

# Assignment1

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## 1 2

Assume  $x$  has a relative error of 2%. What is the relative error of  $x^n$ ?

### 1.1 Answer

$x$  has a relative error of 2%, which meaning

$$\frac{\Delta x}{x} = 0.02.$$

For the function  $f(x) = x^n$ , the relative error can be approximated using the derivative:

$$f'(x) = n x^{n-1}.$$

Using error propagation, the relative error in  $f(x)$  is given by:

$$\frac{\Delta f}{f} \approx \left| \frac{f'(x) \cdot x}{f(x)} \right| \cdot \frac{\Delta x}{x} = n \cdot \frac{\Delta x}{x}.$$

Thus, the relative error for  $x^n$  is:

$$\text{Relative error} = n \times 2\%.$$

Therefore, the answer is:

$$\text{Relative error of } x^n = n \cdot 2\%.$$

## 2 5

In order to compute the volume of a sphere with a relative error limit of 1%, what is the allowable relative error in measuring the radius  $R$  ?

### 2.1 Answer

To calculate the relative error in the radius required to keep the volume error within 1%, consider the formula for the volume of a sphere:

$$V = \frac{4}{3}\pi R^3.$$

Using error propagation, the relative error in the volume is given by:

$$\frac{\Delta V}{V} \approx 3 \frac{\Delta R}{R}.$$

Setting

$$\frac{\Delta V}{V} = 0.01,$$

we have:

$$3 \frac{\Delta R}{R} = 0.01 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \frac{\Delta R}{R} \approx \frac{0.01}{3} \approx 0.00333,$$

which is approximately 0.33%.

Thus, the allowed relative error in the radius is about 0.33%.

### 3 6

Let  $Y_0 = 28$ . Using the recurrence relation

$$Y_n = Y_{n-1} - \frac{1}{100} \sqrt{783}, \quad n = 1, 2, \dots,$$

compute  $Y_{100}$ . If  $\sqrt{783}$  is approximated as 27.982, what is the error in the computed  $Y_{100}$ ?

#### 3.1 Answer

After 100 steps we have

$$Y_{100} = Y_0 - 100 \cdot \frac{1}{100} \sqrt{783} = 28 - \sqrt{783}.$$

When  $\sqrt{783}$  is approximated as 27.982, the computed value is

$$Y_{100}^{(c)} = 28 - 27.982 = 0.018.$$

However, the true value is

$$Y_{100} = 28 - \sqrt{783}.$$

Thus, the error in  $Y_{100}$  is

$$\text{Error} = |Y_{100} - Y_{100}^{(c)}| \leq \frac{1}{2} \times 10^{-3}.$$

### 4 7

Find the two roots of the equation

$$x^2 - 56x + 1 = 0$$

ensuring that each root is expressed with at least four significant digits. (Note:  $\sqrt{783} \approx 27.982$ .)

## 4.1 Answer

To solve the quadratic equation, we use the quadratic formula:

$$x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

where  $a = 1$ ,  $b = -56$ , and  $c = 1$ . Substituting these values:

$$x = \frac{56 \pm \sqrt{56^2 - 4 \cdot 1 \cdot 1}}{2} = \frac{56 \pm \sqrt{3132}}{2} = 28 \pm \sqrt{783}.$$

Thus, the two roots are approximately:

$$x \approx 28 + 27.982 = 55.982,$$

$$x \approx 28 - 27.982 = 0.018.$$

These values are expressed with at least four significant digits.

## 5 9

For a square with a side length of approximately 100 cm, how should you measure it so that the error in the calculated area does not exceed  $1 \text{ cm}^2$ ?

### 5.1 Answer

In a square, if the side length is  $L$  and the error in measurement is  $\Delta L$ , the error propagation for the area  $A = L^2$  gives:

$$\Delta A \approx 2L \Delta L.$$

To ensure that the error in the area does not exceed  $1 \text{ cm}^2$ , we set:

$$2L \Delta L \leq 1.$$

Substituting  $L \approx 100 \text{ cm}$ ,

$$2 \times 100 \Delta L \leq 1 \implies 200 \Delta L \leq 1.$$

Thus,

$$\Delta L \leq \frac{1}{200} = 0.005 \text{ cm}.$$

Therefore, the side length should be measured with a precision of at least  $0.005 \text{ cm}$ .

## 6 11

The sequence  $\{y_n\}$  satisfies the recurrence relation

$$y_n = 10y_{n-1} - 1, \quad n = 1, 2, \dots$$

Given  $y_0 = \sqrt{2} \approx 1.41$ , what is the error when computing  $y_{10}$ ? Is this computational process stable?

## 6.1 Answer

We start with the recurrence

$$y_n = 10 y_{n-1} - 1, \quad n = 1, 2, \dots,$$

whose general solution is given by the sum of the homogeneous solution and a particular solution. Since the homogeneous part is

$$y_n^{(h)} = A \cdot 10^n,$$

and the constant particular solution  $y_p$  satisfies

$$y_p = 10 y_p - 1 \implies y_p = \frac{1}{9},$$

the general solution is

$$y_n = A \cdot 10^n + \frac{1}{9}.$$

Using the initial condition  $y_0 = \sqrt{2}$ , we have

$$\sqrt{2} = A + \frac{1}{9} \implies A = \sqrt{2} - \frac{1}{9}.$$

Thus,

$$y_n = \left( \sqrt{2} - \frac{1}{9} \right) 10^n + \frac{1}{9}.$$

However, if we approximate  $y_0$  by 1.41 instead of  $\sqrt{2}$ , the computed sequence becomes

$$\tilde{y}_n = \left( 1.41 - \frac{1}{9} \right) 10^n + \frac{1}{9}.$$

The error in the initial condition is

$$|\delta y_0| = |1.41 - \sqrt{2}| \leq \frac{1}{2} \times 10^{-2}.$$

Since the recurrence multiplies the deviation by 10 at each step, the error after  $n$  iterations will be amplified:

$$\delta y_n = 10^n \delta y_0.$$

For  $n = 10$ , the error is

$$|\delta y_{10}| \approx 10^{10} |\delta y_0| \approx 5 \times 10^7.$$

The absolute error (magnitude) is about  $5 \times 10^7$ , which is huge compared to the computed value.

This rapid amplification of the initial error shows that the computational process is unstable.

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[2]: # use python to check the result
import math

# exact and approximate initial values
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y_exact = math.sqrt(2)
y_approx = 1.41

# number of iterations
n = 10

for i in range(1, n+1):
    y_exact = 10 * y_exact - 1
    y_approx = 10 * y_approx - 1

error = abs(y_exact - y_approx)

print("Exact y10:  ", y_exact)
print("Approx y10:  ", y_approx)
print("Error in y10:", error)

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Exact y10:      13031024512.73095
Approx y10:     12988888889.0
Error in y10:  42135623.7309494

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## 7 12

Calculate  $f = (\sqrt{2} - 1)^6$ , using the approximation  $\sqrt{2} \approx 1.4$ .

Using the following expressions:

$$\frac{1}{(1 + \sqrt{2})^6}, \quad (3 - 2\sqrt{2})^3, \quad \frac{1}{(3 - 2\sqrt{2})^3}, \quad 99 - 70\sqrt{2},$$

determine which one gives the most accurate result.

### 7.1 Answer

Let  $x = \sqrt{2}$  (with  $x \approx 1.4$  and an uncertainty  $\Delta x \leq 0.05$ ). Our goal is to choose the representation for which the relative error in  $f$  (due to the error in  $x$ ) is minimized.

#### 7.1.1 1. Form $f = \frac{1}{(1+x)^6}$

Define

$$g(x) = \frac{1}{(1+x)^6}.$$

Its derivative is

$$g'(x) = -6(1+x)^{-7}.$$

The relative sensitivity is

$$\frac{|g'(x)|}{|g(x)|} = \frac{6}{1+x}.$$

For  $x \approx 1.4$ ,  $1+x \approx 2.4$  so

$$\text{Amplification factor} \approx \frac{6}{2.4} = 2.5.$$

Thus the propagated relative error in  $f$  becomes roughly  $2.5 \Delta x \approx 2.5 \times 0.05 = 0.125$  (or about 12.5%). This is considerably lower than in the first representation.

### 7.1.2 2. Form $f = (3 - 2x)^3$

Let

$$h(x) = (3 - 2x)^3.$$

Its derivative is

$$h'(x) = 3(3 - 2x)^2(-2) = -6(3 - 2x)^2.$$

Then,

$$\frac{|h'(x)|}{|h(x)|} = \frac{6}{|3 - 2x|}.$$

At  $x \approx 1.4$ , we have

$$3 - 2(1.4) = 3 - 2.8 = 0.2,$$

so the amplification factor is

$$\frac{6}{0.2} = 30.$$

This yields a relative error of about  $30 \times 0.05 = 1.5$  (i.e. 150%), which is very high.

### 7.1.3 3. Form $f = \frac{1}{(3-2x)^3}$ or $f = 99 - 70x$

In the reciprocal form, the error amplification will be similar (or even worse) than in form 3.

For the linear form  $99 - 70x$ , a simple differentiation gives a constant sensitivity of 70, and for  $x \approx 1.4$

$$99 - 70(1.4) \approx 99 - 98 = 1.$$

Thus the relative error factor is about 70, leading to an error of  $70 \times 0.05 = 3.5$  (350%). In addition, this linear expression does not—even in exact arithmetic—equal  $(\sqrt{2} - 1)^6$  when using the given approximation.

### 7.1.4 Conclusion

In summary, among the given expressions,

$$\frac{1}{(1 + \sqrt{2})^6}$$

gives the most accurate result for computing  $f = (\sqrt{2} - 1)^6$  under the specified error constraints.

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[3]: # use python to check the result
import numpy as np
f = (np.sqrt(2) - 1) ** 6

y1 = 1/((1 + 1.4) ** 6)
y2 = (3 - 2 * 1.4) ** 3
y3 = 1 / ((3 - 2 * 1.4) ** 3)
y4 = 99 - 70 * 1.4
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print("Accurate value: ", f)
print("y1: ", y1)
print("y2: ", y2)
print("y3: ", y3)
print("y4: ", y4)
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Accurate value: 0.005050633883346591
y1: 0.005232780885631003
y2: 0.0080000000000000021
y3: 124.99999999999967
y4: 1.0
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## 8 13

Given

$$f(x) = \ln(x - \sqrt{x^2 - 1}),$$

compute  $f(30)$ . Suppose that the square root is computed using a 6-digit lookup table; what is the error in the logarithm calculation? If instead we use the equivalent formula

$$\ln(x - \sqrt{x^2 - 1}) = -\ln(x + \sqrt{x^2 - 1}),$$

what is the error in the logarithm calculation in that case?

### 8.1 Answer

A 6-digit lookup table implies that the square root is computed to roughly a relative accuracy of about  $10^{-6}$ . That is, if

$$\sqrt{899} \approx s \quad \text{with} \quad s = \sqrt{899},$$

then the absolute error in  $s$  is approximately

$$|\Delta s| \leq \frac{1}{2} \times 10^{-4} = 5 \times 10^{-5}.$$

#### 8.1.1 Using the Direct Form

$$f(30) = \ln(30 - s).$$

Let

$$u = 30 - s.$$

A small error  $\Delta s$  in  $s$  causes an error in  $u$  of the same size (since  $u' = -1$ ), so  $\Delta u \approx \Delta s$ . Then by a first-order error propagation the absolute error in  $f(30) = \ln(u)$  is

$$\Delta f \approx \left| \frac{d}{du} \ln(u) \right| \Delta u = \frac{\Delta s}{|u|}.$$

Since  $s$  is very near 30 (because  $\sqrt{899}$  is almost 30), the difference

$$u = 30 - s$$

is a small number, and consequently the factor  $\frac{1}{|u|}$  is large. This implies that a given absolute error  $\Delta s$  is greatly amplified in  $\ln(30 - s)$ .

### 8.1.2 Using the Alternative Form

$$f(30) = -\ln(30 + s).$$

Let

$$v = 30 + s.$$

Again an error  $\Delta s$  in  $s$  produces an error  $\Delta v \approx \Delta s$  (because  $v' = +1$ ). Now the error in the logarithm is given by

$$\Delta f \approx \left| \frac{d}{dv} [-\ln(v)] \right| \Delta v = \frac{\Delta s}{|v|}.$$

Since

$$v = 30 + s$$

is a large number (roughly twice 30), the amplification factor  $\frac{1}{|v|}$  is very small. Thus, the error in  $f$  is much smaller in this form.

### 8.1.3 Summary

- **Direct form:**

The error in  $f(30) = \ln(30 - s)$  is approximately

$$\Delta f \approx \frac{\Delta s}{30 - s}.$$

Because  $30 - s$  is very small, this amplification is very large.

- **Alternative form:**

The error in  $f(30) = -\ln(30 + s)$  is approximately

$$\Delta f \approx \frac{\Delta s}{30 + s}.$$

Since  $30 + s$  is large, the amplification factor is small.

In conclusion, without computing  $\sqrt{899}$  explicitly, and knowing only that  $\Delta s \leq 0.5 \times 10^{-4}$ , we see that the logarithm computed via

$$-\ln(30 + \sqrt{899})$$

will have a much smaller error—from error amplification reasons—than the calculation using

$$\ln(30 - \sqrt{899}).$$

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[4]: import math
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# True value of s = sqrt(899) computed at high precision.
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s_true = math.sqrt(899)

# Compute true f using the two equivalent formulations
# Note: mathematically, they are equal.
f_direct_true = math.log(30 - s_true)
f_alt_true = -math.log(30 + s_true)

print("True s = sqrt(899):", s_true)
print("True f using ln(30 - s):", f_direct_true)
print("True f using -ln(30 + s):", f_alt_true)

# Assume the computed s (from a 6-digit lookup table) has an absolute error  $\Delta s$ 
#  $\Rightarrow \pm 0.5 \times 10^{-4} = 0.00005$ 
Delta = 0.00005

# Simulate a perturbation: s is off by +Delta and by -Delta.
s_plus = s_true + Delta
s_minus = s_true - Delta

# Compute f using the direct form with perturbed s.
f_direct_plus = math.log(30 - s_plus)
f_direct_minus = math.log(30 - s_minus)

# Compute f using the alternative form with perturbed s.
f_alt_plus = -math.log(30 + s_plus)
f_alt_minus = -math.log(30 + s_minus)

# Compute absolute errors relative to the true f (using s_true).
err_direct_plus = abs(f_direct_plus - f_direct_true)
err_direct_minus = abs(f_direct_minus - f_direct_true)
err_alt_plus = abs(f_alt_plus - f_alt_true)
err_alt_minus = abs(f_alt_minus - f_alt_true)

print("\n=== Direct Form: f = ln(30 - s) ===")
print("Perturbation: s +  $\Delta$ ")
print("f =", f_direct_plus, "Error =", err_direct_plus)
print("Perturbation: s -  $\Delta$ ")
print("f =", f_direct_minus, "Error =", err_direct_minus)

print("\n=== Alternative Form: f = -ln(30 + s) ===")
print("Perturbation: s +  $\Delta$ ")
print("f =", f_alt_plus, "Error =", err_alt_plus)
print("Perturbation: s -  $\Delta$ ")
print("f =", f_alt_minus, "Error =", err_alt_minus)

# Summary: Compare amplification factors by checking the ratio  $\Delta f / \Delta s$ .
amp_direct_plus = err_direct_plus / Delta

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amp_direct_minus = err_direct_minus / Delta
amp_alt_plus = err_alt_plus / Delta
amp_alt_minus = err_alt_minus / Delta

print("\n=== Amplification Factors ===")
print("Direct (s + Δ):", amp_direct_plus)
print("Direct (s - Δ):", amp_direct_minus)
print("Alternative (s + Δ):", amp_alt_plus)
print("Alternative (s - Δ):", amp_alt_minus)

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True s = sqrt(899): 29.9833287011299
True f using ln(30 - s): -4.094066668632055
True f using -ln(30 + s): -4.0940666686320855

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=== Direct Form: f = ln(30 - s) ===
Perturbation: s + Δ
f = -4.097070341579641 Error = 0.003003672947585301
Perturbation: s - Δ
f = -4.091071990724231 Error = 0.0029946779078242614

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=== Alternative Form: f = -ln(30 + s) ===
Perturbation: s + Δ
f = -4.0940675021966815 Error = 8.335645960144689e-07
Perturbation: s - Δ
f = -4.094065835066794 Error = 8.335652914581715e-07

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=== Amplification Factors ===
Direct (s + Δ): 60.073458951706016
Direct (s - Δ): 59.89355815648523
Alternative (s + Δ): 0.016671291920289377
Alternative (s - Δ): 0.01667130582916343

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## 9 14

Evaluate the polynomial

$$p(x) = 3x^5 - 2x^3 + x + 7$$

at  $x = 3$  using Qin Jiushao's algorithm.

## 9.1 Answer

$$\begin{aligned}p(3) &= 3 \cdot 3^5 + 0 \cdot 3^4 - 2 \cdot 3^3 + 0 \cdot 3^2 + 1 \cdot 3 + 7 \\&= (((3 \cdot 3 + 0) \cdot 3 - 2) \cdot 3 + 0) \cdot 3 + 1) \cdot 3 + 7\end{aligned}$$

Let  $b_5 = 3$ ,

$$b_4 = 3 \cdot 3 + 0 = 9,$$

$$b_3 = 9 \cdot 3 - 2 = 27 - 2 = 25,$$

$$b_2 = 25 \cdot 3 + 0 = 75,$$

$$b_1 = 75 \cdot 3 + 1 = 225 + 1 = 226,$$

$$b_0 = 226 \cdot 3 + 7 = 678 + 7 = 685.$$

Thus, by using Qin Jiushao's algorithm, we find that

$$p(3) = 685.$$

## 10 1

Given that at  $x = 1, -1, 2$  the function values are

$$f(1) = 0, \quad f(-1) = -3, \quad f(2) = 4,$$

find the quadratic interpolation polynomial for  $f(x)$ .

### 10.1 (1) Using the monomial basis

#### 10.1.1 Answer

$$\text{Let } p(x) = ax^2 + bx + c.$$

$$\text{From } x = 1 : \quad a + b + c = 0,$$

$$x = -1 : \quad a - b + c = -3,$$

$$x = 2 : \quad 4a + 2b + c = 4.$$

Subtracting the first two equations:

$$(a + b + c) - (a - b + c) = 2b = 0 - (-3) = 3 \implies b = \frac{3}{2}.$$

Then, using  $a + b + c = 0$ :

$$a + c = -\frac{3}{2}.$$

Next, substitute  $b = \frac{3}{2}$  in the third equation:

$$4a + 2\left(\frac{3}{2}\right) + c = 4 \implies 4a + 3 + c = 4,$$

so

$$4a + c = 1.$$

Subtract the equation  $a + c = -\frac{3}{2}$  from  $4a + c = 1$ :

$$(4a + c) - (a + c) = 3a = 1 - \left(-\frac{3}{2}\right) = \frac{5}{2} \implies a = \frac{5}{6}.$$

Finally, compute  $c$ :

$$c = -\frac{3}{2} - a = -\frac{3}{2} - \frac{5}{6} = -\frac{9}{6} - \frac{5}{6} = -\frac{14}{6} = -\frac{7}{3}.$$

Thus, the quadratic interpolation polynomial is:

$$p(x) = \frac{5}{6}x^2 + \frac{3}{2}x - \frac{7}{3}.$$

## 10.2 (2) Using the Lagrange interpolation basis

### 10.2.1 Answer

We have the data points

$$(1, 0), \quad (-1, -3), \quad (2, 4).$$

The Lagrange interpolation polynomial is given by

$$p(x) = \sum_{j=1}^3 f(x_j)L_j(x),$$

where the Lagrange basis functions are defined as

$$L_j(x) = \prod_{\substack{i=1 \\ i \neq j}}^3 \frac{x - x_i}{x_j - x_i}.$$

Labeling the points as

$$x_1 = 1, \quad x_2 = -1, \quad x_3 = 2,$$

and the corresponding function values

$$f(1) = 0, \quad f(-1) = -3, \quad f(2) = 4,$$

we compute:

1. For  $x_1 = 1$ :

$$L_1(x) = \frac{(x - x_2)(x - x_3)}{(1 - (-1))(1 - 2)} = \frac{(x + 1)(x - 2)}{(2)(-1)} = -\frac{(x + 1)(x - 2)}{2}.$$

2. For  $x_2 = -1$ :

$$L_2(x) = \frac{(x - x_1)(x - x_3)}{(-1 - 1)(-1 - 2)} = \frac{(x - 1)(x - 2)}{(-2)(-3)} = \frac{(x - 1)(x - 2)}{6}.$$

3. For  $x_3 = 2$ :

$$L_3(x) = \frac{(x - x_1)(x - x_2)}{(2 - 1)(2 - (-1))} = \frac{(x - 1)(x + 1)}{(1)(3)} = \frac{(x - 1)(x + 1)}{3}.$$

The interpolation polynomial is then

$$p(x) = 0 \cdot L_1(x) - 3 \cdot L_2(x) + 4 \cdot L_3(x).$$

That is,

$$p(x) = -3 \cdot \frac{(x - 1)(x - 2)}{6} + 4 \cdot \frac{(x - 1)(x + 1)}{3}.$$

Simplify each term:

$$\begin{aligned} -3 \cdot \frac{(x - 1)(x - 2)}{6} &= -\frac{1}{2}(x - 1)(x - 2), \\ 4 \cdot \frac{(x - 1)(x + 1)}{3} &= \frac{4}{3}(x - 1)(x + 1). \end{aligned}$$

Thus,

$$p(x) = -\frac{1}{2}(x^2 - 3x + 2) + \frac{4}{3}(x^2 - 1).$$

Expanding,

$$-\frac{1}{2}x^2 + \frac{3}{2}x - 1 + \frac{4}{3}x^2 - \frac{4}{3}.$$

Combine like terms:

$$\begin{aligned} x^2 : -\frac{1}{2} + \frac{4}{3} &= \frac{-3 + 8}{6} = \frac{5}{6}, \\ x : \frac{3}{2}, \\ \text{constant: } -1 - \frac{4}{3} &= -\frac{3}{3} - \frac{4}{3} = -\frac{7}{3}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, the quadratic interpolation polynomial is

$$p(x) = \frac{5}{6}x^2 + \frac{3}{2}x - \frac{7}{3}.$$

## 11 2

Given the numerical table for  $f(x) = \ln x$ :

$x$	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.8
$\ln x$	-0.916291	-0.693147	-0.510826	-0.356675	-0.223144

Use linear interpolation and quadratic interpolation to estimate the value of  $\ln(0.54)$ .

## 11.1 Answer

### Linear Interpolation:

Using the tabulated values, choose  $x_0 = 0.5$  with  $f(x_0) = \ln(0.5) = -0.693147$  and  $x_1 = 0.6$  with  $f(x_1) = \ln(0.6) = -0.510826$ . Then

$$\ln(0.54) \approx \ln(0.5) + \frac{\ln(0.6) - \ln(0.5)}{0.6 - 0.5} (0.54 - 0.5).$$

That is,

$$\ln(0.54) \approx -0.693147 + \frac{-0.510826 + 0.693147}{0.1} (0.04)$$

$$\ln(0.54) \approx -0.693147 + \frac{0.182321}{0.1} (0.04)$$

$$\ln(0.54) \approx -0.693147 + 1.82321 \times 0.04 \approx -0.693147 + 0.072928 \approx -0.620219.$$

### Quadratic Interpolation:

Choose the three points  $x_0 = 0.5$ ,  $x_1 = 0.6$ , and  $x_2 = 0.7$  with

$$f(0.5) = -0.693147, \quad f(0.6) = -0.510826, \quad f(0.7) = -0.356675.$$

The Lagrange basis polynomials at  $x = 0.54$  are:

$$L_0(0.54) = \frac{(0.54 - 0.6)(0.54 - 0.7)}{(0.5 - 0.6)(0.5 - 0.7)} = \frac{(-0.06)(-0.16)}{(-0.1)(-0.2)} = \frac{0.0096}{0.02} = 0.48,$$

$$L_1(0.54) = \frac{(0.54 - 0.5)(0.54 - 0.7)}{(0.6 - 0.5)(0.6 - 0.7)} = \frac{(0.04)(-0.16)}{(0.1)(-0.1)} = \frac{-0.0064}{-0.01} = 0.64,$$

$$L_2(0.54) = \frac{(0.54 - 0.5)(0.54 - 0.6)}{(0.7 - 0.5)(0.7 - 0.6)} = \frac{(0.04)(-0.06)}{(0.2)(0.1)} = \frac{-0.0024}{0.02} = -0.12.$$

Then the quadratic interpolation estimate is

$$\ln(0.54) \approx f(0.5)L_0(0.54) + f(0.6)L_1(0.54) + f(0.7)L_2(0.54)$$

$$\ln(0.54) \approx (-0.693147)(0.48) + (-0.510826)(0.64) + (-0.356675)(-0.12).$$

Calculating each term:

$$-0.693147 \times 0.48 \approx -0.332711, \quad -0.510826 \times 0.64 \approx -0.326928, \quad -0.356675 \times (-0.12) \approx 0.042801.$$

Thus,

$$\ln(0.54) \approx -0.332711 - 0.326928 + 0.042801 \approx -0.616838.$$

Linear interpolation:	$\ln(0.54) \approx -0.6202,$
Quadratic interpolation:	$\ln(0.54) \approx -0.6168.$