

Newton-Gregory Backward Interpolation formula:-

Let $f(a), f(a+h), \dots, f(a+nh)$ be the $(n+1)$ values of the function $y = f(x)$ corresponding to the equally spaced values $a, a+h, \dots, a+nh$ of x .

Now we shall find an approximate representation of $f(x)$ in the form of a polynomial given by

$$\begin{aligned}
P_n(x) = & A_0 + A_1(x-a-nh) + A_2(x-a-nh)(x-a-nh+h) \\
& + A_3(x-a-nh)(x-a-nh+h)(x-a-nh+2h) \\
& + \dots \\
& + A_n(x-a-nh)(x-a-nh-h)(x-a-nh+2h) \\
& \dots (x-a-h) \longrightarrow (2)
\end{aligned}$$

where $A_0, A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n$ are constants to be determined s.t.

$$P_n(a+nh) = f(a+nh)$$

$$P_n(a+nh-h) = f(a+nh-h)$$

$$P_n(a) = f(a)$$

Putting $x = a+nh, a+nh-h, \dots$ successively, we get

$$P_n(a+nh) = A_0$$

$$\Rightarrow f(a+nh) = A_0$$

Also,

$$P_n(a+nh-h) = A_0 + A_1(-h)$$

$$\Rightarrow f(a+nh-h) = f(a+nh) - A_1 h$$

$$\Rightarrow A_1 h = f(a+nh) - f(a+nh-h)$$

$$= \nabla f(a+nh)$$

$$\Rightarrow A_1 = \frac{\nabla f(a+nh)}{h}$$

Next,

$$P_n(a+nh-2h) = A_0 + A_1(-2h) + A_2(-2h)(-h)$$

$$\Rightarrow f(a+nh-2h) = f(a+nh) - 2h \cdot \frac{f(a+nh) - f(a+nh-h)}{h}$$

$$+ A_2 h^2$$

$$\Rightarrow A_2 h^2 = f(a+nh-2h) - 2f(a+nh-h) + f(a+nh)$$

$$= \nabla^2 f(a+nh)$$

$$\therefore A_2 = \frac{\nabla^2 f(a+nh)}{2! h^2}$$

Similarly,

$$A_3 = \frac{\nabla^3 f(a+nh)}{3! h^3}, \dots$$

$$\dots A_n = \frac{\nabla^n f(a+nh)}{n! h^n}$$

Putting these values of $A_0, A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n$ in the eqn. (1), we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 f(x) \equiv P_n(x) &= f(a+nh) + \frac{\nabla f(a+nh)}{h} (x-a-nh) \\
 &+ \frac{\nabla^2 f(a+nh)}{2! h^2} (x-a-nh)(x-a-nh+h) \\
 &+ \frac{\nabla^3 f(a+nh)}{3! h^3} (x-a-nh)(x-a-nh+h)(x-a-nh+2h) \\
 &+ \dots \\
 &+ \frac{\nabla^n f(a+nh)}{n! h^n} (x-a-nh)(x-a-nh+h) \\
 &\quad \cdot (x-a-nh+2h) \dots (x-a-h) \dots
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{2}$$

Let $u = \frac{x-(a+nh)}{h} \Rightarrow x = (a+nh) + hu$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \therefore (2) \Rightarrow f(x) &= f(a+nh) + \frac{\nabla f(a+nh)}{h} hu \\
 &+ \frac{\nabla^2 f(a+nh)}{2! h^2} hu(hu+h) \\
 &+ \dots \\
 &+ \frac{\nabla^n f(a+nh)}{n! h^n} hu(hu+h)(hu+2h) \dots (hu+(n-1)h)
 \end{aligned}$$

or,

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

which is Newton's backward int. formula.