

$$f(x) = a_0 + a_1(x-x_0) + a_2(x-x_0)(x-x_1)$$

$$f(x_0) = a_0; \quad f(x_1) = a_0 + a_1(x_1-x_0) \Rightarrow a_1 = \frac{f(x_1) - f(x_0)}{x_1 - x_0}$$

$$\text{Then } f(x_2) = a_0 + a_1(x_2-x_0) + a_2(x_2-x_0)(x_2-x_1)$$

$$\Rightarrow a_2 = \frac{f(x_2) - a_0 - a_1(x_2-x_0)}{(x_2-x_0)(x_2-x_1)}$$

$$= \frac{f(x_2) - f(x_0) - (f(x_1) - f(x_0)) \frac{x_2-x_0}{x_1-x_0}}{(x_2-x_0)(x_2-x_1)}$$

$$= \frac{f(x_2) - f(x_1) + f(x_1) - f(x_0) - (f(x_1) - f(x_0)) \frac{x_2-x_0}{x_1-x_0}}{(x_2-x_0)(x_2-x_1)}$$

$$= \frac{\frac{f(x_2) - f(x_1)}{x_2 - x_1} + \left(\frac{f(x_1) - f(x_0)}{x_1 - x_0} \right) \left(1 - \frac{x_2 - x_0}{x_1 - x_0} \right)}{x_2 - x_0}$$

$$= \frac{\frac{f(x_2) - f(x_1)}{x_2 - x_1} + \left(\frac{f(x_1) - f(x_0)}{x_1 - x_0} \right) \frac{x_1 - x_2}{x_1 - x_0}}{x_2 - x_0}$$

$$= \frac{\frac{f(x_2) - f(x_1)}{x_2 - x_1} - \frac{f(x_1) - f(x_0)}{x_1 - x_0}}{x_2 - x_0} \quad \square$$