

# NUMERICAL METHODS

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Interpolation

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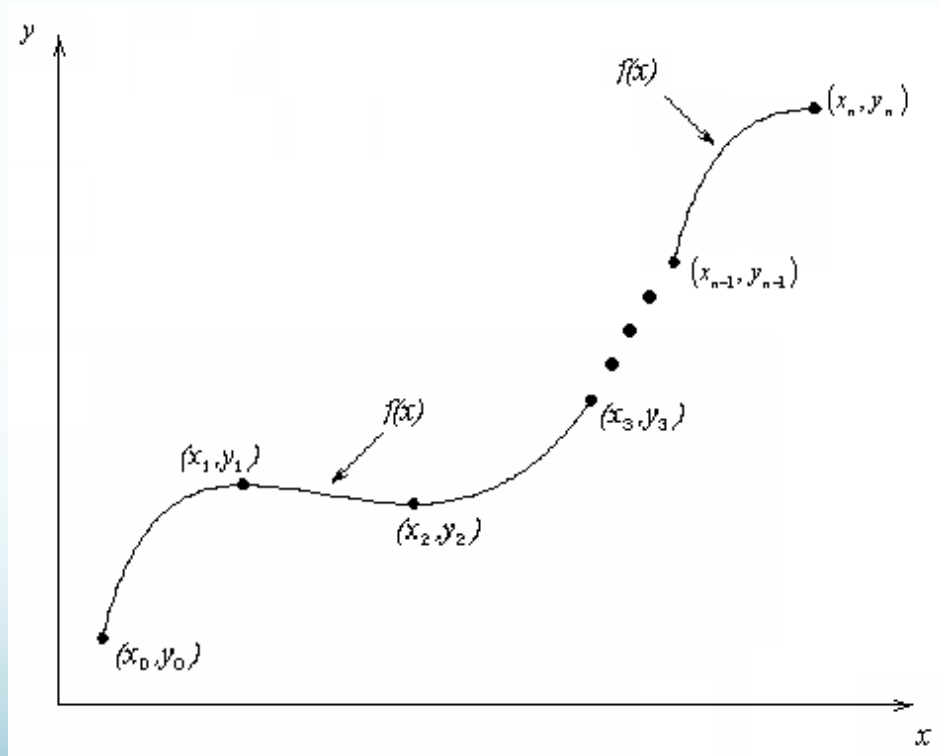
- **What** is an interpolation?
- **Why** do we use interpolation?
- **How** do we solve interpolation equations?

# What is an Interpolation?

- Interpolation is the method of estimating unknown values with the help of given set of observations.
- The art of reading between the lines of the table.
- Having some number of points which are obtained by experiments or physical phenomenon forms the function of this experiment or phenomenon. The interpolation is to represent this phenomenon by a function and estimate (interpolate) the value of that function for an intermediate value within the range.
- (The process of computing the value of function outside the range of given values of the variable is called extrapolation.)

# What is an interpolation ?

Given  $(x_0, y_0), (x_1, y_1), \dots, (x_n, y_n)$ , find the value of 'y' at a value of 'x' that is not given.

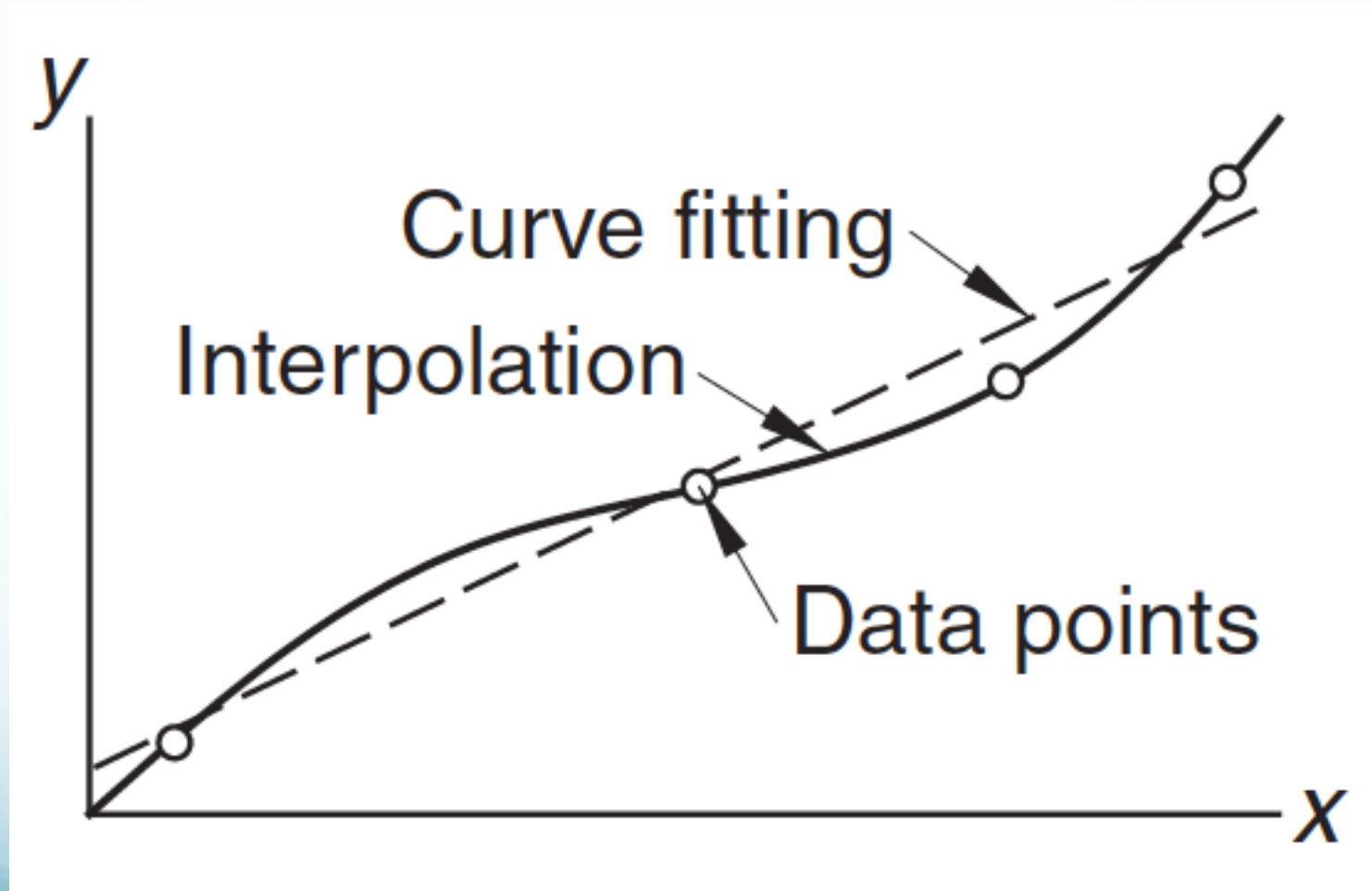


# Why do we use Interpolation?

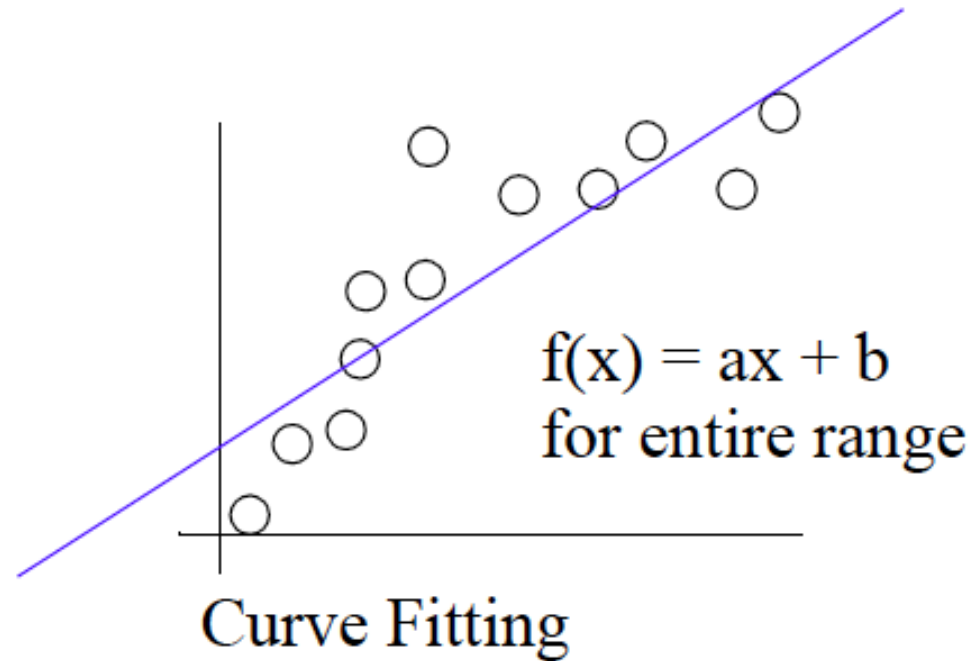
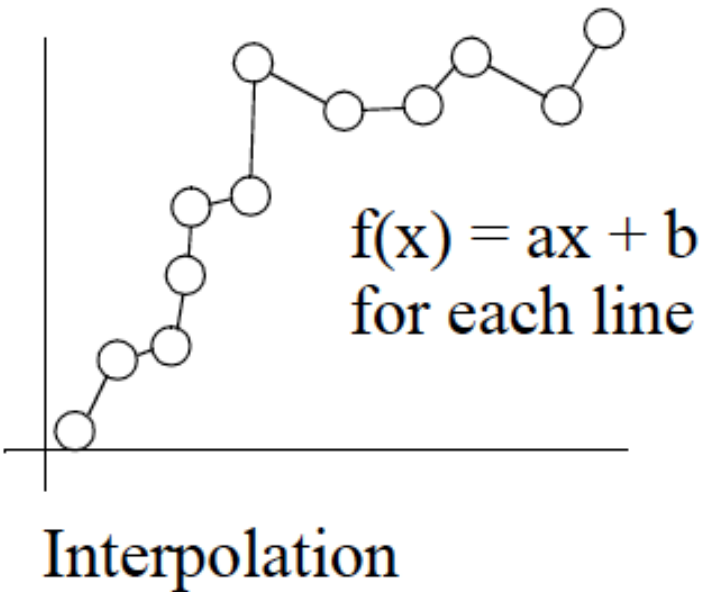
$x_1$	$x_2$	$x_3$	$\dots$	$x_n$
$y_1$	$y_2$	$y_3$	$\dots$	$y_n$

- In interpolation we **construct** a curve through **all** the data points. In doing so, we make the implicit assumption that the data points are accurate and distinct.
- Curve fitting is applied to data that contain scatter (noise), usually due to measurement errors. Here we want to find a smooth curve that **approximates the data in some sense**. Thus the curve does not have to hit the data points.

# Difference between Interpolation and Curve fitting



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# Why do we use Interpolation?

- Simply on every scientific problem
  - in which we have a set of experiments for a given range of data AND
  - IF we want to find out the function of this problem AND
  - IF we want to find a solution of this problem function for a specific value within the range.



# How do we represent?

- Polynomial interpolation
  - Direct Method
  - Lagrange Method
  - Newton Method
  - ...

# Direct Method

Given 'n+1' data points  $(x_0, y_0), (x_1, y_1), \dots, (x_n, y_n)$ ,  
pass a polynomial of order 'n' through the data as given  
below:

$$y = a_0 + a_1x + \dots + a_nx^n.$$

where  $a_0, a_1, \dots, a_n$  are real constants.

- Set up 'n+1' equations to find 'n+1' constants.
- To find the value 'y' at a given value of 'x', simply substitute the value of 'x' in the above polynomial.



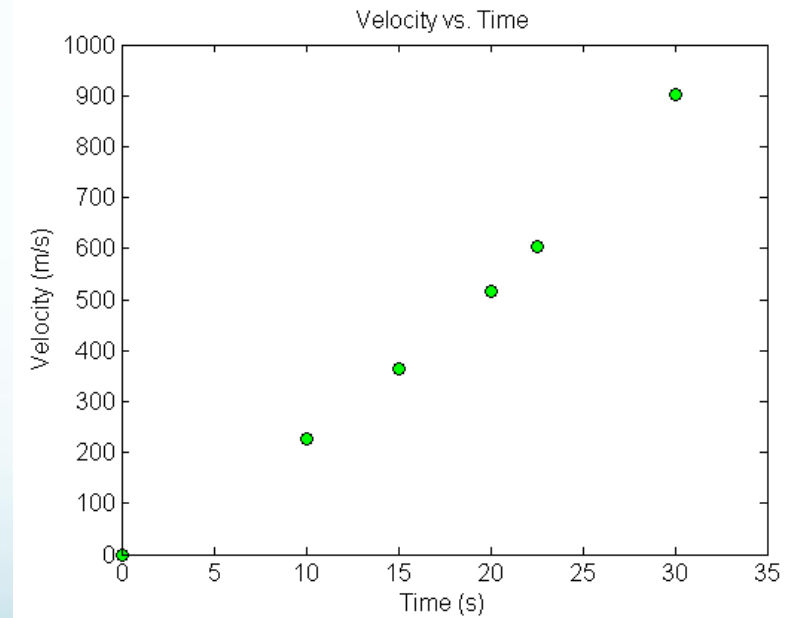
# Example 1

The upward velocity of a rocket is given as a function of time in the table.

Find the velocity at  $t=16$  seconds using the direct method for linear interpolation.

**Table** Velocity as a function of time.

$t, (s)$	$v(t), (m/s)$
0	0
10	227.04
15	362.78
20	517.35
22.5	602.97
30	901.67



**Figure:** Velocity vs. time data for the rocket example

# Linear Interpolation

$$v(t) = a_0 + a_1 t$$

$$v(15) = a_0 + a_1(15) = 362.78$$

$$v(20) = a_0 + a_1(20) = 517.35$$

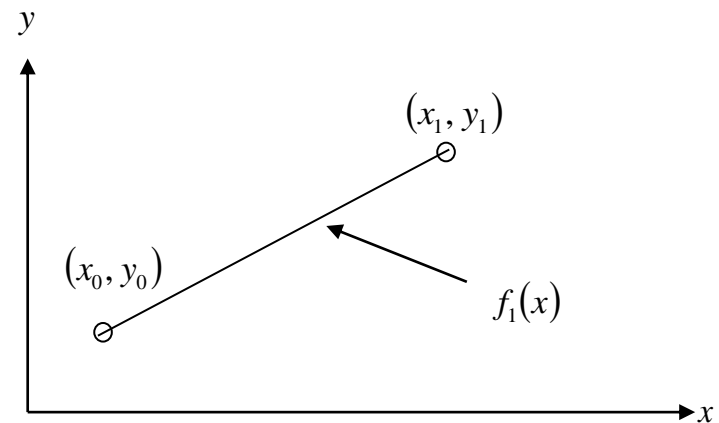
Solving the above two equations gives,

$$a_0 = -100.93 \quad a_1 = 30.914$$

Hence

$$v(t) = -100.93 + 30.914t, \quad 15 \leq t \leq 20.$$

$$v(16) = -100.93 + 30.914(16) = 393.7 \text{ m/s}$$



**Figure** Linear interpolation.



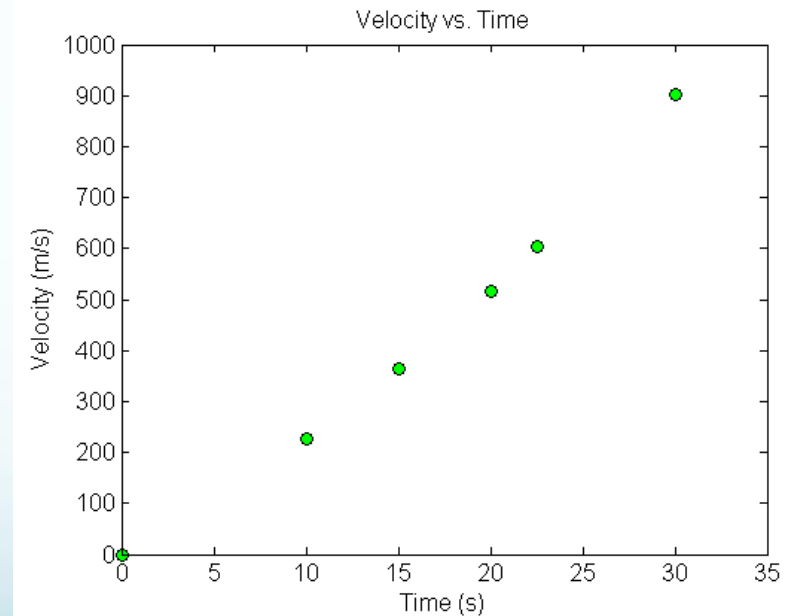
## Example 2

The upward velocity of a rocket is given as a function of time in Table.

Find the velocity at  $t=16$  seconds using the direct method for quadratic interpolation.

**Table:** Velocity as a function of time.

$t, (s)$	$v(t), (m/s)$
0	0
10	227.04
15	362.78
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22.5	602.97
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**Figure** Velocity vs. time data for the rocket example

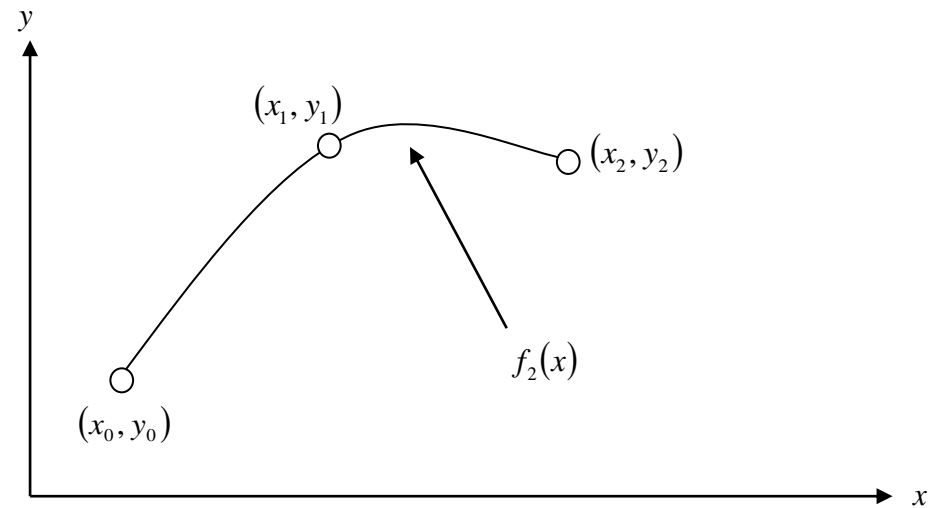
# Quadratic Interpolation

$$v(t) = a_0 + a_1 t + a_2 t^2$$

$$v(10) = a_0 + a_1(10) + a_2(10)^2 = 227.04$$

$$v(15) = a_0 + a_1(15) + a_2(15)^2 = 362.78$$

$$v(20) = a_0 + a_1(20) + a_2(20)^2 = 517.35$$



**Figure** Quadratic interpolation.

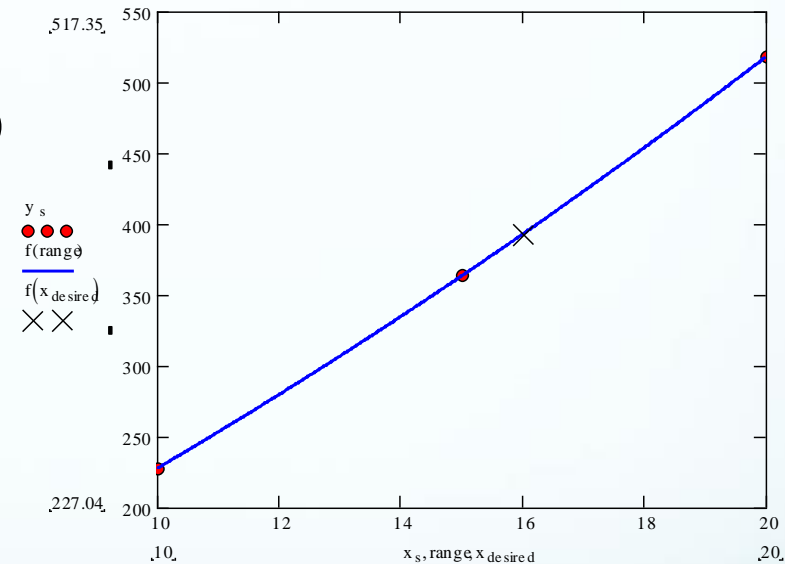
Solving the above three equations gives

$$a_0 = 12.05 \quad a_1 = 17.733 \quad a_2 = 0.3766$$

# Quadratic Interpolation (cont.)

$$v(t) = 12.05 + 17.733t + 0.3766t^2, \quad 10 \leq t \leq 20$$

$$\begin{aligned} v(16) &= 12.05 + 17.733(16) + 0.3766(16)^2 \\ &= 392.19 \text{ m/s} \end{aligned}$$



The absolute relative approximate error  $|\epsilon_a|$  obtained between the results from the first and second order polynomial is

$$\begin{aligned} |\epsilon_a| &= \left| \frac{392.19 - 393.70}{392.19} \right| \times 100 \\ &= 0.38410\% \end{aligned}$$

# Lagrangian Interpolation

Lagrangian interpolating polynomial is given by

$$f_n(x) = \sum_{i=0}^n L_i(x) f(x_i)$$

where ‘ $n$ ’ in  $f_n(x)$  stands for the  $n^{th}$  order polynomial that approximates the function  $y = f(x)$  given at  $(n+1)$  data points as  $(x_0, y_0), (x_1, y_1), \dots, (x_{n-1}, y_{n-1}), (x_n, y_n)$ , and

$$L_i(x) = \prod_{\substack{j=0 \\ j \neq i}}^n \frac{x - x_j}{x_i - x_j}$$

$L_i(x)$  is a weighting function that includes a product of  $(n-1)$  terms with terms of  $j = i$  omitted.

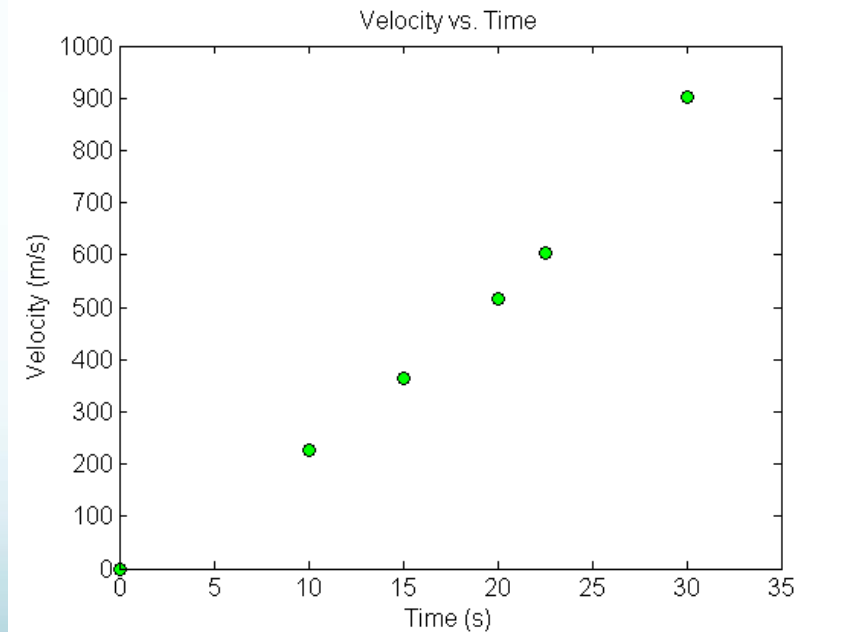


# Example

The upward velocity of a rocket is given as a function of time in the table. Find the velocity at  $t=16$  seconds using the Lagrangian method for linear interpolation.

Table Velocity as a function of time

$t$ (s)	$v(t)$ (m/s)
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22.5	602.97
30	901.67



**Figure.** Velocity vs. time data for the rocket example

# Linear Interpolation

$$v(t) = \sum_{i=0}^1 L_i(t) v(t_i)$$

$$= L_0(t) v(t_0) + L_1(t) v(t_1)$$

$$t_0 = 15, v(t_0) = 362.78$$

$$t_1 = 20, v(t_1) = 517.35$$

# Linear Interpolation (contd)

$$L_0(t) = \prod_{\substack{j=0 \\ j \neq 0}}^1 \frac{t - t_j}{t_0 - t_j} = \frac{t - t_1}{t_0 - t_1}$$

$$L_1(t) = \prod_{\substack{j=0 \\ j \neq 1}}^1 \frac{t - t_j}{t_1 - t_j} = \frac{t - t_0}{t_1 - t_0}$$

$$v(t) = \frac{t - t_1}{t_0 - t_1} v(t_0) + \frac{t - t_0}{t_1 - t_0} v(t_1) = \frac{t - 20}{15 - 20} (362.78) + \frac{t - 15}{20 - 15} (517.35)$$

$$v(16) = \frac{16 - 20}{15 - 20} (362.78) + \frac{16 - 15}{20 - 15} (517.35)$$

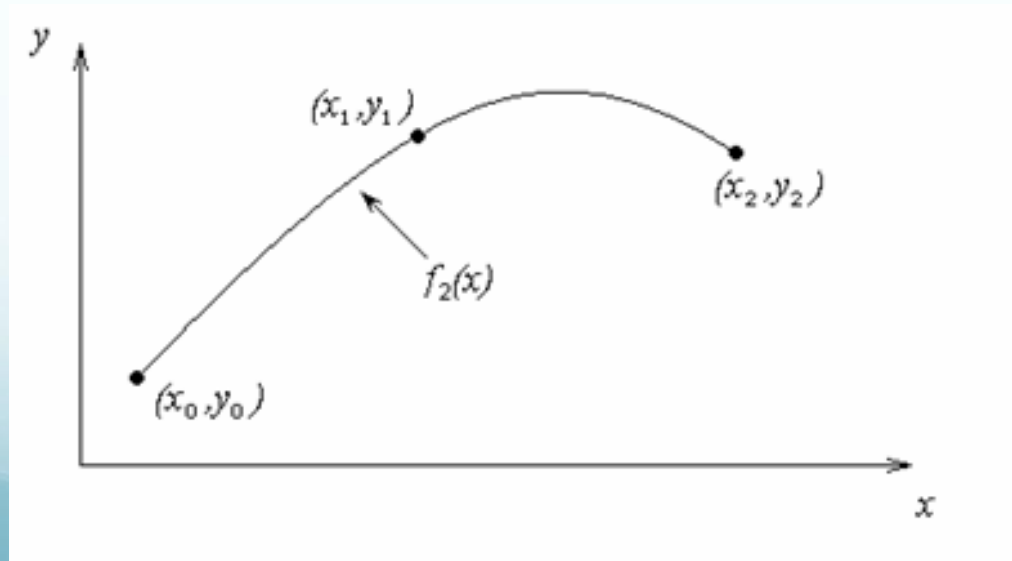
$$= 0.8(362.78) + 0.2(517.35)$$

$$= 393.7 \text{ m/s.}$$

# Quadratic Interpolation

For the second order polynomial interpolation (also called quadratic interpolation), we choose the velocity given by

$$\begin{aligned}v(t) &= \sum_{i=0}^2 L_i(t) v(t_i) \\ &= L_0(t) v(t_0) + L_1(t) v(t_1) + L_2(t) v(t_2)\end{aligned}$$



# Quadratic Interpolation

$$t_0 = 10, v(t_0) = 227.04$$

$$t_1 = 15, v(t_1) = 362.78$$

$$t_2 = 20, v(t_2) = 517.35$$

$$L_0(t) = \prod_{\substack{j=0 \\ j \neq 0}}^2 \frac{t - t_j}{t_0 - t_j} = \left( \frac{t - t_1}{t_0 - t_1} \right) \left( \frac{t - t_2}{t_0 - t_2} \right)$$

$$L_1(t) = \prod_{\substack{j=0 \\ j \neq 1}}^2 \frac{t - t_j}{t_1 - t_j} = \left( \frac{t - t_0}{t_1 - t_0} \right) \left( \frac{t - t_2}{t_1 - t_2} \right)$$

$$L_2(t) = \prod_{\substack{j=0 \\ j \neq 2}}^2 \frac{t - t_j}{t_2 - t_j} = \left( \frac{t - t_0}{t_2 - t_0} \right) \left( \frac{t - t_1}{t_2 - t_1} \right)$$

# Quadratic Interpolation (contd)

$$v(t) = \left( \frac{t-t_1}{t_0-t_1} \right) \left( \frac{t-t_2}{t_0-t_2} \right) v(t_0) + \left( \frac{t-t_0}{t_1-t_0} \right) \left( \frac{t-t_2}{t_1-t_2} \right) v(t_1) + \left( \frac{t-t_0}{t_2-t_0} \right) \left( \frac{t-t_1}{t_2-t_1} \right) v(t_2)$$

$$\begin{aligned} v(16) &= \left( \frac{16-15}{10-15} \right) \left( \frac{16-20}{10-20} \right) (227.04) + \left( \frac{16-10}{15-10} \right) \left( \frac{16-20}{15-20} \right) (362.78) + \left( \frac{16-10}{20-10} \right) \left( \frac{16-15}{20-15} \right) (517.35) \\ &= (-0.08)(227.04) + (0.96)(362.78) + (0.12)(527.35) \\ &= 392.19 \text{ m/s} \end{aligned}$$

The absolute relative approximate error  $|\epsilon_a|$  obtained between the results from the first and second order polynomial is

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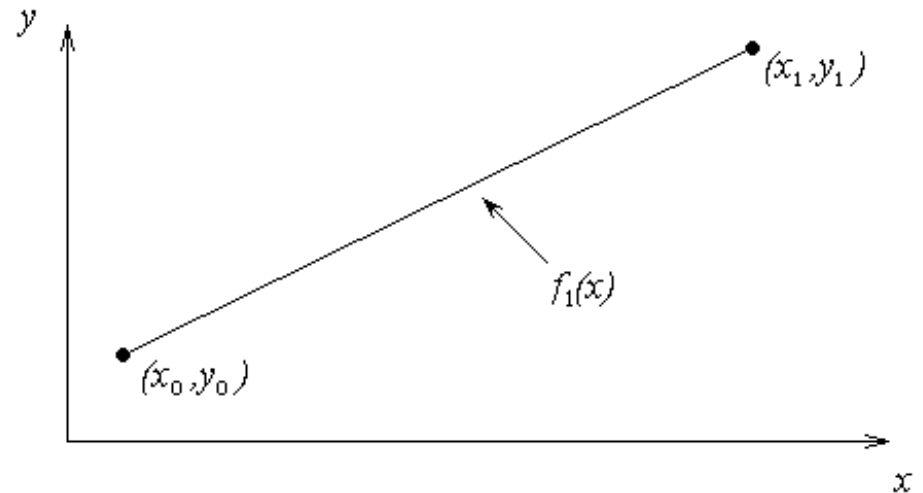
# Newton's Divided Difference Method

Linear interpolation: Given  $(x_0, y_0), (x_1, y_1)$ , pass a linear interpolant through the data

$$f_1(x) = b_0 + b_1(x - x_0)$$

where  $b_0 = f(x_0)$

$$b_1 = \frac{f(x_1) - f(x_0)}{x_1 - x_0}$$



# Example

The upward velocity of a rocket is given as a function of time in Table . Find the velocity at  $t=16$  seconds using the Newton Divided Difference method for linear interpolation.

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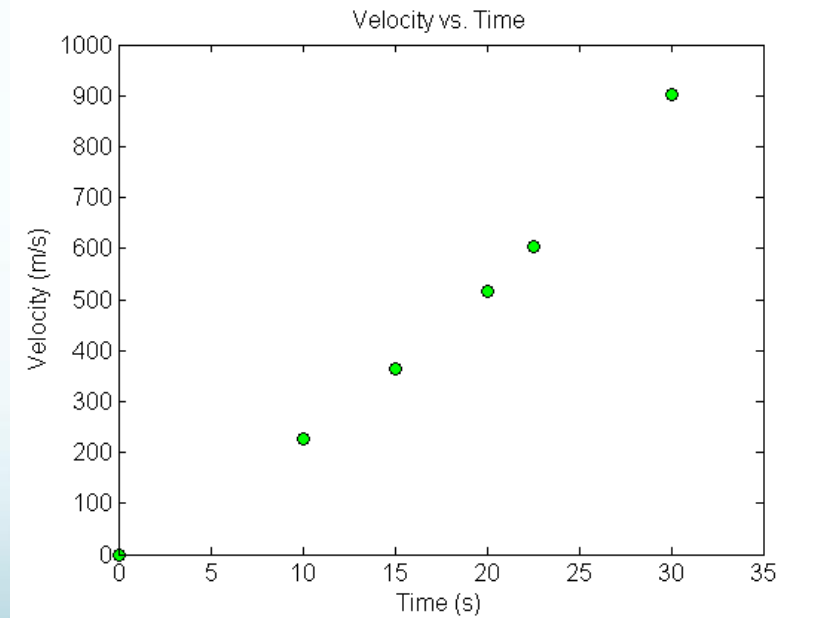


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# Linear Interpolation

$$v(t) = b_0 + b_1(t - t_0)$$

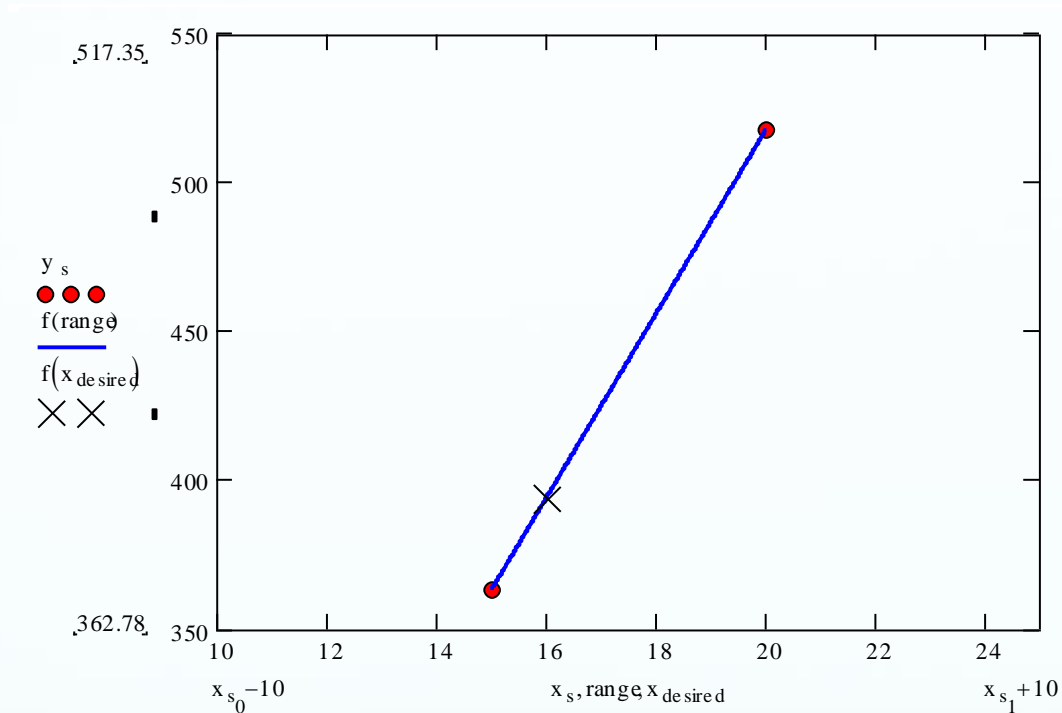
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# Linear Interpolation (contd)



$$v(t) = b_0 + b_1(t - t_0)$$

$$= 362.78 + 30.914(t - 15), 15 \leq t \leq 20$$

At  $t = 16$

$$v(16) = 362.78 + 30.914(16 - 15)$$

$$= 393.69 \text{ m/s}$$

# Quadratic Interpolation

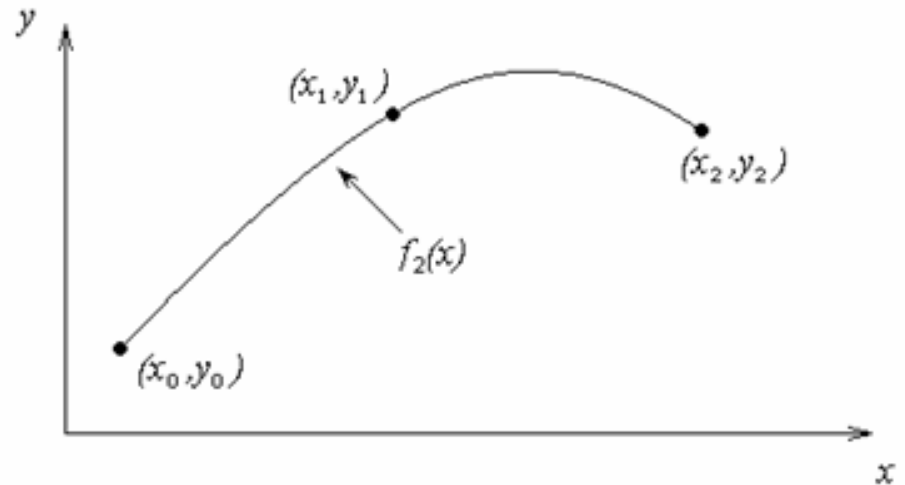
Given  $(x_0, y_0)$ ,  $(x_1, y_1)$ , and  $(x_2, y_2)$ , fit a quadratic interpolant through the data.

$$f_2(x) = b_0 + b_1(x - x_0) + b_2(x - x_0)(x - x_1)$$

$$b_0 = f(x_0)$$

$$b_1 = \frac{f(x_1) - f(x_0)}{x_1 - x_0}$$

$$b_2 = \frac{\frac{f(x_2) - f(x_1)}{x_2 - x_1} - \frac{f(x_1) - f(x_0)}{x_1 - x_0}}{x_2 - x_0}$$



# Example

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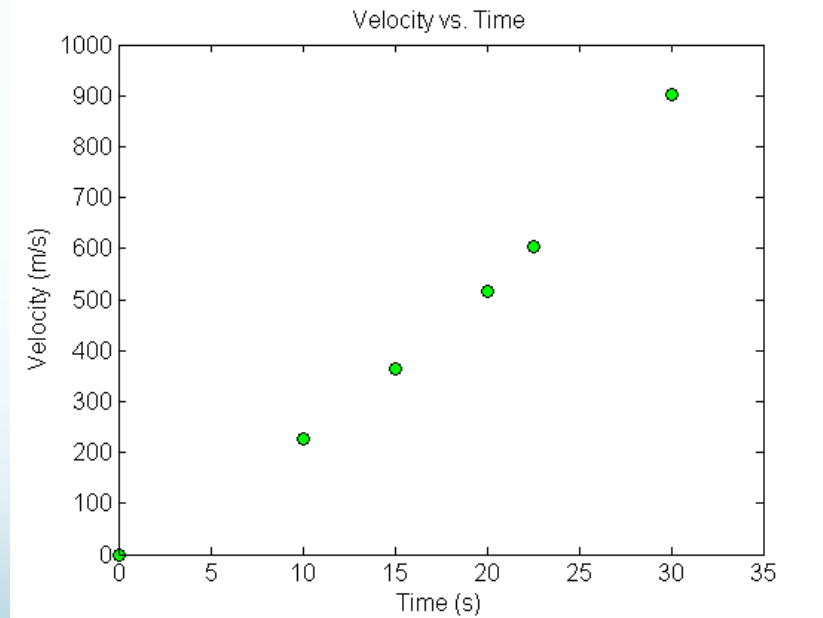
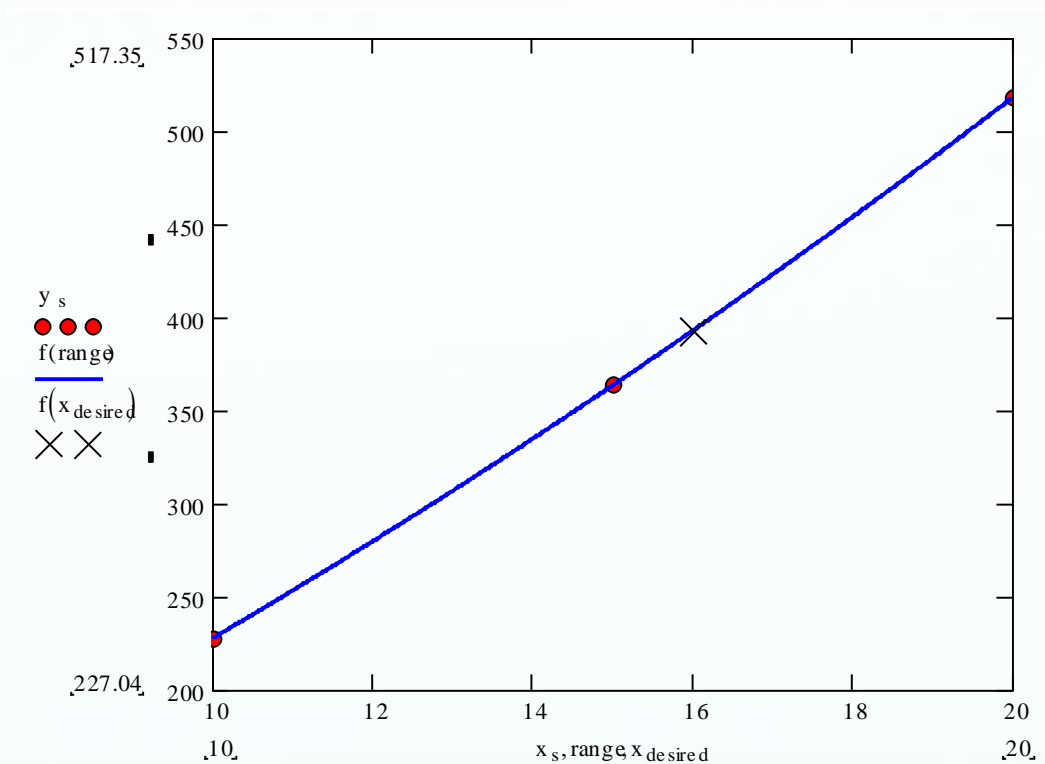


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# Quadratic Interpolation (contd)



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# Quadratic Interpolation (contd)

$$b_0 = v(t_0)$$

$$= 227.04$$

$$b_1 = \frac{v(t_1) - v(t_0)}{t_1 - t_0} = \frac{362.78 - 227.04}{15 - 10}$$

$$= 27.148$$

$$b_2 = \frac{\frac{v(t_2) - v(t_1)}{t_2 - t_1} - \frac{v(t_1) - v(t_0)}{t_1 - t_0}}{t_2 - t_0} = \frac{\frac{517.35 - 362.78}{20 - 15} - \frac{362.78 - 227.04}{15 - 10}}{20 - 10}$$

$$= \frac{30.914 - 27.148}{10}$$

$$= 0.37660$$

# Quadratic Interpolation (contd)

$$\begin{aligned}v(t) &= b_0 + b_1(t - t_0) + b_2(t - t_0)(t - t_1) \\&= 227.04 + 27.148(t - 10) + 0.37660(t - 10)(t - 15), \quad 10 \leq t \leq 20\end{aligned}$$

At  $t = 16$ ,

$$v(16) = 227.04 + 27.148(16 - 10) + 0.37660(16 - 10)(16 - 15) = 392.19 \text{ m/s}$$

The absolute relative approximate error  $|\epsilon_a|$  obtained between the results from the first order and second order polynomial is

$$\begin{aligned}|\epsilon_a| &= \left| \frac{392.19 - 393.69}{392.19} \right| \times 100 \\&= 0.38502 \%\end{aligned}$$

# General Form

$$f_2(x) = b_0 + b_1(x - x_0) + b_2(x - x_0)(x - x_1)$$

where

$$b_0 = f[x_0] = f(x_0)$$

$$b_1 = f[x_1, x_0] = \frac{f(x_1) - f(x_0)}{x_1 - x_0}$$

$$b_2 = f[x_2, x_1, x_0] = \frac{f[x_2, x_1] - f[x_1, x_0]}{x_2 - x_0} = \frac{\frac{f(x_2) - f(x_1)}{x_2 - x_1} - \frac{f(x_1) - f(x_0)}{x_1 - x_0}}{x_2 - x_0}$$

**Divided Differences**

Rewriting

$$f_2(x) = f[x_0] + f[x_1, x_0](x - x_0) + f[x_2, x_1, x_0](x - x_0)(x - x_1)$$



# General Form

Given  $(n + 1)$  data points,  $(x_0, y_0), (x_1, y_1), \dots, (x_{n-1}, y_{n-1}), (x_n, y_n)$  as

$$f_n(x) = b_0 + b_1(x - x_0) + \dots + b_n(x - x_0)(x - x_1)\dots(x - x_{n-1})$$

where

$$b_0 = f[x_0]$$

$$b_1 = f[x_1, x_0]$$

$$b_2 = f[x_2, x_1, x_0]$$

$$\vdots$$

$$b_{n-1} = f[x_{n-1}, x_{n-2}, \dots, x_0]$$

$$b_n = f[x_n, x_{n-1}, \dots, x_0]$$

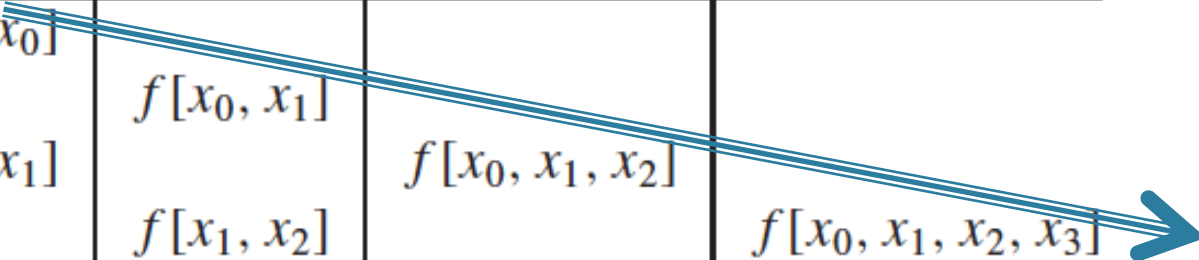
# General form

The third order polynomial, given  $(x_0, y_0)$ ,  $(x_1, y_1)$ ,  $(x_2, y_2)$ , and  $(x_3, y_3)$ , is

$$f_3(x) = f[x_0] + f[x_1, x_0](x - x_0) + f[x_2, x_1, x_0](x - x_0)(x - x_1) + f[x_3, x_2, x_1, x_0](x - x_0)(x - x_1)(x - x_2)$$

## Divided Difference Table

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



# Example to find divided differences and the Newton interpolation

- Construct a divided-difference diagram for the function  $f$  given in the following table, and write out the Newton form of the interpolating polynomial.

$x$	1	$\frac{3}{2}$	0	2
$f(x)$	3	$\frac{13}{4}$	3	$\frac{5}{3}$

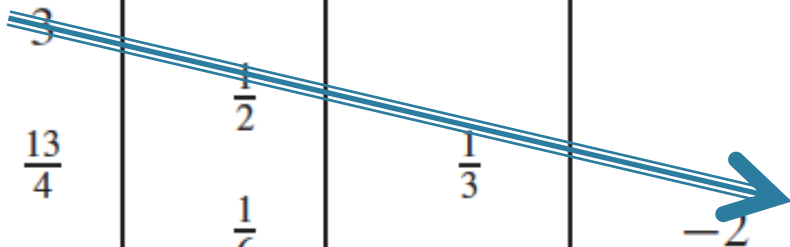
The first entry for the table:

$$f[x_0, x_1] = \left(\frac{13}{4} - 3\right) / \left(\frac{3}{2} - 1\right) = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$f[x_0, x_1, x_2] = \frac{f[x_1, x_2] - f[x_0, x_1]}{x_2 - x_0} = \frac{\frac{1}{6} - \frac{1}{2}}{0 - 1} = \frac{1}{3}$$

The Complete Table:

$x$	$f[ ]$	$f[ , ]$	$f[ , , ]$	$f[ , , , ]$
1	3			
$\frac{3}{2}$	$\frac{13}{4}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{3}$	
0	3	$\frac{1}{6}$	$-\frac{5}{3}$	
2	$\frac{5}{3}$	$-\frac{2}{3}$		



We obtain:

$$p_3(x) = 3 + \frac{1}{2}(x - 1) + \frac{1}{3}(x - 1)\left(x - \frac{3}{2}\right) - 2(x - 1)\left(x - \frac{3}{2}\right)x$$

# Divided Differences Algorithm

```
integer  $i, j, n$ ;  real array  $(a_{ij})_{0:n \times 0:n}, (x_i)_{0:n}$   
for  $i = 0$  to  $n$  do  
     $a_{i0} \leftarrow f(x_i)$   
end for  
for  $j = 1$  to  $n$  do  
    for  $i = 0$  to  $n - j$  do  
         $a_{ij} \leftarrow (a_{i+1, j-1} - a_{i, j-1}) / (x_{i+j} - x_i)$   
    end for  
end for
```

# Vandermonde Matrix

- **Theorem:** Every continuous function in the function space can be represented **as a linear combination of basis functions**, just as every vector in a vector space can be represented as a linear combination of basis vectors. Therefore,
- An Interpolating function  $f(x)$  can be represented by a set of basis functions  $\phi_i$  for  $i=1,2,\dots,n$ .

$$f(x_i) = c_0\varphi_0(x_i) + c_1\varphi_1(x_i) + c_2\varphi_2(x_i) + \cdots + c_n\varphi_n(x_i) = y_i$$

# Vandermonde Matrix

- For each  $i=1,2,\dots,n$  This is a system of linear equations  $\rightarrow$  we can represent in matrix form:

$$\mathbf{A}\mathbf{c} = \mathbf{y}$$

Here,  $A$  is the coefficient matrix with entries  $a_{ij}=\phi_i(x_j)$ .

**Monomials** are the simplest and most common basis functions. The monomials:

$$\varphi_0(x) = 1, \varphi_1(x) = x, \varphi_2(x) = x^2, \dots, \varphi_n(x) = x^n$$

# Vandermonde Matrix

Consequently, a given polynomial  $p$  can be the linear combination of monomials as:

$$p_n(x) = c_0 + c_1x + c_2x^2 + \cdots + c_nx^n$$

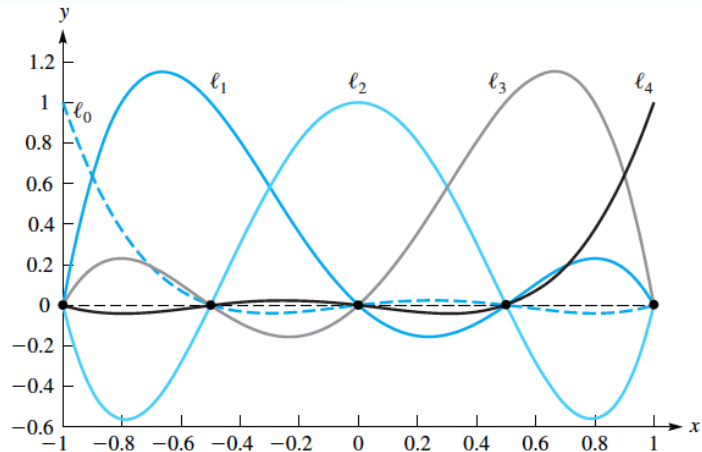
The corresponding linear system  $Ac=y$  has the form:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & x_0 & x_0^2 & \cdots & x_0^n \\ 1 & x_1 & x_1^2 & \cdots & x_1^n \\ 1 & x_2 & x_2^2 & \cdots & x_2^n \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 1 & x_n & x_n^2 & \cdots & x_n^n \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_0 \\ c_1 \\ c_2 \\ \vdots \\ c_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} y_0 \\ y_1 \\ y_2 \\ \vdots \\ y_n \end{bmatrix}$$

The coefficient matrix is called Vandermonde Matrix

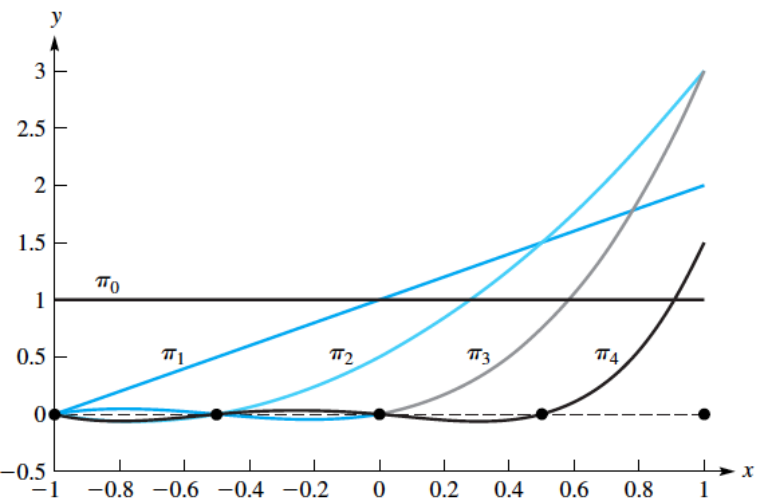


# Some basis functions we have just seen..



Lagrange Polynomials

Newton Polynomials



Monomials

