

# Mathematics for Robotics Assignment 2

Polynomial Approximation

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## 1 Task 1

- 1) The following table gives four values of  $f(x) = x^4 - 3x^3 + 6x^2 - 2x + 5$  at  $x_i = 1, 2, 3$  and 4. Obtain a 3<sup>rd</sup> degree polynomial,  $p(x)$  using Newton forward difference formula. Further, compare the plots of  $f(x)$  vs  $x$ , and  $p(x)$  vs  $x$  in the interval [0 5] in MATLAB.

$x:$	1	2	3	4
$f(x):$	7	17	53	157

NEWTON FORWARD DIFFERENCE TABLE:				
$x$	$f(x)$	$\Delta f_i$	$\Delta^2 f_i$	$\Delta^3 f_i$
1	7	10		
2	17	26		
3	53	68	42	
4	157	104		

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Formula  
Newton's Forward Difference formula  
 $p = \frac{x - x_0}{h}$   
 $y(x) = y_0 + p\Delta y_0 + \frac{p(p-1)}{2!} \cdot \Delta^2 y_0 + \frac{p(p-1)(p-2)}{3!} \cdot \Delta^3 y_0 + \frac{p(p-1)(p-2)(p-3)}{4!} \cdot \Delta^4 y_0 + \dots$

Examples  
1. Find Solution using Newton's Forward Difference formula

$$h = x_1 - x_0 = 2 - 1 = 1$$

$$P = \frac{x - 1}{1}$$

$$P_3(x) = 7 + 10P + \frac{P(P-1)}{2!} \cdot 26 + \frac{P(P-1)(P-2)}{3!} \cdot 42$$

$$P_3(x) = 7 + \left(\frac{x-1}{1}\right) \cdot 10 + \frac{\left(\frac{x-1}{1}\right) \left(\frac{x-1}{1} - 1\right)}{2!} \cdot 26 + \frac{\left(\frac{x-1}{1}\right) \left(\frac{x-1}{1} - 1\right) \left(\frac{x-1}{1} - 2\right)}{3!} \cdot 42$$

SEE MATLAB PLOT :

Figure 1: Task 1

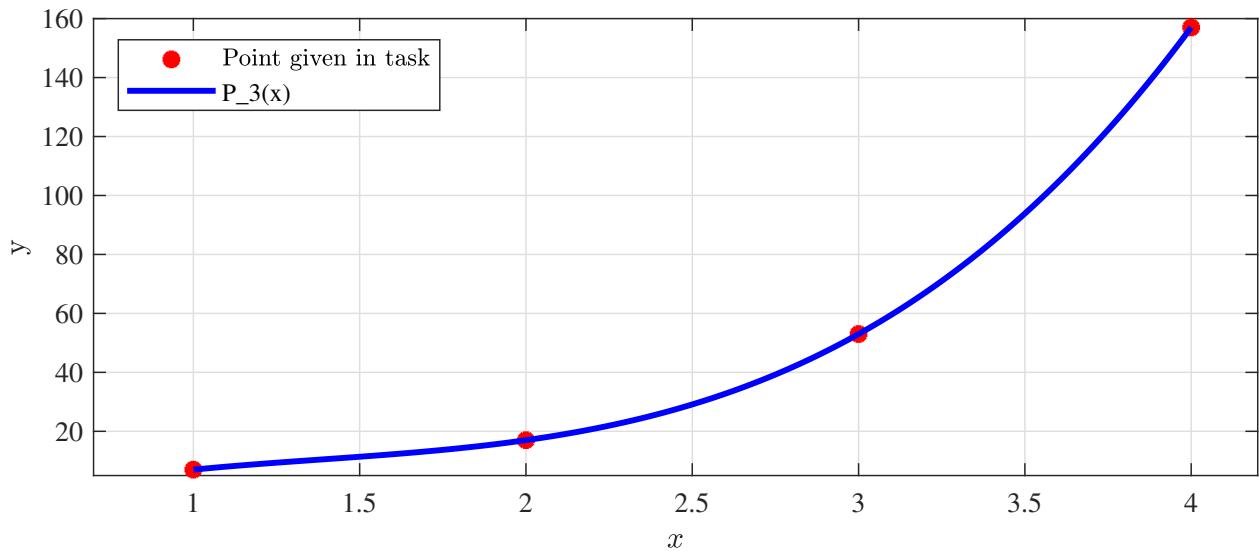


Figure 2: Plot 1

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1 clear; close all; clc;
2
3 %task 1
4
5 pX = [1, 2, 3, 4];
6 pY = [7, 17, 53, 157];
7
8 % plot function
9 x = 1 : 0.001 : 4;
10 p = (x-1)/1;
11 P3_x = 7+10.*p + p.* (p-1).*26/(2*1) + p.* (p-1).* (p-2)*42/(3*2*1);
12
13 plot(pX,pY, '*r');
14 hold on
15 xlim([0.7 4.2]);
16 ylim([5 160]);
17 plot(x,P3_x, 'b')
18 legend('Point given in task', 'P_3(x)', Location='northwest')
19
20 %NB: generated .eps figure in other script

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## 2 Task 2

- 2) Using Newton's backward difference formula, construct an interpolating polynomial of degree 3 for the data:  $f(-0.75) = -0.0718125$ ,  $f(-0.5) = -0.02475$ ,  $f(-0.25) = 0.3349375$ ,  $f(0) = 1.10100$ . Hence find  $f(-1/3)$ .

NEWTON BACKWARDS DIFFERENCE TABLE:					
$x$	$f(x)$	$\Delta f_i$	$\Delta^2 f_i$	$\Delta^3 f_i$	(same way calculate $\Delta$ as forward)
-0,75	-0,0718125				
-0,5	-0,02475	0,0471			
-0,25	0,3349375	0,3597	0,3126		
0	1,10100	0,7661	0,4064	0,0938	

Formula  
Newton's Backward Difference formula

$$p = \frac{x - x_n}{h}$$

$$y(x) = y_n + p \nabla y_n + \frac{p(p+1)}{2!} \cdot \nabla^2 y_n + \frac{p(p+1)(p+2)}{3!} \cdot \nabla^3 y_n + \frac{p(p+1)(p+2)(p+3)}{4!} \cdot \nabla^4 y_n + \dots$$

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$$P = \frac{(x - 0)}{h} = \frac{x}{0,25} \quad h = x_1 - x_0 = -0,5 - (-0,75) = 0,25$$

$$P_3(x) = 1,10100 + 0,7661 \cdot P + 0,4064 \cdot \frac{P(P+1)}{2!} + 0,0938 \cdot \frac{P(P+1)(P+2)}{3!}$$

$$\underline{\underline{P_3\left(-\frac{1}{3}\right) = 0,1745}} \quad \underline{\underline{\text{SEE MATLAB PLOT:}}}$$

Figure 3: Task 2

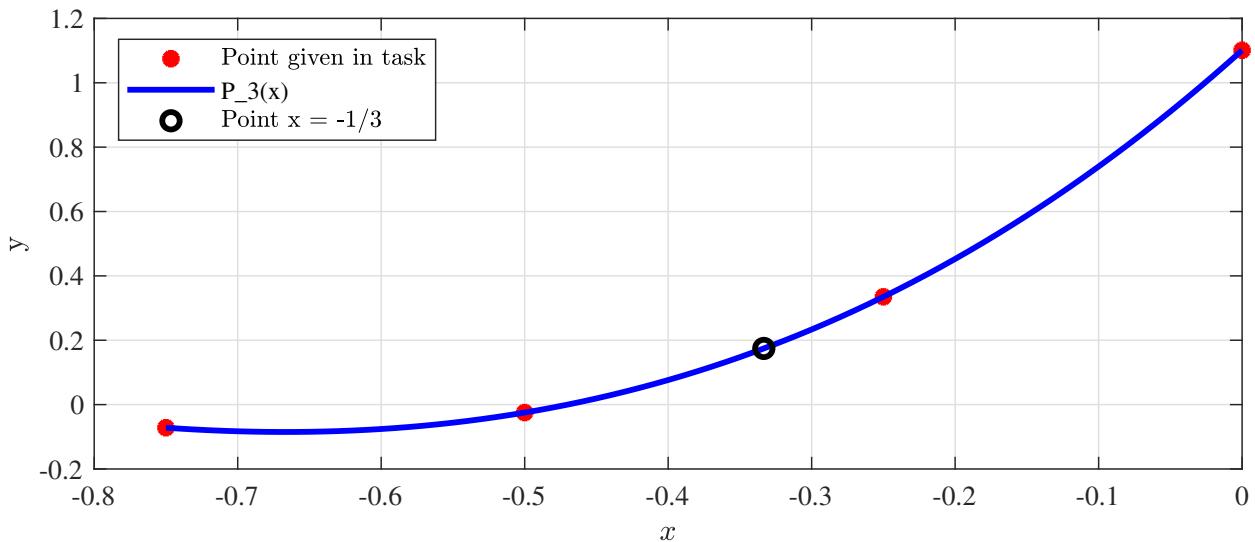


Figure 4: Plot 2

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1 %% NewtonBackwards task 2
2 clear; close all; clc;
3 pX = [-0.75, -0.5, -0.25, 0]; %Given points along function
4 pY = [-0.0718125, -0.02475, 0.3349375, 1.10100]; %Given points along ...
    function
5
6 %Calculate the Delta1Y
7 % From self made function
8 Delta1Y = delta(pY);
9 %calculate the delta^2Y
10 Delta2Y = delta(Delta1Y);
11 %calculate the delta^3Y
12 Delta3Y = delta(Delta2Y);
13 xList = -0.75 : 0.01 : 0;
14 x = xList;
15 p = x./0.25;
16 P_3_x = pY(4) + Delta1Y(3).*p + Delta2Y(2).*p.* (p+1)/(2*1) + ...
    Delta3Y(1).*p.* (p+1).* (p+2)/(3*2);
17 %Specific point
18 xGiven = -1/3;
19 x = xGiven;
20 p = x./0.25;
21 P_3_givenX = pY(4) + Delta1Y(3)*p + Delta2Y(2).*p.* (p+1)/(2*1) + ...
    Delta3Y(1)*p.* (p+1).* (p+2)/(3*2)
22
23 plot(pX,pY, '*r');
24 hold on
25 plot(xList,P_3_x, 'b')
26 plot(xGiven, P_3_givenX, 'ok')
27 legend('Point given in task', 'P_3(x)', 'Point x = -1/3', ...
    Location='northwest')
28 %NB: generated .eps figure in other script

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1 function [delta] = delta(y)
2 % y = list of poins to find deltas from
3 for i=1 : length(y)-1
4     delta(i) = y(1+i)-y(i);
5 end
6 end

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## 3 Task 3

3) Find the distance moved by a particle and its acceleration at the end of 4 seconds, if the time versus velocity data is as follows: (Use Lagrange interpolation to generate the  $v(t)$  curve).

$t:$	$x_0$	$x_1$	$x_2$	$x_3$
$v:$	0	1	3	4
	$y_0$	$y_1$	$y_2$	$y_3$

## Formula

Lagrange's Interpolation formula

$$y(x) = \frac{(x - x_1)(x - x_2)\dots(x - x_n)}{(x_0 - x_1)(x_0 - x_2)\dots(x_0 - x_n)} \cdot y_0 + \frac{(x - x_0)(x - x_2)\dots(x - x_n)}{(x_1 - x_0)(x_1 - x_2)\dots(x_1 - x_n)} \cdot y_1 + \frac{(x - x_0)(x - x_1)(x - x_3)\dots(x - x_n)}{(x_2 - x_0)(x_2 - x_1)(x_2 - x_3)\dots(x_2 - x_n)} \cdot y_2 + \dots + \frac{(x - x_0)(x - x_1)\dots(x - x_{n-1})}{(x_n - x_0)(x_n - x_1)\dots(x_n - x_{n-1})} \cdot y_n$$

## Examples

1. Find Solution using Lagrange's Interpolation formula

$$v(t) = \frac{(t-1)(t-3)(t-4)}{(0-1)(0-3)(0-4)} \cdot 21 + \frac{(t-0)(t-3)(t-4)}{(1-0)(1-3)(1-4)} \cdot 15 + \frac{(t-0)(t-1)(t-4)}{(2-0)(2-1)(2-4)} \cdot 12 + \frac{(t-0)(t-1)(t-3)}{(4-0)(4-1)(4-3)} \cdot 10$$

From Simplification in MATLAB:

$$v(t) = -\frac{5}{12}t^3 + \frac{19}{6}t^2 - \frac{35}{4}t + 21$$

$$a(t) = -\frac{5}{12} \cdot 3t^2 + \frac{19 \cdot 2t}{6} - \frac{35}{4}$$

$$x(t) = \int v(t) dt = -\frac{5}{12 \cdot 4} t^4 + \frac{19}{6 \cdot 3} t^3 - \frac{35}{4 \cdot 2} t^2 + 21t + x_0$$

$$x(4) = 54,8889$$

$$a(4) = -34167$$

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Figure 5: Task 3

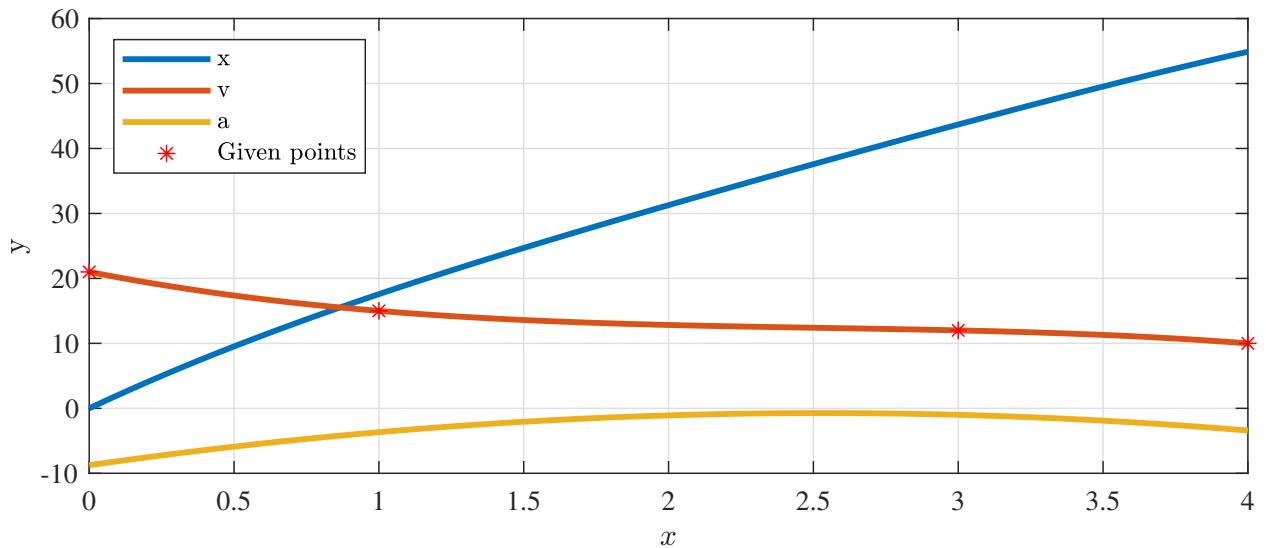


Figure 6: Plot 3

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1 %% lagrange task 3
2 clear; close all; clc;
3
4 time = [0, 1, 3, 4]; % given time
5 v = [21, 15, 12, 10]; %given velocities at corresponding time
6
7 syms t
8 p1 = (t-1)*(t-3)*(t-4)*21/((-1*-3*-4));
9 p1 = expand(p1);
10
11 p2 = (t-0)*(t-3)*(t-4)*15/((1*(1-3)*(1-4)));
12 p2 = expand(p2);
13
14 p3 = (t-0)*(t-1)*(t-4)*12/((3-0)*(3-1)*(3-4));
15 p3 = expand(p3);
16
17 p4 = (t-0)*(t-1)*(t-3)*10/((4-0)*(4-1)*(4-3));
18 p4 = expand(p4);
19
20 v_t = p1+p2+p3+p4
21 x_t = int(v_t,t)
22 a_t = diff(v_t,t)
23
24 tlist = 0 : 0.01 : 4;
25 %from symbolic function to plotable values
26 vPlot = subs(v_t, t, tlist);
27 xPlot = subs(x_t, t, tlist);
28 aPlot = subs(a_t, t, tlist);
29
30 plot(tlist,xPlot)
31 hold on
32 plot(tlist,vPlot)
33 plot(tlist,aPlot)
34 plot(time, v, '*r')
35 legend('x','v','a','Given points', Location='northwest')
36
37 x_4_s = double(subs(x_t, t, 4))
38 a_4_s = double(subs(a_t, t, 4))
39 %NB: generated .eps figure in other script

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## 4 Task 4

4) Given the values

$x:$	5	7	11	13	17
$f(x):$	150	392	1452	2366	5202

Evaluate  $f(9)$ , using Newton's divided difference formula

Formula	
Newton's Divided Difference Interpolation formula	
$y(x) = y_0 + (x - x_0)f[x_0, x_1] + (x - x_0)(x - x_1)f[x_0, x_1, x_2] + \dots$	

$x$	$f(x)$	1st ORDER	2nd ORDER	3. ORDER	4. ORDER
5	150	$\frac{392-150}{7-5} = 121$	$\frac{265-121}{11-7} = 24$	$\frac{32-24}{13-11} = 8$	$\frac{1-1}{17-11} = 0$
7	392	$\frac{1452-392}{11-7} = 265$	$\frac{452-265}{13-7} = 32$	$\frac{42-32}{17-11} = 7$	
11	1452	$\frac{2366-1452}{13-11} = 452$	$\frac{709-452}{17-11} = 42$		
13	2366	$\frac{5202-2366}{17-13} = 704$			
17	5202				

$$Y(x) = 150 + (x-5) \cdot 121 + (x-5)(x-7) \cdot 24 + (x-5)(x-7)(x-11) \cdot 8$$

$$Y = X^3 + X^2$$

$$Y(9) = 9^3 + 9^2 = 810$$

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Figure 7: Task 4

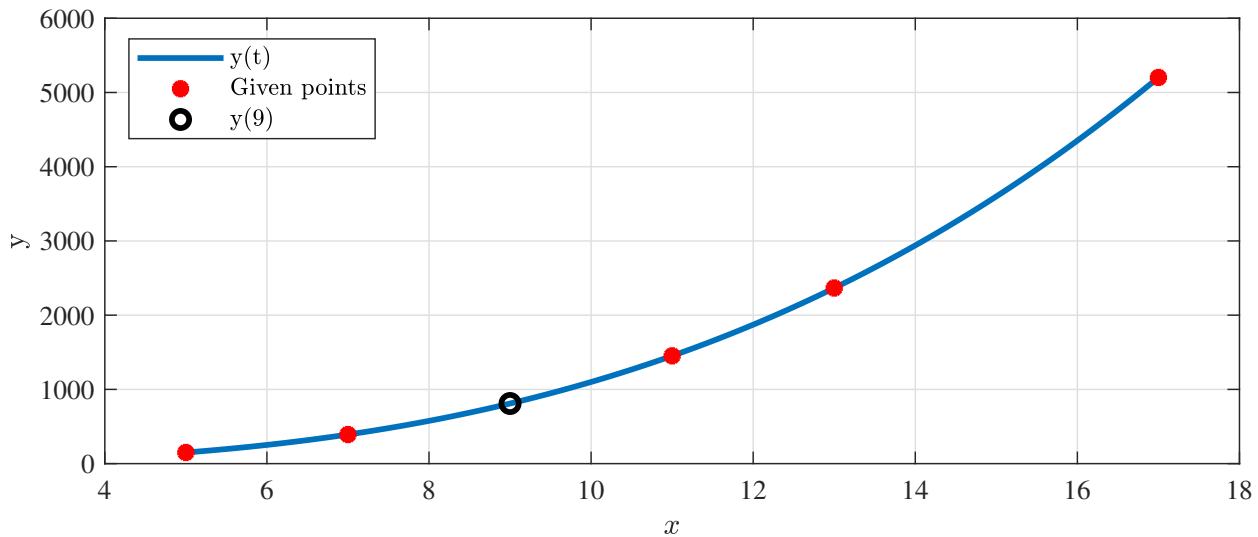


Figure 8: Plot 4

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1 pX = [5 7 11 13 17]; %Given points along function
2 pY = [150 392 1452 2366 5202]; %Given points along function
3
4 % 1st order diveded difference
5 for i=1 : length(pY)-1
6     delta_ND(i) = (pY(1+i)-pY(i))/(pX(1+i)-pX(i));
7     i = i+1;
8 end
9
10 % 2nd order diveded difference
11 delta_ND2 = [(265-121)/(11-5), (457-265)/(13-7), (709-457)/(17-11)]
12
13 % 3rd order
14 delta_ND3 = [(32-24)/(13-5), (42-32)/(17-7)]
15 % 3th order = 0
16 syms x
17 y = 150 + (x-5)*121 + (x-5)*(x-7)*24+ (x-5)*(x-7)*(x-11)*1;
18 y = expand(y);
19 xlist = 5 :0.01 : 17;
20 yPlot = subs(y, x, xlist);
21
22 y_9 = subs(y, x, 9);
23 plot(xlist,yPlot)
24 hold on
25 plot(pX,pY, '*r')
26 plot(9,y_9, 'ok')
27 legend('y(t)', 'Given points', 'y(9)', Location='northwest')
28 %NB: generated .eps figure in other script

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1 function [delta_ND] = delta_ND_1stOrder(x,y)
2 % y = list of poins to find deltas from Newton divided differece
3 for i=1 : length(y)-1
4     delta_ND(i) = (y(1+i)-y(i))/(x(1+i)-x(i));
5     i = i+1;
6 end
7 end

```

## 5 Task 5

- 5) Apply Lagrange's formula inversely to obtain a root of the equation  $f(x) = 0$ , given that  $f(30) = -30$ ,  $f(34) = -13$ ,  $f(38) = 3$ , and  $f(42) = 18$ .

**Formula**

Lagrange's Inverse Interpolation formula

$$x(y) = \frac{(y - y_1)(y - y_2)\dots(y - y_n)}{(y_0 - y_1)(y_0 - y_2)\dots(y_0 - y_n)} \times x_0 + \frac{(y - y_0)(y - y_2)\dots(y - y_n)}{(y_1 - y_0)(y_1 - y_2)\dots(y_1 - y_n)} \times x_1 \\ + \frac{(y - y_0)(y - y_1)(y - y_3)\dots(y - y_n)}{(y_2 - y_0)(y_2 - y_1)(y_2 - y_3)\dots(y_2 - y_n)} \times x_2 + \dots + \frac{(y - y_0)(y - y_1)\dots(y - y_{n-1})}{(y_n - y_0)(y_n - y_1)\dots(y_n - y_{n-1})} \times x_n$$

X	f(x)
30	-30
34	-13
38	3
42	18

COULD GO STRAIGHT TO  
 $X(0)$ , BUT FIND THE FUNCTION  
AS USUALLY, TD GIVE PROB

$$X(y) = \frac{y^3}{521730} + \frac{109}{208692} \cdot y^2 + \frac{88679}{347820} y + \frac{431649}{11594}$$

$$\underline{\underline{X(0) = 37,2304}}$$

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Figure 9: Task 5

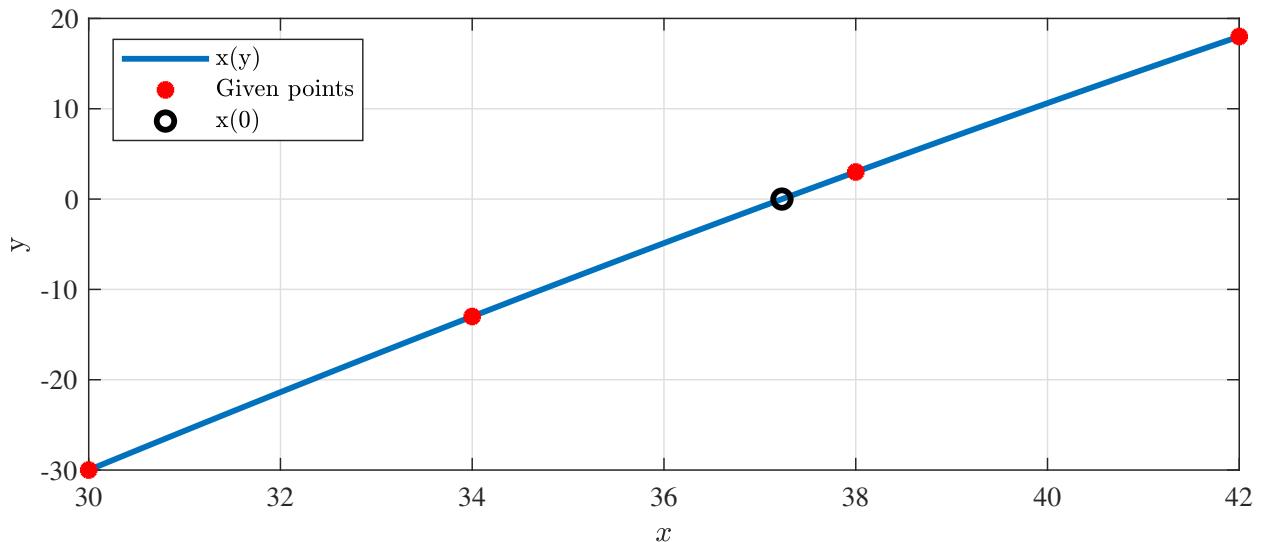


Figure 10: Plot 5

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1 %% Lagranges task 5
2 clear; close all; clc;
3 pX = [30 34 38 42]; %Given points along function
4 pY = [-30 -13 3 18]; %Given points along function
5
6 syms y
7 x1 = (y+13)*(y-3)*(y-18)*30/((-30+13)*(-30-3)*(-30-18));
8 x2 = (y+30)*(y-3)*(y-18)*34/((-13+30)*(-13-3)*(-13-18));
9 x3 = (y+30)*(y+13)*(y-18)*38/((3+30)*(3+13)*(3-18));
10 x4 = (y+30)*(y+13)*(y-3)*42/((18+30)*(18+13)*(18-3));
11 x = x1+x2+x3+x4;
12
13 x = expand(x);
14
15 x_0 = double(subs(x, y, 0));
16 ylist = -30 : 0.01 :18;
17 xPlot= (subs(x, y, ylist));
18
19 plot(xPlot,ylist)
20 hold on
21 plot(pX,pY, '*r')
22 plot(x_0,0, 'ok')
23 legend('x(y)', 'Given points', 'x(0)', Location='northwest')
24 %NB: generated .eps figure in other script

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## 6 Task 6

- 6) Using Newton's divided differences formula, evaluate  $f(8)$

$x:$	4	5	7	10	11
$f(x):$	48	100	294	900	1210

Later, add a new data point  $f(13) = 2028$  to the interpolated polynomial and evaluate  $f(12)$ .

Formula

Newton's Divided Difference Interpolation formula

$$y(x) = y_0 + (x - x_0) f[x_0, x_1] + (x - x_0)(x - x_1) f[x_0, x_1, x_2] + \dots$$

$$f[x_0, x_1] \quad f[x_0, x_1, x_2] \quad f[x_0, x_1, x_2, x_3] \quad f[x_0, x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4]$$

$x$	$f(x)$	1st ORDER	2nd ORDER	3. ORDER	4. ORDER
4	48	52			
5	100		$\frac{97-52}{7-4} = 15$	$\frac{21-15}{10-4} = 1$	
7	294	97	$\frac{202-97}{10-5} = 21$	$\frac{27-21}{11-7} = 1$	$\frac{1-1}{13-11} = 0$
10	900	202	$\frac{310-202}{11-7} = 27$	$\frac{33-27}{13-11} = 1$	
11	1210	310	$\frac{409-310}{13-10} = 33$	$\frac{33-27}{13-11} = 1$	$\frac{1-1}{13-11} = 0$
13	2028	$\frac{2028-1210}{13-11} = 409$	$\frac{13-10}{13-11} = 3$		

$$y(x) = 48 + (x-4) \cdot 52 + (x-4)(x-5) \cdot 15 + (x-4)(x-5)(x-7) \cdot 1$$

$$y(8) = 448$$

FUNCTION  $y(x)$  IS UNCHANGED

DUE TO THE ADDED POINT.

THIS IS PROBABLY NOT A COINCIDENCE.

HOWEVER THE POINT IS ROOTED IN MATLAB TO DOUBLE CHECK.

Figure 11: Task 6

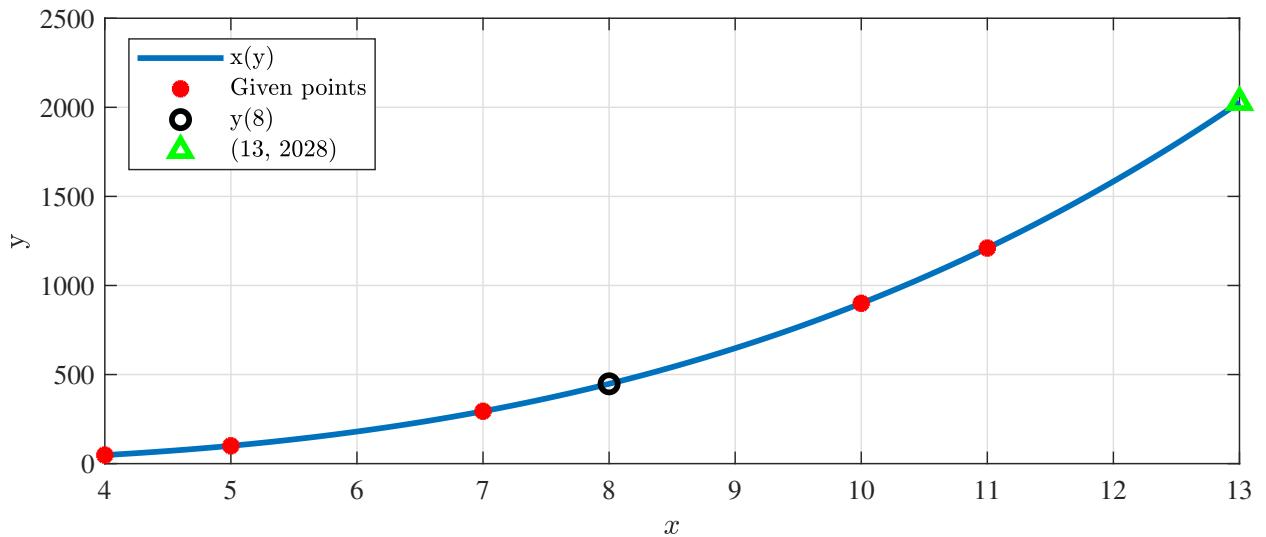


Figure 12: Plot 6

```

1 %% Newton divided task 6
2 clear; close all; clc;
3 pX = [4 5 7 10 11]; %Given points along function
4 pY = [48 100 294 900 1210]; %Given points along function
5 % Evaluate f(8)
6
7
8 % 1st order diveded difference
9 for i=1 : length(pY)-1
10    delta_ND(i) = (pY(1+i)-pY(i))/(pX(1+i)-pX(i));
11    i = i+1;
12 end
13
14 % 2nd order diveded difference
15 delta_ND2 = [(97-52)/(7-4), (202-97)/(10-5), (310-202)/(11-7)]
16 delta_ND3 = [(21-15)/(10-4), (27-21)/(11-5)]
17
18 %ADD POINT (13,2028)
19 delta_ND(5) = (2028-1210)/(13-11);
20 delta_ND2(4) = (409-310)/(13-10);
21 delta_ND3(3) = (33-27)/(13-7);
22
23 syms x
24 %Function y is unchanged with added point
25 y = 48 + (x-4)*52 + (x-4)*(x-5)*15 + (x-4)*(x-5)*(x-7);
26 y_8 = double(subs(y, x, 8))
27 %Point lands good on the function as expexted
28 y_12 = double(subs(y, x, 12))
29 xlist = 4 : 0.01 : 13;
30 ylist= (subs(y, x, xlist));
31
32 plot(xlist,ylist)
33 hold on
34 plot(pX,pY, '*r')
35 plot(8,y_8, 'ok')
36 plot(13,2028,'^g')
37 legend('x(y)', 'Given points', 'y(8)', '(13, 2028)', Location='northwest')
38 %NB: generated .eps figure in other script

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## 7 Citing

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