

## Newton's Polynomial:

$$n_0(x) = 1$$

$$n_1(x) = (x - x_0)$$

$$n_2(x) = (x - x_0)(x - x_1)$$

$$n_3(x) = (x - x_0)(x - x_1)(x - x_2)$$

⋮

}  $\rightarrow x$  is variable  
 $\rightarrow x_0, x_1, x_2, \dots$  are values/constants  
which can be found from the  
given nodes

Creating  $P_n(x)$  using Newton's polynomial as basis:

$$P_n(x) = \sum_{k=0}^n a_k n_k(x)$$

$$= a_0 \overset{1}{\cancel{n_0(x)}} + a_1 \overset{(x-x_0)}{\cancel{n_1(x)}} + a_2 \overset{(x-x_0)(x-x_1)}{\cancel{n_2(x)}} + \dots + a_n n_n(x)$$

$$= a_0 + a_1(x-x_0) + a_2(x-x_0)(x-x_1) + \dots + a_n(x-x_0)(x-x_1)\dots(x-x_{n-1})$$

How to find  $a$ ?

Lets introduce a new notation

$$a_0 = f[x_0]$$

$$a_1 = f[x_0, x_1]$$

$$a_2 = f[x_0, x_1, x_2]$$

⋮

$$a_n = f[x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n]$$

$$p_n(x) = \cancel{a_0} + \cancel{a_1} (x-x_0) + \cancel{a_2} (x-x_0)(x-x_1) + \dots$$

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

Example:

$x_0 = -1$	$x_1 = 0$	$x_2 = 1$	$x_3 = 2$
$f(x_0) = 5$	$f(x_1) = 1$	$f(x_2) = 1$	$f(x_3) = 11$

4 nodes  $\rightarrow p_3(x)$

find  $\downarrow$  till  $a_3$

$$p_3(x) = a_0 + a_1(x-x_0) + a_2(x-x_0)(x-x_1) + a_3(x-x_0)(x-x_1)(x-x_2)$$

$$= f[x_0] + f[x_0, x_1](x-x_0) + f[x_0, x_1, x_2](x-x_0)(x-x_1) + f[x_0, x_1, x_2, x_3](x-x_0)(x-x_1)(x-x_2)$$

Need to find  $f[x_0]$

$f[x_0, x_1]$

$f[x_0, x_1, x_2]$

$f[x_0, x_1, x_2, x_3]$

$$x_0 = -1 \quad f[x_0] = 5$$

$$f[x_0, x_1] = \frac{1-5}{0-(-1)} = -4$$

$$x_1 = 0 \quad f[x_1] = 1$$

$$f[x_0, x_1, x_2] = \frac{0-(-4)}{1-(-1)} = 2$$

$$f[x_1, x_2] = \frac{1-1}{1-0} = 0$$

$$x_2 = 1 \quad f[x_2] = 1$$

$$f[x_0, x_1, x_2, x_3] = \frac{5-2}{2-(-1)} = 1$$

$$f[x_1, x_2, x_3] = \frac{10-0}{2-0} = 5$$

$$f[x_2, x_3] = \frac{11-1}{2-1} = 10$$

$$x_3 = 2 \quad f[x_3] = 11$$

$$p_3(x) = f[x_0] + f[x_0, x_1](x-x_0)$$

$$+ f[x_0, x_1, x_2](x-x_0)(x-x_1)$$

$$+ f[x_0, x_1, x_2, x_3](x-x_0)(x-x_1)(x-x_2)$$

$$= 5 + (-4)(x+1) + 2(x+1)(x-0) + 1(x+1)(x-0)(x-1)$$

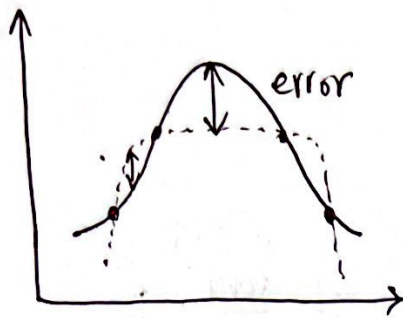
degree 3 polynomial.

Advantage of Newton's divided difference

→ can keep on adding nodes, but no need to do calculations from very beginning.



# Interpolation Error



$$\text{error} \rightarrow |f(x) - p_n(x)|$$

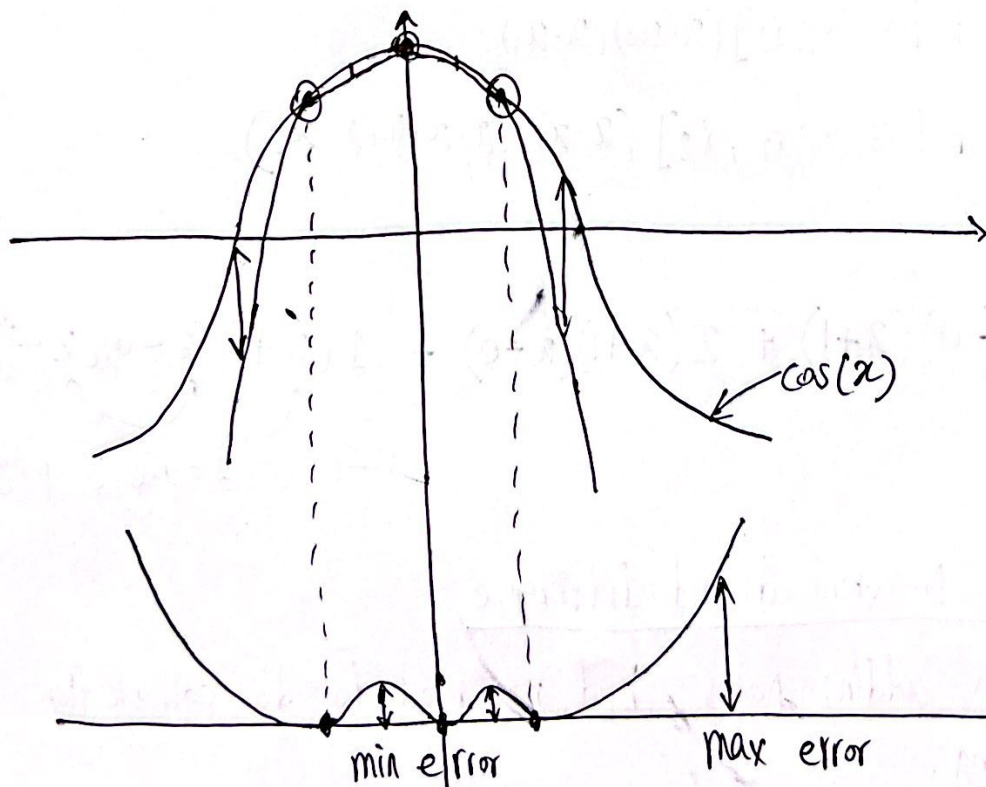
error at nodes = 0

Example

$$f(x) = \cos x$$

$$p_2(x) = \frac{16}{\pi^2} \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} - 1 \right) x^2 + 1$$

$$|f(x) - p_2(x)| = \left| \cos(x) - \frac{16}{\pi^2} \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} - 1 \right) x^2 - 1 \right|$$



error goes to zero at the nodes

## Cauchy's Theorem

Let  $P_n \in \mathcal{P}_n$  be the unique polynomial interpolating  $f(x)$  at the  $(n+1)$  distinct nodes  $x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n \in [a, b]$  and let  $f$  be continuous on  $[a, b]$  with  $(n+1)$  continuous derivatives on  $(a, b)$ . Then for each  $x \in [a, b]$ , there exists a  $\xi \in (a, b)$ , such that

$$f(x) - P_n(x) = \frac{f^{(n+1)}(\xi)}{(n+1)!} \underbrace{(x-x_0)(x-x_1) \dots (x-x_n)}$$

→ error goes to zero at the nodes  $(x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n)$

Similar to Taylor's theorem, we could've found the exact error at any point if we knew the value of  $\xi$ . But all we know is that  $\xi$  is a value between  $a$  &  $b$ . So we ~~can~~ <sup>can</sup> find the maximum value of the function ~~at~~ between  $a$  &  $b$  instead.

→  $(x-x_0)(x-x_1) \dots (x-x_n)$   
So when  $x = x_0$  or  $x_1$  or  $x_2$ , error goes to zero

$$|f(x) - P_n(x)| = \frac{f^{(n+1)}(\xi)}{(n+1)!} (x-x_0)(x-x_1)\dots(x-x_n)$$

Example

$$f(x) = \cos(x)$$

$$x_0 = -\frac{\pi}{4} \quad x_1 = 0 \quad x_2 = \frac{\pi}{4}$$

$$f(x_0) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \quad f(x_1) = 1 \quad f(x_2) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

3 nodes  $\rightarrow P_2(x)$  [ find  $P_2(x)$  using either vandermonde matrix, lagrange, or newton's divided difference form .

$$|f(x) - P_2(x)| = \frac{f^{(3)}(\xi)}{3!} (x + \frac{\pi}{4})(x - \frac{\pi}{4})(x)$$

$$= \left[ \frac{\sin(\xi)}{6} (x)(x + \frac{\pi}{4})(x - \frac{\pi}{4}) \right]$$

We need to find the maximum of this whole thing inside of an interval.

example  $\xi \in [-1, 1] \leftarrow$  interval will be given in the question.

$\rightarrow$  if interval is not given, use the ~~low~~ lowest value of the nodes as 'a', highest value of the nodes as 'b'

Important: nodes  $x_0, x_1, x_2$  must lie within interval, example  $[-1, 1]$



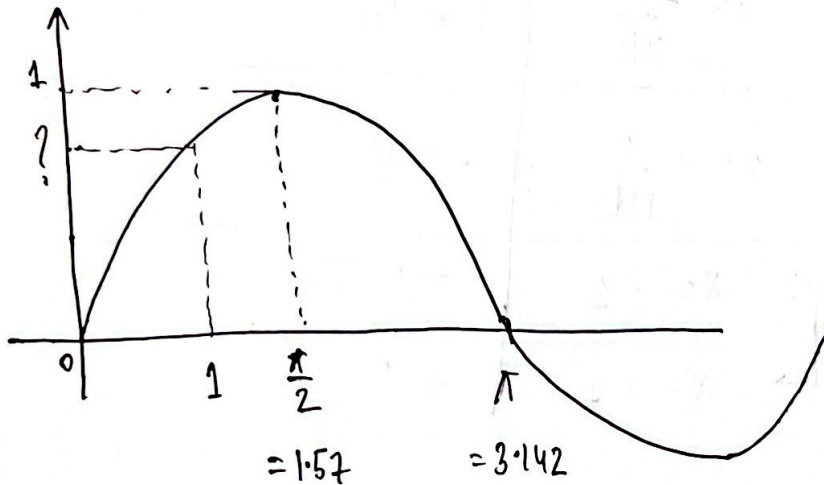
We will use the interval  $\xi \in [-1, 1]$  for the ~~problem~~ rest of the problem.

$$\frac{\sin(\xi)}{6}$$

Need to find  $\max^m$  of this in  $[-1, 1]$  interval

$$x(x + \frac{\pi}{4})(x - \frac{\pi}{4})$$

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$\max^m$  value of  $\sin(\xi)$  in interval  $[-1, 1]$  is  $\sin(1)$

$$\frac{\sin(1)}{6} =$$

$$W(x) = x(x + \frac{\pi}{4})(x - \frac{\pi}{4})$$

$$= x(x^2 - \frac{\pi^2}{16})$$

$$= x^3 - \frac{\pi^2}{16}x$$

$$W'(x) = 3x^2 - \frac{\pi^2}{16} = 0$$

$$x = \pm \frac{\pi}{4\sqrt{3}}$$

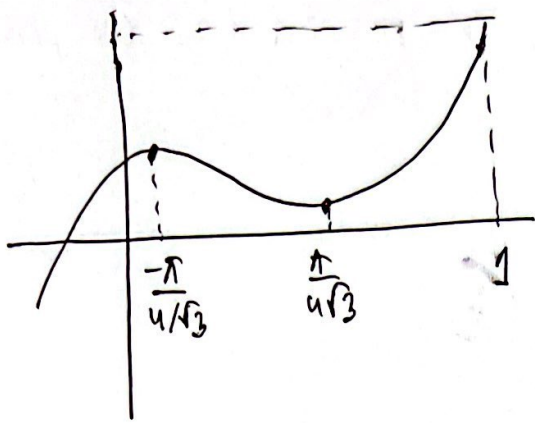
General rule.

Find maximum of  $W(x)$  in interval.

① set  $W'(x) = 0$

② solve for  $x$

③ if  $W''(x) < 0$ , maxima  
 $W''(x) > 0$ , minima



∴ find  $w(x)$  at

$x$	$w(x)$
$x = -\frac{\pi}{4\sqrt{3}}$	$+ 0.186$
$x = +\frac{\pi}{4\sqrt{3}}$	$-0.186$
$x = -1$	$-0.383$
$x = +1$	$+ 0.383$

include the intervals  $[-\infty, -1]$  and  $[1, \infty]$

$$\therefore |f(x) - p_2(x)| = \frac{\sin(1)}{6} (x) (x + \frac{\pi}{4}) (x - \frac{\pi}{4})$$

$$\text{Max error} = \frac{\sin(1)}{6} * 0.383$$

If we did not have a ~~sin~~  $\sin(x)$  function in the first part, but we got another polynomial function instead, we would have to do the same calculation of  $w(x)$  twice for both part.