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Let's now explain what happens for the central finite difference formula. Unlike the forward and backward finite difference formula, the error between  $f'(x_0)$  and the central finite difference formula isn't of order 1 but order 2 in  $h$ . Let's precise this. Let  $f$  a function from  $\mathbb{R}$  to  $\mathbb{R}$ , now three times continuously differentiable, let  $x_0$  in  $\mathbb{R}$  and let  $h$  be a positive number. Now the Taylor expansion is the following. Take  $f(x_0+h/2)$  it is  $f(x_0)$  plus the increment,  $h/2$  times  $f'(x_0)$  plus the square of the increment,  $h^2/4$  divided by factorial 2, so 2 times  $f''(x_0)$  plus our last term in the Taylor expansion, the cube of the increment,  $h^3/8$ , divided by factorial 3 so  $2 \cdot 3 = 6$ , times the third derivative at some point  $\xi$ ,  $\xi$  being a point between  $x_0$  and  $x_0+h/2$ . We do the same for  $f(x_0-h/2)$ :  $f(x_0) - (h/2) \cdot f'(x_0) + (h^2/(4 \cdot 2)) \cdot f''(x_0) - \dots - (h^3/(8 \cdot 6)) \cdot f'''(\eta)$  for some point  $\eta$ ,  $\eta$  between  $x_0-h/2$  and  $x_0$ . Take the difference between those two lines since that's what we have in the formula, so the difference,  $f(x_0+h/2) - f(x_0-h/2)$  then the summands in  $f(x_0)$  cancel each other, and we're left with  $h \cdot f'(x_0)$ . The summands in  $h^2$  cancel each other again, that's why we get a higher order and we're left with  $+h^3/(8 \cdot 6) (f'''(\xi) + f'''(\eta))$ .

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Now I claim that the following theorem is true, it is the Theorem 2.3 in the book. For all function  $f$  3 times continuously differentiable, since we went until the 3rd derivatives, for all  $x_0$  in  $\mathbb{R}$  there is a positive  $C$  such that for all positive  $h$  less than or equal to 1, we have the error between  $f'(x_0)$  and its approximation by a central finite difference formula  $(f(x_0+h/2) - f(x_0-h/2))/h$ , this error is now less than or equal to  $C \cdot h^2$ . Same remark as before,  $C$  can depend on  $f$  and  $x_0$  because in our sentence  $C$  comes after "for all  $f$ ", "for all  $x_0$ " but  $C$  cannot depend on  $h$  because it appears before "for all positive  $h$  less than or equal to 1". So  $C$  can depend on  $f$  and  $x_0$  but not  $h$ . So the numerical interpretation is as follows: take  $f$  and  $x_0$  and take a look at the error when  $h$  varies the error, this quantity here, can be computed, so if we know  $f'(x_0)$ , we compute this quantity here and make the difference. This error is divided by  $2^2=4$  every time  $h$  is divided by 2 or, if we divide  $h$  by 10 the error is divided by  $10^2=100$ . We need to prove this theorem.

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Dém: on ne peut pas choisir  $C = \frac{1}{8 \cdot 6} |f'''(\xi) + f'''(\eta)|$  car  $\xi, \eta$  d

$$C = \frac{1}{24} \max_{x_0 - 1/2 \leq x \leq x_0 + 1/2} |f'''(x)|$$



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Proof: Be careful, as before we cannot choose  $C$  as follows  $1/(8 \cdot 6)$  times the absolute value of those derivatives here, that is  $C$  equal to  $1/48$  times the absolute value of  $f'''(\xi) + f'''(\eta)$  because this would depend on  $h$ , since  $\xi, \eta$  do depend on  $h$ , indeed  $\xi$  is between  $x_0$  and  $x_0 + h/2$  and  $\eta$  between  $x_0 - h/2$  and  $x_0$ . But as before, we can take an upper bound with the maximum of the derivatives on the bigger interval. Here are  $x_0, x_0 - h/2, x_0 + h/2$ . I use again the fact that  $h \leq 1$ , it is an arbitrary choice, we could have taken  $h \leq 2$ , Thus  $x_0 - h/2 > x_0 - 1/2$  and  $x_0 + h/2 < x_0 + 1/2$ . Now take the maximum of the third derivatives on this interval and we can finally show the theorem and choose  $C$  with an upper bound as the maximum of the third derivatives on this interval and so we have  $1/24$  because we have  $1/48$  but we're adding 2 terms so we have  $C = 1/24$  times the absolute value of the maximum of the 3rd derivative in the interval  $x_0 - 1/2$  and  $x_0 + 1/2$ . Observe that  $C$  does depend on the 3rd derivatives of  $f$  and depends on  $x_0$  but not on  $h$ , so we proved the theorem.

Summary

