

0.1 Derivation of Finite Difference (FD) Approximations

0.1.1 Centered Difference for $u'(x)$

A second order finite difference approximation for $u'(x)$ at $x = \bar{x}$ is given by

$$D_0 u(\bar{x}) = \frac{1}{2h} [u(\bar{x} + h) - u(\bar{x} - h)] \quad (1)$$

with an approximation for the truncation error given by the term $E(h) \approx \frac{h^2}{6} u'''(\bar{x})$.

Proof.-

Assuming that u is 4th continuously differentiable in a neighborhood of $\bar{x}$, the FD formula (1) and its truncation error can be obtained from Taylor expansions of u at the points $x + h$ and $x - h$. In fact,

$$u(\bar{x} - h) = u(\bar{x}) - hu'(\bar{x}) + \frac{h^2}{2} u''(\bar{x}) - \frac{h^3}{3!} u'''(\bar{x}) + \frac{h^4}{4!} u^{(4)}(\bar{x}) - \frac{h^5}{5!} u^{(5)}(\beta), \quad (2)$$

$$u(\bar{x} + h) = u(\bar{x}) + hu'(\bar{x}) + \frac{h^2}{2} u''(\bar{x}) + \frac{h^3}{3!} u'''(\bar{x}) + \frac{h^4}{4!} u^{(4)}(\bar{x}) + \frac{h^5}{5!} u^{(5)}(\xi), \quad (3)$$

for $\beta \in (\bar{x} - h, \bar{x})$ and $\xi \in (\bar{x}, \bar{x} + h)$. Then, by subtracting $u(\bar{x} + h) - u(\bar{x} - h)$, we obtain

$$u(\bar{x} + h) - u(\bar{x} - h) = 2hu'(\bar{x}) + \frac{h^3}{3} u'''(\bar{x}) + \mathcal{O}(h^5) \quad (4)$$

Therefore,

$$D_0 u(\bar{x}) = \frac{1}{2h} [u(\bar{x} + h) - u(\bar{x} - h)] = u'(\bar{x}) + \frac{h^2}{6} u'''(\bar{x}) + \mathcal{O}(h^4) \quad (5)$$

0.1.2 Centered Difference for $u''(x)$

A second order finite difference approximation for $u''(x)$ at $x = \bar{x}$ is given by

$$D^2 u(\bar{x}) = \frac{1}{h^2} [u(\bar{x} + h) - 2u(\bar{x}) + u(\bar{x} - h)] \quad (6)$$

with a truncation error given by the term $E(h) = \frac{h^2}{12} u^{(4)}(\gamma)$, where $\gamma \in (\bar{x} - h, \bar{x} + h)$.

Proof.-

Assuming that u is 4th continuously differentiable in a neighborhood of $\bar{x}$, the FD formula (6) and its truncation error can be obtained by adding the above Taylor expansions (2) and (3) of u at the points $x + h$ and $x - h$. In fact,

$$u(\bar{x} + h) + u(\bar{x} - h) = 2u(\bar{x}) + h^2 u''(\bar{x}) + \frac{h^4}{4!} [u''''(\xi) + u''''(\beta)] \quad (7)$$

Therefore,

$$D^2 u(\bar{x}) = \frac{1}{h^2} [u(\bar{x} + h) - 2u(\bar{x}) + u(\bar{x} - h)] = u''(\bar{x}) + \frac{h^2}{12} u''''(\gamma) \quad (8)$$

In this last step the intermediate value theorem has been used to transform the error term. In fact,

$$\frac{h^4}{4!} [u''''(\xi) + u''''(\beta)] = \frac{h^4}{12} \left[\frac{u''''(\xi) + u''''(\beta)}{2} \right] = \frac{h^4}{12} u''''(\gamma),$$

where $\gamma \in (\beta, \xi) \subset (\bar{x} - h, \bar{x} + h)$.

0.1.3 Non-Symmetric Third Order Approximation for $u'(x)$

A third order approximation $D_3 u$ for $u'(x)$ at $x = \bar{x}$ using the values of u at the neighbor points $\bar{x} - 2h$, $\bar{x} - h$, $\bar{x}$, and $\bar{x} + h$, where $h > 0$ is given by

$$D_3 u(\bar{x}) = \frac{1}{3!h} [u(\bar{x} - 2h) - 6u(\bar{x} - h) + 3u(\bar{x}) + 2u(\bar{x} + h)] \quad (9)$$

with an approximation for the truncation error given by $E(h) \approx \frac{h^3}{12} u^{(4)}(\bar{x})$

Proof.-

The method of undetermined coefficients will be employed. This is $D_3 u(\bar{x})$ will be represented as

$$D_3 u(\bar{x}) = c_{-2} u(\bar{x} - 2h) + c_{-1} u(\bar{x} - h) + c_0 u(\bar{x}) + c_1 u(\bar{x} + h), \quad (10)$$

and we will determine the unknown coefficients c_i $i = -2..1$ by requiring that

$$D_3 u(\bar{x}) = u'(\bar{x}) + \mathcal{O}(h^p), \quad (11)$$

where p is the highest possible. We will assume that u is 5th continuously differentiable in a neighborhood of $\bar{x}$, then

$$u(\bar{x} - 2h) = u(\bar{x}) - 2hu'(\bar{x}) + 4\frac{h^2}{2}u''(\bar{x}) - 8\frac{h^3}{3!}u'''(\bar{x}) + 16\frac{h^4}{4!}u''''(\bar{x}) + \mathcal{O}(h^5) \quad (12)$$

$$u(\bar{x} - h) = u(\bar{x}) - hu'(\bar{x}) + \frac{h^2}{2}u''(\bar{x}) - \frac{h^3}{3!}u'''(\bar{x}) + \frac{h^4}{4!}u''''(\bar{x}) + \mathcal{O}(h^5) \quad (13)$$

$$u(\bar{x}) = u(\bar{x}) \quad (14)$$

$$u(\bar{x} + h) = u(\bar{x}) + hu'(\bar{x}) + \frac{h^2}{2}u''(\bar{x}) + \frac{h^3}{3!}u'''(\bar{x}) + \frac{h^4}{4!}u''''(\bar{x}) + \mathcal{O}(h^5) \quad (15)$$

Substitution of these Taylor expansions into (10) leads to

$$\begin{aligned} D_3 u(\bar{x}) &= (c_{-2} + c_{-1} + c_0 + c_1)u(\bar{x}) + h(-2c_{-2} - c_{-1} + c_1)u'(\bar{x}) + \\ &\frac{h^2}{2}(4c_{-2} + c_{-1} + c_1)u''(\bar{x}) + \frac{h^3}{3!}(-8c_{-2} - c_{-1} + c_1)u'''(\bar{x}) + \\ &\frac{h^4}{4!}(16c_{-2} + c_{-1} + c_1)u''''(\bar{x}) + \mathcal{O}(h^5) \end{aligned} \quad (16)$$

To get an approximation of $u'(\bar{x})$ of $\mathcal{O}(h^p)$ for the highest possible p , we impose the following 4 conditions for the coefficients:

$$\begin{aligned} u(\bar{x}) : c_{-2} + c_{-1} + c_0 + c_1 &= 0 & \Rightarrow & D_3 u(\bar{x}) = u'(\bar{x}) & (17) \\ u'(\bar{x}) : h(-2c_{-2} - c_{-1} + c_1) &= 1 & & & (18) \\ u''(\bar{x}) : \frac{h^2}{2}(4c_{-2} + c_{-1} + c_1) &= 0 & & & (19) \\ u'''(\bar{x}) : \frac{h^3}{3!}(-8c_{-2} - c_{-1} + c_1) &= 0. & & & (20) \end{aligned}$$

$+ \frac{h^4}{4!}(16c_{-2} + c_{-1} + c_1)u''''(\bar{x})$

Obviously, this is the best approximation we can obtain when using 4 points (4 unknowns and 4 equations). This leads to the Vandermonde system of equations with matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ -2h & -h & 0 & h \\ 4\frac{h^2}{2} & \frac{h^2}{2} & 0 & \frac{h^2}{2} \\ -8\frac{h^3}{3!} & -\frac{h^3}{3!} & 0 & \frac{h^3}{3!} \end{pmatrix}$$

This system has a unique solution given by

$$c_{-2} = \frac{1}{3!h}, \quad c_{-1} = \frac{-6}{3!h}, \quad c_0 = \frac{3}{3!h}, \quad c_1 = \frac{2}{3!h}$$

Therefore,

$$D_3 u(\bar{x}) = \frac{1}{3!h} [u(\bar{x} - 2h) - 6u(\bar{x} - h) + 3u(\bar{x}) + 2u(\bar{x} + h)] + \cancel{E(h)}. \quad (21)$$

$u'(\bar{x}) + E(h)$

The approximation for the *truncation error* $E(h)$ can be computed from the last term of (16)

$$E(h) \approx \frac{h^4}{4!}(16c_{-2} + c_{-1} + c_1)u''''(\bar{x}) = \frac{h^4}{4!} \frac{1}{6h} [16 - 6 + 2]u''''(\bar{x}) = \frac{h^3}{12}u''''(\bar{x}) \quad (22)$$

Then,

$$\frac{u(\bar{x} - 2h) - 6u(\bar{x} - h) + 3u(\bar{x}) + 2u(\bar{x} + h)}{6h} = u'(\bar{x}) + \frac{h^3}{12}u''''(\bar{x}) + \dots$$

$$\text{or } u'(\bar{x}) = \frac{u(\bar{x} - 2h) - 6u(\bar{x} - h) + 3u(\bar{x}) + 2u(\bar{x} + h)}{6h} - \frac{h^3}{12}u''''(\bar{x}) + \mathcal{O}(h^4)$$

FINITE DIFFERENCE FORMULAS ON NON-UNIFORM GRIDS.

We want to approximate $U^{(k)}(\bar{x})$ using a formula consisting of $n > k$ points: $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$ (not necessarily uniform) and $\bar{x}$ is not a grid point $x_j, j=1, \dots, n$.

Problem: Determine C_j ($j=1, \dots, n$) such that

$$\boxed{C_1 U(x_1) + C_2 U(x_2) + \dots + C_n U(x_n) = U^{(k)}(\bar{x}) + \text{Highest possible Error.}} \quad (1)$$

First, consider Taylor series expansion about $\bar{x}$ for each x_j .

$$U(x_j) = U(\bar{x}) + (x_j - \bar{x}) U'(\bar{x}) + \dots + \frac{(x_j - \bar{x})^n}{n!} U^{(n)}(\bar{x}) + \dots$$

Subst into (1) leads to

$$\left(\sum_{j=1}^n C_j \right) U(\bar{x}) + \left(\sum_{j=1}^n C_j (x_j - \bar{x}) \right) U'(\bar{x}) + \dots + \frac{1}{(n-1)!} \left(\sum_{j=1}^n C_j (x_j - \bar{x})^{n-1} \right) U^{(n-1)}(\bar{x}) + \dots + \frac{1}{k!} \left(\sum_{j=1}^n C_j (x_j - \bar{x})^k \right) U^{(k)}(\bar{x}) + \dots \quad (2)$$

$$= U^{(k)}(\bar{x}) + \text{Error.}$$

Linear system ^{of n eqns. n unknowns} to be solved for the $C_j, j=1, \dots, n$.

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Remark:

$$\text{Error} = \frac{1}{n!} \left(\sum_{j=1}^n C_j (x_j - \bar{x})^n \right) U^{(n)}(\bar{x}) + \dots$$

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In order to get the best possible approximation for $u^{(k)}(\bar{x})$ ($k < n$), we impose the conditions:

$$\sum_{j=1}^n c_j = 0 : c_1 + c_2 + \dots + c_n = 0$$

$$\sum_{j=1}^n c_j (x_j - \bar{x}) = 0 : c_1(x_1 - \bar{x}) + c_2(x_2 - \bar{x}) + \dots + c_n(x_n - \bar{x}) = 0$$

$$\frac{1}{k!} \sum_{j=1}^n c_j (x_j - \bar{x})^k = 1 : c_1 \frac{(x_1 - \bar{x})^k}{k!} + c_2 \frac{(x_2 - \bar{x})^k}{k!} + \dots + c_n \frac{(x_n - \bar{x})^k}{k!} = 1$$

$$\frac{1}{(n-1)!} \sum_{j=1}^n c_j (x_j - \bar{x})^{n-1} = 0 : c_1 \frac{(x_1 - \bar{x})^{n-1}}{(n-1)!} + \dots + c_n \frac{(x_n - \bar{x})^{n-1}}{(n-1)!} = 0$$

As a result, we have n equations with n unknowns: $c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n$.

$$\begin{array}{c}
 u: \\
 u' \\
 u'' \\
 \vdots \\
 u^{(k)} \\
 \vdots \\
 u^{(n-1)}
 \end{array}
 \begin{pmatrix}
 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 \\
 x_1 - \bar{x} & x_2 - \bar{x} & \dots & x_n - \bar{x} \\
 \frac{(x_1 - \bar{x})^2}{2} & \frac{(x_2 - \bar{x})^2}{2} & \dots & \frac{(x_n - \bar{x})^2}{2} \\
 \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\
 \frac{(x_1 - \bar{x})^k}{k!} & \frac{(x_2 - \bar{x})^k}{k!} & \dots & \frac{(x_n - \bar{x})^k}{k!} \\
 \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\
 \frac{(x_1 - \bar{x})^{n-1}}{(n-1)!} & \frac{(x_2 - \bar{x})^{n-1}}{(n-1)!} & \dots & \frac{(x_n - \bar{x})^{n-1}}{(n-1)!}
 \end{pmatrix}
 \begin{pmatrix}
 c_1 \\
 c_2 \\
 c_3 \\
 \vdots \\
 c_{k+1} \\
 \vdots \\
 c_n
 \end{pmatrix}
 =
 \begin{pmatrix}
 0 \\
 0 \\
 0 \\
 \vdots \\
 1 \\
 0 \\
 \vdots \\
 0
 \end{pmatrix}$$

Once $c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n$ have been determined the first two leading order error terms are given by ($k < n$)

$$\text{Error} = \left[\frac{1}{n!} \sum_{j=1}^n c_j (x_j - \bar{x})^n \right] u^{(n)}(\bar{x}) + \left[\frac{1}{(n+1)!} \sum_{j=1}^n c_j (x_j - \bar{x})^{n+1} \right] u^{(n+1)}(\bar{x})$$

$$u'(x) = \frac{u(x+h) - u(x-h)}{2h} - \frac{h^2}{6} u'''(x) + O(h^4)$$

$$u''(x) = \frac{u(x+h) - 2u(x) + u(x-h)}{h^2} - \frac{h^2}{12} u^{(4)}(x) + O(h^4)$$

$$u'(x) = \frac{u(x-2h) - 6u(x-h) + 3u(x) + 2u(x+h)}{6h} - \frac{h^3}{12} u^{(4)}(x) + O(h^4)$$

Table 3-1 Difference approximations using more than three points

Derivative	Finite-difference representation	Equation
$\frac{\partial^3 u}{\partial x^3} \Big _{i,j} =$	$\frac{u_{i+2,j} - 2u_{i+1,j} + 2u_{i-1,j} - u_{i-2,j}}{2h^3} + O(h^2)$	(3-38)
$\frac{\partial^4 u}{\partial x^4} \Big _{i,j} =$	$\frac{u_{i+2,j} - 4u_{i+1,j} + 6u_{i,j} - 4u_{i-1,j} + u_{i-2,j}}{h^4} + O(h^2)$	(3-39)
$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} \Big _{i,j} =$	$\frac{-u_{i+3,j} + 4u_{i+2,j} - 5u_{i+1,j} + 2u_{i,j}}{h^2} + O(h^2)$	(3-40)
$\frac{\partial^3 u}{\partial x^3} \Big _{i,j} =$	$\frac{-3u_{i+4,j} + 14u_{i+3,j} - 24u_{i+2,j} + 18u_{i+1,j} - 5u_{i,j}}{2h^3} + O(h^2)$	(3-41)
$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} \Big _{i,j} =$	$\frac{2u_{i,j} - 5u_{i-1,j} + 4u_{i-2,j} - u_{i-3,j}}{h^2} + O(h^2)$	(3-42)
$\frac{\partial^3 u}{\partial x^3} \Big _{i,j} =$	$\frac{5u_{i,j} - 18u_{i-1,j} + 24u_{i-2,j} - 14u_{i-3,j} + 3u_{i-4,j}}{2h^3} + O(h^2)$	(3-43)
$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \Big _{i,j} =$	$\frac{-u_{i+2,j} + 8u_{i+1,j} - 8u_{i-1,j} + u_{i-2,j}}{12h} + O(h^4)$	(3-44)
$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} \Big _{i,j} =$	$\frac{-u_{i+2,j} + 16u_{i+1,j} - 30u_{i,j} + 16u_{i-1,j} - u_{i-2,j}}{12h^2} + O(h^4)$	(3-45)

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Table 3-2 Difference approximations for mixed partial derivatives

Derivative	Finite-difference representation	Equation
$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x \partial y} \Big _{i,j} =$	$\frac{1}{\Delta x} \left(\frac{u_{i+1,j} - u_{i+1,j-1}}{\Delta y} - \frac{u_{i,j} - u_{i,j-1}}{\Delta y} \right) + O(\Delta x, \Delta y)$	(3-46)
$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x \partial y} \Big _{i,j} =$	$\frac{1}{\Delta x} \left(\frac{u_{i,j+1} - u_{i,j}}{\Delta y} - \frac{u_{i-1,j+1} - u_{i-1,j}}{\Delta y} \right) + O(\Delta x, \Delta y)$	(3-47)
$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x \partial y} \Big _{i,j} =$	$\frac{1}{\Delta x} \left(\frac{u_{i,j} - u_{i,j-1}}{\Delta y} - \frac{u_{i-1,j} - u_{i-1,j-1}}{\Delta y} \right) + O(\Delta x, \Delta y)$	(3-48)
$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x \partial y} \Big _{i,j} =$	$\frac{1}{\Delta x} \left(\frac{u_{i+1,j+1} - u_{i+1,j}}{\Delta y} - \frac{u_{i,j+1} - u_{i,j}}{\Delta y} \right) + O(\Delta x, \Delta y)$	(3-49)
$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x \partial y} \Big _{i,j} =$	$\frac{1}{\Delta x} \left(\frac{u_{i+1,j+1} - u_{i+1,j-1}}{2\Delta y} - \frac{u_{i,j+1} - u_{i,j-1}}{2\Delta y} \right) + O[\Delta x, (\Delta y)^2]$	(3-50)
$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x \partial y} \Big _{i,j} =$	$\frac{1}{\Delta x} \left(\frac{u_{i,j+1} - u_{i,j-1}}{2\Delta y} - \frac{u_{i-1,j+1} - u_{i-1,j-1}}{2\Delta y} \right) + O[\Delta x, (\Delta y)^2]$	(3-51)
$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x \partial y} \Big _{i,j} =$	$\frac{1}{2\Delta x} \left(\frac{u_{i+1,j+1} - u_{i+1,j-1}}{2\Delta y} - \frac{u_{i-1,j+1} - u_{i-1,j-1}}{2\Delta y} \right) + O[(\Delta x)^2, (\Delta y)^2]$	(3-52)
$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x \partial y} \Big _{i,j} =$	$\frac{1}{2\Delta x} \left(\frac{u_{i+1,j+1} - u_{i+1,j}}{\Delta y} - \frac{u_{i-1,j+1} - u_{i-1,j}}{\Delta y} \right) + O[(\Delta x)^2, \Delta y]$	(3-53)
$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x \partial y} \Big _{i,j} =$	$\frac{1}{2\Delta x} \left(\frac{u_{i+1,j} - u_{i+1,j-1}}{\Delta y} - \frac{u_{i-1,j} - u_{i-1,j-1}}{\Delta y} \right) + O[(\Delta x)^2, \Delta y]$	(3-54)

Table 3.1. Comparison of formulae to evaluate $d\bar{T}/dx$ at $x=1.0$

for $\bar{T}(x) = e^x$

Case	Algebraic formula	$\left[\frac{d\bar{T}}{dx}\right]_j$	Error	Leading term in T.E.
Exact	—	2.7183	—	—
3PT SYM	$(\bar{T}_{j+1} - \bar{T}_{j-1})/2\Delta x$	2.7228	0.4533×10^{-2}	0.4531×10^{-2}
FOR DIFF	$(\bar{T}_{j+1} - \bar{T}_j)/\Delta x$	2.8588	0.1406×10^{-0}	0.1359×10^{-0}
BACK DIFF	$(\bar{T}_j - \bar{T}_{j-1})/\Delta x$	2.5868	-0.1315×10^{-0}	-0.1359×10^{-0}
3PT ASYM	$(-1.5\bar{T}_j + 2\bar{T}_{j+1} - 0.5\bar{T}_{j+2})/\Delta x$	2.7085	-0.9773×10^{-2}	-0.9061×10^{-2}
5PT SYM	$(\bar{T}_{j-2} - 8\bar{T}_{j-1} + 8\bar{T}_{j+1} - \bar{T}_{j+2})/12\Delta x$	2.7183	-0.9072×10^{-5}	-0.9061×10^{-5}

3.3 Accuracy of the Discretisation Process

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Table 3.2. Comparison of formulae to evaluate $d^2\bar{T}/dx^2$ at $x=1.0$

$\bar{T}(x) = e^x$

Case	Algebraic formula	$\left[\frac{d^2\bar{T}}{dx^2}\right]_j$	Error	Leading term in T.E.
Exact	—	2.7183	—	—
3PT SYM	$(\bar{T}_{j-1} - 2\bar{T}_j + \bar{T}_{j+1})/\Delta x^2$	2.7205	0.2266×10^{-2}	0.2265×10^{-2}
3PT ASYM	$(\bar{T}_j - 2\bar{T}_{j+1} + \bar{T}_{j+2})/\Delta x^2$	3.0067	0.2884×10^{-0}	0.2718×10^{-0}
5PT SYM	$(-\bar{T}_{j-2} + 16\bar{T}_{j-1} - 30\bar{T}_j + 16\bar{T}_{j+1} - \bar{T}_{j+2})/12\Delta x^2$	2.7183	-0.3023×10^{-5}	-0.3020×10^{-5}

Table 3.3. Truncation error leading term (algebraic): $d\bar{T}/dx$

Case	Algebraic formula	Truncation error leading term
3PT SYM	$(\bar{T}_{j+1} - \bar{T}_{j-1})/2\Delta x$	$\Delta x^2 \bar{T}_{xxx}/6$
FOR DIFF	$(\bar{T}_{j+1} - \bar{T}_j)/\Delta x$	$\Delta x \bar{T}_{xx}/2$
BACK DIFF	$(\bar{T}_j - \bar{T}_{j-1})/\Delta x$	$-\Delta x \bar{T}_{xx}/2$
3PT ASYM	$(-1.5\bar{T}_j + 2\bar{T}_{j+1} - 0.5\bar{T}_{j+2})/\Delta x$	$-\Delta x^2 \bar{T}_{xxx}/3$
5PT SYM	$(\bar{T}_{j-2} - 8\bar{T}_{j-1} + 8\bar{T}_{j+1} - \bar{T}_{j+2})/12\Delta x$	$-\Delta x^4 \bar{T}_{xxxxx}/30$

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Table 3.4. Truncation error leading term (algebraic): $d^2\bar{T}/dx^2$

Case	Algebraic formula	Truncation error leading term
3PT SYM	$(\bar{T}_{j-1} - 2\bar{T}_j + \bar{T}_{j+1})/\Delta x^2$	$\Delta x^2 \bar{T}_{xxxx}/12$
3PT ASYM	$(\bar{T}_j - 2\bar{T}_{j+1} + \bar{T}_{j+2})/\Delta x^2$	$\Delta x \bar{T}_{xxx}$
5PT SYM	$(-\bar{T}_{j-2} + 16\bar{T}_{j-1} - 30\bar{T}_j + 16\bar{T}_{j+1} - \bar{T}_{j+2})/12\Delta x^2$	$-\Delta x^4 \bar{T}_{xxxxx}/90$

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Exercise 1.2.

Hornbeck (1975)

	f_{i-2}	f_{i-1}	f_i	f_{i+1}	f_{i+2}
$2hf'(x_i) =$		-1	0	1	
$h^2f''(x_i) =$		1	-2	1	
$2h^3f'''(x_i) =$	-1	2	0	-2	1
$h^4f^{(4)}(x_i) =$	1	-4	6	-4	1

(a) Representations of $O(h)^2$

	f_{i-3}	f_{i-2}	f_{i-1}	f_i	f_{i+1}	f_{i+2}	f_{i+3}
$12hf'(x_i) =$		1	-8	0	8	-1	
$12h^2f''(x_i) =$		-1	16	-30	16	-1	
$8h^3f'''(x_i) =$	1	-8	13	0	-13	8	-1
$6h^4f^{(4)}(x_i) =$	-1	12	-39	56	-39	12	-1

(b) Representations of $O(h)^4$

Fig. 3.4 Central difference representations.

	f_i	f_{i+1}	f_{i+2}	f_{i+3}	f_{i+4}	f_{i+5}
$2hf'(x_i) =$	-3	4	-1			
$h^2f''(x_i) =$	2	-5	4	-1		
$2h^3f'''(x_i) =$	-5	18	-24	14	-3	
$h^4f^{(4)}(x_i) =$	3	-14	26	-24	11	-2

(a) Forward difference representations

	f_{i-3}	f_{i-2}	f_{i-1}	f_i	f_{i+1}	f_{i+2}
$2hf'(x_i) =$				1	-4	3
$h^2f''(x_i) =$			-1	4	-5	2
$2h^3f'''(x_i) =$		3	-14	24	-18	5
$h^4f^{(4)}(x_i) =$	-2	11	-24	26	-14	3

(b) Backward difference representations

Fig. 3.3 Forward and backward difference representations of $O(h)^2$.

The relationship is:
 # points in stencil - Order of derivative = $Q(n) =$ Order of truncation error.
 For centered FD $Q(n)$ is increase by one due to Cancellations.

Summarizing
 If n : # points
 k : order of deriv.
 p : order of truncation error.
 and centered FD is employed
 Then, a) If k is odd
 $n - k = p$
 b) If k is even
 $n - k + 1 = p$
 4 more 3 more 4 more 3 more
 $+ O(h)^4$
 2 more than the order
 1 more
 2 more
 1 more

If
 n : # points
 k : order of derivative
 p : order of truncation error.
 $+ O(h)^2$
 2 more everyone!
 And forward, backward, or simply non-symm FD is employed
 2 more then,
 $n - k = p$