

Error term of first derivative with $O(h^4)$

$$f(x_0+h) = f(x_0) + f'(x_0)h + \frac{f''(x_0)}{2}h^2 + \frac{f^{(3)}(x_0)}{6}h^3 + \frac{f^{(4)}(x_0)}{24}h^4 + \frac{1}{24} \int_{x_0}^{x_0+h} f^{(5)}(t)(x_0+h-t)^4 dt$$

$$f(x_0-h) = f(x_0) - f'(x_0)h + \frac{f''(x_0)}{2}h^2 - \frac{f^{(3)}(x_0)}{6}h^3 + \frac{f^{(4)}(x_0)}{24}h^4 + \frac{1}{24} \int_{x_0}^{x_0-h} f^{(5)}(t)(x_0-h-t)^4 dt$$

We have

$$f'(x_0) = \frac{1}{2h} [f(x_0+h) - f(x_0-h)] - \frac{f^{(3)}(x_0)}{6}h^2$$

$$- \frac{1}{48h} \left[\int_{x_0}^{x_0+h} f^{(5)}(t)(x_0+h-t)^4 dt + \int_{x_0-h}^{x_0} f^{(5)}(t)(x_0-h-t)^4 dt \right]$$

Also,

$$f'(x_0) = \frac{1}{4h} [f(x_0+2h) - f(x_0-2h)] - \frac{f^{(3)}(x_0)}{6}4h^2$$

$$- \frac{1}{96h} \left[\int_{x_0}^{x_0+2h} f^{(5)}(t)(x_0+2h-t)^4 dt + \int_{x_0-2h}^{x_0} f^{(5)}(t)(x_0-2h-t)^4 dt \right]$$

which implies that

$$f'(x_0) = \frac{2}{3h} [f(x_0+h) - f(x_0-h)] - \frac{1}{12h} [f(x_0+2h) - f(x_0-2h)]$$

$$- \frac{1}{36h} \left[\int_{x_0}^{x_0+h} f^{(5)}(t)(x_0+h-t)^4 dt + \int_{x_0-h}^{x_0} f^{(5)}(t)(x_0-h-t)^4 dt \right]$$

$$+ \frac{1}{288h} \left[\int_{x_0}^{x_0+2h} f^{(5)}(t)(x_0+2h-t)^4 dt + \int_{x_0-2h}^{x_0} f^{(5)}(t)(x_0-2h-t)^4 dt \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{12h} [f(x_0-2h) - 8f(x_0-h) + 8f(x_0+h) - f(x_0+2h)] + \text{error term}$$

where the **error term** is

$$- \frac{1}{36h} \left[\int_{x_0}^{x_0+h} f^{(5)}(t)(x_0+h-t)^4 dt + \int_{x_0-h}^{x_0} f^{(5)}(t)(x_0-h-t)^4 dt \right]$$

$$+ \frac{1}{288h} \left[\int_{x_0}^{x_0+2h} f^{(5)}(t)(x_0+2h-t)^4 dt + \int_{x_0-2h}^{x_0} f^{(5)}(t)(x_0-2h-t)^4 dt \right]$$

By letting $u = x_0 + h - t$ and $u = t - x_0 + h$, respectively, the **error term** becomes

$$- \frac{1}{36h} \int_0^h f^{(5)}(x_0+h-u)u^4 du + \frac{1}{288h} \int_{-h}^h f^{(5)}(x_0+h-u)(h+u)^4 du$$

$$- \frac{1}{36h} \int_0^h f^{(5)}(x_0-h+u)u^4 du + \frac{1}{288h} \int_{-h}^h f^{(5)}(x_0-h+u)(h+u)^4 du$$

$$= \int_0^h f^{(5)}(x_0+h-u) \left[-\frac{1}{36h}u^4 + \frac{1}{288h}(h+u)^4\right] du + \int_0^h f^{(5)}(x_0-h+u) \left[-\frac{1}{36h}u^4 + \frac{1}{288h}(h+u)^4\right] du \quad (1)$$

$$+ \frac{1}{288h} \int_{-h}^0 f^{(5)}(x_0+h-u)(h+u)^4 du + \frac{1}{288h} \int_{-h}^0 f^{(5)}(x_0-h+u)(h+u)^4 du \quad (2)$$

$$\begin{aligned} (1) &= \int_0^h [f^{(5)}(x_0+h-u) + f^{(5)}(x_0-h+u)] \left[-\frac{1}{36h}u^4 + \frac{1}{288h}(h+u)^4\right] du \\ &= \int_0^h 2f^{(5)}(\xi(u)) \left(-\frac{1}{36h}\right) \left[u^4 - \frac{1}{8}(h+u)^4\right] du \quad (\text{By I.V.T.}) \\ &= 2f^{(5)}(\xi) \left(-\frac{1}{36h}\right) \int_0^h \left[u^4 - \frac{1}{8}(h+u)^4\right] du \quad (\text{By M.V.T. Note } [u^4 - \frac{1}{8}(h+u)^4] < 0, \forall u \in [0, h].) \\ &= \frac{23}{720} f^{(5)}(\xi) h^4 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (2) &= \frac{1}{288h} \int_{-h}^0 [f^{(5)}(x_0+h-u) + f^{(5)}(x_0-h+u)] (h+u)^4 du \\ &= \frac{1}{288h} \int_{-h}^0 [2f^{(5)}(\eta(w))] (h+u)^4 du \quad (\text{By I.V.T.}) \\ &= \frac{f^{(5)}(\eta)}{144h} \int_{-h}^0 (h+u)^4 du \quad (\text{By M.V.T. Note } (h+u)^4 > 0.) \\ &= \frac{1}{720} f^{(5)}(\eta) h^4 \end{aligned}$$

Thus, the **error term** is

$$\begin{aligned} (1) + (2) &= \frac{23}{720} f^{(5)}(\xi) h^4 + \frac{1}{720} f^{(5)}(\eta) h^4 \quad (\text{By I.V.T.}) \\ &= \frac{1}{30} f^{(5)}(\xi_1) h^4 \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

Note that

$$\begin{aligned} &u^4 - \frac{1}{8}(h+u)^4 \\ &= (u^2 + \frac{1}{2^{\frac{3}{2}}}(h+u)^2) (u^2 - \frac{1}{2^{\frac{3}{2}}}(h+u)^2) \\ &= (u^2 + \frac{1}{2^{\frac{3}{2}}}(h+u)^2) (u + \frac{1}{2^{\frac{3}{4}}}(h+u)) (u - \frac{1}{2^{\frac{3}{4}}}(h+u)) < 0 \quad \forall u \in [0, h] \end{aligned}$$