

# Numerical Differentiation

## 1. Forward Difference Formula:

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

$\zeta$  lies between  $x_0$  and  $x_0 + h$

## 2. Backward Difference Formula:

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

$\zeta$  lies between  $x_0 - h$  and  $x_0$

## 3. Three Point Endpoint Formula:

$$f'(x_0) = \frac{1}{2h} (-3f(x_0) + 4f(x_0 + h) - f(x_0 + 2h)) + \frac{h^2}{3} f'''(\zeta_0)$$

for right end point approximation replace  $h$  by  $-h$

$\zeta$  lies between  $x_0$  and  $x_0 + 2h$

## 4. Three point Midpoint Formula:

$$f'(x_0) = \frac{1}{2h} (f(x_0 + h) - f(x_0 - h)) + \frac{h^2}{6} f'''(\zeta_1)$$

$\zeta$  lies between  $x_0 + h$  and  $x_0 - h$

## 5. Five point Endpoint Formula:

$$f'(x_0) = \frac{1}{12h} (-25f(x_0) + 48f(x_0 + h) - 36f(x_0 + 2h) + 16f(x_0 + 3h) - 3f(x_0 + 4h)) + \frac{h^4}{5} f^{(5)}(\zeta)$$

for right end point approximation replace  $h$  by  $-h$

$\zeta$  lies between  $x_0$  and  $x_0 + 4h$

## 6. Five point Midpoint Formula:

$$f'(x_0) = \frac{1}{12h} (f(x_0 - 2h) - 8f(x_0 - h) + 8f(x_0 + h) - f(x_0 + 2h)) + \frac{h^4}{30} f^{(5)}(\zeta)$$

$\zeta$  lies between  $x_0 - 2h$  and  $x_0 + 2h$

## 7. Second Derivative Midpoint Formula:

$$f''(x_0) = \frac{1}{h^2} (f(x_0 - h) - 2f(x_0) + f(x_0 + h)) - \frac{h^2}{12} f^{(4)}(\zeta)$$

$\zeta$  lies between  $x_0 - h$  and  $x_0 + h$

## Problems related to Numerical Differentiation (Ex # 4.1)

1. Use the forward-difference formulas and backward-difference formulas to determine each missing entry in the following tables.

**a.**

$x$	$f(x)$	$f'(x)$
0.5	0.4794	
0.6	0.5646	
0.7	0.6442	

**b.**

$x$	$f(x)$	$f'(x)$
0.0	0.00000	
0.2	0.74140	
0.4	1.3718	

2. Use the forward-difference formulas and backward-difference formulas to determine each missing entry in the following tables.

**a.**

$x$	$f(x)$	$f'(x)$
-0.3	1.9507	
-0.2	2.0421	
-0.1	2.0601	

**b.**

$x$	$f(x)$	$f'(x)$
1.0	1.0000	
1.2	1.2625	
1.4	1.6595	

5. Use the most accurate three-point formula to determine each missing entry in the following tables.

**a.**

$x$	$f(x)$	$f'(x)$
1.1	9.025013	
1.2	11.02318	
1.3	13.46374	
1.4	16.44465	

**b.**

$x$	$f(x)$	$f'(x)$
8.1	16.94410	
8.3	17.56492	
8.5	18.19056	
8.7	18.82091	

**c.**

$x$	$f(x)$	$f'(x)$
2.9	-4.827866	
3.0	-4.240058	
3.1	-3.496909	
3.2	-2.596792	

**d.**

$x$	$f(x)$	$f'(x)$
2.0	3.6887983	
2.1	3.6905701	
2.2	3.6688192	
2.3	3.6245909	

6. Use the most accurate three-point formula to determine each missing entry in the following tables.

**a.**

$x$	$f(x)$	$f'(x)$
-0.3	-0.27652	
-0.2	-0.25074	
-0.1	-0.16134	
0	0	

**b.**

$x$	$f(x)$	$f'(x)$
7.4	-68.3193	
7.6	-71.6982	
7.8	-75.1576	
8.0	-78.6974	

**c.**

$x$	$f(x)$	$f'(x)$
1.1	1.52918	
1.2	1.64024	
1.3	1.70470	
1.4	1.71277	

**d.**

$x$	$f(x)$	$f'(x)$
-2.7	0.054797	
-2.5	0.11342	
-2.3	0.65536	
-2.1	0.98472	

18. Consider the following table of data:

$x$	0.2	0.4	0.6	0.8	1.0
$f(x)$	0.9798652	0.9177710	0.808038	0.6386093	0.3843735

- a. Use all the appropriate formulas given in this section to approximate  $f'(0.4)$  and  $f''(0.4)$ .  
b. Use all the appropriate formulas given in this section to approximate  $f'(0.6)$  and  $f''(0.6)$ .
25. In Exercise 10 of Section 3.4 data were given describing a car traveling on a straight road. That problem asked to predict the position and speed of the car when  $t = 10$  s. Use the following times and positions to predict the speed at each time listed.

Time	0	3	5	8	10	13
Distance	0	225	383	623	742	993

26. In a circuit with impressed voltage  $\mathcal{E}(t)$  and inductance  $L$ , Kirchhoff's first law gives the relationship

$$\mathcal{E}(t) = L \frac{di}{dt} + Ri,$$

where  $R$  is the resistance in the circuit and  $i$  is the current. Suppose we measure the current for several values of  $t$  and obtain:

$t$	1.00	1.01	1.02	1.03	1.04
$i$	3.10	3.12	3.14	3.18	3.24

where  $t$  is measured in seconds,  $i$  is in amperes, the inductance  $L$  is a constant 0.98 henries, and the resistance is 0.142 ohms. Approximate the voltage  $\mathcal{E}(t)$  when  $t = 1.00, 1.01, 1.02, 1.03$ , and  $1.04$ .