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**UNIT-IV INTERPOLATION, NUMERICAL DIFFERENTIATION & INTEGRATION**

**NEWTON'S FORWARD AND BACKWARD DIFFERENCE FORMULA**

(EQUAL INTERVALS)

Let the function  $y = f(x)$  takes the values  $y_0, y_1, \dots, y_n$  at the points  $x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n$  where  $x_i = x_0 + ih$ .

Then Newton's Forward interpolation polynomial is given by

$$y(x) = P_n(x) = f(x)$$

$$= y_0 + \frac{u}{1!} \Delta y_0 + \frac{u(u-1)}{2!} \Delta^2 y_0 + \frac{u(u-1)(u-2)}{3!} \Delta^3 y_0 + \dots + \frac{u(u-1)(u-2)\dots(u-(n-1))}{n!} \Delta^n y_0$$

where  $u = \frac{x - x_0}{h}$ ;  $h$  is the difference between two intervals.



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Then Newton's Backward interpolation polynomial is given by

$$\begin{aligned}
 y(x) = P_n(x) &= f(x) \\
 &= y_n + \frac{u}{1!} \nabla y_n + \frac{u(u+1)}{2!} \nabla^2 y_n + \frac{u(u+1)(u+2)}{3!} \nabla^3 y_n \\
 &\quad + \dots + \frac{u(u+1)(u+2)\dots(u+(n-1))}{n!} \nabla^n y_n
 \end{aligned}$$

where  $u = \frac{x - x_n}{h}$

Note: Forward

First order:

$$\Delta^2 y_0 = y_1 - y_0$$

$$\Delta y_1 = y_2 - y_1$$

Second order:

$$\Delta^2 y_0 = \Delta y_1 - \Delta y_0$$

Third order:

$$\Delta^3 y_0 = \Delta^2 y_1 - \Delta^2 y_0$$

Backward

First order:

$$\nabla y_n = y_n - y_{n-1}$$

$$\nabla y_{n-1} = y_{n-1} - y_{n-2}$$

Second order:

$$\nabla^2 y_n = \nabla y_n - \nabla y_{n-1}$$

Third order:

$$\nabla^3 y_n = \nabla^2 y_n - \nabla^2 y_{n-1}$$



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Using Newton's Forward Interpolation & Backward Interpolation formula, find the polynomial  $f(x)$  satisfying the following data. Hence evaluate  $y$  at  $x=5$ .

$x$	4	6	8	10
$y$	1	3	8	10

soln:

$x$	$y$	$\Delta y$	$\Delta^2 y$	$\Delta^3 y$
4	1	$(3-1)$ 2	$(5-2)$ 3	$(-6)$ -6
6	3	$(8-3)$ 5	$(2-5)$ -3	
8	8	$(10-8)$ 2		
10	10			



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Forward Interpolation:

$$\text{Here } x_0 = 4 ; y_0 = 1 ; h = 2 .$$

$$u = \frac{x-4}{2}$$

$$y(x) = y_0 + \frac{u}{1!} \Delta y_0 + \frac{u(u-1)\Delta^2 y_0}{2!} + \frac{u(u-1)(u-2)}{3!} \Delta^3 y_0$$

$$= 1 + \left(\frac{x-4}{2}\right) (2) + \left(\frac{x-4}{2}\right) \left(\frac{x-4}{2} - 1\right) \frac{(3)}{2!} +$$

$$\left(\frac{x-4}{2}\right) \left(\frac{x-4}{2} - 1\right) \left(\frac{x-4}{2} - 2\right) \frac{(-6)}{3!}$$

$$= 1 + x - 4 + \frac{(x-4)(x-6)}{4} \times \frac{3}{2} + \frac{(x-4)(x-6)(x-8)}{8} \times \frac{-6}{8}$$

$$= x - 3 + (x^2 - 10x + 24) \frac{3}{8} + x^3 - 18x^2 + 104x - 192 \times \frac{1}{8}$$

$$= \frac{1}{8} (8x - 24 + 3x^2 - 30x + 72 + (-x^3 + 18x^2 - 104x + 192))$$

$$= \frac{1}{8} (-x^3 + 21x^2 - 126x + 240)$$

$$y(5) = \frac{1}{8} (-5^3 + 21(5)^2 - 126(5) + 240) = 1.25$$

Backward Interpolation:

$$\text{Here } x_n = 10 ; y_n = 10 ; h = 2 .$$

$$u = \frac{x-10}{2}$$



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$$\begin{aligned}y(x) &= y_n + \frac{u}{1!} \nabla y_n + \frac{u(u+1)}{2!} \nabla^2 y_n + \frac{u(u+1)(u+2)}{3!} \nabla^3 y_n \\ &= 10 + \left(\frac{x-10}{2}\right)(2) + \left(\frac{x-10}{2}\right)\left(\frac{x-10}{2}+1\right)\frac{(-3)}{2!} + \\ &\quad \left(\frac{x-10}{2}\right)\left(\frac{x-10}{2}+1\right)\left(\frac{x-10}{2}+2\right)\frac{(-6)}{3!}\end{aligned}$$