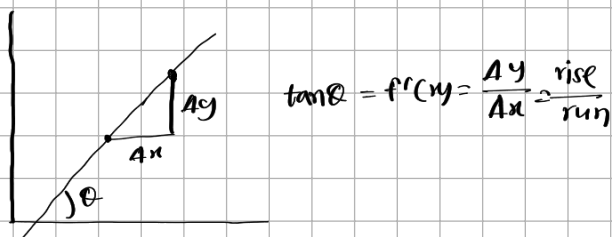


CHAPTER 3

Numerical Differentiation



$f'(x_0) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x_0+h) - f(x_0)}{h}$

computer $\rightarrow f'(x_0) = \frac{f(x_0+h) - f(x_0)}{h} \dots (1)$

$h \downarrow [f'(x) \text{ accuracy}] \uparrow$

In equation 1,

if $h > 0$; forward difference

$h < 0$; backward difference

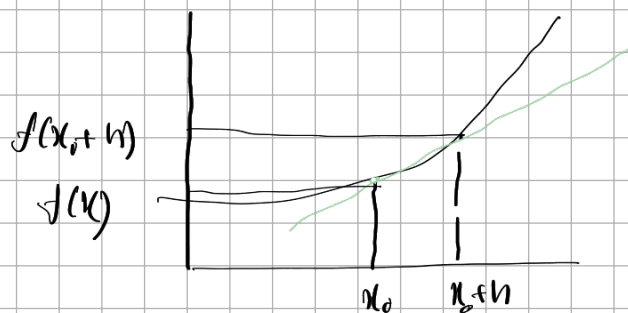
Central difference method



$$f'(x) = \frac{f(x_0+h) - f(x_0-h)}{2h}$$

Intuition, forward diff/backward diff < central diff.
 in accuracy.

Forward Difference



$$x_0 = f(x_0)$$

$$x_1 = f(x_1)$$

$$p_1(x) = \frac{x - x_1}{x_0 - x_1} f(x_0) + \frac{x - x_0}{x_1 - x_0} f(x_1)$$

Lagrange's theorem

$$\rightarrow f(x) = \frac{x - x_1}{x_0 - x_1} f(x_0) + \frac{x - x_0}{x_1 - x_0} f(x_1) + \text{Error}$$

$$= \frac{x - x_1}{x_0 - x_1} f(x_0) + \frac{x - x_0}{x_1 - x_0} f(x_1) + \frac{f''(\xi)}{2!} (x - x_0)(x - x_1)$$

$$\xi \in [x_0, x_0 + h]$$

$$f'(x) = \frac{1}{x_0 - x_1} f(x_0) + \frac{1}{x_1 - x_0} f(x_1) + \frac{f'''(\xi)}{2} \frac{d\xi}{dx} (x - x_0)(x - x_1) + \frac{f''(\xi)}{2} (2x - x_0 - x_1)$$

$$f'(x_0) = \frac{f(x_1) - f(x_0)}{x_1 - x_0} + \frac{f''(\xi)}{2} (x_0 - x_1)$$

$$f'(x_0) = \frac{f(x_0+h) - f(x_0)}{h} + \frac{f''(\xi)}{2} (-h)$$

Truncation Error

* error $\propto h$

* error $\propto f''(\xi)$

example

$\ln(x)$ @ $x=2$

$$\frac{d}{dx} (\ln(x))$$

$$= \frac{1}{x}$$

@ $x=2$

$$\frac{\ln(2+h) - \ln(2)}{h}$$

h

Forward diff

Truncation Err.

1

0.405469

$$0.5 - 0 = 0.0945$$

0.1

0.482902

0.0120984

0.01

0.498754

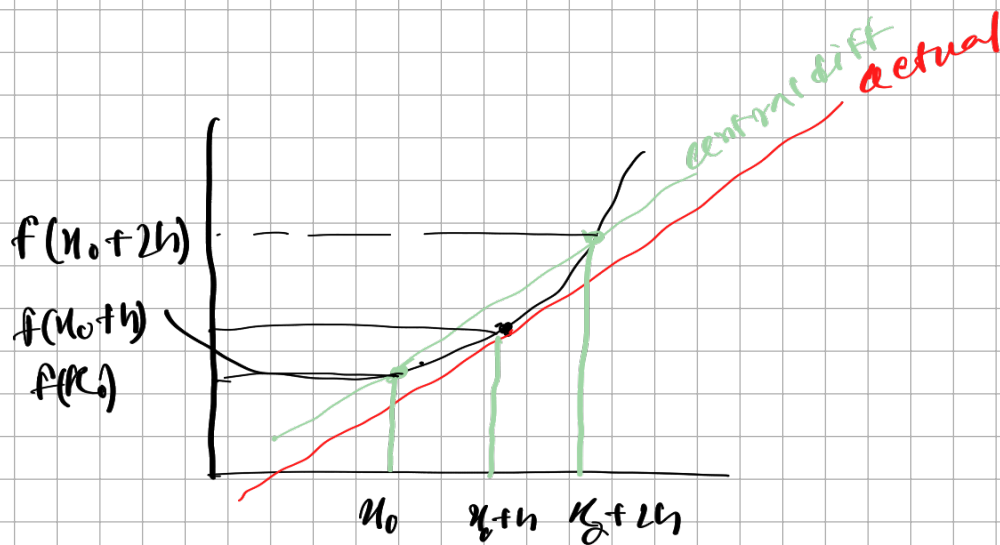
0.00724585

0.001

0.499825

0.000124958

Central Difference



$$x_0$$

$$x_1 = x_0 + h$$

$$x_2 = x_0 + 2h$$

$$f(x) = \frac{(x-x_1)(x-x_2)}{(x_0-x_1)(x_0-x_2)} f(x_0) + \frac{(x-x_0)(x-x_2)}{(x_1-x_0)(x_1-x_2)} f(x_1)$$

$$+ \frac{(x-x_0)(x-x_1)}{(x_2-x_0)(x_2-x_1)} f(x_2) + \frac{f'''(\xi)}{3!} (x-x_0)(x-x_1)(x-x_2)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 f'(x) = & \frac{2x - x_1 - x_2}{(x_0 - x_1)(x_0 - x_2)} f(x_0) + \frac{2x - x_0 - x_2}{(x_1 - x_0)(x_1 - x_2)} f(x_1) \\
 & + \frac{2x - x_0 - x_1}{(x_2 - x_0)(x_2 - x_1)} f(x_2) + \frac{f'''(\xi)}{3!} [(x - x_1)(x - x_2) \\
 & + (x - x_0)(x - x_2) + (x - x_1)(x - x_0)] \\
 & + \frac{f^{(4)}(\xi)}{3!} \frac{d\xi}{dx} (x - x_0)(x - x_1)(x - x_2)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 f'(x) = & \frac{x_1 - x_2}{(x_0 - x_1)(x_0 - x_2)} f(x_0) + \frac{2x_1 - x_0 - x_2}{(x_1 - x_0)(x_1 - x_2)} f(x_1) + \frac{x_1 - x_0}{(x_2 - x_0)(x_2 - x_1)} f(x_2) \\
 & + \frac{f^{(3)}(\xi)}{3!} (x_1 - x_0)(x_1 - x_2)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$f'(x) = -\frac{1}{2h} f(x_0) + \frac{1}{2h} f(x_0 + 2h) - \frac{f^{(3)}(\xi)}{3!} h^2$$

$$= \frac{f(x_0 + 2h) - f(x_0)}{2h} - \frac{f^{(3)}(\xi)}{3!} h^2$$

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Truncation error

Central diff. differentiation error $\propto h$

Example

| x | 2.1 | 2.3 | 2.5 | 2.7 |
|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| $f(x)$ | 14.25 | 18.64 | 20.90 | 24.00 |

(a) Compute the $f'(2.3)$ using central diff. method

(b) Evaluate truncation error for $f(x) = 12 \ln x$

@ 2.4 using $h = 0.1$ in forward diff. method.

Rounding Error

$$f'(x) \approx \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{errors } \propto h \\ \text{forward/backward differentiation} \end{array}$$

$$f'(x) \approx \frac{f(x+h) - f(x-h)}{2h} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{central differentiation} \\ \text{error } \propto h^2 \end{array}$$

Apart from truncation errors we need to consider Rounding Error as well as two close numbers $f(x+h)$ & $f(x-h)$ have to be subtracted

$$fl[f(x_1+h)] = \underbrace{f(x_1+h)}_{\text{actual}} + \delta_1 \quad \downarrow \quad \text{invariant error} \quad f(x_1+h) = (1+\delta_1) f(x_1+h)$$

$$|\delta_1|, |\delta_2| \leq \epsilon_m, 2h$$

$$fl[f(x_1-h)] = (1+\delta_2) f(x_1-h)$$

$$\text{Total Error} = \left| f'(x) - \frac{fl[f(x_1+h)] - fl[f(x_1-h)]}{2h} \right|$$

$$= \left| \frac{f(x_1+h) - f(x_1-h)}{2h} - \frac{f'''(\xi)}{3!} h^2 - \frac{(1+\delta_1)f(x_1+h) - (1+\delta_2)f(x_1-h)}{2h} \right|$$

$$= \left| - \frac{f'''(\xi)}{3!} h^2 - \frac{\delta_1 f(x_1+h) - \delta_2 f(x_1-h)}{2h} \right|$$

$$\leq \frac{|f'''(\xi)|}{3!} h^2 + \frac{|\delta_1 f(x_1+h) - \delta_2 f(x_1-h)|}{2h}$$

now, $|\delta_1|, |\delta_2| \leq \epsilon_m$

$$\leq \underbrace{\frac{|f'''(\xi)|}{6} h^2}_{\text{Truncation Error} \propto h^2} + \epsilon_m \underbrace{\frac{|f(x_1+h)| + |f(x_1-h)|}{2h}}_{\text{Rounding Error} \propto \frac{1}{h}}$$

