

Interpolation

The process of finding the value of $y = f(x)$ for some value of x is called Interpolation.

2 Types

i. Interpolation with equal intervals

Newton forward interpolation

Newton backward interpolation

ii. Interpolation with unequal intervals.

Lagrange's interpolation

Newton forward interpolation

Let $y_0, y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n$ be set of values of the function $y = f(x)$ corresponding to $x_0, x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$ respectively where x values are equally spaced. Then Newton forward interpolation formula is

$$f(x) = y_0 + p \Delta y_0 + \frac{p(p-1)}{2!} \Delta^2 y_0 + \frac{p(p-1)(p-2)}{3!} \Delta^3 y_0 + \dots$$

where $p = \frac{x - x_0}{h}$

Newton Backward interpolation

Let $y_0, y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n$ be set of values of the function $y = f(x)$ corresponding to $x_0, x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$ respectively where x values are equally spaced. Then Newton Backward interpolation formula is

$$f(x) = y_n + p \nabla y_n + \frac{p(p+1)}{2!} \nabla^2 y_n + \frac{p(p+1)(p+2)}{3!} \nabla^3 y_n + \dots$$

$p = \frac{x - x_n}{h}$

1. Given $\sin 45^\circ = 0.7071$, $\sin 50^\circ = 0.7660$, $\sin 55^\circ = 0.8192$ and $\sin 60^\circ = 0.8660$, find $\sin 52^\circ$ using Newton Forward Interpolation formula and estimate the error.

2. The population of a town in decimal census was given below

Year (x)	1891	1901	1911	1921	1931
Population (y) in Thousands	46	66	81	93	101

Estimate population of the year 1925

3. Find the Cubic polynomial which takes the following values

$y(0) = 1$, $y(1) = 0$, $y(2) = 1$, $y(3) = 10$ then find $y(4)$

Sol:- Forward interpolation table

x	y	Δy	$\Delta^2 y$	$\Delta^3 y$
45	0.7071			
50	0.7660	0.0589		
55	0.8192	0.0532	-0.0057	
60	0.8660	0.0468	0.0064	0.0007

$$p = \frac{x - x_0}{h} = \frac{52 - 45}{5} = \frac{7}{5} = 1.4$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 f(152) &= y_0 + p\Delta y_0 + \frac{p(p-1)}{2!} \Delta^2 y_0 + \frac{p(p-1)(p-2)}{3!} \Delta^3 y_0 \\
 &= 0.7071 + (1.4)(0.0589) + \frac{(1.4)(0.4)(-0.0057)}{2!} \\
 &\quad + \frac{(1.4)(0.4)(-0.6)}{3!} (-0.0007) \\
 &= 0.7071 + 0.08246 - 0.003192 + 0.001596 \\
 &\quad + 3.92 \times 10^{-5}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$= 0.7880032$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Error} &= \frac{0.7880032 - 0.7880}{0.7880} \times 100 \\
 &= 4.06 \times 10^{-4}
 \end{aligned}$$

sol: Newton Backward interpolation table.

year (x)	population (y)	Δy	$\Delta^2 y$	$\Delta^3 y$	$\Delta^4 y$
1891	46				
1901	66	20			
1911	81	15	-5		
1921	93	12	-3	2	
1931	101	8	-4	-1	-3

$$p = \frac{x - x_n}{h} = \frac{1925 - 1931}{10} = \frac{-6}{10} = -0.6$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 f(1925) &= y_n + p\Delta y_n + \frac{p(p+1)}{2!} \Delta^2 y_n + \frac{p(p+1)(p+2)}{3!} \Delta^3 y_n + \\
 &\quad \frac{p(p+1)(p+2)(p+3)}{4!} \Delta^4 y_n
 \end{aligned}$$

$$= 101 + (-0.6)(8) + \frac{(-0.6)(0.4)(-4)}{2} + \frac{(-0.6)(0.4)(1.4)(-1)}{6} \\ + \frac{(-0.6)(0.4)(1.4)(2.4)(-3)}{24}$$

$$= 96.8368 \text{ Thousand}$$

32d:-

x	y	Δy	$\Delta^2 y$	$\Delta^3 y$
0	1			
1	0	-1	2	6
2	1	1	8	
3	10	9		

$$p = \frac{x-0}{1} = x$$

$$f(x) = y_0 + p\Delta y_0 + \frac{p(p-1)}{2}\Delta^2 y_0 + \frac{p(p-1)(p-2)}{6}\Delta^3 y_0$$

$$= 1 + x(-1) + \frac{x(x-1)}{2}(2) + \frac{x(x-1)(x-2)}{6}(6)$$

$$= 1 - x + x^2 - x + (x^2 - x)(x - 2)$$

$$= 1 - x + x^2 + x^3 - 2x^2 - x^2 + 2x$$

$$= x^3 - 2x^2 + 1$$

$$f(x) = x^3 - 2x^2 + 1$$

$$f(4) = 64 - 32 + 1 \\ = 33$$

Lagrange's Interpolation

If x values are unequally spaced in that case we find interpolation and extrapolation values using Lagrange's Interpolation.

Let y_0, y_1, \dots, y_n be set of values of function $y = f(x)$ corresponding to x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n then Lagrange's interpolation formula is

$$f(x) = \frac{(x-x_1)(x-x_2)\dots(x-x_n)}{(x_0-x_1)(x_0-x_2)\dots(x_0-x_n)} y_0 + \frac{(x-x_0)(x-x_2)\dots(x-x_n)}{(x_1-x_0)(x_1-x_2)\dots(x_1-x_n)} y_1 + \dots + \frac{(x-x_0)(x-x_1)(x-x_2)\dots(x-x_{n-1})}{(x_n-x_0)(x_n-x_1)(x_n-x_2)\dots(x_n-x_{n-1})} y_n$$

1. Using Newton forward interpolation find the value of $f(1.7)$ & $f(5.6)$

Q.

x	1	2	3	4	5	6
y	24	37	94	62	45	67

Sol.: Forward differences table

x	y	Δy	$\Delta^2 y$	$\Delta^3 y$	$\Delta^4 y$	$\Delta^5 y$
1	24					
2	37	13				
3	94	57	44			
4	62	-32	-89	-133		
5	45	-17	15	104	-15	
6	67	22	39	24	-80	-317

$$p = \frac{x - x_0}{h} = \frac{1.7 - 1}{1} = 0.7$$

$$f(x) = y_0 + p \Delta y_0 + \frac{p(p-1)}{2!} \Delta^2 y_0 + \frac{p(p-1)(p-2)}{3!} \Delta^3 y_0 + \frac{p(p-1)(p-2)(p-3)}{4!} \Delta^4 y_0$$

$$= 24 + (0.7)(12) + \frac{(0.7)(-0.3)}{2} 44 + \frac{(0.7)(-0.3)(-1.3)}{6} (-123) + \frac{(0.7)(-0.3)(-1.3)(-2.3)}{24} (237) + \frac{(0.7)(-0.3)(-1.3)(-2.3)(-3.3)}{120} (-373)$$

$$= 24 + 8.4 - 4.62 - 6.0515 - 6.2 = 10.75$$

sol: $f(5.6)$; $p = \frac{x - x_n}{h} = \frac{5.6 - 6}{1} = -0.4$

$$f(5.6) = y_n + p \Delta y_n + \frac{p(p+1)}{2} \Delta^2 y_n + \frac{p(p+1)(p+2)}{6} \Delta^3 y_n + \frac{p(p+1)(p+2)(p+3)}{24} \Delta^4 y_n + \frac{p(p+1)(p+2)(p+3)(p+4)}{120} \Delta^5 y_n$$

$$= 67 + (-0.4)22 + \frac{(-0.4)(0.6)}{2} 39 + \frac{(-0.4)(0.6)(1.6)}{6} 24 + \frac{(-0.4)(0.6)(1.6)(2.6)}{24} (-80) + \frac{(-0.4)(0.6)(1.6)(2.6)(3.6)}{120} (-37)$$

$$= 64.806$$

Q. From the following table estimate the no of students obtained marks between 40 and 45.

marks	30-40	40-50	50-60	60-70	70-80
no of students	31	42	51	35	31

Sol:- Forward difference table

marks less than x	no of stud y	Δy	$\Delta^2 y$	$\Delta^3 y$	$\Delta^4 y$
40	31				
50	42	11			
60	51	9	-2		
70	35	-16	-25	3	
80	31	-4	12	-37	

$$p = \frac{x - x_0}{h}$$

$$= \frac{45 - 40}{10}$$

$$= 5/10 = 0.5$$

$$x = 45$$

$$x_0 = 40$$

$$h = 10$$

$$f(x) = y_0 + p \Delta y_0 + \frac{p(p-1)}{2!} \Delta^2 y_0 + \frac{p(p-1)(p-2)}{3!} \Delta^3 y_0 + \frac{p(p-1)(p-2)(p-3)}{4!} \Delta^4 y_0$$

$$= 31 + (0.5)42 + \frac{(0.5)(-0.5)9}{2} + \frac{(0.5)(-0.5)(-1.5)(-2.5)}{6} + \frac{(0.5)(-0.5)(-1.5)(-2.5)(-3.5)}{24} (37)$$

$$= 48.27$$

$$\approx 48$$

no of students obtained marks b/w 40 and 45
 $= 48 - 31 = 17$

Q3 Find the polynomial $f(x)$ from the given data

x	1	2	3	4
y	24	97	34	69

Q4. Find the value of $f(10)$

x	4	9	13	15
y	24	38	47	75

Q5. Find $f(x)$ from given data

x	0	3	12	17
y	14	64	32	91

Q2

x	y	Δy	$\Delta^2 y$	$\Delta^3 y$
1	74			
2	97	23		
3	34	-63	-86	
4	69	35	98	184

$$p = \frac{x - x_0}{h} = \frac{x - 1}{1} = x - 1$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 f(x) &= y_0 + p \Delta y_0 + \frac{p(p-1)}{2} \Delta^2 y_0 + \frac{p(p-1)(p-2)}{6} \Delta^3 y_0 \\
 &= 74 + (x-1) 23 + \frac{(x-1)(x-2)}{2} (-86) + \frac{(x-1)(x-2)(x-3)}{6} 184 \\
 &= 74 + 23x - 23 - 43x^2 + 86x + 129x + \frac{(x^3 - 3x^2 + 2x - 6)(184)}{6} \\
 &= 74 + 23x - 23 - 43x^2 + 86x + 129x + (x^3 - 3x^2 + 11x - 6)(30.67) \\
 &= 30.67x^3 - 22.7x^2 + 489.37x - 293
 \end{aligned}$$

Q1. From the following table of half-yearly premium for policies maturing at different ages, estimate the premium for policies maturing at age of 46.

Age	45	50	55	60	65
Premium (in rupees)	114.84	90.16	83.32	74.48	68.48

2. Estimate the value of $f(22)$ and $f(42)$ from the following data

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

pb3. Find the polynomial interpolating the data

x	0	1	2
$f(x)$	0	5	2

pb4. The table gives the distances in nautical miles of visible horizon for the given heights in feet above the earth's surface

x (height)	100	150	200	250	300	350	400
y (distance)	10.63	13.03	15.04	16.81	18.42	19.90	21.27

Find the value of y when $x = 160$ ft

pb1 Forward Difference table

x	y	Δy	$\Delta^2 y$	$\Delta^3 y$	$\Delta^4 y$
45	114.84				
50	96.16	-18.68			
55	83.32	-12.84	5.84		
60	74.48	-8.84	4	-1.84	
65	68.48	-6.0	2.84	-1.16	0.68

$$p = \frac{x - x_0}{h}$$

Here $h = 5$, $x_0 = 45$, $x = 46$.

$$p = \frac{46 - 45}{5} = \frac{1}{5} = 0.2$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 f(46) &= y_0 + p\Delta y_0 + \frac{p(p-1)}{2} \Delta^2 y_0 + \frac{p(p-1)(p-2)}{6} \Delta^3 y_0 + \frac{p(p-1)(p-2)(p-3)}{24} \Delta^4 y_0 \\
 &= 114.84 + (0.2)(-18.68) + \frac{0.2(-0.8)}{2} (5.84) + \frac{(0.2)(-0.8)(-1.8)}{6} (-1.16) \\
 &\quad + \frac{(0.2)(-0.8)(-1.8)(-2.8)}{24} (0.68) \\
 &= 110.994
 \end{aligned}$$

Q3

Sol:

$x \quad y \quad \Delta y \quad \Delta^2 y$

$0 \quad 0$
 $1 \quad 5 \quad \rangle 5$
 $2 \quad 2 \quad \rangle -3 \quad \rangle -8$

$$p = \frac{x - x_0}{h} = \frac{x - 0}{1} = x.$$

$$f(x) = y_0 + p \Delta y_0 + \frac{p(p-1)}{2} \Delta^2 y_0 + \frac{p(p-1)(p-2)}{6} \Delta^3 y_0$$

$$= 0 + x(5) + \frac{x(x-1)}{2} (-8)$$

$$= 5x - 4x^2$$

$$f(x) = 9x - 4x^2$$

ph2.

Sol:-

$x \quad y \quad \Delta y \quad \Delta^2 y \quad \Delta^3 y \quad \Delta^4 y \quad \Delta^5 y$

$20 \quad 354 \quad \rangle -22$
 $25 \quad 332 \quad \rangle -41 \quad \rangle -19$
 $30 \quad 291 \quad \rangle -31 \quad \rangle 10 \quad \rangle 29 \quad \rangle -37$
 $35 \quad 200 \quad \rangle -29 \quad \rangle 2 \quad \rangle -8 \quad \rangle 45$
 $40 \quad 231 \quad \rangle -27 \quad \rangle 2 \quad \rangle 0 \quad \rangle 8$
 $45 \quad 204 \quad \rangle -27 \quad \rangle 2 \quad \rangle 0 \quad \rangle 8$

$$p = \frac{x - x_0}{h}$$

Here $x = 22$; $x_0 = 20$; $h = 5$

$$p = \frac{22 - 20}{5} = \frac{2}{5} = 0.4$$

$$f(22) =$$

Inverse interpolation

Let $x_0, x_1, x_2 \dots x_n$ be set of x values and $y_0, y_1, y_2 \dots y_n$ be set of y values then the inverse interpolation formula is

$$x = \frac{(y-y_1)(y-y_2) \dots (y-y_n)}{(y_0-y_1)(y_0-y_2) \dots (y_0-y_n)} x_0 + \frac{(y-y_0)(y-y_2) \dots (y-y_n)}{(y_1-y_0)(y_1-y_2) \dots (y_1-y_n)} x_1 + \dots$$

$$+ \frac{(y-y_0)(y-y_1) \dots (y-y_{n-1})}{(y_{n-1}-y_0)(y_{n-1}-y_1) \dots (y_{n-1}-y_{n-2})} x_n$$

$$+ \frac{(y-y_0)(y-y_1) \dots (y-y_{n-1})}{(y_n-y_0)(y_n-y_1) \dots (y_n-y_{n-1})} x_{n+1}$$

eg: Find x for $y=14$ from the given table

x	1	4	9
y	3	7	6

Sol: Let $x_0 = 1$ $x_1 = 4$ $x_2 = 9$

$y_0 = 3$ $y_1 = 7$ $y_2 = 6$

when $y = 14$ and $x = ?$

Ans

$$x = \frac{(y-y_1)(y-y_2)}{(y_0-y_1)(y_0-y_2)} x_0 + \frac{(y-y_0)(y-y_2)}{(y_1-y_0)(y_1-y_2)} x_1 + \frac{(y-y_0)(y-y_1)}{(y_2-y_0)(y_2-y_1)} x_2$$

$$= \frac{(14-7)(14-6)}{(3-7)(3-6)} (1) + \frac{(14-3)(14-6)}{(7-3)(7-6)} (4) + \frac{(14-3)(14-7)}{(6-3)(6-7)} (9)$$

$$= \frac{7 \times 8}{4(3)} + \frac{11(8)}{4} + \frac{(11)(7)}{3(-1)} (9)$$

$$= -138.33$$

19: Find x when $f(x) = 15$

x	5	6	9	11	—
$f(x)$	12	13	14	16	15

Sol:

$$x = \frac{(15-12)(15-13)(15-14)(15-16)}{(5-12)}$$

$$x = \frac{(15-13)(15-14)(15-16)}{(12-13)(12-14)(12-16)} 5 + \frac{(15-12)(15-14)(15-16)}{(13-12)(13-14)(13-16)} 6$$

$$+ \frac{(15-12)(15-13)(15-16)}{(14-12)(14-13)(14-16)} 9 + \frac{(15-12)(15-13)(15-14)}{(16-12)(16-13)(16-14)} 11$$

$$= 1.25 \cdot 5 - 6 + 13.5 + 2.75$$

$$= 11.5$$

Newton's Divide Difference Interpolation

Let x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n be set of x values and y_0, y_1, \dots, y_n be set of y values then the Newton Divide difference interpolation formula is

$$f(x) = y_0 + (x-x_0)[x_0, x_1] + (x-x_0)(x-x_1)[x_0, x_1, x_2] \\ + (x-x_0)(x-x_1)(x-x_2)[x_0, x_1, x_2, x_3] + \dots$$

Ex: Find $f(9)$ using Newton's divide diff Interpolation

x	5	7	11	13	17
y	150	392	1452	2366	5202

Sol:-

x	y	Δy	$\Delta^2 y$	$\Delta^3 y$
5	150			
7	392	$\frac{392-150}{7-5} = 121$		
11	1452	$\frac{1452-392}{11-7} = 265$	$\frac{265-121}{11-5} = 24$	
13	2366	$\frac{2366-1452}{13-11} = 457$	$\frac{457-265}{13-7} = 32$	$\frac{32-24}{13-5} = 1$
17	5202	$\frac{5202-2366}{17-13} = 709$	$\frac{709-457}{17-11} = 42$	$\frac{42-32}{17-7} = 1$

$$f(x) = y_0 + (x-x_0)\Delta y_0 + (x-x_0)(x-x_1)\Delta^2 y_0 + (x-x_0)(x-x_1)(x-x_2)\Delta^3 y_0$$

$$= 150 + (9-5)121 + (9-5)(9-7)(24) + (9-5)(9-11)(9-7)(1)$$

$$= 810$$

Ex: Find $f(5.5)$ using Newton's divided difference Interpolation table

x	0	1	4	5	6
y	1	14	15	6	3

Sol: x y Δy $\Delta^2 y$ $\Delta^3 y$ $\Delta^4 y$

0	1				
1	14	$\frac{14-1}{1-0} = 13$			
4	15	$\frac{15-14}{4-1} = 0.33$	-3.16		
5	6	$\frac{6-15}{5-4} = -9$	-2.33	0.166	
6	3	$\frac{3-6}{6-5} = -3$	3	1.066	0.15

$$f(5.5) = y_0 + (x-x_0)\Delta y_0 + (x-x_0)(x-x_1)\Delta^2 y_0 + (x-x_0)(x-x_1)(x-x_2)\Delta^3 y_0 + (x-x_0)(x-x_1)(x-x_2)(x-x_3)\Delta^4 y_0$$

$$= 1 + (5.5-0)(13) + (5.5-0)(5.5-1)(-3.16) + (5.5-0)(5.5-1)(5.5-4)(0.166) + (5.5-0)(5.5-1)(5.5-4)(5.5-5)(0.15)$$

$$= 1 + 71.5 - 78.21 + 6.16275 + 2.784375$$

$$= 3.23$$

Q. using Newton's divide difference find the polynomial in x .

x	5	6	9	11
y	12	13	14	16

Sol:

x	y	Δy	$\Delta^2 y$	$\Delta^3 y$
5	12			
6	13	1		
9	14	0.23	0.17	
11	16	1	0.13	0.05

$$f(x) = y_0 + (x-x_0)\Delta y_0 + (x-x_0)(x-x_1)\Delta^2 y_0 + (x-x_0)(x-x_1)(x-x_2)\Delta^3 y_0$$

$$= 12 + (x-5)(1) + (x-5)(x-6)(-0.17) + (x-5)(x-6)(x-9)(0.05)$$

$$= 12 + x - 5 - 0.17x^2 - 5.1 + 1.87x + 0.05x^3 - x^2 + 6.45x - 13.5$$

$$= 0.05x^3 - 1.17x^2 + 9.32x - 11.6$$

Numerical Differentiation

Derivatives using Forward differences

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{h} \left[\Delta y_0 - \frac{1}{2} \Delta^2 y_0 + \frac{1}{3} \Delta^3 y_0 - \frac{1}{4} \Delta^4 y_0 + \dots \right]$$

$$\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} = \frac{1}{h^2} \left[\Delta^2 y_0 - \Delta^3 y_0 + \frac{11}{12} \Delta^4 y_0 - \frac{5}{6} \Delta^5 y_0 + \dots \right]$$

Derivatives using Backward difference

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{h} \left[\nabla y_n + \frac{1}{2} \nabla^2 y_n + \frac{1}{3} \nabla^3 y_n + \frac{1}{4} \nabla^4 y_n + \dots \right]$$

$$\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} = \frac{1}{h^2} \left[\nabla^2 y_n + \nabla^3 y_n + \frac{11}{12} \nabla^4 y_n + \frac{5}{6} \nabla^5 y_n + \dots \right]$$

Q. Find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ at 1.1

Sol: $x \quad y \quad \Delta y \quad \Delta^2 y \quad \Delta^3 y \quad \Delta^4 y$

1	7.989				
1.1	8.403	0.414			
1.2	8.781	0.378	-0.036		
1.3	9.129	0.348	-0.03	0.006	
1.4	9.451	0.329	-0.026	0.004	-0.002
1.5	9.750	0.299	-0.023	0.003	-0.001
1.6	10.031	0.281	-0.018	0.005	0.002

$$\left(\frac{dy}{dx} \right)_{1.1} = \frac{1}{h} \left[\Delta y_0 - \frac{1}{2} \Delta^2 y_0 + \frac{1}{3} \Delta^3 y_0 - \frac{1}{4} \Delta^4 y_0 \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{0.1} \left[8.403 - \frac{1}{2} (0.378) + \frac{1}{3} (-0.03) - \frac{1}{4} (0.004) \right]$$

$$= 10 \left[0.378 - \frac{1}{2} (-0.03) + \frac{1}{3} (0.004) - \frac{1}{4} (-0.001) \right]$$

$$= 10 \left[0.378 + 0.015 + 0.0013 + 0.00025 \right]$$

$$= 3.9455$$

