

Let  $f(x)$  be a function of a single variable and let  $x_i$  be the location of the  $i$ -th grid point. We can use Lagrange polynomial interpolation to approximate the function near this point:

$$f(x) \approx L_i(x) = \sum_{j=0}^n f(x_j) \prod_{k \neq j} \frac{x - x_k}{x_j - x_k} \quad (1)$$

where  $n$  is the number of grid points.

We can use this approximation to find the second derivative of the function at the  $i$ -th grid point by approximating  $f(x_{i-1})$  and  $f(x_{i+1})$ :

$$f(x_{i-1}) \approx L_{i-1}(x_{i-1}) = \sum_{j=0}^n f(x_j) \prod_{k \neq j} \frac{x_{i-1} - x_k}{x_j - x_k} \quad (2)$$

$$f(x_{i+1}) \approx L_{i+1}(x_{i+1}) = \sum_{j=0}^n f(x_j) \prod_{k \neq j} \frac{x_{i+1} - x_k}{x_j - x_k} \quad (3)$$

Taking the derivative of the Lagrange polynomial approximation, we have:

$$f'(x) \approx \sum_{j=0}^n f(x_j) \sum_{k \neq j} \frac{1}{x_j - x_k} \prod_{\substack{l=0 \\ l \neq j, k}}^n \frac{x - x_l}{x_j - x_l} \quad (4)$$

Evaluating the derivative at  $x_{i-1}$  and  $x_{i+1}$ , we have: