



TOPIC : 2.5. NEWTON'S DIVIDED DIFFERENCE INTERPOLATION

DIVIDED DIFFERENCES :

Divided difference method avoids all in comparison and arithmetic operation we used in Lagrangian polynomial method.

Newton's divided difference formula is

$$y(x) = y_0 + (x-x_0) f(x_0, x_1) + (x-x_0)(x-x_1) f(x_0, x_1, x_2) + (x-x_0)(x-x_1)(x-x_2) f(x_0, x_1, x_2, x_3) + \dots$$

NEWTON'S DIFFERENCE TABLE: (3)

Arguments x	Entry $y=f(x)$	1 st D.D $\Delta f(x)$	2 nd D.D $\Delta^2 f(x)$	3 rd D.D $\Delta^3 f(x)$	4 th D.D $\Delta^4 f(x)$
x_0	y_0				
x_1	y_1	$\frac{y_1 - y_0}{x_1 - x_0} = k_1$			
x_2	y_2	$\frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1} = k_2$	$\frac{k_2 - k_1}{x_2 - x_0} = k_{11}$		
x_3	y_3	$\frac{y_3 - y_2}{x_3 - x_2} = k_3$	$\frac{k_3 - k_2}{x_3 - x_1} = k_{12}$	$\frac{k_{12} - k_{11}}{x_3 - x_0} = k_{111}$	
x_4	y_4	$\frac{y_4 - y_3}{x_4 - x_3} = k_4$	$\frac{k_4 - k_3}{x_4 - x_2} = k_{13}$	$\frac{k_{13} - k_{12}}{x_4 - x_1} = k_{112}$	$\frac{k_{112} - k_{111}}{x_4 - x_0}$



Problems:

1. Find the cubic function from the following table

$x: 0$	1	3	4
$f(x): 1$	4	40	85

Solution:

The Newton's Divided Difference table is

x	$f(x)$	$Af(x)$	$A^2f(x)$	$A^3f(x)$
0	1	$\frac{4-1}{1-0} = 3$	$\frac{18-3}{3-0} = 5$	$\frac{9-5}{4-0} = 1$
1	4	$\frac{40-4}{3-1} = 18$	$\frac{45-18}{4-1} = 9$	
3	40	$\frac{85-40}{4-3} = 45$		
4	85			



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$$= 1 + (x)(3) + (x)(x-1)(5) + (x)(x-1)(x-3)(1)$$

$$= 1 + 3x + [x^2 - x(5)] + [x^3 - 3x^2 - x^2 + 3x]$$

$$= 1 + 3x + 5x^2 - 5x + x^3 - 3x^2 - x^2 + 3x$$

$$f(x) = x^3 + x^2 + x + 1$$

2. Find the cubic polynomial from the following table and hence find $y(4)$:

$x:$	0	1	2	5
$y=f(x):$	2	3	12	147

Solution:

The Newton's divided difference formula is

x	$y=f(x)$	$\Delta f(x)$	$\Delta^2 f(x)$	$\Delta^3 f(x)$
0	2	$\frac{3-2}{1-0} = 1$	$\frac{9-1}{2-0} = 4$	$\frac{9-4}{5-0} = 1$
1	3	$\frac{12-3}{2-1} = 9$	$\frac{45-9}{5-1} = 9$	
2	12	$\frac{147-12}{5-2} = 45$		
5	147			



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$$= 2 + (x)(1) + (x)(2-1)(4) + (x)(2-1)(x-2)(1)$$
$$= 2 + x + 4x^2 - 4x + x^3 - 2x^2 - x^2 + 2x$$
$$y(x) = x^3 + x^2 - x + 2$$
$$y(4) = (4)^3 + (4)^2 - 4 + 2 = 64 + 16 - 4 + 2 = 78.$$