

# Unit - 2 Numerical Methods

## Unit - 2 Interpolation and Approximation

### 2 Mark Questions

1. State Lagrange's interpolation formula

Solution:

Let  $y = f(x)$  be a function which takes the values  $y_0, y_1, \dots, y_n$  and corresponding to  $x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n$

The Lagrange's interpolation formula is

$$y = f(x) = \frac{(x-x_1)(x-x_2)\dots(x-x_n)}{(x_0-x_1)(x_0-x_2)\dots(x_0-x_n)} \cdot y_0 \\ + \frac{(x-x_0)(x-x_2)\dots(x-x_n)}{(x_1-x_0)(x_1-x_2)\dots(x_1-x_n)} \cdot y_1 \\ + \dots + \frac{(x-x_0)(x-x_1)\dots(x-x_{n-1})}{(x_n-x_0)(x_n-x_1)\dots(x_n-x_{n-1})} \cdot y_n$$

2. What is the Lagrange's formula to find  $y$ , if three sets of values  $(x_0, y_0)$ ,  $(x_1, y_1)$  and  $(x_2, y_2)$  are given

Solution:

$$y = \frac{(x-x_1)(x-x_2)}{(x_0-x_1)(x_0-x_2)} \cdot y_0 + \frac{(x-x_0)(x-x_2)}{(x_1-x_0)(x_1-x_2)} \cdot y_1 \\ + \frac{(x-x_0)(x-x_1)}{(x_2-x_0)(x_2-x_1)} \cdot y_2$$

3. What is the assumption we make when Lagrange's formula is used?

Solution:

Lagrange's interpolation formula can be used whether the values of  $x$ , the independent variable are equally spaced or not whether the difference of  $y$  become smaller or not.

4. Using Newton's divided difference formula find the missing value from the table.

|       |    |    |   |   |   |
|-------|----|----|---|---|---|
| $x$ : | 1  | 2  | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| $y$ : | 14 | 15 | 5 |   | 9 |

Solution:

| $x$ | $f(x)$ | $\Delta f(x)$           | $\Delta^2 f(x)$                 | $\Delta^3 f(x)$                 |
|-----|--------|-------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1   | 14     | $\frac{15-14}{2-1} = 1$ |                                 |                                 |
| 2   | 15     | $\frac{5-15}{4-2} = -5$ | $\frac{5-1}{4-1} = -2$          |                                 |
| 4   | 5      | $\frac{9-5}{6-4} = 2$   | $\frac{2+5}{6-2} = \frac{7}{4}$ |                                 |
| 6   | 9      |                         |                                 | $\frac{7}{4} + 2 = \frac{3}{4}$ |

$$f(x) = f(x_0) + (x-x_0)f(x_0, x_1) + (x-x_0)(x-x_1)f(x_0, x_1, x_2) \\ + (x-x_0)(x-x_1)(x-x_2)f(x_0, x_1, x_2, x_3) + \dots \\ = 14 + (x-1)(1) + (x-1)(x-2)(-2) + (x-1)(x-2)(x-4)\left(\frac{3}{4}\right)$$

$$= 14 + x - 1 - 2(x-1)(x-2) + \frac{3}{4}(x-1)(x-2)(x-4)$$

$$f(3) = 13 + 5 - 2(4)(3) + \frac{3}{4}(4)(3)(1)$$

$$= 13 - 24 + 9$$

$$= 3$$

5. Using Newton's divided difference formula determine  $f(3)$  from the data

|          |   |    |    |   |   |
|----------|---|----|----|---|---|
| $x$ :    | 0 | 1  | 2  | 4 | 5 |
| $f(x)$ : | 1 | 14 | 15 | 5 | 6 |

Solution:

| $x$ | $f(x)$ | $\Delta f(x)$           | $\Delta^2 f(x)$         | $\Delta^3 f(x)$        | $\Delta^4 f(x)$ |
|-----|--------|-------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|-----------------|
| 0   | 1      | $\frac{14-1}{1-0} = 13$ | $\frac{1-13}{2-0} = -6$ | $\frac{-2+6}{4-0} = 1$ |                 |
| 1   | 14     | $\frac{15-14}{2-1} = 1$ | $\frac{-5-1}{4-1} = -2$ | $\frac{1-1}{5-0} = 0$  |                 |
| 2   | 15     | $\frac{5-15}{4-2} = -5$ | $\frac{1+5}{5-2} = 2$   |                        |                 |
| 4   | 5      | $\frac{6-5}{5-4} = 1$   |                         |                        |                 |
| 5   | 6      |                         |                         |                        |                 |

By Newton's divided difference interpolation formula

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

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

$$= 1 + (x-0)13 + (x-0)(x-1)(-6) + (x-0)(x-1)(x-2)(1) + 0$$

$$= 1 + 13x - 6x(x-1) + x(x-1)(x-2)$$

$$f(3) = 1 + 39 - 6(3)(2) + 3(3-1)(3-2)$$

$$= 40 - 36 + 3(2)(1)$$

$$= 40 - 36 + 6$$

$$= 10$$

6. Derive Newton's backward difference formula by using operator method

Solution:

$$P_n(x) = P_n(x_n + v\Delta x)$$

$$= E^v P_n(x_n)$$

$$= (1 - \nabla)^{-v} y_n \text{ where } E = (1 - \nabla)^{-1}$$

$$= \left[ 1 + v\nabla + \frac{v(v+1)}{2!} \nabla^2 + \frac{v(v+1)(v+2)}{3!} \nabla^3 + \dots \right] y_n$$

$$= y_n + v\nabla y_n + \frac{v(v+1)}{2!} \nabla^2 y_n + \frac{v(v+1)(v+2)}{3!} \nabla^3 y_n + \dots$$

$$\text{where } v = \frac{x-x_n}{\Delta x}$$

7. When Newton's backward interpolation formula is used

Solution:

The formula is used mainly to interpolate the values of  $y$  near the end of a set of tabular values and also for extrapolating the values of  $y$  a short distance ahead (to the right) of  $y_0$ .

8. Newton's forward interpolation formula used only for intervals.

Solution:

Equidistant (or) equal intervals.

9. Write the Newton's forward and backward formula.

Solution:

Newton's forward formula

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

$$\text{where } p = \frac{x - x_0}{h}$$

Newton's Backward formula

$$y(x) = y_n + p \nabla y_n + \frac{p(p+1)}{2!} \nabla^2 y_n + \frac{p(p+1)(p+2)}{3!} \nabla^3 y_n + \dots$$

$$\text{where } p = \frac{x - x_n}{h}$$

10. Write the Everett Lagrangian formula.

Solution:

$$x = \frac{(y - y_1)(y - y_2) \dots (y - y_n)}{(y_0 - y_1)(y_0 - y_2) \dots (y_0 - y_n)} \cdot x_0 + \dots$$

$$\frac{(y - y_0)(y - y_2) \dots (y - y_n)}{(y_1 - y_0)(y_1 - y_2) \dots (y_1 - y_n)} \cdot x_1 + \dots$$

11. Write the cubic spline interpolation formula.

Solution:

$$S_{i-1} + 4S_i + S_{i+1} = \frac{h}{6} [y_{i-1} - 2y_i + y_{i+1}]$$

$$\text{For } i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n-1$$

For natural cubic spline,

$$S(x) = \frac{1}{6h} [(x - x_i)^3 S_{i-1} + (x - x_{i+1})^3 S_i] + \frac{1}{h} [(x - x_i)(y_{i-1} - \frac{h^2}{6} S_{i-1}) + (x - x_{i+1})(y_i - \frac{h^2}{6} S_i)]$$