1. Consider the following table of data points/nodal points:

Time (sec) t	Velocity (ms^-1) v(t)
2	10
4	20
6	25

a) [4+1 marks] Find an interpolating polynomial of velocity that goes through the above data points by using **Vandermonde Matrix** method. Also compute an approximate value of acceleration at Time, **t=7 sec.**
b) [4 marks] Find an interpolating polynomial of velocity that goes through the above data points by using **Lagrange** method.
c) [1 mark] If a **new data point** is added in the above scenario, which method you should use in finding a new interpolating polynomial. Also what will be the degree of that new polynomial?

1. a) Here, $x_0 = 2$, $x_1 = 4$, $x_2 = 6$ $\therefore$ Degree will be 2

$$\text{Now, } V = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2^1 & 2^2 \\ 1 & 4^1 & 4^2 \\ 1 & 6^1 & 6^2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 4 \\ 1 & 4 & 16 \\ 1 & 6 & 36 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$Y = \begin{bmatrix} 10 \\ 20 \\ 25 \end{bmatrix}$$

We know, $V \cdot A = Y$

$\Rightarrow A = V^{-1} \cdot Y$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} a_0 \\ a_1 \\ a_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 4 \\ 1 & 4 & 16 \\ 1 & 6 & 36 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 10 \\ 20 \\ 25 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -5 \\ 35/4 \\ -5/8 \end{bmatrix}$$

Now, $P_2(x) = a_0 + a_1 x^1 + a_2 x^2$

$= -5 + \frac{35}{4}x - \frac{5}{8}x^2$

Now, $v(7) = P_2(7) = -5 + \frac{35 \times 7}{4} - \frac{5 \times 7^2}{8}$

$= 25.625\, ms^{-1}$

$\therefore$ Acceleration $= \frac{d}{dx}(P_2(x)) = \frac{35}{4} - \frac{5}{4}x \Rightarrow a(7) = \frac{35}{4} - \frac{5}{4} \times 7 = 0\, ms^{-2}$

b) Using lagrange method,

$$P_2(x) = l_0(x) f(x_0) + l_1(x) f(x_1) + l_2(x) f(x_2)$$

Now, $l_0(x) = \frac{x - x_1}{x_0 - x_1} \times \frac{x - x_2}{x_0 - x_2} = \frac{x-4}{2-4} \times \frac{x-6}{2-6} = \frac{1}{8}(x^2 - 10x + 24)$

$l_1(x) = \frac{x - x_0}{x_1 - x_0} \times \frac{x - x_2}{x_1 - x_2} = \frac{x-2}{4-2} \times \frac{x-6}{4-6} = -\frac{1}{4}(x^2 - 8x + 12)$

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$\therefore P_2(x) = \frac{1}{8}(x^2 - 10x + 24) \times 10 - \frac{1}{4}(x^2 - 8x + 12) \times 20 + \frac{1}{8}(x^2 - 6x + 8) \times 25$

$= -\frac{5x^2}{8} + \frac{35x}{4} - 5$

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2. Read the following and answer accordingly:
(a) (4 marks) Consider the nodes **[−π/2, 0, π/2]**. Find an interpolating polynomial of appropriate degree by using **Newton's divided-difference** method for **f(x) = x sin(x)** .
(b) (2 marks) Use the interpolating polynomial to find an approximate value at **π/4**, and compute the percentage relative error at **π/4**.
(c) (4 marks) Add a new node **π** to the above nodes, and find the interpolating polynomial of appropriate degree.

2.ⓐ Given, $f(x) = x\sin x$

$x_0 = -\frac{\pi}{2}$ $\qquad f(x_0) = -\frac{\pi}{2}\times\sin(-\frac{\pi}{2}) = \pi/2$

$x_1 = 0$ $\qquad f(x_1) = 0\times\sin(0) = 0$

$x_2 = \frac{\pi}{2}$ $\qquad f(x_2) = \frac{\pi}{2}\times\sin(\frac{\pi}{2}) = \frac{\pi}{2}$

Using Newton's Divided Difference form,

$x_0 = -\frac{\pi}{2}$ $\quad f[x_0] = \frac{\pi}{2}$

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

$x_2 = \frac{\pi}{2}$ $\quad f[x_2] = \frac{\pi}{2}$

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

$$f[x_1,x_2] = \frac{f[x_2]-f[x_1]}{x_2-x_1} = \frac{\frac{\pi}{2}-0}{\frac{\pi}{2}-0} = 1$$

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

Since 3 nodes,

$$P_2(x) = f[x_0] + f[x_0,x_1](x-x_0) + f[x_0,x_1,x_2](x-x_0)(x-x_1)$$
$$= \frac{\pi}{2} + (-1)(x+\frac{\pi}{2}) + \frac{2}{\pi}(x+\frac{\pi}{2})(x-0)$$
$$= \cancel{\frac{\pi}{2}} - x - \cancel{\frac{\pi}{2}} + \frac{2}{\pi}(x^2+\frac{\pi}{2}x)$$
$$= -\cancel{x} + \frac{2}{\pi}x^2 + \cancel{x} = \frac{2}{\pi}x^2$$

ⓑ At $x = \frac{\pi}{4}$,

$$P_2(\frac{\pi}{4}) = \frac{2}{\pi}\times(\frac{\pi}{4})^2 = \frac{2}{\pi}\times\frac{\pi^2}{16} = \frac{\pi}{8}$$

Now, $f(\frac{\pi}{4}) = \frac{\pi}{4}\times\sin(\frac{\pi}{4}) = \frac{\pi}{4}\times\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} = \frac{\pi}{4\sqrt{2}}$

$$\text{Percentage relative error} = \left|\frac{f(\frac{\pi}{4}) - p(\frac{\pi}{4})}{f(\frac{\pi}{4})}\right| \times 100\%$$
$$= 29.29\%$$

ⓒ Adding new node π,

$x_0 = -\frac{\pi}{2}$ $\quad f[x_0] = \frac{\pi}{2}$

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

$x_2 = \frac{\pi}{2}$ $\quad f[x_2] = \frac{\pi}{2}$

$x_3 = \pi$ $\quad f[x_3] = 0$

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

$$f[x_1,x_2] = \frac{f[x_2]-f[x_1]}{x_2-x_1} = \frac{\frac{\pi}{2}-0}{\frac{\pi}{2}-0} = 1$$

$$f[x_2,x_3] = \frac{f[x_3]-f[x_2]}{x_3-x_2} = \frac{0-\frac{\pi}{2}}{\pi-\frac{\pi}{2}} = -1$$

$$f[x_0,x_1,x_2] = \frac{f[x_1,x_2]-f[x_0,x_1]}{x_2-x_0} = \frac{2}{\pi}$$

$$f[x_1,x_2,x_3] = \frac{f[x_2,x_3]-f[x_1,x_2]}{x_3-x_1} = \frac{-2}{\pi}$$

$$f[x_0,x_1,x_2] = \frac{2}{\pi}$$

$$f[x_1,x_2,x_3] = -\frac{2}{\pi}$$

$$f[x_0,x_1,x_2,x_3] = \frac{f[x_1,x_2,x_3] - f[x_0,x_1,x_2]}{x_3 - x_0}$$

$$= \frac{-\frac{2}{\pi} - \frac{2}{\pi}}{\pi + \frac{\pi}{2}} = \frac{-\frac{4}{\pi}}{\frac{3\pi}{2}} = -\frac{8}{3\pi^2}$$

Since there are 4 nodes,

$$P_3(x) = P_2(x) + f[x_0,x_1,x_2,x_3](x-x_0)(x-x_1)(x-x_2)$$

$$= \frac{2}{\pi}x^2 + \left(-\frac{8}{3\pi^2}\right)\left(x+\frac{\pi}{2}\right)(x-0)\left(x-\frac{\pi}{2}\right)$$

$$= \frac{2}{\pi}x^2 - \frac{8}{3\pi^2}x\left(x^2-\frac{\pi^2}{4}\right)$$

$$= \frac{2}{\pi}x^2 - \frac{8}{3\pi^2}x^3 + \frac{8\pi^2}{12\pi^2}x$$

$$= \frac{2}{\pi}x^2 - \frac{8}{3\pi^2}x^3 + \frac{2}{3}x$$