

3) If n is odd, $P(n+1) = 0$. Otherwise (ie when n is even), $P(n+1) = -1$.

Proof: Using Lagrange Interpolation, we get that:

$$P(x) = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n+1}{k}^{-1} \prod_{j=0 \text{ st } j \neq k}^n \frac{(x-j)}{(k-j)}$$

Thus putting as input $(n+1)$, we get:

$$\begin{aligned} P(n+1) &= \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n+1}{k}^{-1} \prod_{j=0 \text{ st } j \neq k}^n \frac{(n+1-j)}{(k-j)} \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{(k)!(n+1-k)!}{(n+1)!} \frac{\prod_{i=n}^{k+1} (n+1-i) \prod_{j=k-1}^1 (n+1-j)}{\prod_{i=n}^{k+1} (k-i) \prod_{j=k-1}^1 (k-j)} \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{(k)!(n+1-k)!}{(n+1)!} \frac{(n-k)! \prod_{j=k-1}^1 (n+1-j)}{\prod_{i=n}^{k+1} (k-i) \prod_{j=k-1}^1 (k-j)} \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{(k)!(n+1-k)!}{(n+1)!} \frac{(n-k)! \frac{(n+1)!}{(n+1-k)!}}{\prod_{i=n}^{k+1} (k-i) \prod_{j=k-1}^1 (k-j)} \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{(k)!(n+1-k)!}{(n+1)!} \frac{(n-k)! \frac{(n+1)!}{(n+1-k)!}}{(n-k)!(-1)^{n-k} \prod_{j=k-1}^1 (k-j)} \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{(k)!(n+1-k)!}{(n+1)!} \frac{(n-k)! \frac{(n+1)!}{(n+1-k)!}}{(n-k)!(-1)^{n-k} (k)!} \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^n (-1)^{n-k} \\ &= \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } n \text{ is odd} \\ 1 & \text{o.w.} \end{cases} \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

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