

t	x	forward	backward	center
0	0	0.35		
2	0.7	0.55	0.35	0.45
4	1.8	0.8	0.55	0.675
6	3.4	0.85	0.8	0.825
8	5.1	0.6	0.85	0.725
10	6.3	0.5	0.6	0.55
12	7.3	0.35	0.5	0.425
14	8	0.2	0.35	0.275
16	8.4		0.2	

ENGR 216 HW 2 Finite Differences Spring 2022

1. Use the following data to find the velocity and acceleration at $t = 4, 8$, and 12 seconds using a) forward finite difference, b) backward finite differences, and c) centered finite differences

$f(t)$	Time t , seconds	0	2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16
$f(t)$	Position x , meters	0	0.7	1.8	3.4	5.1	6.3	7.3	8.0	8.4
$T=4$	<u>forward</u>	<u>$3.4 - 1.8$</u>	<u>$1.8 - 0.7$</u>	<u>$\frac{3.4 - 0.7}{2}$</u>	^{+hr Rest on Excel}					
		<u>$3.4 - 1.8$</u>	<u>$1.8 - 0.7$</u>	<u>$\frac{3.4 - 0.7}{2}$</u>						
		<u>$3.4 - 1.8$</u>	<u>$1.8 - 0.7$</u>	<u>$\frac{3.4 - 0.7}{2}$</u>						

	Forward	Backward	Center
y_5	0.8	0.55	0.675
y_8	0.6	0.85	0.725
y_{12}	0.35	0.5	0.425

2. The velocity v (m/s) of air flowing past a flat surface is measured at several distances y (m) away from the surface. Use Newton's viscosity law

$$\tau = \mu \frac{du}{dy}$$

to determine the shear stress τ (N/m^2) at the surface ($y=0$). Assume a value for the dynamic viscosity $\mu = 1.8 \times 10^{-5} Ns/m^2$. How does your answer change if you use more accurate finite differences? *

y	0	0.002	0.006	0.012	0.018	0.024
$u(y)$	0	0.287	0.899	1.915	3.048	4.299

$$\frac{N}{m^2} = \frac{Ns}{m^3} \left(\frac{m}{s} \right)^{-1}$$

The smaller the Δy , the more accurate it gets closer. It's also more accurate if you use the centered one if you use $y=0$.

3. Consider the polynomial

more accurate finite differences

$$f(x) = -0.1x^4 - 0.15x^3 - 0.5x^2 - 0.25x + 1.2$$

slope

The true value of its derivative at $x=0.5$ is $f'(0.5) = -0.9125$. Use backward, forward, and centered first finite differences to estimate the derivative numerically if the step size $\Delta x = 0.25$, and determine the percent error between the true value and each of the estimated values (percent error is given by ε

$$f(0.5) \approx 0.6363$$

$$f(0.25) \approx 1.1035$$

$$\varepsilon = \frac{\text{true value} - \text{estimated value}}{\text{true value}}$$

$$f(0.5) = 0.925$$

converted to a percentage.) What value of Δx would you have to use for the backward and forward finite differences to get the same percent error as the centered finite difference (hint: it should be less than 0.25.)

$$\text{forward } f'(0.5) = \frac{f(0.5+0.25) - f(0.5)}{0.25} \approx -1.15469$$

$$\text{backward } f'(0.5) = \frac{f(0.5) - f(0.5-0.25)}{0.25} \approx -0.71406$$

$$\text{centered } f'(0.5) = \frac{f(0.5+0.25) - f(0.5-0.25)}{0.5} \approx -0.934375$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{forward } \Delta x = 0.025 \\ &\text{backward } \Delta x = -0.025 \end{aligned}$$

$$f'(x) = \frac{f(x+\Delta x) - f(x)}{\Delta x}$$

$$f'(x) = \frac{f(x) - f(x-\Delta x)}{\Delta x}$$

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

$$\text{Center \% error} = \frac{-0.9125 - -0.934375}{-0.9125} = -0.02397 = -2.397\%$$

$$-0.02397 = \frac{-0.9125 - x}{-0.9125}$$

$$x = 0.934375$$

$$-0.934375 = \frac{f(x+\Delta x) - f(x)}{\Delta x} = \frac{f(x+\Delta x) + f(x) - 2f(x)}{\Delta x}$$

$$f'(x) = \frac{f(x+a) - f(x)}{a}$$

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

$$-0.934375 = \frac{f'(x)\Delta x + f(x) - f(x-\Delta x)}{2\Delta x}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & f(x + \Delta x) - f(x) \\
 & \approx -0.1(x + \Delta x)^4 - 0.15(x + \Delta x)^3 - 0.5(x + \Delta x)^2 - 0.25(x + \Delta x) + 1.2 - f(x) \\
 & = -0.1(x^4 + 4x^3\Delta x + 6x^2\Delta x^2 + 4x\Delta x^3 + \Delta x^4) - 0.15(x^3 + 3x^2\Delta x + 3x\Delta x^2 + \Delta x^3) \\
 & \quad - 0.5(x^2 + 2x\Delta x + \Delta x^2) - 0.25(x + \Delta x) + 1.2 - f(x) \\
 & = -0.1(x^4 + 4x^3\Delta x + 6x^2\Delta x^2 + 4x\Delta x^3 + \Delta x^4) - 0.15(x^3 + 3x^2\Delta x + 3x\Delta x^2 + \Delta x^3) \\
 & \quad - 0.5(x^2 + 2x\Delta x + \Delta x^2) - 0.25(x + \Delta x) + 1.2 - f(x)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & x = 5 \quad 4x^3 = 500 \\
 & x^2 = 25 \quad 0.5x^2 = 12.5 \\
 & x = 0.025 \quad 0.25x = 0.00625 \\
 & f(5) - 0.934375\Delta x = \\
 & \quad -0.1(0.00625 + 0.5\Delta x + 1.5\Delta x^2 + 2\Delta x^3 + \Delta x^4) \\
 & \quad - 0.15(12.5 + 7.5\Delta x + 1.5\Delta x^2 + \Delta x^3) \\
 & \quad - 0.5(25 + \Delta x^2) \\
 & \quad - 0.25(5 + \Delta x) \\
 & \quad + 1.2
 \end{aligned}$$

$$f(5) - 0.934375\Delta x = 0.14x^4 - 0.14\Delta x^3 - 0.875\Delta x^2 - 0.1125\Delta x + 0.925$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 J &= 0.14x^4 - 0.14\Delta x^3 - 0.875\Delta x^2 - 0.1125\Delta x + 0.925 - (f(5) - 0.934375\Delta x) \\
 &\quad (\text{graph}) \\
 &\quad \boxed{\Delta x = 0.025} \quad \checkmark \quad 0.925
 \end{aligned}$$

Below this line can fail
Attempts

$x \approx$

$$-0.934375\Delta x = f(x) - f(x-\Delta x)$$

$$-0.934375\Delta x = f(x) - (-0.1(x-\Delta x)^4 + 0.15(x-\Delta x)^3 - 0.5(x-\Delta x)^2 + 0.25(x-\Delta x) + 1.2)$$

$$(x-\Delta x)(x-\Delta x)$$

$x^2 - 2x\Delta x + \Delta x^2$

$$\underbrace{(x-\Delta x)(x-\Delta x)}_{(x^2 - 2x\Delta x + \Delta x^2)}(x-\Delta x)$$

$$(x^2 - 2x\Delta x + \Delta x^2) \underbrace{(x^3 - 3x^2\Delta x + 3x\Delta x^2 - \Delta x^3)}$$

$$(x^3 - 3x^2\Delta x + 3x\Delta x^2 - \Delta x^3)(x-\Delta x)$$

$$(x^4 - 3x^3\Delta x + 3x^2\Delta x^2 - x\Delta x^3 - x^3\Delta x + 3x^2\Delta x^2 - 3x\Delta x^3 + \Delta x^4)$$

$$-0.934375\Delta x = f(x) + 0.1 \left(x^4 - 3x^3\Delta x + 3x^2\Delta x^2 - x\Delta x^3 - x^3\Delta x + 3x^2\Delta x^2 - 3x\Delta x^3 + \Delta x^4 \right) + 0.15 \left(x^3 - 3x^2\Delta x + 3x\Delta x^2 - \Delta x^3 \right) + 0.5 \left(x^2 - 2x\Delta x + \Delta x^2 \right) + 0.25 (x-\Delta x) - 1.2$$

$$\begin{aligned} x &= 5 \\ x^2 &= 25 \\ x^3 &= 125 \\ x^4 &= 625 \end{aligned}$$

$$0.1 \left(x^4 - 3x^3\Delta x + 3x^2\Delta x^2 - x\Delta x^3 - x^3\Delta x + 3x^2\Delta x^2 - 3x\Delta x^3 + \Delta x^4 \right)$$

$$0.15 \left(x^3 - 3x^2\Delta x + 3x\Delta x^2 - \Delta x^3 \right)$$

$$\begin{aligned} 0.5 \left(x^2 - 2x\Delta x + \Delta x^2 \right) \\ 0.25 (x-\Delta x) \\ -1.2 \end{aligned}$$

$$0.925$$

$$-0.934375\Delta x = f(x) + 0.1\Delta x^4 - 0.35\Delta x^3 + 1.375\Delta x^2 - 0.9125\Delta x - 0.925$$

$$0 = 0.1\Delta x^4 - 0.35\Delta x^3 + 1.375\Delta x^2 - 0.9125\Delta x + 0.934375\Delta x$$

$$\begin{aligned} 0.1\Delta x^4 &= -0.2\Delta x^3 + 1.3\Delta x^2 - 0.9\Delta x - 0.925 \\ 0.1(-3x\Delta x^3 + 3x^2\Delta x^2 - x^3\Delta x) &= \\ 0.1\Delta x^4 &= -0.35\Delta x^3 + 1.375\Delta x^2 - 0.9125\Delta x - 0.925 \end{aligned}$$

$$x = \Delta x$$

$$-0.934375 \Delta x = f(x) - \left(-0.1(x-\Delta x)^4 - 0.15(x-\Delta x)^3 - 0.5(x-\Delta x)^2 + 1.2 \right)$$

$$-0.934375 \Delta x = f(\Delta x) \approx 1.2$$

$$1.2 - 0.934375 \Delta x = f(\Delta x)$$

$$1.2 - 0.934375 \Delta x \approx -0.1 \Delta x^4 - 0.15 \Delta x^3 - 0.5 \Delta x^2 + 1.2$$

$$-0.934375 \approx -0.1 \Delta x^3 - 0.15 \Delta x^2 - 0.5 \Delta x$$

$$-0.1 \Delta x^3 - 0.15 \Delta x^2 - 0.5 \Delta x + 0.666666 = 0$$

$$u = -0.934375$$

$$\frac{f(x+\Delta x) - f(x)}{\Delta x} = u$$

$$\frac{(f(x)\Delta x + f(x)) - f(x)}{u} = \Delta x$$

$$\frac{f'(x)\Delta x}{u} = \Delta x$$

$$\frac{f'(x)\Delta x}{u} - \Delta x \approx 0$$

$$\Delta x \left(\frac{f'(x)}{u} - 1 \right) \approx 0$$

$$\frac{f'(x)}{u} - 1 = 0$$

$$\frac{f'(x)}{u} = 1$$

$$f'(x) = u$$

$$\Delta x = \frac{f(x+\Delta x) - f(x)}{0.934375}$$

$$\Delta x = \frac{f(x+\Delta x) - f(x)}{0.934375}$$

$$f'(x) = -0.934375$$

$$f(x+a) = f(x)a + f'(x)$$

$$f'(x) \approx f'(x) + f''(x)$$

$$-0.934375 = \frac{f(x)\Delta x + f(x) - f(x)}{\Delta x}$$

$$-0.934375 \Delta x = f'(x) \Delta x$$

$$f(x+b) = f(x)b + f'(x)$$

$$f(x+a) - f(x) = f'(x) + f''(x)$$

$$dy = f(x+\Delta x) - f(x)$$

$$dy = \frac{f(x)}{\Delta x} + f(x) - f(x)$$

$$dy = \frac{f(x)}{\Delta x}$$

$$\Delta x = \frac{f(x)}{dy} = \frac{\frac{dy}{dx}}{\frac{dy}{dx}} = \frac{\frac{dy}{dx}}{\frac{dy}{dx}} = \frac{dy^2}{dy} = \frac{dy^2}{dy} = dx$$

$$\Delta x = \frac{dy}{dx}$$

$$\Delta x = \frac{dy}{dx}$$

$$f(x-b) = -f(x)b + f(x)$$

$$f(x-b) = -f(x)b + f(x)$$

$$f(x+c) = 2f(x)c + f(x-c)$$

$$f(x+b) = 2f'(x)b + f(x-b)$$

$$f(x-c) = f(x+c) - 2f'(x)c$$

$$f(x-b) = f(x+b) - 2f'(x)b -$$

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

$$\Delta x^2 = 1$$

$$\Delta x = \pm 1$$

$$f(x-b) = f(x) - f'(x)b$$

$$\sim \underbrace{f(x-b) = f(x+b) - 2f'(x)b}$$

$$0 = f(x) - f(x+b) + f'(x)b$$

$$f(x+b) = f(x) + f'(x)b$$