

Chapter 6:

Numerical differentiation.

Some functions its very hard to find the derivatives algebraically, therefore we approximate the derivatives to solve ODE &/or PDE.

Thm: Centered difference formula of order $O(h^2)$

Assume that $f \in C^3[a, b]$ and that $x-h, x, x+h$ are in $[a, b]$, then:

$$f'(x) \approx \frac{f(x+h) - f(x-h)}{2h} \quad h \text{ is called step size}$$

Furthermore: there exists a number $c = c(x) \in [a, b]$

such that:
$$f'(x) = \frac{f(x+h) - f(x-h)}{2h} + E_{\text{trun}}(f, h).$$

where:
$$E_{\text{trun}}(f, h) = \frac{-h^2 \cdot f^{(3)}(c)}{6} = O(h^2)$$

$E_{\text{trun}}(f, h)$ is called the truncation error.

Note: The order of the formula is the power of h in the error term. # of points different from x .

proof: start with second degree Taylor expansion

$$f(x) = P_2(x) + E_2(x) \quad \text{about } x.$$

then

$$f(x+h) = f(x) + h f'(x) + \frac{h^2}{2!} f''(x) + \frac{h^3}{3!} f'''(c_1)$$

$$f(x-h) = f(x) - h f'(x) + \frac{h^2}{2!} f''(x) - \frac{h^3}{3!} f'''(c_2)$$

$$\Rightarrow f(x+h) - f(x-h) = 2h f'(x) + \frac{h^3}{3!} (f'''(c_1) + f'''(c_2))$$

$$c_1 \in [x, x+h], c_2 \in [x-h, x].$$

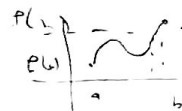
Using Intermediate value theorem: (since $f'''(x)$ is continuous)

then exist $c \in (c_1, c_2)$ such that

$$f'''(c) = \frac{f'''(c_1) + f'''(c_2)}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow f(x+h) - f(x-h) = 2h f'(x) + \frac{h^3}{3!} \cdot 2 f'''(c)$$

$$\Rightarrow f'(x) = \frac{f(x+h) - f(x-h)}{2h} - \frac{h^2}{3!} f'''(c)$$



Example.

x	2	3	4	5	6
y	-1	2	2	-2	4

find $f'(4)$ with $h=1$, $h=2$?

Note, with centered difference formula, we can't find $f'(2)$ or $f'(6)$.

$$\text{If } h=1 \Rightarrow f'(4) = \frac{f(5) - f(3)}{2 \cdot 1} = \frac{-2 - 2}{2} = -2.$$

$$\text{If } h=2 \Rightarrow f'(4) = \frac{f(6) - f(2)}{2 \cdot 2} = \frac{4 + 1}{4} = \frac{5}{4}.$$

Note: Suppose that $f^{(3)}(c)$ does not change too rapidly, then the truncation error goes to zero in the same manner as h^2 .

When Computer Calculations are used, it's not desirable to choose h too small, therefore we go to use a formula with truncation error $O(h^4)$.

Example: Use Newton polynomial to derive centered difference formula of $O(h^2)$.

Sol: Let $x-h, x, x+h \in [a, b]$, then

$$P_2(x) = a_0 + a_1(x-x_0) + a_2(x-x_0)(x-x_1)$$

$$P_2'(x) = a_1 + a_2[(x-x_0) + (x-x_1)]$$

$$\text{Now: } a_1 = f[x_0, x_1] = \frac{f(x_1) - f(x_0)}{x_1 - x_0}$$

$$a_1 = \frac{f(x) - f(x-h)}{h}$$

$$\begin{aligned} a_2 &= f[x_0, x_1, x_2] = \frac{\frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{x+h-x} - \frac{f(x) - f(x-h)}{x-(x-h)}}{x+h-(x-h)} \\ &= \frac{f(x+h) - 2f(x) + f(x-h)}{2h^2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow P_2'(x) = \frac{f(x) - f(x-h)}{h} + \frac{f(x+h) - 2f(x) + f(x-h)}{2h^2} (h+0)$$

$$\Rightarrow P_2'(x) = \frac{f(x+h) - f(x-h)}{2h}$$

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Thm: Centered formula of order $O(h^4)$.

Assume that $f \in C^5[a, b]$ and $x-2h, x-h, x, x+h, x+2h$ are all in $[a, b]$, then:

$$f'(x) \approx \frac{-f(x+2h) + 8f(x+h) - 8f(x-h) + f(x-2h)}{12h}.$$

Furthermore, $\exists c \in [a, b]$ such that:

$$f'(x) = \frac{-f(x+2h) + 8f(x+h) - 8f(x-h) + f(x-2h)}{12h} + E_{\text{trun.}}(f, h)$$

$$\text{where } E_{\text{trun.}}(f, h) = \frac{h^4 f^{(5)}(c)}{30} = O(h^4).$$

proof Start with the fourth degree Taylor polynomial

$$f(x+h) = f(x) + hf'(x) + \frac{h^2}{2!} f^{(2)}(x) + \frac{h^3}{3!} f^{(3)}(x) + \frac{h^4}{4!} f^{(4)}(x) + \frac{h^5}{5!} f^{(5)}(c_1)$$

$$f(x-h) = f(x) - hf'(x) + \frac{h^2}{2!} f^{(2)}(x) - \frac{h^3}{3!} f^{(3)}(x) + \frac{h^4}{4!} f^{(4)}(x) - \frac{h^5}{5!} f^{(5)}(c_2)$$

$$f(x+h) - f(x-h) = 2hf'(x) + \frac{2h^3}{3!} f^{(3)}(x) + 2 \frac{h^5}{5!} f^{(5)}(c_*) \quad \text{IVT again}$$

Similarly:

$$f(x+2h) - f(x-2h) = 4hf'(x) + \frac{16h^3}{3!} f^{(3)}(x) + \frac{64h^5}{5!} f^{(5)}(c_{**}) \quad \text{IVT}$$

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Compute:

$$8(f(x+h) - f(x-h)) - (f(x+2h) - f(x-2h)) \quad \text{we have}$$

$$- f(x+2h) + 8f(x+h) - 8f(x-h) + f(x-2h) =$$

$$= 12hf'(x) + \frac{h^5}{5!} (16 f^{(5)}(c_*) - 64 f^{(5)}(c_{**})) \quad \dots (1)$$

Now, suppose that $f^{(5)}(x)$ has one sign and its magnitude does not change rapidly, ^{then} we can find $c \in [x-2h, x+h]$ such that: (i.e) $f^{(5)}(c_*) \approx f^{(5)}(c_{**})$

$$16 f^{(5)}(c_*) - 64 f^{(5)}(c_{**}) = -48 f^{(5)}(c) \quad \dots (2)$$

Substitute (2) in (1), we get:

$$- f(x+2h) + 8f(x+h) - 8f(x-h) + f(x-2h) =$$

$$= 12hf'(x) + \frac{h^5}{5!} \cdot (-48 f^{(5)}(c))$$

$$\Rightarrow f'(x) = \frac{-f(x+2h) + 8f(x+h) - 8f(x-h) + f(x-2h)}{12h} + \frac{h^4}{30} f^{(5)}(c)$$

Example:

x	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.5
y	13.25	18.53	21.25	24.30	27.12

We can find only $f'(0.3)$, with $h = 0.1$

$$f'(0.3) \approx \frac{-f(0.5) + 8f(0.4) - 8f(0.2) + f(0.1)}{12(0.1)}.$$

Example: Let $f(x) = \cos x$, find $f'(0.8)$, $h = 0.01$.

$$f'(0.8) \approx \frac{-f(0.82) + 8f(0.81) - 8f(0.79) + f(0.78)}{0.12}$$

$$f'(0.8) \approx -0.717356108.$$

while Exact: $f'(0.8) = -\sin(0.8) = -0.717356091$

we have 7 significant digits.

$$\& \text{ error } C(0.01)^4 = C(10^{-8})$$

error of order $O(h^4)$, C is a constant.

Error Analysis and optimum step size (h):

We need to study the effect of the computer's round-off error.

Assume computer is used to make numerical computations

$$\text{Let } f(x_0 - h) = y_{-1} + e_{-1}$$

$$f(x_0 + h) = y_1 + e_1$$

where y_1, y_{-1} are Numerical values

e_1, e_{-1} are associated round-off errors.

Then: we have the following results:

Corollary: Assume that f satisfies the hypothesis that

$$f \in C^3[a, b] \text{ and } x-h, x, x+h \in [a, b] \quad f'(x) \approx \frac{f_1 - f_0}{2h}$$

Use the computational formula:

$$f'(x_0) \approx \frac{y_1 - y_{-1}}{2h}, \text{ then the error Analysis}$$

is explained by:

$$f'(x_0) = \frac{y_1 - y_{-1}}{2h} + E_{\text{tot}}(f, h)$$

$$\text{where } E_{\text{tot}}(f, h) = E_{\text{round}}(f, h) + E_{\text{trun}}(f, h)$$

$$= \frac{e_1 - e_{-1}}{2h} + -\frac{h^2}{6} f^{(3)}(c). \quad (133)$$

Corollary: Assume that $f \in C^3[a, b]$,

$x-h, x, x+h \in [a, b]$ and that $|e_+|, |e_-|$ both are less or equal ϵ , and $M = \max_{a \leq x \leq b} |f^{(3)}(x)|$

then $|E_{\text{tot}}(f, h)| \leq \frac{\epsilon}{h} + \frac{M h^2}{6} \quad \dots (*)$

and the value of h that minimize (*) is given by

$$h = \left(\frac{3\epsilon}{M} \right)^{\frac{1}{3}}$$

proof: Just substitute to get (*), and to find the optimum h :

$$E' \leq \frac{-\epsilon}{h^2} + \frac{2hM}{6}.$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{-\epsilon}{h^2} + \frac{2hM}{6} = 0$$

solving for h , we get:

$$h = \left(\frac{3\epsilon}{M} \right)^{\frac{1}{3}}$$

Corollary: Assume f satisfies the hypotheses that

$$f \in C^5[a, b] \quad \& \quad x-2h, x-h, x, x+h, x+2h \in [a, b]$$

Use computational formula:

$$f'(x) \approx \frac{-y_2 + 8y_1 - 8y_{-1} + y_{-2}}{12h}$$

and the error:

$$f'(x) = \frac{-y_2 + 8y_1 - 8y_{-1} + y_{-2}}{12h} + E_{\text{tot}}(f, h)$$

$$\text{where } E_{\text{tot}}(f, h) = E_{\text{round}}(f, h) + E_{\text{trun}}(f, h)$$

$$E_{\text{tot}}(f, h) = \frac{-e_2 + 8e_1 - 8e_{-1} + e_{-2}}{12h} + \frac{h^4}{30} f^{(5)}(c)$$

Corollary: If $|e_k| \leq \epsilon$, $k = \{-1, -2, 1, 2\}$

and $M = \max_{a \leq x \leq b} |f^{(5)}(x)|$, then:

$$|E_{\text{tot}}(f, h)| \leq \frac{3\epsilon}{2h} + \frac{M h^4}{30} \quad \dots (**)$$

and the value of h that minimize (**) is given by:

$$h = \left(\frac{45\epsilon}{4M} \right)^{\frac{1}{5}}$$

Notes:

If we have only one point, then.

$$f(x+h) = f(x) + h f'(x) + \frac{h^2}{2!} f^{(2)}(c)$$

$$\& f'(x) = \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} - \frac{h}{2!} f^{(2)}(c).$$

therefore the order of the formula is 1

(i.e) $O(h)$.

therefore, we conclude that the order of formula depends on the number of given points different from x .

So, if we have 2 points rather than x , we have order 2, and so on...

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6.2 High order derivations:

Centered Numerical differentiation formulas: $O(h^2)$

$$f''(x) = \frac{f_1 - 2f_0 + f_{-1}}{h^2} + O(h^2)$$

where

$$O(h^2) = -\frac{h^2}{12} f^{(4)}(c)$$

proof:

$$f(x+h) = f(x) + h f'(x) + \frac{h^2}{2!} f''(x) + \frac{h^3}{3!} f^{(3)}(x) + \frac{h^4}{4!} f^{(4)}(c_1) + \dots$$

$$f(x-h) = f(x) - h f'(x) + \frac{h^2}{2!} f''(x) - \frac{h^3}{3!} f^{(3)}(x) + \frac{h^4}{4!} f^{(4)}(c_2) - \dots$$

$$\Rightarrow f(x+h) + f(x-h) = 2f(x) + h^2 f''(x) + \frac{h^4}{4!} f^{(4)}(c) + \dots \quad \text{I.V.T.}$$

Solve for $f''(x)$ and assume that the truncated error is at the fourth derivative:

$$\Rightarrow f''(x) = \frac{f(x+h) - 2f(x) + f(x-h)}{h^2} - \frac{h^2}{12} f^{(4)}(c)$$

for $c \in [x-h, x+h]$

Note: This formula is centered formula for $f''(x)$.

Error Analysis:

$$\tilde{f}(x) \approx \frac{f_1 - 2f_0 + f_{-1}}{h^2}$$

Let $f_k = y_k + e_k$, where e_k is the error in computing

$f(x_k)$ Including noise and round-off error.

then:
$$\tilde{f}(x) = \frac{y_1 - 2y_0 + y_{-1}}{h^2} + E_{\text{tot}}(f, h)$$

where
$$E_{\text{tot}}(f, h) = \frac{e_1 - 2e_0 + e_{-1}}{h^2} - \frac{h^2}{12} f^{(4)}(c)$$

Corollary: Assume $|f^{(4)}(x)| \leq M$ and $|e_k| \leq \epsilon$, $\forall k$

then
$$|E_{\text{tot}}(f, h)| \leq \frac{4\epsilon}{h^2} + \frac{Mh^2}{12} \quad \therefore (***)$$

and the value of h that minimize (***)
(optimum h), when h is the step size.

$$-\frac{8\epsilon}{h^3} + \frac{Mh}{6} = 0 \iff h = \left(\frac{48\epsilon}{M}\right)^{\frac{1}{4}}$$

- Notes:
- (1) power of h is the order of the formula.
 - (2) number of points determine the order ($\neq x$).
 - (3) we stop at $f^{(\frac{n+2}{2})}(c)$, where
 n # of points. (without x) for $\tilde{f}(x)$

Example: Let $f(x) = \cos x$ find $f''(0.8)$ with $h = 0.01$.

$$f''(0.8) \approx \frac{f(0.81) - 2f(0.8) + f(0.79)}{0.0001} \approx -0.69669000.$$

while $f''(0.8) = -\cos(0.8) = -0.696706709$

Then the error in the approximation is -0.000016709

To find the optimal step size:

$$M = \max_{a \leq x \leq b} |f^{(4)}(x)|$$

Use $\epsilon = 0.5 \times 10^{-9}$, then the optimal step size is

$$h = \left(\frac{48 \cdot (0.5 \times 10^{-9})}{1} \right)^{\frac{1}{4}} \approx 0.01244666.$$

therefore our choice $h = 0.01$ was close to the optimal step size.

Note: Like in $f'(x)$, we will get more accuracy in $f''(x)$

using a formula with order 4 ($O(h^4)$).

Centered Formula of order 4:

$$f''(x) = \frac{-f_2 + 16f_1 - 30f_0 + 16f_{-1} - f_{-2}}{12h^2} + E(f, h)$$

where $|E(f, h)| = \frac{16E}{3h^2} + \frac{h^4}{90} f^{(6)}(c)$, $c \in [x-2h, x+2h]$

Assuming $M = \max |f^{(6)}(x)|$, then the optimal value for h is given by:

$$h = \left(\frac{240E}{M} \right)^{\frac{1}{6}}$$

Example: Let $f(x) = \cos x$, find $f''(0.8)$, $h = 0.1$.

$$f''(0.8) = \frac{-f(1) + 16f(0.9) - 30f(0.8) + 16f(0.7) - f(0.6)}{0.12}$$

$$\approx -0.696705958$$

Back ward and forward difference formulas of order h^2 .

Forward: Find the optimum h

$$f'(x_0) \approx \frac{-3f_0 + 4f_1 - f_2}{2h} \rightarrow O(h^2) \quad (\text{two points after})$$

Back ward:

$$f'(x_0) \approx \frac{3f_0 - 4f_{-1} + f_{-2}}{2h} \rightarrow O(h^2) \quad (\text{two points before})$$

The same error

proof: (Back ward) start with second degree Taylor expansion.

$$f(x-h) = f(x) - hf'(x) + \frac{h^2}{2!} f''(x) - \frac{h^3}{3!} f^{(3)}(c_1)$$

$$f(x-2h) = f(x) - 2hf'(x) + \frac{4h^2}{2!} f''(x) - \frac{8h^3}{3!} f^{(3)}(c_2)$$

$$\Rightarrow -4f_{-1} + f_{-2} = -3f_0 + 2hf'(x) - \frac{4h^3}{3!} f^{(3)}(c)$$

Solve it for $f'(x)$, we get.

$$f'(x) = \frac{3f_0 - 4f_{-1} + f_{-2}}{2h} + \frac{h^2}{3} f^{(3)}(c)$$

Corollary: If $|c_k| \leq \epsilon$, & $M = \max |f^{(4)}(x)|$

$$\Rightarrow |E_{br}(f, \epsilon)| \leq \frac{8\epsilon}{2h} + \frac{h^2}{3} M$$

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Exempl: Derive the following formula Using

Lagrange Interpolating polynomial:

$$f'(x_0) = \frac{-3f_0 + 4f_1 - f_2}{2h} \quad [\text{forward}]$$

Let $x_0, x_0+h, x_0+2h \in [a, b]$.

$$P_2(x) = \frac{(x-x_1)(x-x_2)}{(x_0-x_1)(x_0-x_2)} f_0 + \frac{(x-x_0)(x-x_2)}{(x_1-x_0)(x_1-x_2)} f_1 + \frac{(x-x_0)(x-x_1)}{(x_2-x_0)(x_2-x_1)} f_2$$

$$P_2(x) = \frac{f_0}{(-h)(-2h)} (x-x_1)(x-x_2) + \frac{f_1}{h(-h)} (x-x_0)(x-x_2) + \frac{f_2}{(2h)(h)} (x-x_0)(x-x_1)$$

$$P_2'(x) = \frac{f_0}{2h^2} [(x-x_1) + (x-x_2)] + \frac{f_1}{-h^2} [(x-x_0) + (x-x_2)] \\ + \frac{f_2}{2h^2} [(x-x_0) + (x-x_1)]$$

$$P_2'(x_0) = \frac{f_0}{2h^2} [(-h) + (-2h)] + \frac{f_1}{-h^2} [-2h] + \frac{f_2}{2h^2} [-h] \\ = \frac{f_0}{2h^2} [-3h] + \frac{2f_1}{h} - \frac{f_2}{2h} \\ = \frac{-3f_0 + 4f_1 - f_2}{2h}$$

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Example: Use Newton polynomial to derive back ward formula of order $O(h^2)$

$$f'(x_0) = \frac{3f_0 - 4f_{-1} + f_{-2}}{2h}$$

Let $x_0 - 2h = t_0$, $x_0 - h = t_1$, $x_0 = t_2$

$$P_2(t) = a_0 + a_1(t - t_0) + a_2(t - t_0)(t - t_1)$$

$$P_2'(t) = a_1 + a_2[(t - t_0) + (t - t_1)]$$

$$\begin{aligned} P_2'(x_0) &= a_1 + a_2[(x_0 - (x_0 - 2h)) + (x_0 - (x_0 - h))] \\ &= a_1 + a_2[2h + h] \end{aligned}$$

$$a_1 = \frac{f_1 - f_0}{h} \Rightarrow a_1 = \frac{f_{-1} - f_{-2}}{h}$$

$$a_2 = \frac{\frac{f_2 - f_1}{h} - \frac{f_1 - f_0}{h}}{2h} = \frac{f_2 - 2f_1 + f_0}{2h^2} = \frac{f_0 - 2f_{-1} + f_{-2}}{2h^2}$$

$$P_2'(x_0) = \frac{\cancel{f_1} - \cancel{f_0}}{h} + \left(\frac{f_0 - 2f_{-1} + f_{-2}}{2h^2} \right) [3h]$$

$$= \frac{2f_{-1} - 2f_{-2} + 3f_0 - 6f_{-1} + 3f_{-2}}{2h}$$

$$= \frac{+3f_0 - 4f_{-1} + f_{-2}}{2h}$$

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Note: If there is a loss in the given data or the partition are not equal, then we go back to chapter 4 (Lagrange & Newton).

Moreover, we can use Newton and Lagrange methods to prove the formulas.

Example: Use Newton polynomial to derive forward formula of order $O(h^2)$.

Sol: we need three points to find $P_2(x)$, say
 ~~x_0, x_0+h, x_0+2h~~ or x_0, x_1, x_2 (to make it easier)
 ~~x_0, x_1, x_2~~
 x_0, x_1, x_2
 $P_2(x) = a_0 + a_1(x-x_0) + a_2(x-x_0)(x-x_1).$

$$P_2'(x) = a_1 + a_2((x-x_0) + (x-x_1))$$

$$\text{where } a_1 = \frac{f_1 - f_0}{h}, \quad a_2 = \frac{\frac{f_2 - f_1}{h} - \frac{f_1 - f_0}{h}}{2h}.$$

$$\Rightarrow a_2 = \frac{f_2 - 2f_1 + f_0}{2h^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow P_2'(x_0) = \frac{f_1 - f_0}{h} + \left(\frac{f_2 - 2f_1 + f_0}{2h^2} \right) [0 - h]$$

$$\Rightarrow P_2'(x_0) \approx \frac{-3f_0 + 4f_1 - f_2}{2h}$$

To find $E(f, h)$:

$$|E_2(x)| \leq \left| \frac{(x-x_0)(x-x_1)(x-x_2) \cdot M_3}{3!} \right|$$

$$|E_2'(x)| \leq \frac{[(x-x_0)(x-x_1) + (x-x_0)(x-x_2) + (x-x_1)(x-x_2)] M_3}{3!}$$

$$\Rightarrow E_2'(x_0) \leq \frac{(-h)(-2h) \cdot M_3}{3!} = \frac{h^2}{3} M_3.$$

Example: Let $f(x) = \cos x$, $h = 0.01$ find $f'(0.8)$.

Forward:

$$\begin{aligned} f'(0.8) &\approx \frac{-3 \cos(0.8) + 4 \cos(0.81) - \cos(0.82)}{2(0.01)} \\ &\approx -0.717380176 \end{aligned}$$

Backward:

$$\begin{aligned} f'(0.8) &\approx \frac{3 \cos(0.8) - 4 \cos(0.79) + \cos(0.78)}{2(0.01)} \\ &\approx -0.717379827 \end{aligned}$$

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Use the nodes x_0, x_0+h and x_0+3h
to approximate $f'(x_0+2h)$.

sol: $p_2(x) = a_0 + a_1(x-x_0) + a_2(x-x_0)(x-x_1)$

$$p_2'(x) = a_1 + a_2 \left(\underbrace{(x-x_0)}_{x_0+2h-x_0} + \underbrace{(x-x_1)}_{x_0+h-x_0-h} \right)$$

$$p_2'(x_0+2h) = a_1 + a_2 [2h+h] = a_1 + 3h a_2$$

$$a_1 = \frac{f_1 - f_0}{x_1 - x_0} = \frac{f_1 - f_0}{h}$$

$$a_2 = \frac{\frac{f_3 - f_1}{x_3 - x_1} - \frac{f_1 - f_0}{x_1 - x_0}}{x_3 - x_0}$$

$$= \left(\frac{f_3 - f_1}{2h} - \frac{f_1 - f_0}{h} \right) / 3h$$

$$\Rightarrow p_2'(x_0+2h) = \frac{f_1 - f_0}{h} + 3h \left[\frac{\frac{f_3 - f_1}{2h} - \frac{f_1 - f_0}{h}}{3h} \right]$$

$$= \frac{f_1 - f_0}{h} + \frac{f_3 - f_1}{2h} - \frac{f_1 - f_0}{h}$$

$$= \frac{-f_1 + f_3}{2h}$$

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