

Ex:- The values of a function  $y = f(x)$  at some points are given in the following table

$x :$	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
$y = f(x) :$	176	183	197	205	215	223	231

Find the value of the function  $y = f(x)$  at  $x = 0.2$ .

Sol:- Since the value  $x = 0.2$  at which, we have to make the interpolation lies in the beginning of the given data, therefore, we use the Newton's forward interpolation formula:

$$y_m(x) = y_m(x_0 + uh) = y_0 + u\Delta y_0 + \frac{u(u-1)}{2} \Delta^2 y_0 + \frac{u(u-1)(u-2)}{6} \Delta^3 y_0 + \dots \quad (1)$$

where  $u = \frac{x - x_0}{h}$ .

Here, we take  $x_0 = 0$ , and  $h = 1 - 0 = 1$ ,  $x = 0.2$ .

So  $u = \frac{x - x_0}{h} = \frac{0.2 - 0}{1} = 0.2 \quad (2)$

forward difference table.

$x$	$y = f(x)$	$\Delta f(x)$	$\Delta^2 f(x)$	$\Delta^3 f(x)$	$\Delta^4 f(x)$	$\Delta^5 f(x)$	$\Delta^6 f(x)$
$x_0 = 0$	$y_0 = 176$	$\Delta y_0$ 7					
$x_1 = 1$	$y_1 = 183$	14	$\Delta^2 y_0$ 7				
$x_2 = 2$	$y_2 = 197$	8	-6	$\Delta^3 y_0$ -13			
$x_3 = 3$	$y_3 = 205$	10	2	8	$\Delta^4 y_0$ 21		
$x_4 = 4$	$y_4 = 215$	8	-2	-4	12	$\Delta^5 y_0$ -33	
$x_5 = 5$	$y_5 = 223$	8	0	2	6	18	$\Delta^6 y_0$ 51
$x_6 = 6$	$y_6 = 231$						

(b)

Substituting the values of  $y_0, \Delta y_0, \Delta^2 y_0, \Delta^3 y_0, \dots$  etc from difference table into equation (1), we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 y(0.2) &= 176 + (0.2)(7) + \frac{(0.2)(0.2-1)}{12} \times (7) \\
 &+ \frac{(0.2)(0.2-1)(0.2-2)}{13} (-13) \\
 &+ \frac{(0.2)(0.2-1)(0.2-2)(0.2-3)}{14} (21) \\
 &+ \frac{(0.2)(0.2-1)(0.2-2)(0.2-3)(0.2-4)}{15} (-33) \\
 &+ \frac{(0.2)(0.2-1)(0.2-2)(0.2-3)(0.2-4)(0.2-5)}{16} \times (51) \\
 &= 176 + 1.4 + (-0.56) + (-0.624) + (-0.7056) \\
 &\quad + (-0.8426) + (-1.0418) \\
 &= 173.6259 \quad \text{Ans}
 \end{aligned}$$

EX:- From the data given below, find the number of students whose weight is between, 60 and 70

Weight	0-40	40-60	60-80	80-100	100-120
Number of students	250	120	100	70	50

SOL:- Firstly, convert the given frequency distribution into cumulative distribution.

Weight: (say $x$ !)	40	60	80	100	120
No of students Less Than the above weight (say $y$ !)	250	$250+120$ $=370$	$370+100$ $=470$	$470+70$ $=540$	$540+50$ $=590$

The number of students whose weight lie between 60 and 70 =  $y_{70} - y_{60}$

= no. of students having the weight up to 70 - no. of students having the weight up to 60  
ie  $y_{60}$  is known and is given as 370.

To find  $y_{70}$  we use the Newton-gregory forward interpolation formula.

$$y(70) = y_0 + u\Delta y_0 + \frac{u(u-1)}{2} \Delta^2 y_0 + \frac{u(u-1)(u-2)}{6} \Delta^3 y_0 + \dots \quad (1)$$

Forward difference table for given data.

$x$	$y$	$\Delta y$	$\Delta^2 y$	$\Delta^3 y$	$\Delta^4 y$
$x_0 = 40$	$y_0 = 250$	120			
$x_1 = 60$	$y_1 = 370$	100	-20		
$x_2 = 80$	$y_2 = 470$	-40	-30	-10	
$x_3 = 100$	$y_3 = 540$	50	-20	16	20
$x_4 = 120$	$y_4 = 590$				

here  $x = 70$ , let  $x_0 = 40$

$$\therefore u = \frac{x - x_0}{h} = \frac{70 - 40}{20} = 1.5$$

$$y(x=70) = 250 + 1.5 \times 120 + \frac{(1.5)(1.5-1)}{2} (-20)$$

$$+ \frac{(1.5)(1.5-1)(1.5-2)}{6} (-10) + \frac{(1.5)(1.5-1)(1.5-2)(1.5-3)}{24} (20)$$

$$\therefore y(x=70) = y_{70} = 423.593 = 424 \text{ (approx)} \quad (d)$$

Numbers of students having the weight between 60 and 70 are

$$y_{70} - y_{60} = 424 - 370 = 54 \quad \underline{\text{Ans}}$$

EX! - Using Newton's backward interpolation formula find the interpolating polynomial that approximates the function given by following table and hence find  $f(2.5)$

$x:$	0	1	2	3
$f(x):$	1	3	7	13

Sol! - Backward diff. table is

$x$	$y = f(x)$	$\nabla y$	$\nabla^2 y$	$\nabla^3 y$
0	1	2	2	
1	3	4	2	0
2	7	6	2	
3	13			

here  $x_0 = 3$ ,  $y_m = 13$ ,  $\nabla y_m = 6$ ,  $\nabla^2 y_m = 2$ ,  $\nabla^3 y_m = 0$

$$\text{For } x = x_0 + uh, \quad h = 1$$

$$u = \frac{x - x_0}{h} = \frac{x - 3}{1} = x - 3.$$

The Newton's backward interpolation formula is

$$y(x) = y_m + u \nabla y_m + \frac{u(u+1)}{1 \cdot 2} \nabla^2 y_m + \dots \quad (1)$$

$$= 13 + (x-13)(6) + \frac{2}{1 \cdot 2} (x-3)(x-3+1)$$

$$= x^2 + x + 1 \quad \dots \dots \dots (2)$$

Eq<sup>n</sup> (2) is required interpolating polynomial

put  $x = 2.5$  in eq(2), we get

$$y = f(2.5) = (2.5)^2 + 2.5 + 1 = 9.75 \text{ Ans}$$