



TOPIC : 2.9. NEWTON'S FORWARD INTERPOLATION FORMULA

$x_1 = 0.4695$

2. The following table gives the population of a town during the last six census. Estimate using Newton's formula the increase in the population during the period 1946-1948.

Year: 1911	1921	1931	1941	1951	1961
Population in thousands: 12	13	20	27	39	52

Solution:
Difference table

x	y	Δy_0	$\Delta^2 y_0$	$\Delta^3 y_0$	$\Delta^4 y_0$	$\Delta^5 y_0$
1911	12					
		1				
1921	13		6			
		7		-6		
1931	20		0		11	
		7		5		-2
1941	27		5		-9	
		12		4		
1951	39		1			
		15				
1961	52					



Newton's forward formula is:

$$y(x) = y_0 + \frac{n}{1!} \Delta y_0 + \frac{n(n-1)}{2!} \Delta^2 y_0 + \frac{n(n-1)(n-2)}{3!} \Delta^3 y_0 + \frac{n(n-1)(n-2)(n-3)}{4!} \Delta^4 y_0 + \frac{n(n-1)(n-2)(n-3)(n-4)}{5!} \Delta^5 y_0 + \dots$$

$n = \frac{x - x_0}{h}$, $x = 1946$

$$n = \frac{1946 - 1941}{5}$$

$$n = 3.5$$

$$y(1946) = 12 + 3.5(11) + \frac{3.5(2.5)(6)}{2} + \frac{3.5(2.5)(1.5)(0)}{6} + \frac{3.5(2.5)(1.5)(0.5)(0)}{24} + \frac{3.5(2.5)(1.5)(0.5)(0)(0)}{120}$$

$= 30.18$

$x = 1948$

$$n = \frac{x - x_0}{h} = \frac{1948 - 1941}{7} = \frac{7}{7} = 3.7$$

$$y(1948) = 12 + 3.7 + \frac{3.7(2.7)(6)}{2} + \frac{3.7(2.7)(1.7)(0)}{6} + \frac{3.7(2.7)(1.7)(0.7)(0)}{24} + \frac{3.7(2.7)(1.7)(0.7)(0)(0)}{120}$$

$y(1948) = 35.50$

\therefore Increase in the population during the period
1946 to 1948 $= y(1948) - y(1946)$
 $= 35.50 - 30.18$
 $= 5.34$