii) 1.7081 |
| 9. 0.3057                 | 10. 0.9063, 0.2923 |             |

**4.36. CENTRAL DIFFERENCE INTERPOLATION FORMULAE**

We shall study now the central difference formulae most suited for interpolation near the middle of a tabulated set.

**4.37. GAUSS' FORWARD DIFFERENCE FORMULA**

Newton's Gregory forward difference formula is

$$f(a + hu) = f(a) + u\Delta f(a) + \frac{u(u-1)}{2!} \Delta^2 f(a) + \frac{u(u-1)(u-2)}{3!} \Delta^3 f(a) + \frac{u(u-1)(u-2)(u-3)}{4!} \Delta^4 f(a) + \dots \quad \dots(1)$$

Put  $a = 0, h = 1$ , we get

$$f(u) = f(0) + u\Delta f(0) + \frac{u(u-1)}{2!} \Delta^2 f(0) + \frac{u(u-1)(u-2)}{3!} \Delta^3 f(0) + \frac{u(u-1)(u-2)(u-3)}{4!} \Delta^4 f(0) + \dots \quad \dots(2)$$

$$\text{Now, } \Delta^3 f(-1) = \Delta^2 f(0) - \Delta^2 f(-1) \Rightarrow \Delta^2 f(0) = \Delta^3 f(-1) + \Delta^2 f(-1)$$

$$\text{Also, } \Delta^4 f(-1) = \Delta^3 f(0) - \Delta^3 f(-1) \Rightarrow \Delta^3 f(0) = \Delta^4 f(-1) + \Delta^3 f(-1)$$

and  $\Delta^5 f(-1) = \Delta^4 f(0) - \Delta^4 f(-1) \Rightarrow \Delta^4 f(0) = \Delta^5 f(-1) + \Delta^4 f(-1)$  and so on.

$\therefore$  From (2),

$$\begin{aligned} f(u) &= f(0) + u\Delta f(0) + \frac{u(u-1)}{2!} \{ \Delta^2 f(-1) + \Delta^3 f(-1) \} + \frac{u(u-1)(u-2)}{3!} \{ \Delta^3 f(-1) + \Delta^4 f(-1) \} \\ &\quad + \frac{u(u-1)(u-2)(u-3)}{4!} \{ \Delta^4 f(-1) + \Delta^5 f(-1) \} + \dots \\ &= f(0) + u\Delta f(0) + \frac{u(u-1)}{2!} \Delta^2 f(-1) + \frac{u(u-1)}{2} \left\{ 1 + \frac{u-2}{3} \right\} \Delta^3 f(-1) \\ &\quad + \frac{u(u-1)(u-2)}{6} \left\{ 1 + \frac{u-3}{4} \right\} \Delta^4 f(-1) + \frac{u(u-1)(u-2)(u-3)}{4!} \Delta^5 f(-1) + \dots \\ &= f(0) + u\Delta f(0) + \frac{u(u-1)}{2!} \Delta^2 f(-1) + \frac{(u+1)u(u-1)}{3!} \Delta^3 f(-1) \\ &\quad + \frac{(u+1)u(u-1)(u-2)}{4!} \Delta^4 f(-1) + \frac{u(u-1)(u-2)(u-3)}{4!} \Delta^5 f(-1) + \dots \end{aligned} \quad \dots(3)$$