

Numerical Differentiation

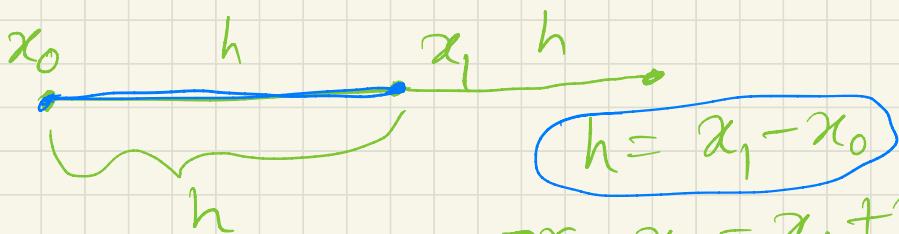
$$f'(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h}$$

if  $h$  is finite,

$$f'(x) \approx \frac{f(x+nh) - f(x)}{h}$$

$$f'(x_i) \approx \frac{f(x_i + nh) - f(x_i)}{h}$$

$$\approx f'(x_i, h)$$



$$\text{or, } x_1 = x_0 + h$$

$$\underline{x_n = x_0 + nh}$$

$$x_2 = x_1 + h \\ = x_0 + 2h$$

Taylor's series:

$$f(x+h) = f(x) + h f'(x) + \frac{h^2}{2!} f''(x) + \frac{h^3}{3!} f'''(x) + \dots \quad \textcircled{1}$$

$$f(x-h) = f(x) - h f'(x) + \frac{h^2}{2!} f''(x) - \frac{h^3}{3!} f'''(x) + \dots$$

①  $\Rightarrow f'(x) = \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} - \frac{h}{2!} f''(x) + O(h^2)$  (2)

$h \rightsquigarrow 0$

$$f'(x) \approx \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h}$$

Forward difference formula.

②  $\Rightarrow f'(x) = \frac{f(x) - f(x-h)}{h} + O(h)$

$h \rightarrow 0$

$$f'(x) \approx \frac{f(x) - f(x-h)}{h}$$

④

Backward difference formula:

③ + ④  $\Rightarrow$

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

$$= \frac{f(x+h) - f(x-h)}{h}$$

$$\therefore f'(x) = \frac{f(x+h) - f(x-h)}{2h}$$

Central difference formula.

## First derivatives (formula):

$$\bullet f'(x_0) \approx \frac{f_1 - f_0}{h} = \frac{f(x_0+h) - f(x_0)}{h};$$



$O(h)$  = order of error = 1

2-points forward difference



$$\bullet f'(x_0) \approx \frac{f_0 - f_{-1}}{h}$$

$$= \frac{f(x_0) - f(x_0-h)}{h}; O(h)$$

2 points backward difference



$$\bullet f'(x_0) \approx \frac{f_1 - f_{-1}}{2h}$$

$$= \frac{f(x_0+h) - f(x_0-h)}{2h}; O(h^2)$$

3 points central difference



$$f'(x_0) \approx \frac{-3f_0 + 4f_1 - f_2}{2h}, O(h^2)$$

↳ 3-points forward difference ✓

$$f'(x_0) \approx \frac{3f_0 - 4f_{-1} + f_{-2}}{2h}, O(h^2)$$

↳ 3 points backward difference ✓

### Second Derivatives:

$$\bullet f''(x_0) \approx \frac{f_0 - 2f_1 + f_2}{h^2}; O(h)$$

↳ 3 points forward difference

$$\bullet f''(x_0) \approx \frac{f_0 - 2f_{-1} + f_{-2}}{h^2}; O(h)$$

↳ 3 point backward difference

$$f''(x_0) \approx \frac{f_{-1} - 2f_0 + f_1}{h^2}; \quad O(h^2)$$

↳ 3-point central difference

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

## Exercise 7

1. The distance  $S$  of a runner from a fixed point is measured (in m) at intervals of half a second. The obtained data are

Time $t$ (s)	0	0.5	1	1.5	2
Distance $S$ (m)	0	3.65	6.8	9.9	12.15

① Use two points difference formulae to approximate the runner's speed at times  $t = 0$  s and  $t = 2$  s.

We have 2-points <sup>forward</sup> difference formula

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

at time  $t = 0$  s,  $h = 0.5 - 0 = 0.5$

$$V(0) = S'(0) = \frac{S(0+0.5) - S(0)}{0.5}$$

$$= \frac{S(0.5) - S(0)}{0.5} = \frac{3.65 - 0}{0.5}$$

$$= 7.3 \text{ ms}^{-1}$$

Again, we have the 2 points backward difference formula:

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

at time,  $t = 2 \text{ s}$ ,  $h = 2 - 1.5 = 0.5$

$$V(2) = S'(2) = \frac{S(2) - S(2 - 0.5)}{0.5}$$

$$= \frac{S(2) - S(1.5)}{0.5}$$

$$= \frac{12.15 - 9.9}{0.5}$$

$$= 4.5 \text{ ms}^{-1}$$

⑥ Use three points central difference formula to approximate the runner's speed at times  $t = 0.5 \text{ s}$  and  $t = 1.25 \text{ s}$ .

	$t$	0	0.5	1	1.5	2
$s$	0	3.65	6.8	9.9	12.15	

The three points central difference formula for first derivative,

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

at time  $t = 0.5 \text{ s}$ ,  $h = \frac{1-0}{2} = 0.5$

$$\begin{aligned} v(0.5) &= s'(0.5) = \frac{s(0.5+0.5) - s(0.5-0.5)}{2 \times 0.5} \\ &= \frac{s(1) - s(0)}{1} \\ &= \frac{6.8 - 0}{1} = 6.8 \text{ m s}^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

Again, at  $t = 1.25\text{ s}$ ,

$$h = \frac{1.5 - 1}{2} = \frac{0.5}{2} = 0.25$$

$$V(1.25) = S'(1.25) = \frac{S(1.25 + 0.25) - S(1.25 - 0.25)}{2 \times 0.25}$$

$$= \frac{S(1.50) - S(1)}{0.5}$$

$$= \frac{9.9 - 6.8}{0.5}$$

$$= 6.2 \text{ ms}^{-1}$$

③ Use three points central difference formula to approximate the runner's acceleration at time  $t = 1\text{ s}$ .

$t$	0	0.5	1	1.5	2
$s$	0	3.65	6.8	9.9	12.15

we have, 3 points central difference formula for 2nd derivate:

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

at time  $t = 1\text{ s}$ ,  $h = 0.5$

$$\begin{aligned} a(1) &= s''(1) = \frac{s(1-0.5) - 2s(1) + s(1+0.5)}{(0.5)^2} \\ &= \frac{s(0.5) - 2s(1) + s(1.5)}{(0.5)^2} \\ &= \frac{3.65 - 2 \times 6.8 + 9.9}{(0.5)^2} = -0.2 \text{ } \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2} \end{aligned}$$

d) Write down MATLAB Code to estimate the speed and acceleration at time  $t = 1.5$  s using three points central difference formulas.

$\gg \text{clear}$

$\gg x = [0 \quad 0.5 \quad 1 \quad 1.5 \quad 2];$

$\gg y = [0 \quad 3.65 \quad 6.8 \quad 9.9 \quad 12.15];$

$\gg h = x(4) - x(3);$

$\gg D1 = (y(5) - y(3)) / (2 * h)$

$\gg D2 = (y(3) - 2 * y(1) + y(5)) / (h * 12)$

Rough

$t \rightarrow$	$x(1)$	$x(2)$	$x(3)$	$x(4)$	$x(5)$
	0	0.5	1	1.5	2

$\xi \rightarrow$

0	3.65	6.8	9.9	12.15
$y(1)$	$y(2)$	$y(3)$	$y(4)$	$y(5)$

$$S'' = \frac{S(x_0-h) - 2S(x_0) + S(x_0+h)}{h^2}$$

$$= \frac{S(1.5-0.5) - 2S(1.5) + S(1.5+0.5)}{h^2}$$

$$= \frac{S(1) - 2S(1.5) + S(2)}{h^2}$$

$$= \boxed{\frac{y(3) - 2y(4) + y(5)}{h}}$$