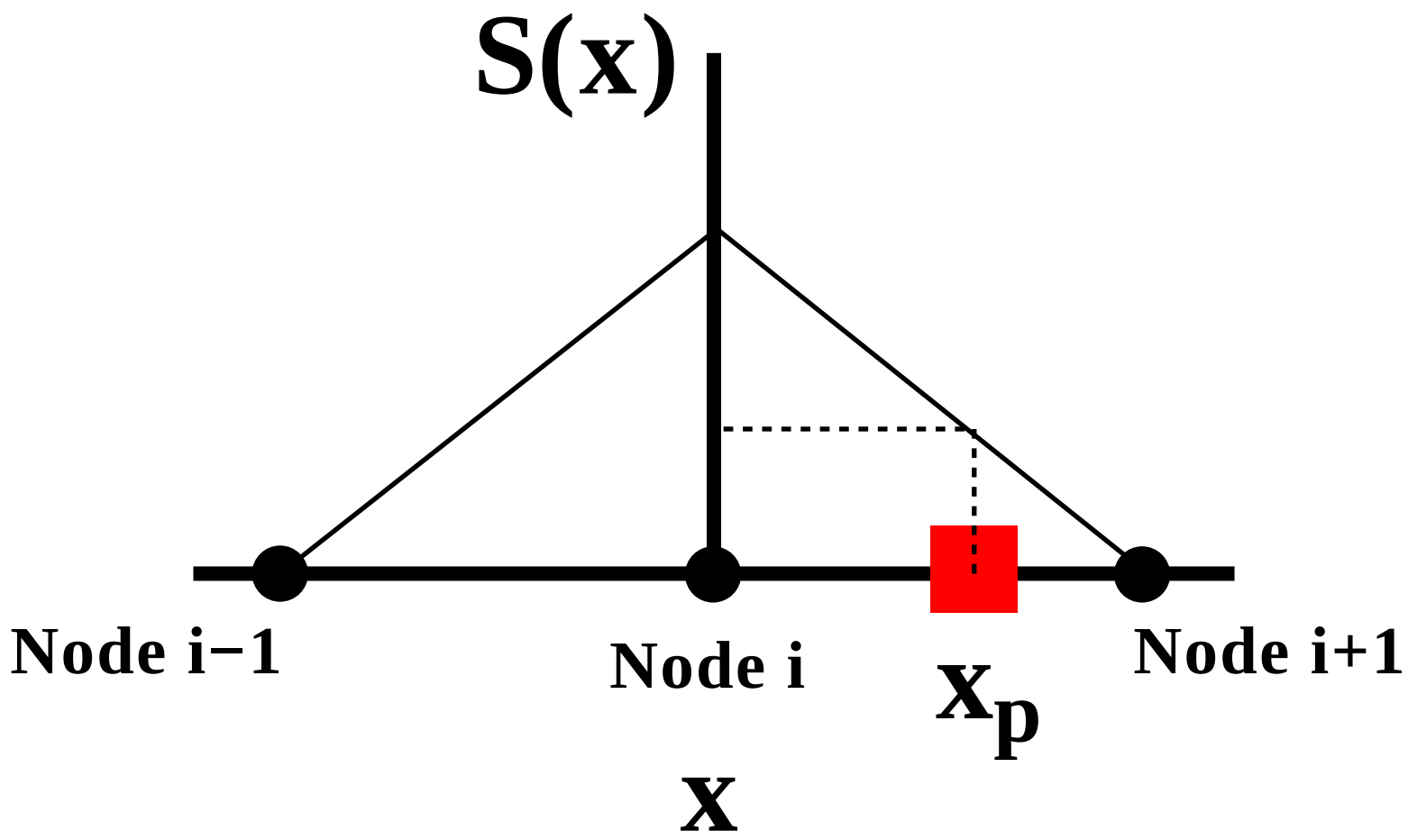


$$S(x) = (x - x_{i-1})/(x_i - x_{i-1}) \qquad x_{i-1} < x < x_i$$

$$S(x) = (x_{i+1} - x)/(x_{i+1} - x_i) \qquad x_i < x < x_{i+1}$$

$$S(x) = 0 \qquad x < x_{i-1} \qquad x > x_{i+1}$$