

Numerical Computing Methods  
Assignment (1)

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

x:	100	150	200	250	300	350	400
y:	10.63	13.03	15.04	16.81	18.42	19.9	21.27

Use Newton's forward formula to find  $y$  when  $x = 218$  ft.

$$a = 100, h = 50, x = 218, u = \frac{x-a}{h} = \frac{218-100}{50} = 2.36$$

Difference table :

$x$	$y$	$\Delta y$	$\Delta^2 y$	$\Delta^3 y$	$\Delta^4 y$	$\Delta^5 y$	$\Delta^6 y$
100	10.63						
150	13.03	2.4					
200	15.04	2.01	-0.39				
250	16.81	1.77	-0.24	0.15			
300	18.28	1.61	-0.16	0.08	-0.07		
350	19.9	1.48	-0.13	0.03	-0.05	0.02	
400	21.27	1.37	-0.11	0.02	-0.01	0.04	0.02

By difference formula in forward :

$$f(x+hu) = f(a) + u \Delta f(a) + \frac{u(u-1)}{2!} \Delta^2 f(a) + \dots + \frac{u(u-1)(u-2)\dots(u-n+1)}{n!} \Delta^n f(a)$$

$$\Rightarrow f(218) = f(100) + (2.36)(2.4) + \frac{(2.36)(2.36-1)}{2!} (-0.39) + \frac{(2.36)(2.36-1)(2.36-2)}{3!} (0.15) +$$

$$\frac{(2.36)(2.36-1)(2.36-2)(2.36-3)}{4!} (-0.07) + \frac{(2.36)(2.36-1)(2.36-2)(2.36-3)(2.36-4)}{5!} (0.02) +$$

$$\frac{(2.36)(2.36-1)(2.36-2)(2.36-3)(2.36-4)(2.36-5)}{6!} (0.02) = 16.29734$$

$$\therefore f(218) = 16.29734$$

3. The values of  $f(x)$  for  $x = 0, 1, 2, \dots, 6$  are given by

$x$ :	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
$f(x)$ :	1	3	11	31	69	131	223

Estimate the value of  $f(3.4)$ , using only four of the given values.

$$a = 0, h = 1, x = 3.4, u = \frac{x-a}{h} = \frac{3.4-0}{1} = 3.4$$

Difference Table :

$x$	$y$	$\Delta y$	$\Delta^2 y$	$\Delta^3 y$	$\Delta^4 y$	$\Delta^5 y$	$\Delta^6 y$
0	1	2	6	6	0	0	0
1	3	8	12	6	0	0	0
2	11	20	18	6	0	0	0
3	31	38	24	6	0	0	0
4	69	62	30	6	0	0	0
5	131	92					
6	223						

By forward difference formula :

$$f(a+hu) = f(a) + u \Delta f(a) + \frac{u(u-1)}{2!} \Delta^2 f(a) + \dots + \frac{u(u-1)(u-2) \dots (u-n+1)}{n!} \Delta^n f(a)$$

$$\Rightarrow f(3.4) = 1 + (3.4)(2) + \frac{(3.4)(3.4-1)}{2!} (6) + \frac{(3.4)(3.4-1)(3.4-2)}{3!} (6) + \frac{(3.4)(3.4-1)(3.4-2)(3.4-3)}{4!} (0)$$

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$$f(3.4) = 1 + 6.8 + 24.48 + 11.424 + 0 = 43.704$$

$$\therefore f(3.4) = 43.704$$

4. Given that:

$x$ :	1	2	3	4	5	6
$y(x)$ :	0	1	8	27	64	125

Find the value of  $f(2.5)$ .

$$u = 1, \quad h = 1, \quad x = 2.5, \quad u = \frac{x - x_0}{h} = \frac{2.5 - 1}{1} = 1.5$$

Difference Table:

$x$	$y$	$\Delta y$	$\Delta^2 y$	$\Delta^3 y$	$\Delta^4 y$	$\Delta^5 y$
1	0					
2	1	1				
3	8	7	6			
4	27	19	12	6		
5	64	37	18	6	0	
6	125	61	24	6	0	0

By forward difference formula:

$$f(u+hu) = f(u) + u \Delta f(u) + \frac{u(u-1)}{2!} \Delta^2 f(u) + \dots + \frac{u(u-1)(u-2)\dots(u-n+1)}{n!} \Delta^n f(u)$$

$$\Rightarrow f(2.5) = 0 + (1.5)(1) + \frac{(1.5)(1.5-1)}{2!} (6) + \frac{(1.5)(1.5-1)(1.5-2)}{3!} (6) + 0 + 0$$

$$= 1.5 + 0.375 - 0.375 + 0 + 0 = 1.5$$

$$\therefore f(2.5) = 3.375$$

6. Using Newton's formula for interpolation, estimate the population for the year 1905 from the table:

Year	Population
1891	98,752
1901	132,285
1911	168,076
1921	195,690
1931	246,050

$$a = 1891, h = 10, x = 1905, u = \frac{x - a}{h} = \frac{1905 - 1891}{10} = 1.4$$

Difference Table:

x	y	$\Delta y$	$\Delta^2 y$	$\Delta^3 y$	$\Delta^4 y$
1891	98,752				
1901	132,285	33533			
1911	168,076	35791	2258		
1921	195,690	27614	-8177	-10435	
1931	246,050	50360	22746	30923	41358

By forward difference formula:

$$f(a + hu) = f(a) + u \Delta f(a) + \frac{u(u-1)}{2!} \Delta^2 f(a) + \dots + \frac{u(u-1)(u-2) \dots (u-n+1)}{n!} \Delta^n f(a)$$

$$\Rightarrow f(1905) = 98752 + (1.4)(33533) + \frac{(1.4)(1.4-1)}{2!} (2258) + \frac{(1.4)(1.4-1)(1.4-2)}{3!} (-10435) + \frac{(1.4)(1.4-1)(1.4-2)(1.4-3)}{4!} (41358)$$

$$= 98752 + 46946.2 + 632.24 + 584.36 + 926.4192 = 147841.2192$$

$$\therefore f(1905) = 147841.2192$$



9. Following are the scores obtained by 492 candidates in a certain examination

Scores	Number of candidates
0—40	210
40—45	43
45—50	54
50—55	74
55—60	32
60—65	79

Find out the number of candidates

- (a) who secured scores more than 48 but not more than 50;  
(b) who secured scores less than 48 but not less than 45.

Scores	Candidates
less than 40	210
less than 45	253
less than 50	307
less than 55	381
less than 60	413
less than 65	492

(a)  $a = 40$ ,  $h = 5$ ,  $x = 48$ ,  $u = \frac{x-a}{h} = \frac{48-40}{5} = 1.6$

Difference Table :

X	y	$\Delta y$	$\Delta^2 y$	$\Delta^3 y$	$\Delta^4 y$	$\Delta^5 y$
40	210					
45	253	43				
50	307	54	11			
55	381	74	20	9		
60	413	32	-42	-62	-71	
65	492	79	47	89	151	222

$$f(48) = 210 + (1.6)(43) + \frac{(1.6)(1.6-1)}{2!}(11) + \frac{(1.6)(1.6-1)(1.6-2)}{3!}(9) + \frac{(1.6)(1.6-1)(1.6-2)(1.6-3)}{4!}(-71) + \frac{(1.6)(1.6-1)(1.6-2)(1.6-3)(1.6-4)}{5!}(222)$$

$$= 210 + 68.8 + 5.28 + (-0.576) + (-1.59) + (-2.386)$$

$f(48) = 279.62 \approx 280$

(a)  $307 - 280 = 27$

(b)  $280 - 253 = 27$