

Question 1

Given:

Clock time	0:00:00	0:59:12	2:01:46	2:58:55	3:47:01	4:13:00	5:36:17
Odometer reading	102	157.8	217.6	264.1	315.2	341.7	420.3

Find:

Time interval in hours

Distance in miles

Average speed in miles per hour

Theory:

$$\Delta t = t_2 - t_1$$

$$\Delta x = x_2 - x_1$$

$$\text{Average speed} = \text{Distance} / t_2 - t_1$$

Assumptions:

Moving in positive direction

Solution:

$$\text{Time interval (hr)} = 0:59:12 == .99 \text{ hours}$$

$$\text{Distance (miles)} = 157.8 - 102 = 55.8 \text{ miles}$$

$$\text{Average speed (mph)} = 55.8 / .99 = 56.55 \text{ mph}$$

$$\text{Total average speed (mph)} = [(56.55 + 57.35 + 48.82 + 63.74 + 61.19 + 56.63)] / (6) = 57.8 \text{ mph}$$

## Question 2

Given:

Time  $t$ , seconds: [0.0, 1.0, 2.0, 3.0, 4.0, 5.0, 6.0, 7.0, 8.0]

Position  $x$ , meters: [0.00, 4.10, 7.53, 10.92, 12.31, 12.35, 11.83, 10.49, 7.95]

Find:

Velocity and acceleration of a moving ball at  $t = 2, 3, 4, 5$ , and 6 seconds using finite difference methods (forward, backward, and centered).

Theory:

Velocity is rate of change of position with respect to time,  $v(t) = dx/dt$  (first derivative).

Acceleration is rate of change of velocity with respect to time,  $a(t) = dv/dt$  (second derivative).

Assumptions:

Position vs. time data is accurate.

Use finite difference methods to approximate velocity and acceleration at specified time intervals.

Solution:

Time	Velocity - Forward	Velocity - Backward	Velocity - Centered	Acceleration - Forward	Acceleration - Backward	Acceleration - Centered
2	3.39	3.43	3.41	-2	-0.67	-0.04
3	1.39	3.39	2.39	-1.35	-0.04	-2
4	0.04	1.39	0.715	-0.56	-2	-1.35
5	-0.52	0.04	-0.24	-0.82	-1.35	-0.56
6	-1.34	-0.52	-0.93	-1.2	-0.56	-0.82
7	-2.54	-1.34	-1.94	-5.41	-0.82	-1.2

② FORWARD FINITE

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

$$f'(3) = \frac{f(3+1) - f(3)}{1} = \frac{12.31 - 10.92}{1} = \underline{1.39}$$

BACKWARDS FINITE

$$f'(x) = \frac{f(x) - f(x-\Delta x)}{\Delta x} = \underline{3.39}$$

CENTERED FINITE

$$f'(x) = \frac{f(x+\Delta x) - f(x-\Delta x)}{2\Delta x} = 2.39$$

FORWARD FINITE ACCELERATION

$$f''(t) = \frac{f(t) - 2f(t+\Delta x) + f(t+2\Delta x)}{\Delta x^2} = \underline{-0.82}$$

BACKWARDS FINITE ACCELERATION

$$f''(x) = \frac{f(x) - 2f(x-\Delta x) + f(x+\Delta x)}{\Delta x^2} = -0.56$$

CENTERED FINITE ACCELERATION

$$f''(x) = \frac{f(x+\Delta x) - 2f(x) + f(x-\Delta x)}{(\Delta x)^2} = -0.56$$

### Question 3

Given:

Dynamic viscosity ( $\mu$ ) =  $1.8 \times 10^{-5}$  Ns/m<sup>2</sup>

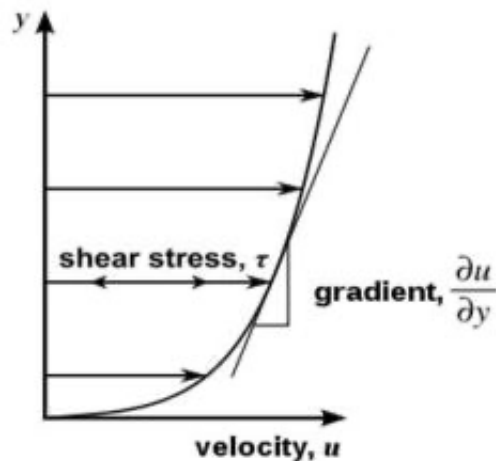
Distances from the surface ( $y$ ) in meters: [0.000, 0.002, 0.006, 0.012, 0.018, 0.024]

Air velocity ( $u$ ) in m/s: [0.000, 0.067, 0.572, 2.291, 5.047, 9.041]

Find:

Shear stress  $\tau$  at distances  $y = 0.006$  m,  $0.012$  m, and  $0.018$  m using the second-order centered first finite difference method.

Diagram:



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

Where,

$\mu$  = Dynamic viscosity |

$\tau$  = Shear stress =  $F/A$

$\frac{du}{dy}$  = Rate of shear deformation

Theory:

Newton's viscosity law relates the shear stress  $\tau$  to the dynamic viscosity  $\mu$  and the velocity gradient as  $\tau = \mu * (du/dy)$ .

Assumptions:

Assume the airflow near the surface is sufficiently steady and incompressible.

Use the provided values for dynamic viscosity and air velocity.

Solution:

Using higher-order methods would likely give you more accurate results, especially if the velocity data is noisy or irregular. These methods provide better approximations for derivatives and could better capture subtle changes in velocity, resulting in more precise estimates of shear stress. However, it may also require more data points for accurate calculations.



## Second Order Centered First Finite Difference

For Velocity -

$$V_i = \frac{d(t+\Delta t) - d(t-\Delta t)}{2\Delta t} = \frac{d_2 - d_0}{2(t_1 - t_0)}$$

Newtons Viscosity Law

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

At 0.0120  $\rightarrow \frac{5.047 - 0.572}{2 \cdot 0.006} = 372.9166$

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

$$\left(\frac{du}{dy}\right) = 372.9166$$

$$\mu = 1.8 \times 10^{-5} \left(\frac{du}{dy}\right) = 6.7125$$

@ 0.0120  $\rightarrow$  SHEAR STRESS =  $6.7125 \times 10^{-3} \text{ N/m}^2$

@ 0.004  $\rightarrow$

$$\rightarrow \frac{2.291 - 0.067}{2 \times 0.002} = \frac{550}{\Delta x = 0.01}$$

$$1.8 \times 10^{-5} \left(\frac{du}{dy}\right) = 1.0008 \times 10^{-5}$$

@ 0.018

$$= 1.0008 \times 10^{-5} \text{ N/m}^2$$

$\rightarrow 281.25$

$$1.8 \times 10^{-5} (281.25) = 0.0050625$$

$$\Rightarrow 5.06 \times 10^{-4} \text{ N/m}^2$$

Question 4

Given:

The function:  $f(x) = \ln(x) \sinh(x) / e^x$

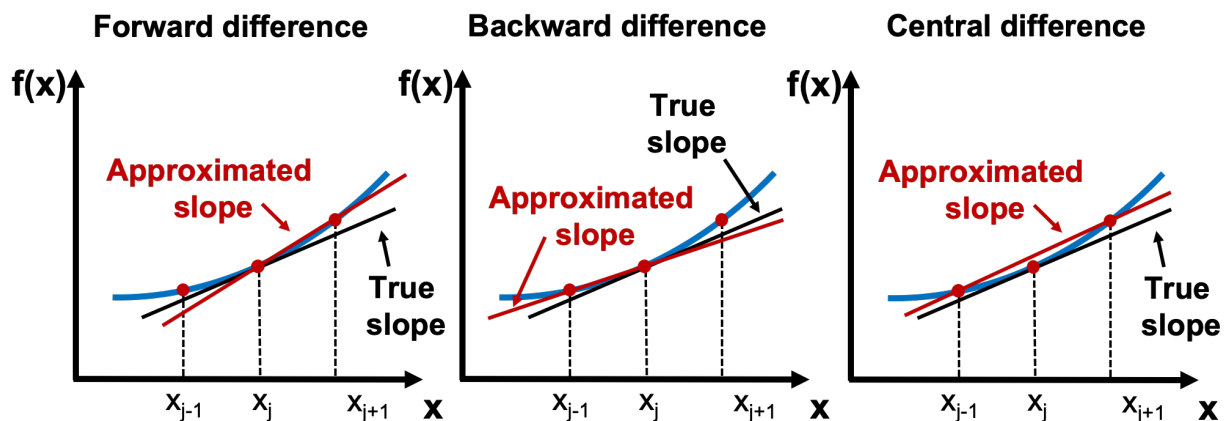
Derivative value at  $x = 1.5$ :  $f'(1.5) = 0.336925$

Step size:  $\Delta x = 0.25$

Find:

Numerical estimates of the derivative using forward, backward, and centered finite differences.  
Percent error between the true value and each estimated value.

Diagram:



Theory:

- The forward finite difference formula for approximating the derivative is:  $f'(x) \approx [f(x + \Delta x) - f(x)] / \Delta x$
- The backward finite difference formula for approximating the derivative is:  $f'(x) \approx [f(x) - f(x - \Delta x)] / \Delta x$
- The centered finite difference formula for approximating the derivative is:  $f'(x) \approx [f(x + \Delta x) - f(x - \Delta x)] / (2\Delta x)$
- Percent error formula:  $\varepsilon = |true\ value - estimated\ value| / |true\ value| \times 100\%$

Assumptions:

The function  $f(x)$  can be accurately approximated using finite differences.

Solution:

### First Order Forward

$$f'(x) = \frac{f(x+\Delta x) - f(x)}{\Delta x} \Rightarrow \frac{\ln(1.5+0.25)\sinh(1.5+0.25) - 0.192639}{e^{(1.5+0.25)} - 0.25}$$

$$f'(x) = 0.3149$$

### Backwards

$$f'(x) = \frac{f(x) - f(x-\Delta x)}{\Delta x} \Rightarrow \frac{0.102413}{0.25} = 0.409652$$

$$0.3609$$

### Centered

$$f'(x) = \frac{f(x+\Delta x) - f(x-\Delta x)}{2\Delta x} = 0.337974$$

$$f'(x) = 0.3609$$

$$f'(x) = 0.337974$$

% Error Forward

$$\varepsilon = \left| \frac{0.336925 - 0.314877}{0.336925} \right| \times 100\% = 6.54\%$$

% Error Centered

$$\varepsilon = 3.113\%$$

% Error Backwards

$$\varepsilon = 7.12\%$$

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