

## Lecture 32 - Numerical Differentiation

$$\lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x} \rightarrow \text{ratio}$$

Taylor series

$$f(x_{i+1}) = f(x_i) + f'(x) \frac{(x_{i+1} - x_i)}{1!} + f''(x) \frac{(x_{i+1} - x_i)^2}{2!} + \dots$$

$$f'(x) = \frac{f(x_{i+1}) - f(x_i)}{(x_{i+1} - x_i)} - \frac{f''(x) (x_{i+1} - x_i)}{0 \text{ mit}} + O(\Delta x)$$



$$f(x_i) = f(x_{i-1}) + \frac{f'(x)}{1!} (x_i - x_{i-1})$$

$$f(x_{i-1}) = f(x_i) - \frac{f'(x)}{1!} (x_i - x_{i-1})$$

$$+ \frac{f''(x)}{2!} (x_i - x_{i-1})^2$$

$$- \frac{f'''(x)}{2!} (x_i - x_{i-1})^2$$

Backward difference

Central difference  $O(\Delta x^2)$

$$\text{Backward } f'(x_i) = \frac{f(x_i) - f(x_{i-1})}{x_i - x_{i-1}}$$

$$\text{Forward } f'(x_i) = \frac{f(x_{i+1}) - f(x_i)}{x_{i+1} - x_i}$$

$$x_i - x_{i-1} = x_{i+1} - x_i = \Delta x$$

$$2f'(x_i) = \frac{f(x_{i+1}) - f(x_{i-1})}{\Delta x}$$

$$\Rightarrow f'(x_i) = \frac{f(x_{i+1}) - f(x_{i-1})}{2 \Delta x}$$

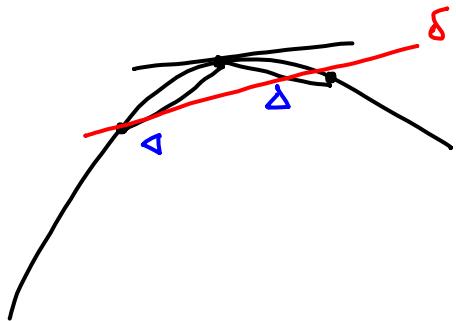
$$\text{Error } O(\Delta x^2) f'''(\xi)$$

Backward  $\nabla^{(n)}$   
Forward  $\Delta^{(n)}$   
Central  $\delta ?$

Equi-spaced  
data sets

Difference table	
$x_0$	$\nabla$
$x_1$	$f(x_1) - f(x_0)$
$x_2$	$f(x_2) - f(x_1)$
$x_3$	$\nabla f(x_2) - \nabla f(x_1)$
$x_4$	$\vdots$
$x_5$	$\vdots$
	$\vdots$
	$\nabla^2 f(x_3) - \nabla^2 f(x_2)$

Edge effect



Difference table	
$x_0$	$f(x_1) - f(x_0)$
$x_1$	$\frac{f(x_2) - f(x_0)}{2\Delta x}$
$x_2$	$\frac{f(x_3) - f(x_1)}{2\Delta x}$
$x_3$	$\frac{f(x_4) - f(x_2)}{2\Delta x}$
$x_4$	$\frac{f(x_5) - f(x_3)}{2\Delta x}$
$x_5$	$f(x_5) - f(x_4)$

$\delta^2$        $\delta^3$

x            ✓

✓            x

Unequally spaced data

- fit a Lagrange polynomial
- Differentiate Lagrange polynomial

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Lagrange polynomial of  
degree  $n$

$$f(x) = \prod_{\substack{j=0 \\ j \neq i}}^n \frac{(x - x_j)}{(x_i - x_j)} f(x_i)$$

$$f(x) = \frac{(x - x_0)(x - x_1)}{(x_0 - x_1)(x_0 - x_2)} f(x_0) + \frac{(x - x_0)(x - x_2)}{(x_1 - x_0)(x_1 - x_2)} f(x_1) =$$

$$+ \frac{(x - x_0)(x - x_1)}{(x_2 - x_0)(x_2 - x_1)} f(x_2)$$

$$\begin{aligned} f'(x) &= \frac{2x - x_1 - x_2}{(x_0 - x_1)(x_0 - x_2)} f(x_0) \\ &+ \frac{2x - x_0 - x_2}{(x_1 - x_0)(x_1 - x_2)} f(x_1) \\ &+ \frac{2x - x_0 - x_1}{(x_2 - x_0)(x_2 - x_1)} f(x_2) \end{aligned}$$

## Richardson's Extrapolation

- Do numerical derivatives at two different intervals
- Get an estimate of the error of the smaller interval
- Add it to the derivative from the smaller interval

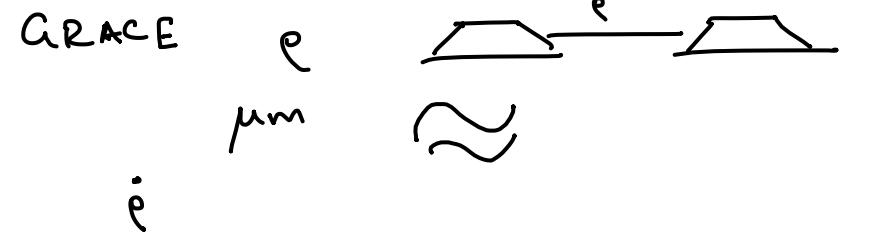
$$h \rightarrow h/2 \rightarrow h/4$$

$$D \approx \boxed{\frac{4}{3}} D(h/2) - \boxed{\frac{1}{3}} D(h)$$

$$\frac{4}{3} - \frac{1}{3} = 1$$

If we have noise, then?

$$y_i = \tilde{y}_i + \varepsilon_i$$



$$\begin{aligned} p_1 &= \tilde{p}_1 + \varepsilon \\ p_2 &= \tilde{p}_2 + \varepsilon \end{aligned} \Rightarrow \Delta p_{1,2} = \tilde{p}_2 - \tilde{p}_1$$