

Numerical Analysis

Finite Difference

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Q Define forward operator and shifting operator and establish the relation between them.

Ans:

Forward operator (Δ): Increment in x is Δx , then the function will change $f(x)$ to $f(x+h)$ where increment h is constant i.e; $\Delta x = h$

$$\Delta f(x) = f(x+h) - f(x)$$

This $\Delta f(x)$ is known as the 1st forward difference of $f(x)$ and the interval h is called the interval of difference.

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta^2 f(x) &= \Delta \Delta f(x) = \Delta \{f(x+h) - f(x)\} \\ &= \Delta f(x+h) - \Delta f(x) \\ &= f(x+2h) - f(x+h) - f(x+h) + f(x) \\ &= f(x+2h) - 2f(x+h) + f(x)\end{aligned}$$

Where $\Delta^2 f(x)$ is called the second difference of $f(x)$ and so on.

Shifting operator (E): The operation of shifting $f(x)$ to $f(x+h)$ is symbolically denoted by $Ef(x)$ i.e; $f(x+h) = Ef(x)$.

$$\therefore f(x+2h) = Ef(x+h) = E^2 f(x)$$

In general,

$$f(x+nh) = E^n f(x)$$

Relation between Δ and E

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta f(x) &= f(x+h) - f(x) \\ &= Ef(x) - f(x)\end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore Ef(x) = \Delta f(x) + f(x) = (\Delta + 1)f(x)$$

$$\therefore \boxed{E \equiv \Delta + 1}$$

Note: Δ - Delta, ∇ - Nabla

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Backward difference operator: If x has increment h , then ∇ is called Backward difference operator and defined as

$$\nabla f(x) = f(x) - f(x-h)$$

$$\nabla f(x+h) = f(x+h) - f(x) \text{ etc.}$$

which are called 1st backward difference

$$\nabla^2 f(x) = \nabla \nabla f(x)$$

$$= \nabla [f(x) - f(x-h)]$$

$$= f(x) - f(x-h) - [f(x-h) - f(x-2h)]$$

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

and so on.

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2) Prove that the difference of any order can be expressed in terms of the given values of the function alone.

(or)

Define n^{th} forward difference.

1:- (let $f(x)$ be the function and h be the interval

We have,

$$\Delta f(x) = f(x+h) - f(x)$$

$$\therefore \Delta^2 f(x) = \Delta \Delta f(x)$$

$$= \Delta [f(x+h) - f(x)]$$

$$= f(x+2h) - f(x+h) - [f(x+h) - f(x)]$$

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

$$\Delta^3 f(x) = \Delta \cdot \Delta^2 f(x)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \therefore \Delta^3 f(x) &= \Delta [f(x+2h) - 2f(x+h) + f(x)] \\
 &= f(x+3h) - f(x+2h) - 2[f(x+2h) - f(x+h)] \\
 &\quad + f(x+h) - f(x) \\
 &= f(x+3h) - 3f(x+2h) + 3f(x+h) - f(x)
 \end{aligned}$$

Proceeding in this way, we get

$$\Delta^n f(x) = f(x+nh) - {}^nC_1 f(x+(n-1)h) + {}^nC_2 f(x+(n-2)h) - \dots + (-1)^n {}^nC_n f(x)$$

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Note: If 'a' is constant then $\Delta a = 0$ and $E(a) = a$.

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* Properties of operations Δ and E :

(i) Distributive law: The operations Δ and E obeys distributive law under addition.

i.e;

$$(i) \Delta \{f(x) + \phi(x)\} = \Delta f(x) + \Delta \phi(x)$$

$$(ii) E \{f(x) + \phi(x)\} = E f(x) + E \phi(x)$$

where $f(x)$ and $\phi(x)$ are two functions.

Proof:

$$(i) \text{ L.H.S } = \Delta \{f(x) + \phi(x)\}$$

$$= \{f(x+h) + \phi(x+h)\} - \{f(x) + \phi(x)\}$$

$$= f(x+h) - f(x) + \phi(x+h) - \phi(x)$$

$$= \Delta f(x) + \Delta \phi(x)$$

$$= \text{R.H.S}$$

$$(ii) \quad L.H.S = E\{f(x) + \phi(x)\}$$

$$= f(x+h) + \phi(x+h)$$

$$= Ef(x) + E\phi(x)$$

$$= R.H.S$$

(b) Commutative law: Commutative law is hold for only product of constant and

$$(i) \quad \Delta\{cf(x)\} = c\Delta f(x)$$

$$(ii) \quad E\{cf(x)\} = cEf(x)$$

Proof: (i) $L.H.S = c\{f(x+h) - f(x)\}$
 $= c\{f(x+h) - f(x)\} = c\Delta f(x) = R.H.S$

$$(ii) \quad L.H.S = E\{cf(x)\}$$

$$= c\{f(x+h)\} = cEf(x) = R.H.S$$

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(c) Indices law: Δ and E obey the indices law.

$$(i) \quad \Delta^r \Delta^s f(x) = \Delta^{r+s} f(x)$$

$$(ii) \quad E^r E^s f(x) = E^{r+s} f(x)$$

Proof:

$$(i) \quad L.H.S = \Delta^r \Delta^s f(x)$$

$$= (\Delta \cdot \Delta \cdot \Delta \dots r \text{ times})(\Delta \cdot \Delta \cdot \Delta \dots s \text{ times}) f(x)$$

$$= \{\Delta \cdot \Delta \cdot \Delta \dots (r+s) \text{ times}\} f(x)$$

$$= \Delta^{r+s} f(x) = R.H.S$$

$$(ii) \quad L.H.S = E^r E^s f(x)$$

$$= (E \cdot E \cdot E \dots r \text{ times})(E \cdot E \cdot E \dots s \text{ times}) f(x)$$

$$= \{E \cdot E \cdot E \dots (r+s) \text{ times}\} f(x) = E^{r+s} f(x) = R.H.S$$

- ② Prove that $E\Delta \equiv \Delta E$. (or Prove that E and Δ are commutative)

Ans:

$$\Delta E f(x) = \Delta f(x+h) = f(x+2h) - f(x+h) \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$E\Delta f(x) = E\{f(x+h) - f(x)\} = f(x+2h) - f(x+h) \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

from (1) and (2)

$$\Delta E f(x) = E\Delta f(x)$$

$\therefore E\Delta \equiv \Delta E$ proved.

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- ③ Find the value of $E^x y(0)$ {or $E^x f(0)$ }

Ans:

We know

$$E = 1 + \Delta$$

$$\therefore E^x = (1 + \Delta)^x$$

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

From above it follows that

$$E^x y(0) = (1 + \Delta)^x y(0)$$

$$= \left\{ 1 + x\Delta + \frac{x(x-1)}{2!}\Delta^2 + \frac{x(x-1)(x-2)}{3!}\Delta^3 + \dots + \Delta^x \right\} y(0)$$

$$\therefore E^x y(0) = y(0) + x\Delta y(0) + \frac{x(x-1)}{2!}\Delta^2 y(0)$$

$$+ \frac{x(x-1)(x-2)}{3!}\Delta^3 y(0) + \dots + \Delta^x y(0)$$

Ans.

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- ④ Prove that $E\nabla \equiv \nabla E \equiv \Delta$

Ans:

$$E\nabla f(x) = E\{f(x) - f(x-h)\}$$

where h is interval

$$\begin{aligned}\therefore E \nabla f(x) &= E f(x) - E f(x-h) \\ &= f(x+h) - f(x) \quad \text{--- (1)}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla E f(x) &= \nabla f(x+h) \\ &= f(x+h) - f(x) \quad \text{--- (2)}\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{and } \Delta f(x) = f(x+h) - f(x) \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

from (1), (2) and (3)

$$E \nabla f(x) = \nabla E f(x) = \Delta f(x)$$

$$\therefore E \nabla \equiv \nabla E \equiv \Delta \quad \text{proved.}$$

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- (5) If $f(E)$ is a function of E , prove that $f(E) a^x = a^x f(a)$.

Ans:-

$$\text{Let } f(E) = b_n E^n + b_{n-1} E^{n-1} + \dots + b_0$$

where b_n, b_{n-1}, \dots, b_0 are constant

put $E = a$ then

$$f(a) = b_n a^n + b_{n-1} a^{n-1} + \dots + b_0$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Now, } f(E) a^x &= (b_n E^n + b_{n-1} E^{n-1} + \dots + b_0) a^x \\ &= b_n E^n a^x + b_{n-1} E^{n-1} a^x + \dots + b_0 a^x \\ &= b_n a^{x+n} + b_{n-1} a^{x+n-1} + \dots + b_0 a^x \\ &= (b_n a^n + b_{n-1} a^{n-1} + \dots + b_0) a^x \\ &= a^x f(a) \quad \text{proved.}\end{aligned}$$

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- (6) If $u_x = \sin x$, prove that $\Delta^2 u_x = c E u_x$, where 'c' is constant.

Ans:-

$$\Delta^2 u_x = \Delta^2 \sin x$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Delta^2 U_x &= \Delta \cdot \Delta \sin x \\
 &= \Delta \{ \sin(x+1) - \sin x \} \quad , \text{ Taking } h=1 \\
 &= \Delta \left\{ 2 \cos \frac{2x+1}{2} \sin \left(\frac{1}{2} \right) \right\} \\
 &= \Delta 2 \sin \left(\frac{1}{2} \right) \cos \frac{2x+1}{2} = 2 \sin \left(\frac{1}{2} \right) \Delta \cos \frac{2x+1}{2} \\
 &= 2 \sin \left(\frac{1}{2} \right) \left\{ \cos \left(\frac{2x+3}{2} \right) - \cos \left(\frac{2x+1}{2} \right) \right\} \\
 &= 2 \sin \left(\frac{1}{2} \right) 2 \sin \frac{\frac{2x+3}{2} - \frac{2x+1}{2}}{2} \cdot \sin \frac{\frac{2x+3}{2} + \frac{2x+1}{2}}{2} \\
 &= -4 \sin \left(\frac{1}{2} \right) \sin \frac{4x+4}{4} \sin \left(\frac{1}{2} \right) \\
 &= - \left(2 \sin \frac{1}{2} \right)^2 \sin(x+1) \\
 &= CE \sin x \quad \text{where } C = - \left(2 \sin \frac{1}{2} \right)^2 \\
 &\quad \text{and } E \sin x = \sin(x+1)
 \end{aligned}$$

proved

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(7) Prove that $\Delta U_x V_x = V_x \Delta U_x + U_{x+1} \Delta V_x$

Ans.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{R.H.S} &= V_x \Delta U_x + U_{x+1} \Delta V_x \\
 &= V_x (U_{x+1} - U_x) + U_{x+1} (V_{x+1} - V_x) \\
 &= V_x \cancel{U_{x+1}} - V_x U_x + U_{x+1} V_{x+1} - U_{x+1} \cancel{V_x} \\
 &= U_{x+1} V_{x+1} - V_x U_x \\
 &= \Delta U_x V_x.
 \end{aligned}$$

proved

(8) Prove that $\Delta \left(\frac{U_x}{V_x} \right) = \frac{V_x \Delta U_x - U_x \Delta V_x}{V_x V_{x+1}}$

Ans.