

8. Remainder term in Newton's forward Interpolation formula:

Let  $P_n(x)$  be a polynomial of the  $n$ -th degree in  $x$  representing the given function  $y = f(x)$ . We assume that the function  $f(x)$  possesses a continuous  $(n+1)$  order derivatives in the interval of interpolation  $x_0 \leq x \leq x_n$ . Since  $P_n(x)$  has the same value as  $f(x)$  at the points  $x_0, x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$

$$\therefore f(x) = P_n(x) + g(x) \quad \text{--- (i)}$$

where  $g(x)$  has the root  $x_0, x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$ .

$$\therefore f(x) = P_n(x) + k(x) [(x-x_0)(x-x_1)\dots(x-x_n)]$$

where  $k(x)$  is the function to be determined in terms of the function  $f(x)$ . This can be done as follows:

We construct the function

$$\psi(t) = f(t) - P_n(t) - k(x) [(t-x_0)(t-x_1)\dots(t-x_n)]$$

$$\psi(t) = f(t) - P_n(t) - k(x) [(t-x_0)(t-x_1)\dots(t-x_n)] \quad \text{--- (ii)}$$

Now by virtue of (ii) this equation has at least  $(n+2)$  real roots  $(t = x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n)$ .

Therefore by Rolle's theorem  $\psi'(t)$  has at least  $(n+1)$  real roots lying between the smallest and the greatest of the above roots. Similarly  $\psi''(t)$  has at least  $n$  real roots in this interval and finally the  $(n+1)$ -th derivative of  $\psi(t)$  i.e.  $\psi^{(n+1)}(t)$  has at least one root  $t = \xi$  (say) in the interval  $x_0$  to  $x_n$ .

Taking the  $(n+1)$ -th derivative of each side of (ii), we have

$$\psi^{(n+1)}(t) = f^{(n+1)}(t) - P_n^{(n+1)}(t) - k(x) \quad \text{--- (iv)}$$

Since  $P_n^{(n+1)}(x) = 0$  and  $\xi$  is a root of L.H.S. of (iv)  
(because  $P_n(x)$  is a poly. of  $n$ -th degree)

Therefore

$$\psi^{n+1}(f) = 0 \text{ at } t = \xi$$

Hence (i)  $\Rightarrow f^{n+1}(\xi) - k(x) (n+1)! = 0$

$$\Rightarrow k(x) = \frac{1}{(n+1)!} f^{n+1}(\xi), \quad x_0 < \xi < x_n$$

Substituting  $k(x)$  is (ii), we have

$$f(x) = P_n(x) + \frac{1}{(n+1)!} f^{n+1}(\xi) [(x-x_0)(x-x_1)\dots(x-x_n)]$$

$$\therefore f(x) - P_n(x) = \frac{1}{(n+1)!} f^{n+1}(\xi) [(x-x_0)(x-x_1)\dots(x-x_n)]$$

$$\therefore R_n = \frac{1}{(n+1)!} f^{n+1}(\xi) [(x-x_0)(x-x_1)\dots(x-x_n)]$$

where  $R_n = f(x) - P_n(x)$

$$\therefore R_n = \frac{f^{n+1}(\xi)}{(n+1)!} \prod_{i=0}^n (x-x_i) \quad \text{--- (v)}$$

Substituting  $\frac{x-x_0}{h} = u$  i.e.  $x = x_0 + hu$ ,  $\frac{x-x_1}{h}$  etc in (v), we have,

$$R_n = \frac{u(u-1)(u-2)\dots(u-n)}{(n+1)!} h^{n+1} f^{n+1}(\xi), \quad x_0 < \xi < x_n$$

$R_n$  is called remainder term (or truncation error) in Newton's forward interpolation formula.

Hence Newton's forward interpolation formula with remainder term is

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

$$+ \dots + u(u-1)(u-2)\dots(u-n) \frac{\Delta^n y_0}{n!} + \frac{u(u-1)(u-2)\dots(u-n)}{(n+1)!} h^{n+1} f^{n+1}(\xi)$$

Derive Newton's forward interpolation formula with remainder term. [Ans: Derive in terms of  $x$  only] Marks 8

## 3. Remainder term in Newton's backward interpolation formulae

Let  $P_n(x)$  be a polynomial of  $n$ -th degree in  $x$  representing the <sup>given</sup> function  $y = f(x)$ . We assume that  $f(x)$  possesses continuous  $(n+1)$ -th order derivatives in the interval of interpolation,  $x_0 \leq x \leq x_n$ . Since  $P_n(x)$  has the same values of the points  $x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n$  therefore we can write

$$f(x) = P_n(x) + q(x) \longrightarrow (i)$$

where  $q(x)$  has the roots  $x_n, x_{n-1}, \dots, x_1, x_0$ ,

$$\therefore f(x) = P_n(x) + k(x) \underbrace{[(x-x_n)(x-x_{n-1}) \dots (x-x_0)]}_{\longrightarrow (ii)}$$

where  $k(x)$  is to be determined in terms of the function  $f(x)$ . This can be done as follows:

We consider the function

$$\psi(t) = f(t) - P_n(t) - k(x) [(t-x_n)(t-x_{n-1}) \dots (t-x_0)] \longrightarrow (iii)$$

Now, by virtue of (ii), this equation (iii) has at least  $(n+2)$  real roots  $x_n, x_{n-1}, \dots, x_1, x_0, x$ .

Therefore by Rolle's theorem  $\psi'(t)$  has at least  $(n+1)$  real roots lying between smallest and greatest value of the above roots. Thus the  $(n+1)$ -th derivative  $\psi^{(n+1)}(t)$  has at least one real root  $t = \xi$  in the interval  $x_0$  to  $x_n$ .

Taking the  $(n+1)$ -th derivatives of both sides of (iii), we get

$$\psi^{n+1}(t) = f^{n+1}(t) - k(x) \cdot (n+1)! \quad [\because p^{n+1}(t) = 0]$$

Again, since  $\psi^{n+1}(t) = 0$  for  $t = \xi$ ,  $x_0 < \xi < x_n$ ,

$$\therefore f^{n+1}(\xi) - k(x) \cdot (n+1)! = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow k(x) = \frac{f^{n+1}(\xi)}{(n+1)!}$$

Substituting this value of  $k(x)$  in (ii), we get

$$f_n(x) - P_n(x) = \frac{f^{n+1}(\xi)}{(n+1)!} (x-x_n)(x-x_{n-1}) \dots (x-x_0)$$

$$\text{or, } R_n = \frac{f^{n+1}(\xi)}{(n+1)!} (x-x_n)(x-x_{n-1}) \dots (x-x_0) \rightarrow (iv)$$

Now putting  $\frac{x-x_n}{h} = u$ ,  $\frac{x-x_{n-1}}{h} = u+1$ , .....

.....,  $\frac{x-x_0}{h} = u+n$  etc. in (iv), we have

$$\text{Error} = R_n = \frac{f^{n+1}(\xi)}{(n+1)!} h^{n+1} u(u+1)(u+2) \dots (u+n)$$

This is the remainder term in Newton's backward interpolation formulae.

Remainder term in Newton's general interpolation formula for unequal intervals :-

Let  $P_n(x)$  be a polynomial of  $n$ -th degree in  $x$  representing the given function  $y = f(x)$ . Then the equation (vi) can be written in the form

$$f(x) = P_n(x) + R_n(x).$$

We assume that the  $(n+1)$ -th derivative of  $f(x)$  exists and is continuous, the function  $\delta(x, x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n)$  is finite. Therefore by (vii)  $R_n$  vanishes at  $(n+1)$  points  $x_0, x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$ . Thus by Rolle's theorem,  $R_n'(x)$  vanishes at  $n$  points lying between the ~~smallest~~ and the largest of those arguments and so on. Finally,  $n$ -th derivative of  $R_n(x)$  vanishes for some point  $x = \xi$ ; therefore

$$f^{(n)}(\xi) = n! \delta(x_0, x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n), \quad x_0 < \xi < x_n$$

$$\therefore \delta(x_0, x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = \frac{1}{n!} f^{(n)}(\xi)$$

$$\therefore \delta(x_0, x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = \frac{1}{(n+1)!} f^{(n+1)}(\xi)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore R_n &= \frac{1}{(n+1)!} f^{(n+1)}(\xi) \cdot (x-x_0)(x-x_1)(x-x_2) \dots (x-x_n) \\ &= \frac{f^{(n+1)}(\xi)}{(n+1)!} \prod_{i=0}^n (x-x_i). \end{aligned}$$

## Remainder term in Lagrange's formula:

To find the remainder term in Lagrange's formula we construct the function

$$F(t) = f(t) - \phi(t) - [f(x) - \phi(x)] \frac{(t-x_0)(t-x_1)\dots(t-x_n)}{(x-x_0)(x-x_1)\dots(x-x_n)} \quad \rightarrow (1)$$

where  $f(x)$  denotes the given function,  $\phi(x)$  a polynomial interpolation formula ( $\phi(x)$  is a poly of degree  $n$ ), and 't' is a real variable.

Let  $f(x)$  is continuous and possess continuous derivatives upto  $(n+1)$ <sup>th</sup> order.

Now,  $F(t)$  vanishes for  $(n+2)$  values of  $t$  i.e.  $t = x, x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n, \xi$  and since  $f(x)$  is continuous, it has continuous derivatives upto  $(n+1)$ -th order. Therefore the same is true for  $f(t)$  and of  $F(t)$ .  $F(t)$  thus satisfies the condition of Rolle's theorem. Hence the  $(n+1)$ -th derivative of  $F(t)$  will vanish at least once at some point  $\xi$  with the interval from  $x_0$  to  $x_n$ .

Differentiating (i)  $(n+1)$  times w.r.t. 't' we have,

$$F^{(n+1)}(t) = f^{(n+1)}(t) - \phi^{(n+1)}(t) - [f(x) - \phi(x)] \frac{(n+1)!}{(x-x_0)(x-x_1)\dots(x-x_n)}$$

$$\alpha, \quad F^{n+1}(t) = f^{n+1}(t) - [f(x) - \phi(x)] \frac{(n+1)!}{(x-x_0)(x-x_1)\dots(x-x_n)} \rightarrow (2)$$

But  $F^{n+1}(t) = 0$  for some  $t = \xi$ ,  $x_0 < \xi < x_n$ .

Therefore we have from (2),

$$f^{n+1}(\xi) = [f(x) - \phi(x)] \frac{(n+1)!}{(x-x_0)(x-x_1)\dots(x-x_n)}$$

$$\Rightarrow f(x) - \phi(x) = \frac{f^{n+1}(\xi)}{(n+1)!} (x-x_0)(x-x_1)\dots(x-x_n)$$

$$\text{i.e. } R_n = \frac{f^{n+1}(\xi)}{(n+1)!} (x-x_0)(x-x_1)\dots(x-x_n),$$

$$= \frac{f^{n+1}(\xi)}{(n+1)!} \prod_{i=0}^n (x-x_i) \quad x_0 < \xi < x_n.$$

which is the remainder term in Lagrange's interpolation formula for unequal intervals.

Note: This  $R_n$  is same with the  $R_n$  in Newton's general Int. formula.