

$$(1) \quad f_{k+1} = f_k + \left. \frac{df}{dx} \right|_k \Delta x + \frac{1}{2} \left. \frac{d^2f}{dx^2} \right|_k \Delta x^2 + \frac{1}{6} \left. \frac{d^3f}{dx^3} \right|_k \Delta x^3 + \mathcal{O}(\Delta x^4)$$

$$(2) \quad f_{k-1} = f_k - \left. \frac{df}{dx} \right|_k \Delta x + \frac{1}{2} \left. \frac{d^2f}{dx^2} \right|_k \Delta x^2 - \frac{1}{6} \left. \frac{d^3f}{dx^3} \right|_k \Delta x^3 + \mathcal{O}(\Delta x^4)$$

(1) + (2)

$$f_{k+1} + f_{k-1} = 2f_k + \left. \frac{d^2f}{dx^2} \right|_k \Delta x^2 + \mathcal{O}(\Delta x^4)$$

$$\left. \frac{d^2f}{dx^2} \right|_k = \frac{f_{k+1} - 2f_k + f_{k-1}}{\Delta x^2} + \mathcal{O}(\Delta x^2)$$

Finite Difference  
formula for second-  
order derivative

SECOND ORDER ACCURACY