



Estimates of the 1st Derivative (CRC)


2-point Forward Difference


$$f'(x_0) = \frac{1}{h}(f_1 - f_0) - \frac{h}{2} f''(\xi)$$

2-point Central Difference


$$f'(x_0) = \frac{1}{2h}(f_1 - f_{-1}) - \frac{h^2}{6} f^{(3)}(\xi)$$

3-point Forward Difference


$$f'(x_0) = \frac{1}{2h}(-3f_0 + 4f_1 - f_2) + \frac{h^2}{3} f^{(3)}(\xi)$$

Some More “Exotic” Results(CRC)

5-point Forward Difference 1st Derivative:



$$f'(x_0) = \frac{1}{12h}(-25f_0 + 48f_1 - 36f_2 + 16f_3 - 3f_4) - \frac{h^4}{5} f^{(5)}(\xi)$$

4-point Central Difference 3rd Derivative:



$$f^{(4)}(x_0) = \frac{1}{h^4}(f_2 - 4f_1 + 6f_0 - 4f_{-1} + f_{-2}) + O(h^2)$$

5-point Central Difference, 4th Derivative:



$$f^{(3)}(x_0) = \frac{1}{2h^3}(f_2 - 2f_1 + 2f_{-1} - f_{-2}) - O(h^2)$$

What's Missing?

Grid Scheme	# Points	Derivative				
		1	2	3	4	≥ 5
Forward/ Backward Difference	2		na	na	na	na
	3			na	na	na
	4	???	???		na	na
	5		???	???		
	≥ 6	???	???	???	???	???
Central Difference	2		na	na	na	na
	3	???		na	na	na
	4		???		na	na
	5	???	???	???		na
	≥ 6	???	???	???	???	???
Skewed Grid Schemes		???	???	???	???	???
Non-Uniform Grid Schemes		???	???	???	???	???
Random Grid Schemes		???	???	???	???	???

Non-Standard Grid Schemes

Skewed



Non-Uniform



Random



Question

Is there an expression that will generate an r -point finite difference approximation for an i^{th} -order derivative that will work equally well for both uniform and non-uniform grids as well as for asymmetric and random grids?

Derivation of 3-Point BD Equation for the 1st Derivative on a Uniform Grid

Start with Three 3-Term Taylor Series Expansions.

$$f_{-2} = \frac{(-2\delta)^0}{0!} f_0 + \frac{(-2\delta)^1}{1!} f_0^{(1)} + \frac{(-2\delta)^2}{2!} f_0^{(2)} + \frac{(-2\delta)^3}{3!} f_0^{(3)}(\xi),$$

$$f_{-1} = \frac{(-\delta)^0}{0!} f_0 + \frac{(-\delta)^1}{1!} f_0^{(1)} + \frac{(-\delta)^2}{2!} f_0^{(2)} + \frac{(-\delta)^3}{3!} f_0^{(3)}(\xi),$$

$$f_0 = \frac{(0)^0}{0!} f_0 + \frac{(0)^1}{1!} f_0^{(1)} + \frac{(0)^2}{2!} f_0^{(2)} + \frac{(0)^3}{3!} f_0^{(3)}(\xi),$$

$f_n = f(x_0 + n\delta)$ where δ is the grid spacing.

Note: Equation for f_0 is expanded for use in further derivation

Derivation of 3-Point BD Equation for the 1st Derivative on a Uniform Grid

Multiply Each Equation by a Weight ω_n .

$$\omega_{-2} f_{-2} \approx \omega_{-2} \frac{(-2\delta)^0}{0!} f_0 + \omega_{-2} \frac{(-2\delta)^1}{1!} f_0^{(1)} + \omega_{-2} \frac{(-2\delta)^2}{2!} f_0^{(2)},$$

$$\omega_{-1} f_{-1} \approx \omega_{-1} \frac{(-\delta)^0}{0!} f_0 + \omega_{-1} \frac{(-\delta)^1}{1!} f_0^{(1)} + \omega_{-1} \frac{(-\delta)^2}{2!} f_0^{(2)},$$

$$\omega_0 f_0 = \omega_0 \frac{(0)^0}{0!} f_0 + \omega_0 \frac{(0)^1}{1!} f_0^{(1)} + \omega_0 \frac{(0)^2}{2!} f_0^{(2)}.$$

Remainder terms
have been dropped.

Derivation of 3-Point BD Equation for the 1st Derivative on a Uniform Grid

Sum up the Coefficients to Generate the 1st Derivative Expression .

$$\omega_{-2} \frac{(-2\delta)^0}{0!} + \omega_{-1} \frac{(-\delta)^0}{0!} + \omega_0 \frac{0^0}{0!} = 0,$$

$$\omega_{-2} \frac{(-2\delta)^1}{1!} + \omega_{-1} \frac{(-\delta)^1}{1!} + \omega_0 \frac{0^1}{1!} = 1,$$

$$\omega_{-2} \frac{(-2\delta)^2}{2!} + \omega_{-1} \frac{(-\delta)^2}{2!} + \omega_0 \frac{0^2}{2!} = 0.$$

Derivation of 3-Point BD Equation for the 1st Derivative on a Uniform Grid

Convert Equation in Matrix Form .

$$\begin{bmatrix} (-2)^0 & (-1)^0 & (0)^0 \\ (-2)^1 & (-1)^1 & (0)^1 \\ (-2)^2 & (-1)^2 & (0)^2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \omega_{-2} \\ \omega_{-1} \\ \omega_0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1/\delta \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Note: A Vandermonde Matrix

Solving for ω_{-2} Using Kramer's Rule

$$\omega_{-2} = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} 0 & (-1)^0 & (0)^0 \\ 1/\delta & (-1)^1 & (0)^1 \\ 0 & (-1)^2 & (0)^2 \end{vmatrix}}{\begin{vmatrix} (-2)^0 & (-1)^0 & (0)^0 \\ (-2)^1 & (-1)^1 & (0)^1 \\ (-2)^2 & (-1)^2 & (0)^2 \end{vmatrix}} = \frac{(1/\delta)(-1)^3 \begin{vmatrix} (-1)^0 & (0)^0 \\ (-1)^2 & (0)^2 \end{vmatrix}}{(-1 - -2)(0 - -2)(0 - -1)} = \frac{1}{2\delta}$$

Cofactor Expansion

Determinant of a Vandermonde matrix

Derivation of 3-Point BD Equation for the 1st Derivative on a Uniform Grid

Solve for the Remaining Weights .

$$\omega_{-2} = \frac{1}{2\delta}, \quad \omega_{-1} = -\frac{4}{2\delta}, \quad \text{and} \quad \omega_0 = \frac{3}{2\delta}.$$

Use Weights to Generate the Remainder Term

$$R = \begin{bmatrix} \omega_{-2} & \omega_{-1} & \omega_0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} (-2)^3 \\ (-1)^3 \\ 0^3 \end{bmatrix} \frac{\delta^3}{3!} f^{(3)}(\xi) = -\frac{\delta^2}{3} f^{(3)}(\xi).$$

Derivation of 3-Point BD Equation for the 1st Derivative on a Uniform Grid

$$f_0^{(1)} = \frac{1}{2\delta} (f_{-2} - 4f_{-1} + 3f_0) + \frac{\delta^2}{3} f^{(3)}(\xi).$$

Derivation of 3-Point BD Equation for the **2nd Derivative** on a Uniform Grid

Alter RHS Slightly

$$\begin{bmatrix} (-2)^0 & (-1)^0 & (0)^0 \\ (-2)^1 & (-1)^1 & (0)^1 \\ (-2)^2 & (-1)^2 & (-1)^2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \omega_{-2} \\ \omega_{-1} \\ \omega_0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1/\delta \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 2/\delta^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Derivation of 5-Point CD Equation for the 3rd Derivative on a Uniform Grid

(or, if I desire, anything up to the 4th Derivative)

$$\begin{bmatrix} (-2)^0 & (-1)^0 & (0)^0 & (1)^0 & (2)^0 \\ (-2)^1 & (-1)^1 & (0)^1 & (1)^1 & (2)^1 \\ (-2)^2 & (-1)^2 & (0)^2 & (1)^2 & (2)^2 \\ (-2)^3 & (-1)^3 & (0)^3 & (1)^3 & (2)^3 \\ (-2)^4 & (-1)^4 & (0)^4 & (1)^4 & (2)^4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \omega_{-2} \\ \omega_{-1} \\ \omega_0 \\ \omega_1 \\ \omega_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 3!/\delta^3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 4!/\delta^4 \end{bmatrix}$$

(or, if I desire, anything up to the 4th Derivative)

System will also Work for **Skew Grid** Schemes

(i.e. use backward 1st and 4th point and forward 1st, 2nd, and 6th point to find the **3rd derivative** on a uniform grid)

$$\begin{bmatrix} (-4)^0 & (-1)^0 & (1)^0 & (2)^0 & (6)^0 \\ (-4)^1 & (-1)^1 & (1)^1 & (2)^1 & (6)^1 \\ (-4)^2 & (-1)^2 & (1)^2 & (2)^2 & (6)^2 \\ (-4)^3 & (-1)^3 & (1)^3 & (2)^3 & (6)^3 \\ (-4)^4 & (-1)^4 & (1)^4 & (2)^4 & (6)^4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \omega_{-2} \\ \omega_{-1} \\ \omega_0 \\ \omega_1 \\ \omega_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 3!/\delta^3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Note: The grid is “uniform”, the spacing between the points is not.

System Works for **Asymmetric** Schemes

(i.e. use backward 1st and 4th point and forward 1st, 2nd, and 6th point to find the **3rd derivative** on a uniform grid)



$$\begin{bmatrix} (-4)^0 & (-1)^0 & (1)^0 & (2)^0 & (6)^0 \\ (-4)^1 & (-1)^1 & (1)^1 & (2)^1 & (6)^1 \\ (-4)^2 & (-1)^2 & (1)^2 & (2)^2 & (6)^2 \\ (-4)^3 & (-1)^3 & (1)^3 & (2)^3 & (6)^3 \\ (-4)^4 & (-1)^4 & (1)^4 & (2)^4 & (6)^4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \omega_{-2} \\ \omega_{-1} \\ \omega_0 \\ \omega_1 \\ \omega_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 3! \delta^3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Note: The grid is “uniform”, the spacing between the points is not.

A General Matrix System

(for an r -point approximation for the i^{th} derivative)

$$\begin{bmatrix} (a_1)^0 & \cdots & (a_i)^0 & \cdots & (a_r)^0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ (a_1)^i & \cdots & (a_i)^i & \cdots & (a_r)^i \\ \vdots & \ddots & \cdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ (a_1)^{r-1} & \cdots & (a_i)^{r-1} & \cdots & (a_r)^{r-1} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \omega_{a_1} \\ \vdots \\ \omega_{a_i} \\ \vdots \\ \omega_{a_r} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ i!/\delta^i \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

a_n : relative position of grid point with respect to center point.

Using Kramer's Rule to Solve for ω_{a_1}

$$\omega_{a_1} = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} 0 & \cdots & (a_i)^0 & \cdots & (a_r)^0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ i!/\delta^i & \cdots & (a_i)^i & \cdots & (a_r)^i \\ \vdots & \ddots & \cdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \cdots & (a_i)^{r-1} & \cdots & (a_r)^{r-1} \end{vmatrix}}{\begin{vmatrix} (a_1)^0 & \cdots & (a_i)^0 & \cdots & (a_r)^0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ (a_1)^i & \cdots & (a_i)^i & \cdots & (a_r)^i \\ \vdots & \ddots & \cdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ (a_1)^{r-1} & \cdots & (a_i)^{r-1} & \cdots & (a_r)^{r-1} \end{vmatrix}}$$

Vandermonde matrix

Which “Simplifies” to:

$$\omega_{a_1} = \frac{(-1)^{(2+i)} \frac{i!}{\delta^i} \begin{vmatrix} (a_2)^0 & \cdots & (a_i)^0 & \cdots & (a_r)^0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ (a_2)^{i-1} & \cdots & (a_i)^{i-1} & \cdots & (a_r)^{i-1} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \cdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ (a_2)^{r-1} & \cdots & (a_i)^{r-1} & \cdots & (a_r)^{r-1} \end{vmatrix}}{\prod_{1 \leq k < j \leq r} (a_j - a_k)}$$

Determinant of a Vandermonde matrix

Cofactor Expansion
About the 1st Column and
The (i+1)th Row

Turning our Attention to the Numerator ...

$$\det\left(M_{(i+1,n)}\right) = s_{r-i-1}\left(a_1, \dots, a_{m \neq n}, \dots, a_r\right) \det\left(\bar{V}\right)$$

Minor of the Vandermonde Matrix
With the $(i+1)^{th}$ row and n^{th} column
removed (from previous slide).

Vandermonde Matrix with
the r^{th} row and n^{th} column
removed.

Schur polynomial
of order $r-i-1$

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Schur Polynomials

$$s_0(a_1, \dots, a_n) = 1$$

$$s_1(a_1, \dots, a_n) = \sum_{j=1}^n a_j$$

$$s_2(a_1, \dots, a_n) = \sum_{1 \leq j < k \leq n} a_j a_k$$

$$s_3(a_1, \dots, a_n) = \sum_{1 \leq j < k < l \leq n} a_j a_k a_l$$

$\vdots \quad \quad \quad \vdots \quad \quad \quad \vdots$

$$s_n(a_1, \dots, a_n) = \prod_{j=1}^n a_j$$

Therefore ...

$$\omega_n = (-1)^{(1+i+n)} \frac{i!}{\delta^i} \left(\frac{s_{(r-i-1)}(a_1, \dots, a_{m \neq n}, \dots, a_r) \prod_{\substack{1 \leq k < j \leq r \\ j, k \neq n}} (a_j - a_k)}{\prod_{1 \leq k < j \leq r} (a_j - a_k)} \right)$$

$\det(\bar{V})$

Finally ...

$$\omega_n = (-1)^{(1+i+n)} \frac{i!}{\delta^i} \left(\frac{s_{(r-i-1)}(a_1, \dots, a_{m \neq n}, \dots, a_r)}{\prod_{1 \leq j \neq n \leq r} |a_n - a_j|} \right)$$

Where ω_n is the n^{th} weight for an r -point estimate of the i^{th} derivative with grid points whose relative position to the center is given by $\{a_1, \dots, a_r\}$ and grid spacing is δ .

Recall the Earlier Example ...

(i.e. use the grid below to approximate the 3rd derivative)



$$\begin{bmatrix} (-4)^0 & (-1)^0 & (1)^0 & (2)^0 & (6)^0 \\ (-4)^1 & (-1)^1 & (1)^1 & (2)^1 & (6)^1 \\ (-4)^2 & (-1)^2 & (1)^2 & (2)^2 & (6)^2 \\ (-4)^3 & (-1)^3 & (1)^3 & (2)^3 & (6)^3 \\ (-4)^4 & (-1)^4 & (1)^4 & (2)^4 & (6)^4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \omega_{-2} \\ \omega_{-1} \\ \omega_0 \\ \omega_1 \\ \omega_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 3!/\delta^3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Solving for the First Weight

$$\omega_1 = -\frac{3!}{\delta^3} \left(\frac{s_1(a_2, \dots, a_5)}{\prod_{1 \leq j \neq 1 \leq r} |(a_1 - a_j)|} \right) \rightarrow$$

$$\omega_1 = -\frac{6}{\delta^3} \left(\frac{-1+1+2+6}{|(-4+1)(-4-1)(-4-2)(-4-6)|} \right) = -\frac{4}{75\delta^3}$$

Solutions for Remaining Weights

$$\omega_2 = -\frac{6}{\delta^3} \left(\frac{-4+1+2+6}{|(-1+4)(-1-1)(-1-2)(-1-6)|} \right) = \frac{5}{21\delta^3}$$

$$\omega_3 = -\frac{6}{\delta^3} \left(\frac{-4-1+2+6}{|(1+4)(1+1)(1-2)(1-6)|} \right) = -\frac{9}{25\delta^3}$$

$$\omega_4 = -\frac{6}{\delta^3} \left(\frac{-4-1+1+6}{|(2+4)(2+1)(2-1)(2-6)|} \right) = \frac{5}{24\delta^3}$$

$$\omega_5 = -\frac{6}{\delta^3} \left(\frac{-4-1+1+2}{|(6+4)(6+1)(6-1)(6-2)|} \right) = \frac{3}{350\delta^3}$$

Determining an Error Term

$$\left[-\frac{4}{75\delta^3}, \frac{5}{21\delta^3}, -\frac{9}{25\delta^3}, \frac{5}{24\delta^3}, \frac{3}{350\delta^3} \right] \begin{bmatrix} (-4\delta)^5 \\ (-\delta)^5 \\ (\delta)^5 \\ (2\delta)^5 \\ (6\delta)^5 \end{bmatrix} f^{(5)}(\xi)$$

Putting it all Together

$$f^{(3)} = \frac{1}{\delta^3} \left(-\frac{4}{75} f_{-4} + \frac{5}{21} f_{-1} - \frac{9}{25} f_1 + \frac{5}{24} f_2 + \frac{3}{350} f_6 \right) - \frac{21}{20} \delta^2 f^{(5)}(\xi)$$



... but with equal ease this grid scheme and can be used to generate the following approximation formula

The 1st, 2nd, and 4th Derivatives ...

$$f^{(1)} = \frac{1}{\delta} \left(-\frac{2}{225} f_{-4} - \frac{34}{63} f_{-1} + \frac{14}{25} f_1 - \frac{1}{36} f_2 - \frac{1}{200} f_6 \right) + \frac{1}{6} \delta^4 f^{(5)}(\xi)$$

$$f^{(2)} = \frac{1}{\delta^2} \left(\frac{11}{450} f_{-4} + \frac{16}{63} f_{-1} - \frac{24}{25} f_1 + \frac{25}{36} f_2 - \frac{9}{700} f_6 \right) + \frac{13}{15} \delta^3 f^{(5)}(\xi)$$

$$f^{(4)} = \frac{1}{\delta^4} \left(\frac{2}{75} f_{-4} - \frac{4}{21} f_{-1} + \frac{12}{25} f_1 - \frac{1}{3} f_2 + \frac{3}{175} f_6 \right) - \frac{4}{5} \delta f^{(5)}(\xi)$$

The Extension to Random Grids...



... is simply accomplished,
but undoubtedly I am out of time

Questions?