

Newton's Divided Difference Method of Interpolation

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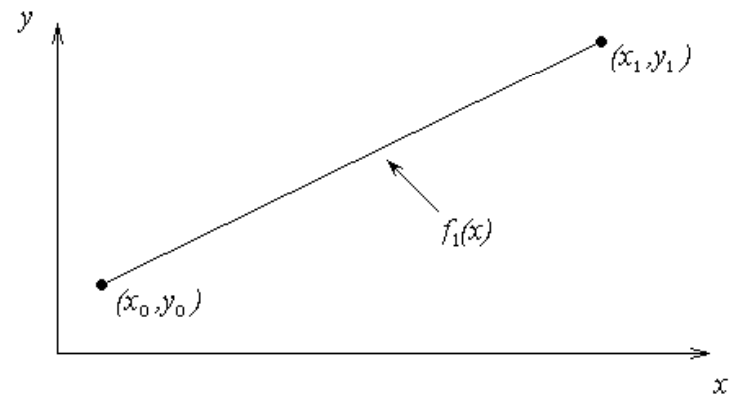
Linear interpolation: Given $(x_0, y_0), (x_1, y_1)$, pass a linear interpolant through the data

$$f_1(x) = b_0 + b_1(x - x_0)$$

where

$$b_0 = f(x_0)$$

$$b_1 = \frac{f(x_1) - f(x_0)}{x_1 - x_0}$$



Quadratic Interpolation

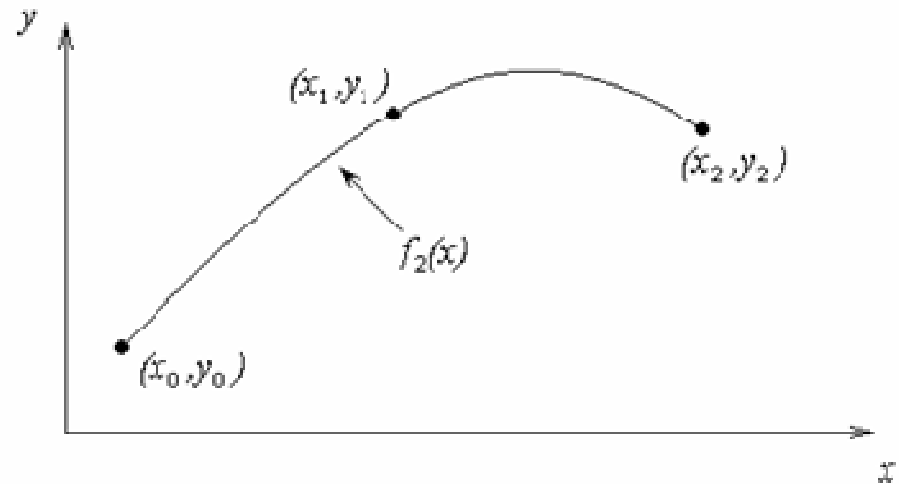
Given (x_0, y_0) , (x_1, y_1) , and (x_2, y_2) , fit a quadratic interpolant through the data.

$$f_2(x) = b_0 + b_1(x - x_0) + b_2(x - x_0)(x - x_1)$$

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General Form

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where

$$b_0 = f[x_0] = f(x_0)$$

$$b_1 = f[x_1, x_0] = \frac{f(x_1) - f(x_0)}{x_1 - x_0}$$

$$b_2 = f[x_2, x_1, x_0] = \frac{f[x_2, x_1] - f[x_1, x_0]}{x_2 - x_0} = \frac{\frac{f(x_2) - f(x_1)}{x_2 - x_1} - \frac{f(x_1) - f(x_0)}{x_1 - x_0}}{x_2 - x_0}$$

Rewriting

$$f_2(x) = f[x_0] + f[x_1, x_0](x - x_0) + f[x_2, x_1, x_0](x - x_0)(x - x_1)$$

General Form

Given $(n + 1)$ data points, $(x_0, y_0), (x_1, y_1), \dots, (x_{n-1}, y_{n-1}), (x_n, y_n)$ as

$$f_n(x) = b_0 + b_1(x - x_0) + \dots + b_n(x - x_0)(x - x_1)\dots(x - x_{n-1})$$

where

$$b_0 = f[x_0]$$

$$b_1 = f[x_1, x_0]$$

$$b_2 = f[x_2, x_1, x_0]$$

$$\vdots$$

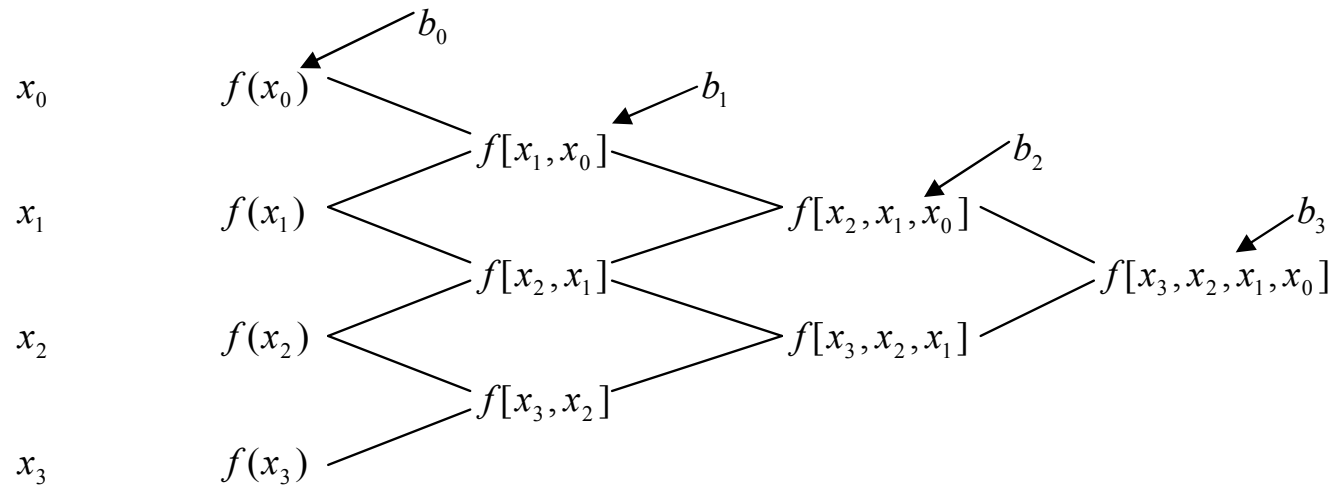
$$b_{n-1} = f[x_{n-1}, x_{n-2}, \dots, x_0]$$

$$b_n = f[x_n, x_{n-1}, \dots, x_0]$$

General form

The third order polynomial, given (x_0, y_0) , (x_1, y_1) , (x_2, y_2) , and (x_3, y_3) , is

$$f_3(x) = f[x_0] + f[x_1, x_0](x - x_0) + f[x_2, x_1, x_0](x - x_0)(x - x_1) \\ + f[x_3, x_2, x_1, x_0](x - x_0)(x - x_1)(x - x_2)$$



Example 1

Using the following table find $f(x)$ as a polynomial in x

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x	$f(x)$	$f[x_k, x_{k+1}]$			
-1	3	-9	6	5	1
0	-6				
3	39	15			
6	822	261	41		
7	1611	789	132	13	

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$$f(x) = 3 + (x+1)(-9) + x(x+1)(6) + x(x+1)(x-3)(5) + x(x+1)(x-3)(x-6)$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 f(x) &= 3 + (x+1)(-9) + x(x+1)(6) + x(x+1)(x-3)(5) + x(x+1)(x-3)(x-6) \\
 &= x^4 - 3x^3 + 5x^2 - 6.
 \end{aligned}$$

Example 2

Newton's divided difference interpolating polynomial satisfying the following values:

x:	1	3	4	5	7	10
f(x):	3	31	69	131	351	1011

Also find $f(4.5)$, and $f(8)$

Example 2

x: 1 3 4 5 7 10

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Example 2

Since the fourth divided differences are zeroes, $f(x)$ is of degree 3 and it is obtained as,

$$f(x) = f(x_0) + (x - x_0)f(x_0, x_1) + (x - x_0)(x - x_1)f(x_0, x_1, x_2) \\ + (x - x_0)(x - x_1)(x - x_2)f(x_0, x_1, x_2, x_3)$$

$$f(x_0) = f(1) = 3; f(x_0, x_1) = 14; f(x_0, x_1, x_2) = 8 \quad \text{and} \quad f(x_0, x_1, x_2, x_3) = 1$$

$$f(x) = 3 + (x - 1) \times 14 + (x - 1)(x - 3) \times 8 + (x - 1)(x - 3)(x - 4) \times 1$$

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

$$\text{Hence, } f(4.5) = (4.5)^3 + 4.5 + 1 = 96.625 \quad \text{and} \quad f(8) = (8)^3 + 8 + 1 = 521$$

Newton Forward difference Polynomial

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where x values are equally spaced as $x_i = x_0 + ih$

$$i = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n$$

n^{th} degree polynomial may be written as

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n^{th} degree polynomial

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The population of a town in the decimal census was as given below. Estimate the population for the year 1895.

Year x :	1891	1901	1911	1921	1931
Population y :	46	66	81	93	101

(in thousands)

$$P_n(x) = f_0 + s\nabla f_0 + \frac{s(s-1)}{2!}\nabla^2 f_0 + \dots + \frac{s(s-1)(s-2)\dots(s-n+1)}{n!}\nabla^n f_0$$

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$$= 46 + (.4)(20) + \frac{(.4)(.4-1)}{2} (-5)$$

$$+ \frac{(.4)(.4-1)(.4-2)}{6} (2) + \frac{(.4)(.4-1)(.4-2)(.4-3)}{24} (-3)$$

$$= 54.8528 \text{ thousands}$$

The population of a town was as given. Estimate the population for the year 1925.

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

(in thousands)

$$P_b(x) = f_0 + sVf_0 + \frac{s(s+1)}{2!}V^2f_0 + \dots + \frac{s(s+1)\dots(s+n-1)}{n!}V^n f_0$$

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1931	101				

$$P_b(x) = f_0 + s \nabla f_0 + \frac{s(s+1)}{2!} \nabla^2 f_0 + \dots + \frac{s(s+1) \dots (s+n-1)}{n!} \nabla^n f_0$$

$$= 101 + (-.6)(8) + \frac{(-.6)(.4)}{2!} (-4) + \frac{(-.6)(.4)(1.4)}{3!} (-1) \\ + \frac{(-.6)(.4)(1.4)(2.4)}{4!} (-3)$$

= 96.8368 thousands.

Find the unique polynomial $P(x)$ of degree 2 such that:

$$***$P(1) = 1, P(3) = 27, P(4) = 64$***$$

Use the Lagrange method of interpolation.

$$\begin{array}{lll} \text{Here, } x_0 = 1, & x_1 = 3, & x_2 = 4 \\ f(x_0) = 1, & f(x_1) = 27, & f(x_2) = 64 \end{array}$$

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

$$= \frac{(x-3)(x-4)}{(1-3)(1-4)} (1) + \frac{(x-1)(x-4)}{(3-1)(3-4)} (27) + \frac{(x-1)(x-3)}{(4-1)(4-3)} (64)$$

$$= \frac{1}{6} (x^2 - 7x + 12) - \frac{27}{2} (x^2 - 5x + 4) + \frac{64}{3} (x^2 - 4x + 3)$$

$$= 8x^2 - 19x + 12$$

Using Newton's divided difference formula, find a polynomial function satisfying the following data:

<i>x:</i>	<i>-4</i>	<i>-1</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>5</i>
<i>f(x):</i>	<i>1245</i>	<i>33</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>1335</i>

Hence find $f(1)$.

x	$f(x)$	$\Delta f(x)$	$\Delta^2 f(x)$	$\Delta^3 f(x)$	$\Delta^4 f(x)$
-4	1245	-404			
-1	33	-28	94		
0	5	2	10	-14	
2	9	442	88	13	3
5	1335				

$$f_n(x) = b_0 + b_1(x - x_0) + \dots + b_n(x - x_0)(x - x_1)\dots(x - x_{n-1})$$

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$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= 1245 + (x + 4)(-404) + (x + 4)(x + 1)94 \\ &\quad + (x + 4)(x + 1)(x - 0)(-14) + (x + 4)(x + 1)x(x - 2)(3) \\ &= 3x^4 - 5x^3 + 6x^2 - 14x + 5 \end{aligned}$$

Hence, $f(1) = 3 - 5 + 6 - 14 + 5 = -5$.

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