

# Interpolation

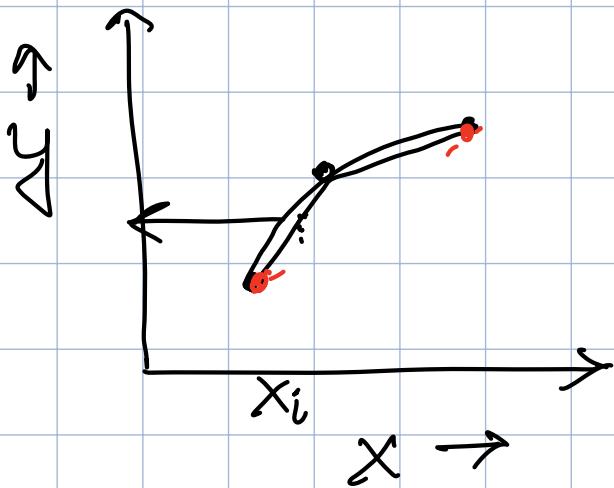
- Given a set of data, interpolant is a function that matches the given data and passes through it exactly.

$$(x_i, y_i) \quad i = 1, \dots, n$$

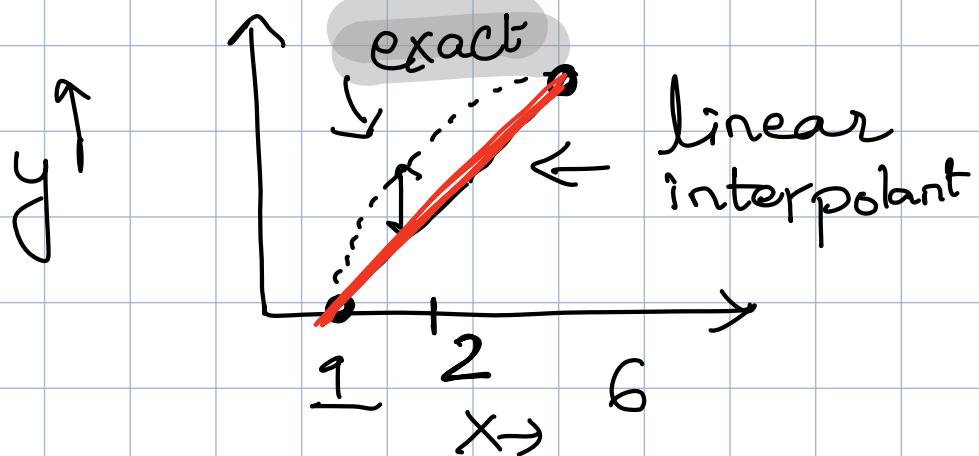
Independent variable

$$x_1 < x_2, \dots < x_n$$

$$f(x_i) = y_i \quad i = 1, \dots, n$$



$x_i$	$y_i$
1	0
6	1.79
2	?



# Polynomial Interpolation

$$P_n(x) = a_1 + a_2 x + a_3 x^2 + \dots + a_{n+1} x^n$$

$a_1, \dots, a_{n+1} \rightarrow$  Coefficients.

For dataset  $(x_i, y_i)$

$$i = 1, \dots, n+1$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & x_1 & x_1^2 & \dots & x_1^n \\ 1 & x_2 & x_2^2 & \dots & x_2^n \\ & & & & \\ 1 & x_{n+1} & x_{n+1}^2 & \dots & x_{n+1}^n \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ \vdots \\ a_{n+1} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ \vdots \\ y_{n+1} \end{bmatrix}$$



Vandermonde matrix

- ill-conditioned at large  $n$ .

# Newton's divided difference Interpolation polynomial

- Points are not evenly spaced.

Given data pts  $(x_i, y_i) \ i=1, \dots, n+1$

$$y = y_1 + (x - x_1) y[x_2, x_1]$$

linear Interpolant  $n=1$

$$y[x_2, x_1] = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1}$$

$$y = y_1 + \frac{(x - x_1)(y_2 - y_1)}{x_2 - x_1}$$

Linear Int.

Quadratic Interpolant

$$y = y_1 + (x - x_1) y[x_2, x_1] +$$

$$(x - x_1)(x - x_2) y[x_3, x_2, x_1]$$

$$y[x_3, x_2, x_1]$$

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

$$= \frac{y_3 - y_2}{x_3 - x_2} - \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1}$$

$$\frac{x_3 - x_1}{x_3 - x_1}$$

General  $n^{\text{th}}$  degree polynomial

$$y = y_1 + (x - x_1) y[x_2, x_1] + \dots + (x - x_1)(x - x_2) \dots (x - x_n)$$

$\ast$

$$y[x_{n+1}, x_n, \dots, x_1]$$

$$\frac{y[x_{n+1}, x_n, \dots, x_2] - y[x_n, \dots, x_1]}{x_{n+1} - x_1}$$

Verify by Substitution

At  $x = x_1$ ,  $y = y_1$

At  $x = x_2$ ,

$$y = y_1 + (x - x_1) * y [x_2, x_1]$$

$$= y_1 + \frac{(x_2 - x_1)(y_2 - y_1)}{x_2 - x_1}$$

$$= y_1 + y_2 - y_1$$

$$= y_2$$

At  $x = x_3$

$$y = y_1 + \frac{(x_3 - x_1)(y_2 - y_1)}{(x_2 - x_1)} +$$

$$(x_3 - x_1)(x_3 - x_2) \left( \frac{y[x_3, x_2] - y[x_2, x_1]}{x_3 - x_1} \right)$$

$$y_1 + \frac{(x_3 - x_1)(y_2 - y_1)}{(x_2 - x_1)} +$$

$$(x_3 - x_2) \left( \frac{y_3 - y_2}{x_3 - x_2} - \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1} \right)$$

$$= y_3$$

Verify !!

Example,

i	$x_i$	$y_i$
1	1	7
2	3	53
3	4	157
4	6	857

$$n = 3$$

$$n+1 = 4$$

3<sup>rd</sup> degree  
Polynomial

$$\textcircled{1} \quad P_3(x) = a_1 + a_2 x + a_3 x^2 + a_4 x^3$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 & 3^2 & 3^3 \\ 1 & 4 & 4^2 & 4^3 \\ 1 & 6 & 6^2 & 6^3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ a_3 \\ a_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 53 \\ 157 \\ 857 \end{bmatrix}$$

Solve by GE to  
Obtain

$$a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4.$$

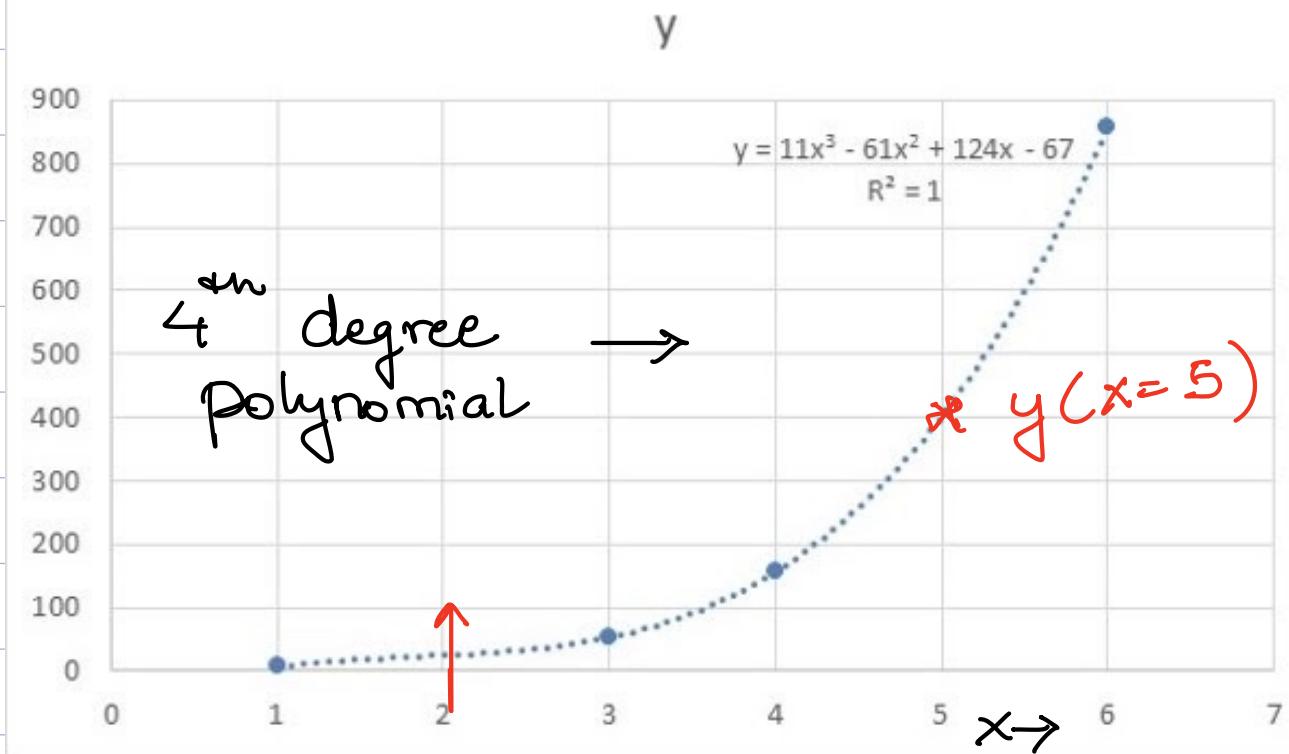
Cond # =  $2.2 \times 10^3$

$$a_1 = -67$$

$$a_2 = 124$$

$$a_3 = -61$$

$$a_4 = 11$$



Cannot use  
this to predict  
 $y(x=7)$ .

Applying Newton's divided diff.  
Interpolation polynomial.

$$y = y_i + (x - x_i) y [x_2, x_1] + (x - x_1)(x - x_2) y [x_3, x_2, x_1] + (x - x_1)(x - x_2)(x - x_3) y [x_4, x_3, x_2, x_1]$$

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

i	$x_i$	$y_i$	$y [x_{i+1}, x_i]$	$y [x_{i+2}, x_{i+1}, x_i]$
1	1	7	23	
2	3	53	104	$\frac{104 - 23}{4 - 1} = 27$
3	4	157		
4	6	857	350	82

$$y [x_4, x_3] = \frac{82 - 27}{6 - 1} = \frac{55}{5} = 11$$

$$y [x_3, x_2] = (y_3 - y_2) / (x_3 - x_2)$$

$i$	$x_i$	$y_i$	$y[x_{i+1}, x_i]$	$y[x_{i+2}, x_{i+1}, x_i]$
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$$y[x_2, x_1] = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1} = \frac{53 - 7}{3 - 1} = 23$$

$$y[x_3, x_2] = \frac{y_3 - y_2}{x_3 - x_2} = \frac{157 - 53}{4 - 3} = 104$$

$$y[x_4, x_3] = \frac{y_4 - y_3}{x_4 - x_3} = \frac{857 - 157}{6 - 4} = 350$$

$$\begin{aligned} y[x_3, x_2, x_1] &= \frac{y[x_3, x_2] - y[x_2, x_1]}{x_3 - x_1} \\ &= \frac{104 - 23}{4 - 1} \\ &= 27 \end{aligned}$$

$$y = y_i + (x - x_1) y[x_2, x_1] + (x - x_1)(x - x_2) * y[x_3, x_2, x_1]$$

$$+ (x - x_1)(x - x_2)(x - x_3) y[x_4, x_3, x_2, x_1]$$

$$y = 7 + (x - 1) 23 + (x - 1)(x - 3) 27 + (1)(x - 1)(x - 3)(x - 4)$$

$$= 11x^3 - 61x^2 + 124x - 67$$

$$y[x_4, x_3, x_2, x_1] = \frac{y[x_4, x_3, x_2] - y[x_3, x_2, x_1]}{x_4 - x_1}$$

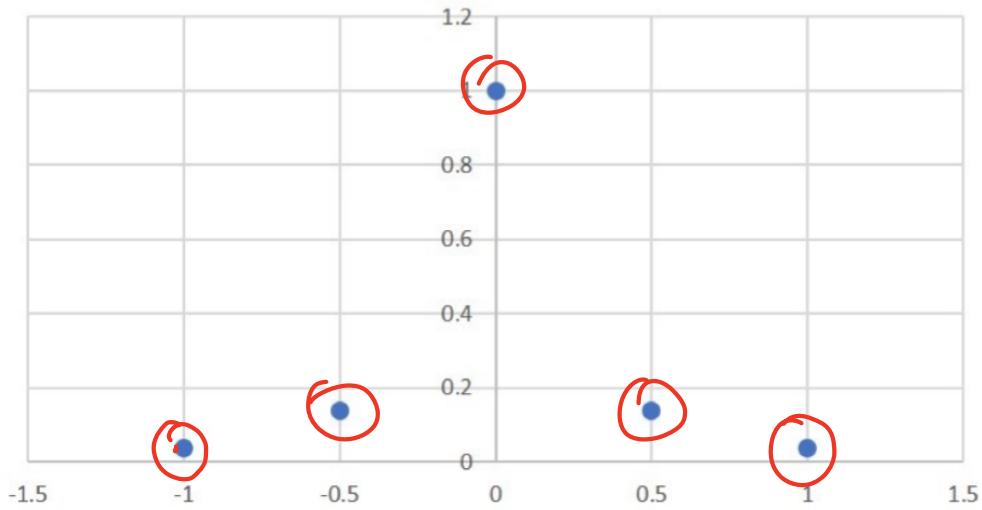
$$\frac{y[x_4, x_3] - y[x_3, x_2]}{x_4 - x_2} = \frac{82 - 27}{6 - 1} = 11$$

$$= \frac{350 - 104}{6 - 3} = \frac{82}{6 - 1} = 11$$

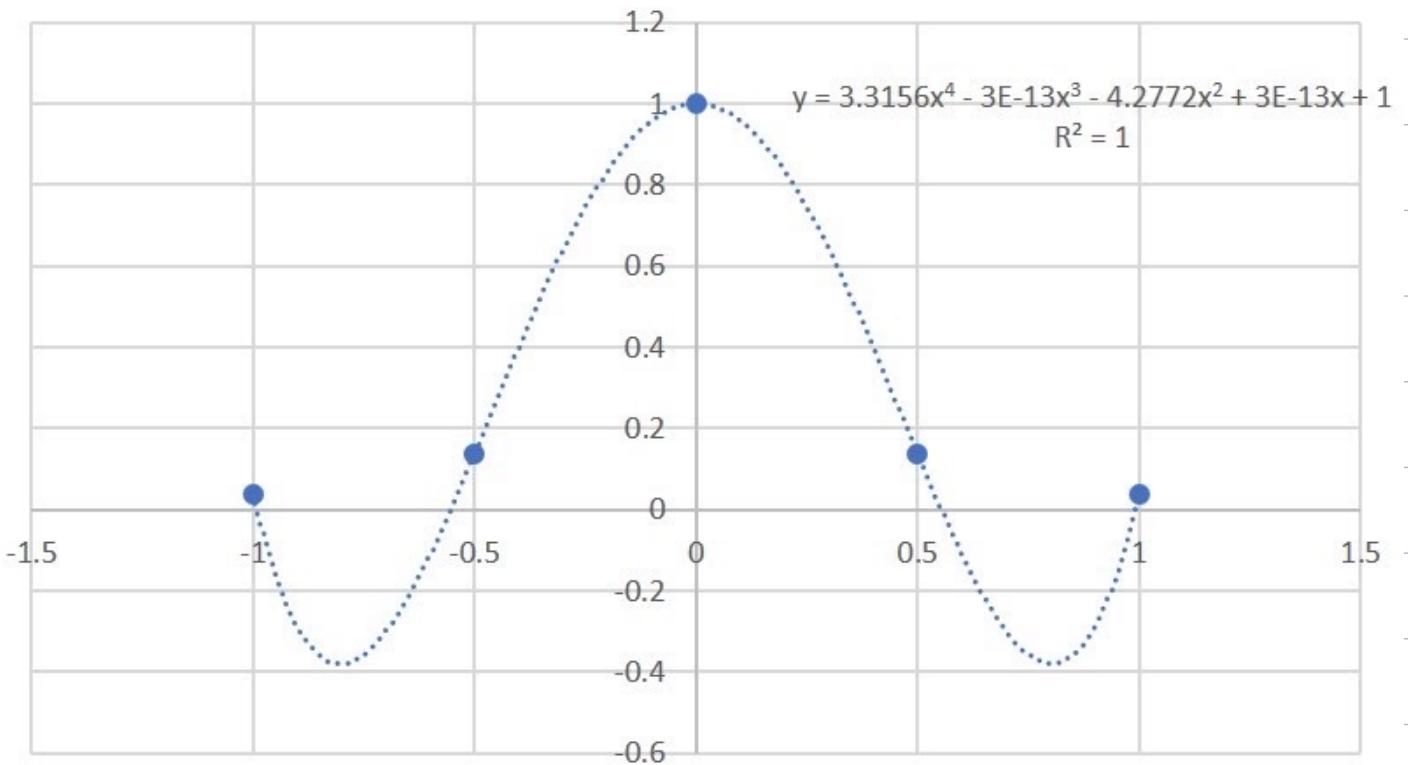
# Issues with Polynomial Interpolation.

Consider the following data

X	Y
-1	0.038
-0.5	0.138
0	1
0.5	0.138
1	0.038



#### 4th degree polynomial interpolant



Polynomial Interpolation  
Should NOT be  
Used here.

# Newton's Interpolation Polynomial

when pts. are equally Spaced.

$(x_1, y_1) \dots (x_{n+1}, y_{n+1})$

$$x_{i+1} - x_i = \Delta x = \text{Constant}$$

Polynomial of degree n

Define,

$$\alpha = \frac{x - x_1}{\Delta x}$$

$$\Delta y_1 = y_2 - y_1$$

$$\Delta^2 y_1 = \Delta(\Delta y_1) = \Delta(y_2 - y_1)$$

$$= \Delta y_2 - \Delta y_1$$

$$= (y_3 - y_2) - (y_2 - y_1)$$

$$= y_3 - 2y_2 + y_1$$

$$y = y_1 + (x - x_1) y[x_2, x_1] +$$

$$(x - x_1)(x - x_2) y[x_3, x_2, x_1]$$

$$+ \dots$$

$$(x - x_1)(x - x_2) \dots (x - x_n)$$

$$y[x_{n+1}, x_n, \dots, x_1]$$

$$y[x_2, x_1] = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1} = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{\Delta x}$$

$$(x - x_1) y[x_2, x_1] = \frac{(x - x_1)(y_2 - y_1)}{\Delta x}$$

$$= \Delta y_1$$

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

$$= \left( \frac{y_3 - y_2}{\Delta x} - \frac{y_2 - y_1}{\Delta x} \right) * \frac{1}{2\Delta x}$$

$$= \frac{y_3 - 2y_2 + y_1}{2(\Delta x)^2}$$

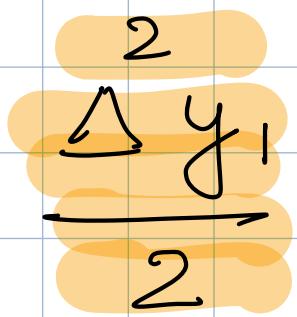
$$\frac{(x-x_1)(x-x_2)(y_3-2y_2+y_1)}{2(\Delta x)^2}$$

$$= \frac{x-x_1}{\Delta x}$$

$\alpha$

$$\frac{x-x_2}{\Delta x}$$

$\downarrow$



$\alpha - 1$

$$\frac{x-x_2}{\Delta x} = \frac{x-x_1-x_2+x_1}{x_2-x_1}$$

$$= \frac{x-x_1}{x_2-x_1} - \left( \frac{x_2-x_1}{x_2-x_1} \right)$$

$$= \alpha - 1$$

For  $n^{th}$  degree polynomial,

$$y = y_1 + \alpha \Delta y_1 + \frac{\alpha(\alpha-1)}{2} \Delta^2 y_1 \\ + \dots + \frac{\alpha(\alpha-1)(\alpha-2)\dots(\alpha-n+1)}{n!} \Delta^n y_1$$

$\Delta x = \text{Constant}$ .

Linear Interpolant :  $y = y_1 + \alpha \Delta y_1$ ,

Quadratic 1)

$$y = y_1 + \alpha \Delta y_1 + \frac{\alpha(\alpha-1)}{2!} \Delta^2 y_1$$

Verify by Substitution

For example,

$$x = x_1, y = y_1 = \alpha = 0 \\ x = x_2, y = y_2 \Rightarrow \alpha - 1 = 0$$

Verify by Substitution

$$y = y_1 + \alpha \Delta y_1 + \frac{(\alpha)(\alpha-1)}{2} \Delta^2 y_1 \\ + \dots \underbrace{\alpha(\alpha-1)(\alpha-2) \dots (\alpha-n+1)}_{n!} \Delta^n y_1$$

Linear Interpolant,  $(x_1, y_1)$   $(x_2, y_2)$   
 $n+1 = 2$

$$\alpha = \frac{x - x_1}{\Delta x}$$

Polynomial of degree 1.

For  $x = x_1$

$$\alpha = 0$$

$$x = x_2 \quad \alpha = \frac{x_2 - x_1}{\Delta x} = 1$$

$$x = x_1, \alpha - 1 = -1$$

$$x = x_2, \alpha - 1 = 0$$

$\Rightarrow$

$$y = y_1 + \alpha \cdot \Delta y_1 + (\alpha)(\alpha-1) \Delta^2 y_1 \\ + \dots \underbrace{\alpha(\alpha-1)(\alpha-2) \dots (\alpha-n+1)}_{n!} \Delta^n y_1$$

$$y = y_1 + \alpha \Delta y_1$$

$$x = x_1, \quad y = y_1, \quad \alpha = 0$$

$$x = x_2, \quad y = y_1 + 1(y_2 - y_1) \\ = y_2$$

Verify that for quadratic polynomial interpolant for data pt.  $(x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2)$  and  $(x_3, y_3)$

$$y = y_1 + \alpha (\Delta y_1) + \frac{(\alpha)(\alpha-1)\Delta y_1^2}{2}$$

Example,

i	$x_i$	$y_i$
1	1	7
2	2	17
3	3	53
4	4	157

$n = 4$   
 Polynomial = 3<sup>rd</sup> degree.

$$y = y_1 + \alpha \Delta y_1 + \frac{\alpha(\alpha-1)}{2} \Delta^2 y_1 + \frac{\alpha(\alpha-1)(\alpha-2)}{3!} \Delta^3 y_1$$

i	$x_i$	$y_i$	$\Delta y_i$	$\Delta^2 y_i$	$\Delta^3 y_i$
1	1	7	$\Delta y_1 = 10$	$\Delta^2 y_1 = 26$	$\Delta^3 y_1 =$
2	2	17	$\Delta y_2 = 36$	$\Delta^2 y_2 =$	
3	3	53	$\Delta y_3 =$	$\Delta y_2 = 68$	42
4	4	157	104		

$$y = 7 + 10\alpha + \frac{26}{2} \alpha(\alpha-1) + \frac{42}{6} \alpha(\alpha-1)(\alpha-2)$$

$$\alpha = \frac{x - x_1}{\Delta x} = x - 1$$

# Lagrangian Interpolation

$$y = \sum_{i=1}^{n+1} l_i(x) y_i \quad \begin{matrix} n+1 \text{ pts} \\ \text{degree } n \end{matrix}$$

$$l_i(x) = \frac{\prod_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq i}}^{n+1} \frac{x - x_j}{x_i - x_j}}{\prod_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq i}}^{n+1} \frac{x - x_j}{x_i - x_j}}$$

For Example  $n = 1$

$$L_1(x) = \frac{x - x_2}{x_1 - x_2}$$

$$L_2(x) = \frac{x - x_1}{x_2 - x_1}$$

$$y = \frac{x - x_2}{x_1 - x_2} y_1 + \frac{x - x_1}{x_2 - x_1} y_2$$

$$\begin{matrix} x = x_1, & y = y_1 \\ x = x_2, & y = y_2 \end{matrix}$$

Example,

i	$x_i$	$y_i$
1	1	7
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3<sup>rd</sup> degree  
Polynomial

$$y(x) = L_1(x)y_1 + L_2(x)y_2 + L_3(x)y_3 + L_4(x)y_4.$$

$$L_1(x) = \frac{(x - x_2)(x - x_3)(x - x_4)}{(x_1 - x_2)(x_1 - x_3)(x_1 - x_4)}$$

$$L_2(x) = \frac{(x - x_1)(x - x_3)(x - x_4)}{(x_2 - x_1)(x_2 - x_3)(x_2 - x_4)}$$

Similarly  $L_3(x)$ ,  $L_4(x)$  forms  
Can be written.

$$y(x) = 7 \frac{(x - 2)(x - 3)(x - 4)}{(1 - 2)(1 - 3)(1 - 4)} +$$

$$\frac{17(x-1)(x-3)(x-4)}{(2-1)(2-3)(2-4)} +$$

$$\frac{53(x-1)(x-2)(x-4)}{(3-1)(3-2)(3-4)} +$$

$$\frac{157(x-1)(x-2)(x-3)}{(4-1)(4-2)(4-3)}$$

$$= -19 + 48x - 29x^2 + 7x^3$$

# Inverse Interpolation

Typically,  $y = a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2$

is used to find values of  $y$  at different  $x$ .

What if, find value of  $x$  for a value of  $y$ ?

This is known as Inverse Interpolation.

$$y_{\text{given}} = a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2$$

Find  $x$ ?

$$f(x) = y_{\text{given}} - a_0 - a_1x - a_2x^2$$

Root of  $f(x)$  where  $f(x^*) = 0$

## Example

- ① Estimate  $\ln 2$  using linear interpolation.

Given ①  $\ln 1 = 0$

$$\ln 6 = 1.791754$$

②  $\ln 1 = 0$

$$\ln 4 = 1.386294$$

Use Quadratic Interpolation

Compare Newton divided diff  
Interpolation form and  
Lagrange form.

- ② Derive Lagrange form Newton  
Interpolating polynomial for  
1<sup>st</sup> order.

- ③ Estimating error.

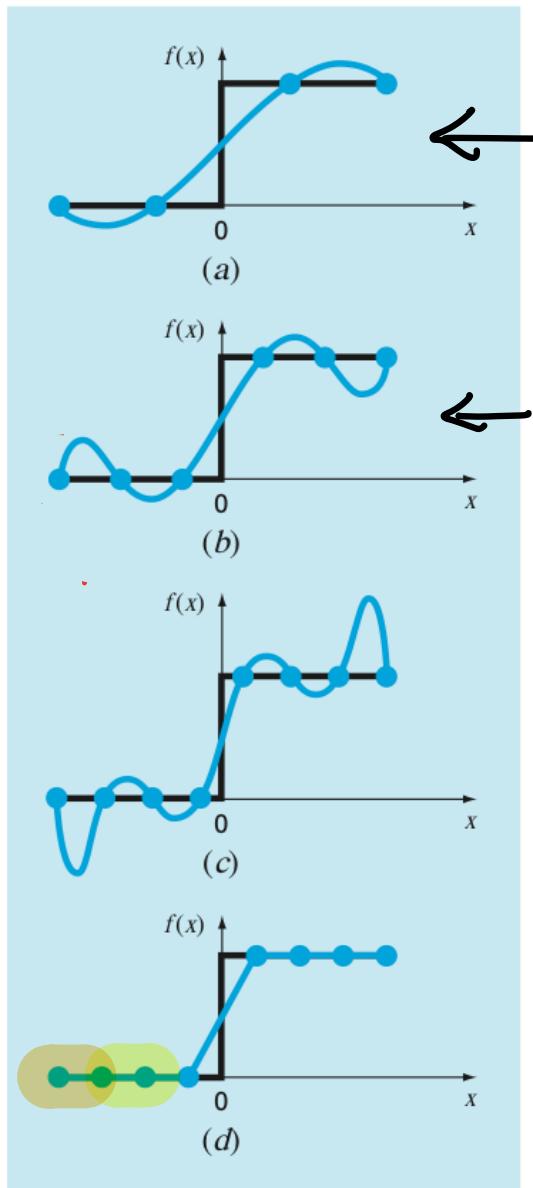
Additional data pt.

$$\ln 5 = 1.609438$$

# Spline Interpolation.

- Polynomial → lead to over-fitting
- Piecewise interpolation.

Oscillations. →



3<sup>rd</sup> degree polynomial

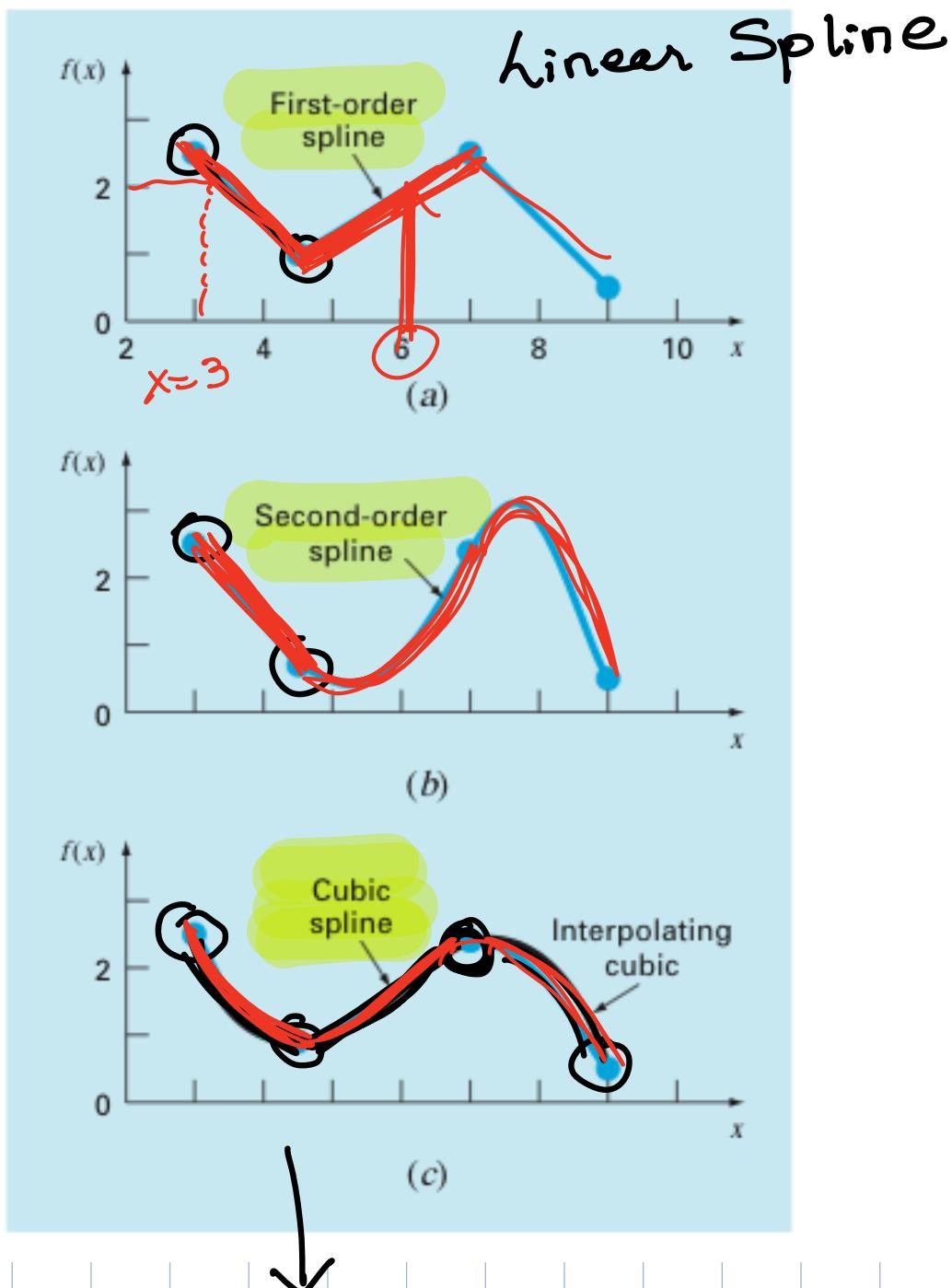
5<sup>th</sup> degree poly.

**FIGURE 18.14**

A visual representation of a situation where the splines are superior to higher-order interpolating polynomials. The function to be fit undergoes an abrupt increase at  $x = 0$ . Parts (a) through (c) indicate that the abrupt change induces oscillations in interpolating polynomials. In contrast, because it is limited to third-order curves with smooth transitions, a linear spline (d) provides a much more acceptable approximation.

**FIGURE 18.16**

Spline fits of a set of four points. (a) Linear spline, (b) quadratic spline, and (c) cubic spline, with a cubic interpolating polynomial also plotted.

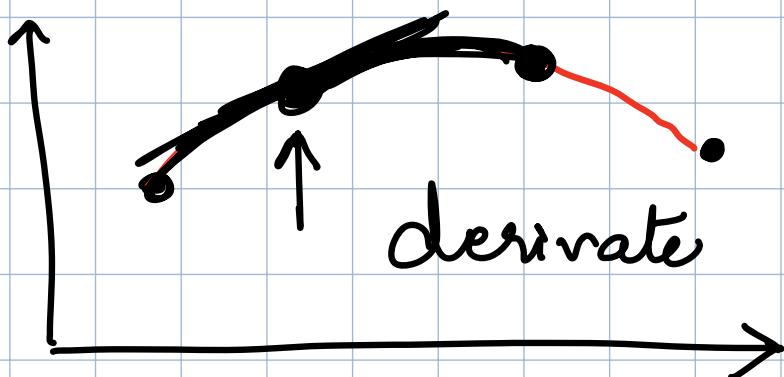


4 pts.  $\Rightarrow$  Polynomial Interpolant  
3<sup>rd</sup> degree  $\Rightarrow$  Cubic  
Different from Cubic Spline.

# Cubic Spline

$x_i, y_i$

$i = 1, \dots, n+1$



$n$  Splines.

derivative should be  
same.

- Piecewise Curve
- Continuous Curve.
- Pass through data pts.
- Separate Cubic polynomial for each interval.
- $k^{th}$  degree Spline,  $k-1$  times, derivatives at the meeting pt. Should be same for two Splines.

$$S_i(x) = a_i^3(x - x_i) + b_i^2(x - x_i)^2 \\ + c_i(x - x_i) + d_i$$

$$i = 1, \dots, n$$

$$x \in [x_i, x_{i+1}]$$

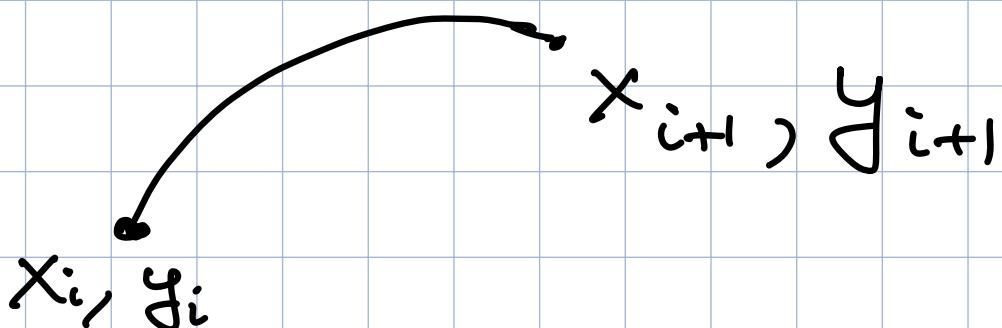
Each Spline has 4 coeff.

$\Rightarrow$  4n coefficients.

$$S_i(x_i) = y_i$$

$$S_i(x_{i+1}) = y_{i+1}$$

Cubic Splines match the data pts at both ends.



$n$  Splines  $\rightarrow 2n$  Conditions

$$S_i(x_i) = y_i$$

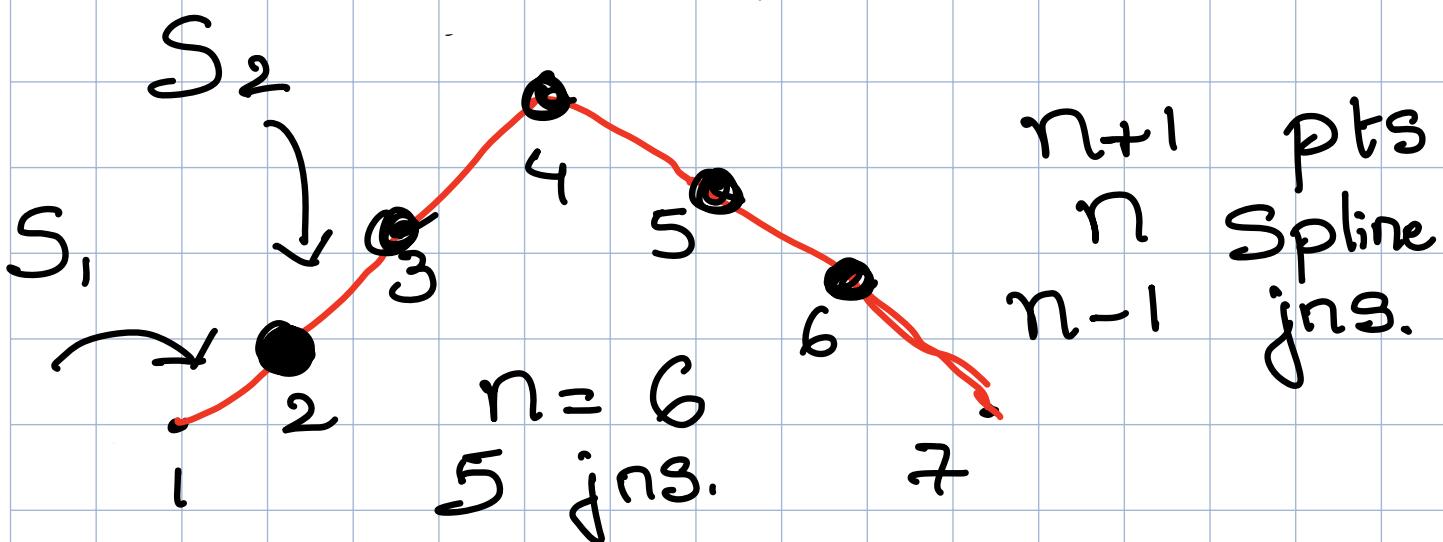
$$S_i(x_{i+1}) = y_{i+1}$$

Need  $2n$  more Conditions.

Interpolant to be Smooth at  
the boundaries, we  
require 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> deriva-  
tives are continuous

$$S'_i(x_{i+1}) = S'_{i+1}(x_{i+1})$$

$$S''_i(x_{i+1}) = S''_{i+1}(x_{i+1})$$



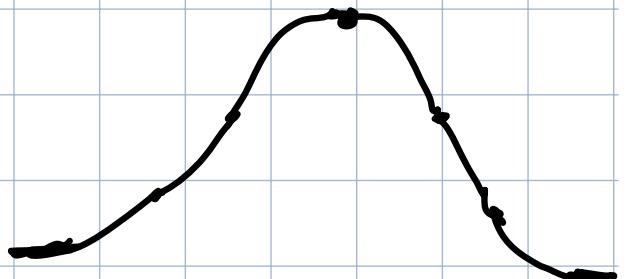
$2(n-1)$  Constraints from equality of 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> derivative.

We need 2 more Cond.

Natural Condition

$$S'_1(x_1) = 0$$

$$S'_n(x_{n+1}) = 0$$



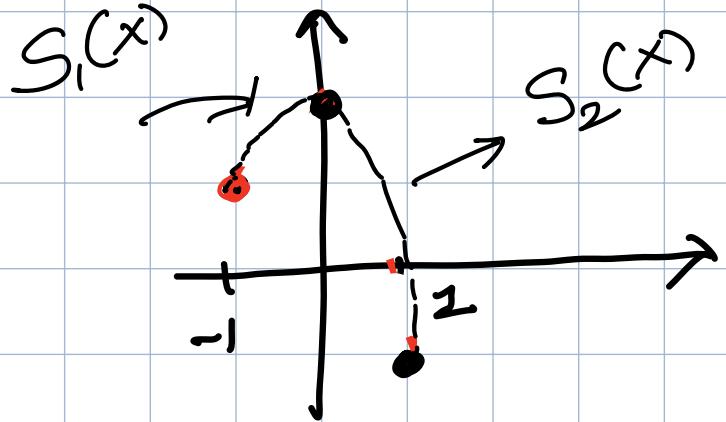
Alternative Conditions :

$$S'_1(x_1) = f'(x_1)$$

$$S'_n(x_{n+1}) = f'(x_{n+1})$$

# Example

i	x	y
1	-1	-1
2	0	2
3	1	-1



$$S_1(x) = ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + d \quad [-1, 0]$$

$$S_2(x) = ex^3 + fx^2 + gx + h \quad [0, 1]$$

$$S_1(-1) = 1 \quad (8 \text{ parameters})$$

$$S_1(0) = 2$$

$$S_2(0) = 2$$

$$S_2(1) = -1$$

$$\begin{aligned} S_1'(0) &= S_2'(0) \\ S_1''(0) &= S_2''(0) \end{aligned} \quad \left. \right\} \text{Smooth}$$

$$S_1'(-1) = 0 \quad \left. \right\} \text{Boundary}$$

$$S_2''(1) = 0 \quad \left. \right\} \text{Boundary}$$

$$S_1(x) = -x^3 - 3x^2 - x + 2$$

$$S_2(x) = x^3 - 3x^2 - x + 2$$