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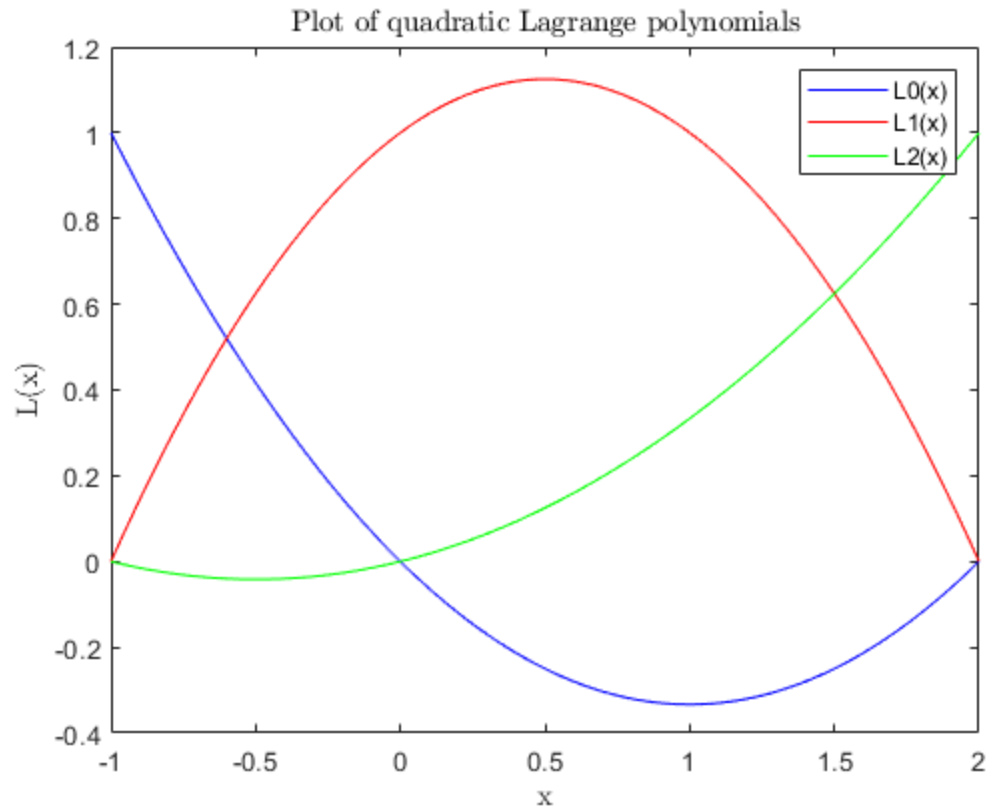
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Question 1

This code defines the three quadratic Lagrange polynomials based on x_0, x_1 and x_2 respectively and plots them together on one figure.

```
x=linspace(-1,2,1000);%this creates a vector with 1000 values between
-5 and 5
L0=(1/3).*x.*(x-2);%defines the L0 lagrange polynomial
plot(x,L0,'b')%plots this polynomial in blue
L1=(-1/2).*(x+1).*(x-2);%this line and the next define the L1/L2
polynomials respectively
L2=(1/6).*x.*(x+1);
hold on %holds the output so that the other two lines can be produced
on the same plot
plot(x,L1,'r')%plots L1 polynomial in red
plot(x,L2,'g')%plots L2 polynomial in green
hold off
set(groot,'DefaultTextInterpreter','latex')%rest of the code formats
the graph
xlabel('x');
ylabel('L(x)');
title('Plot of quadratic Lagrange polynomials');
legend('L0(x)', 'L1(x)', 'L2(x)');
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Question 2

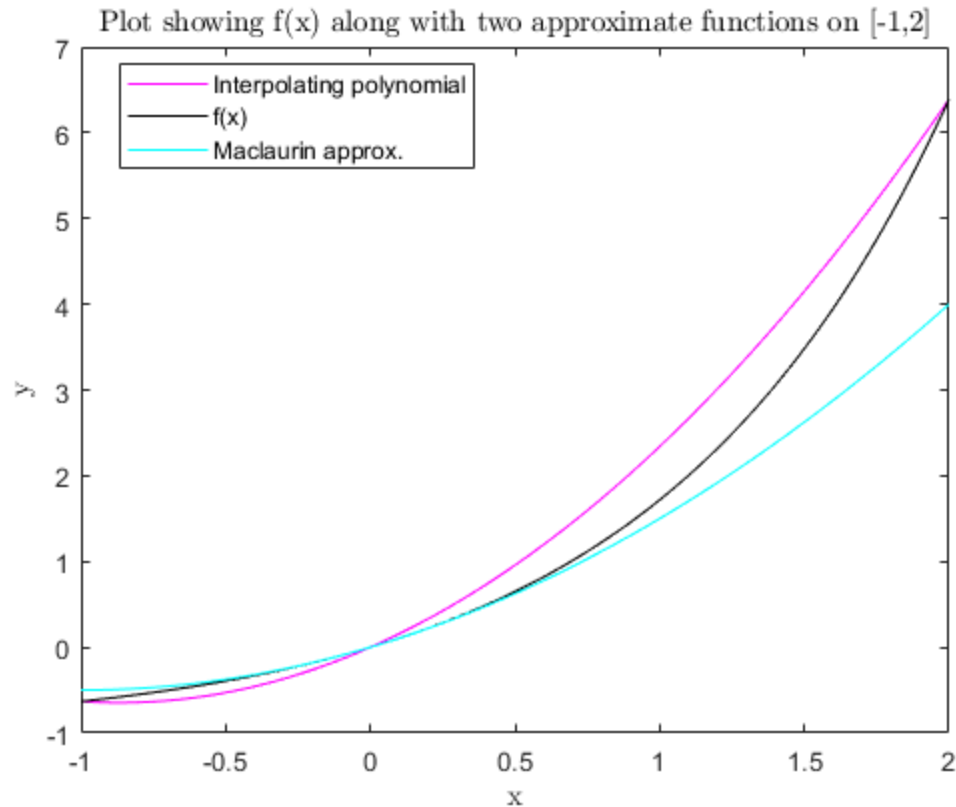
This code defines $f(x)$ along with two approximate functions on $[-1, 2]$, one being the maclaurin series of $f(x)$ expanded up to the x^2 term, the other the interpolating polynomial generated from x_0, x_1, x_2 given. It then plots the lines in the same figure.

```
f=@(x) exp(x)-1;%creates function handle to use in P(x) formula
x=linspace(-1,2,200);%creates set of 200 equally spaced points in
[-1,2]
L0=(1/3).*x.*(x-2);%next few lines redefine Lagrange polynomials
L1=(-1/2).*(x+1).*(x-2);
L2=(1/6).*x.*(x+1);
P=f(-1)*L0+f(0)*L1+f(2)*L2;%this line generates the polynomial
interpolant
plot(x,P,'m')%plots P(x)
fx=exp(x)-1;%defines the function we're interested in approximating
macx=x+(1/2).*x.^2;%defines the maclaurin series of f(x) up to x^2
term
hold on%holds output of figure
plot(x,fx,'k')%next two lines add fx and maclaurin approximation to
same plot
plot(x,macx,'c')
hold off
set(groot,'DefaultTextInterpreter','latex')%rest of this code formats
the figure
xlabel('x');
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ylabel('y');
title('Plot showing f(x) along with two approximate functions on
      [-1,2]');
legend('Interpolating polynomial','f(x)','Maclaurin
      approx.','Location','Best');

```



Question 3

This code defines a general vector of $n+1$ uniformly distributed points within the interval $[a,b]$ then confirms this vector is as expected for 4 equidistant points in $[-1,2]$.

```

a=-1; %first 3 values needed to go into the linspace function
b=2;
n=3;
z=linspace(a,b,n+1);%the general form of the equation that generates
the vector of n+1 equally spaced points
disp('4 uniformly distributed points in [-1,2] generated by the
general form of z vector above are:');
disp(z);%confirms general z vector gives the expected output

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4 uniformly distributed points in $[-1,2]$ generated by the general form of z vector above are:

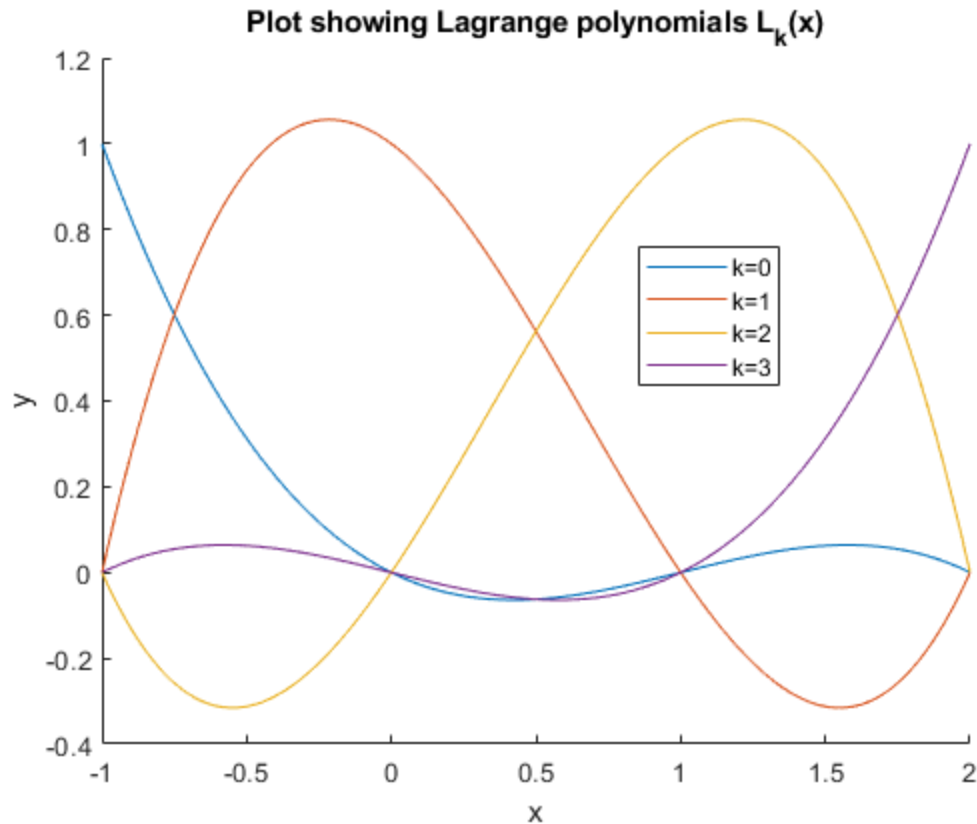
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Question 5

This code uses a for loop to plot the Lagrange polynomials calculated from 4 nodes in [-1,2] on the same figure.

```
close all hidden
axes

z=linspace(-1,2,4);%creates a vector of n+1 (4) equally spaced points
(the nodes)
x=linspace(-1,2,200);%creates a vector for use in evaluating points on
the curves
for k=0:3 %for loop has an index from zero to n (each node has a
Lagrange polynomial)
    y=LagrPolyn(k,x,z);%uses LagrPolyn to evaluate Lk polynomial at x
    hold all %allows all the curves to be plotted on the same axes
    plot(x,y);
    Legend{k+1}=strcat('k=',num2str(k));%labels each curve with its
appropriate k value
end
hold off
set(groot,'DefaultTextInterpreter','tex')%this text format allowed me
to use a subscript in the title
title('Plot showing Lagrange polynomials  $L_{\{k\}}(x)$ ');%rest of the code
formats the plot
xlabel('x');
ylabel('y');
legend(Legend,'Location','Best');
```



Question 7

This code plots on one figure the curve $f(x)=\exp(x)-1$ along with interpolants of varying numbers of nodes. Note that to see each curve clearly, the zoom in tool must be used as the interpolants with $n=4,8$ and $f(x)$ curves coincide very closely.

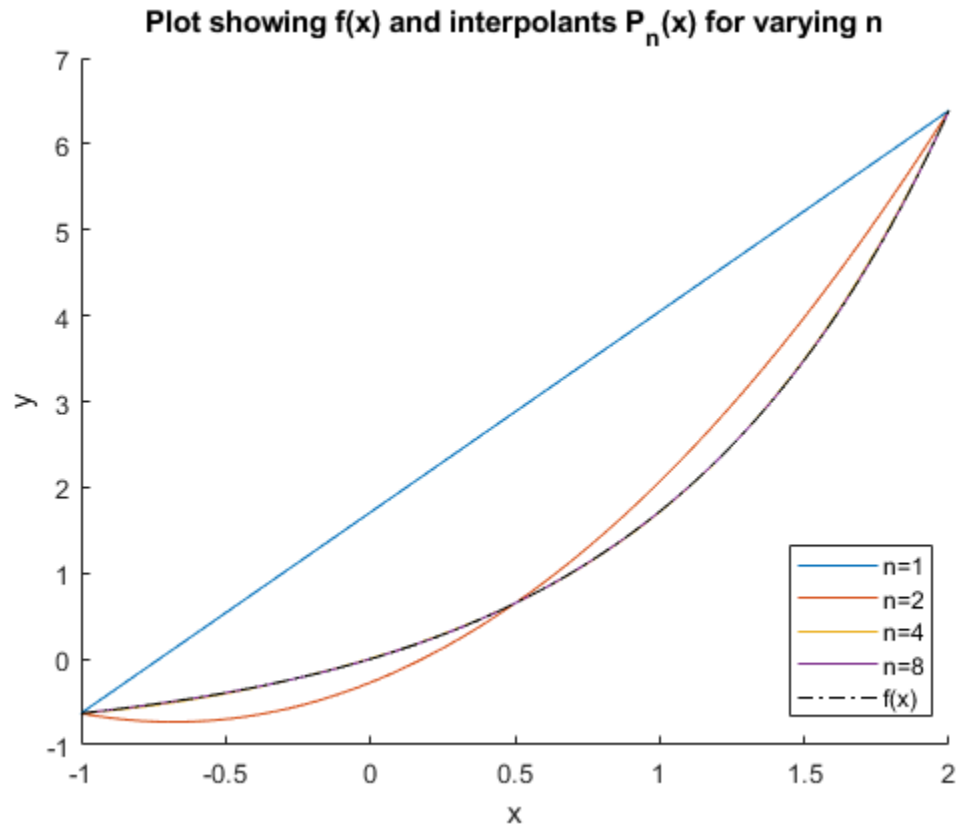
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close all hidden
axes

f=@(x) exp(x)-1;%defines the function handle as f(x) to go into
PolynInterp function
x=linspace(-1,2,150);%creates a vector for us to evaluate our
functions over (interpolants have nodes in [-1,2])
for i=0:3 %this for loop defines the interpolant for varying n and
plots them on the figure
    n=2^(i);%this defines the degree of each interpolant
    z=linspace(-1,2,n+1);%for this n, this gives n+1 equally spaced
points in [-1,2]
    Px=PolynInterp(f,x,z);%evaluates value of interpolating polynomial
with n+1 points
    hold all %allows all the curves to be put in one figure
    plot(x,Px);%plots the curve
end
fx=exp(x)-1;%defines the function given, f(x)
plot(x,fx,'k-.');%plots f(x) with a black dash-dot line (this is done
as the lines with n=4,8 coincide very closely to f(x))
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hold off
set(groot,'DefaultTextInterpreter','tex')%rest of this code formats
the figure
title('Plot showing f(x) and interpolants Pn(x) for varying n');
xlabel('x');
ylabel('y');
legend('n=1','n=2','n=4','n=8','f(x)','Location','Best');

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Question 9

This code plots the error in the polynomial interpolant against n.

```

f=@(x) exp(x)-1;%defines function handle as f(x) given
N=1:50;%creates a row vector with 50 elements for us to use in the
plot
E1=zeros(1,50);%next two lines initialise error vectors
E2=zeros(1,50);
Tn=0;%initialises Tn which will be the maclaurin series of f(x)
x=linspace(-1,2,2500);%defines a vector x which we will use with the
maclaurin series
fx=f(x);%defines f(x) which we will use to compute the error with the
maclaurin series
for n=1:50%for loop from 1 to 50 as this is the range of n I decided
to investigate
    z=linspace(-1,2,n+1);%defines a vector with n+1 uniformly
distributed points in [-1,2]

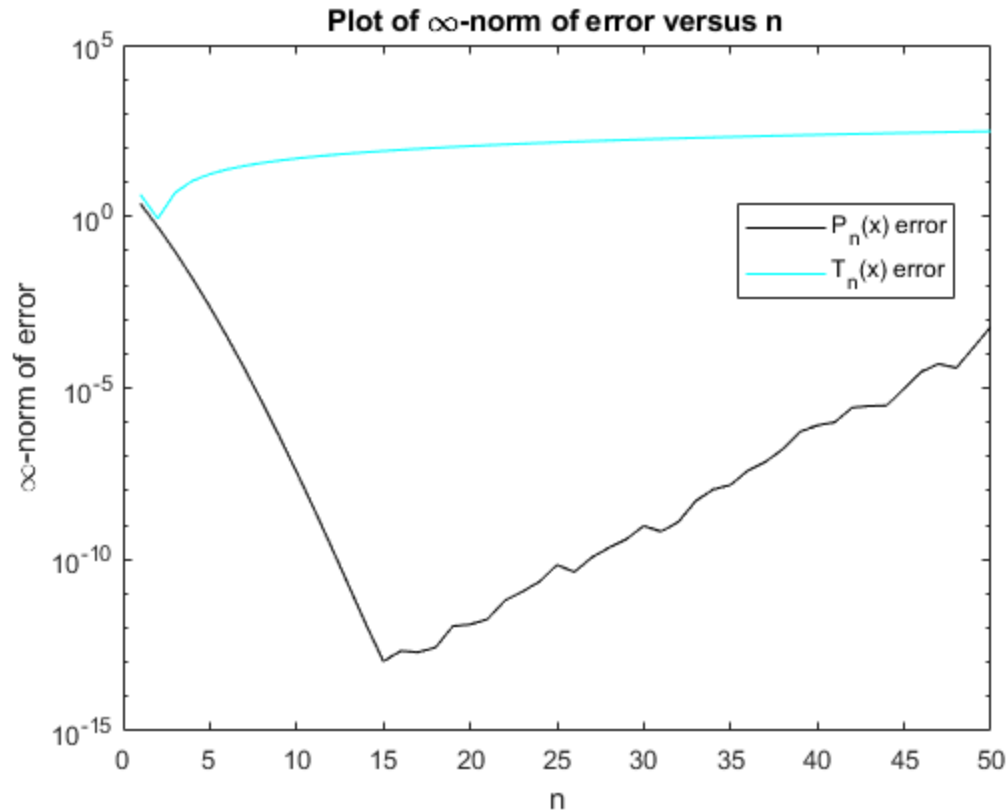
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    E1(n)=PolyInterpolError(-1,2,f,z);%assigns the nth element in E1
    with the max absolute error for this n
    for i=1:n%this for loop generates the maclaurin series of f(x)
        Term=x.^(i)./factorial(i);
        Tn=Tn+Term;
    end
    emac=abs(fx-Tn);%defines a vector with of absolute errors
    E2(n)=max(emac);%assigns nth element in E2 with max absolute error
    for this n (for T(x))
end
semilogy(N,E1,'k');%plots error curve for interpolating polynomial on
    logarithmic axes
hold on
semilogy(N,E2,'c');%also plots error curve for maclaurin series on the
    same figure
set(groot,'DefaultTextInterpreter','tex')%rest of the code formats the
    figure
title('Plot of \infty-norm of error versus n');
xlabel('n');
ylabel('\infty-norm of error');
legend('P_{n}(x) error','T_{n}(x) error','Location','Best');
hold off

% BONUS
% We observe that the Maclaurin series has increasing error with
    increasing
% n, which is expected since we are investigating the interval [-1,2],
    and
% so the Maclaurin series is not a good estimate of the function at
    x=2.
% This can be analysed by considering  $f(2)-T_n(2)$ ; as n increases more
% positive terms are added to  $T_n(2)$  so the absolute value
    monotonically
% increases beyond a specific n by  $2^n/\text{factorial}(n)$ . Since
    factorials
% grow quicker than powers, the graph levels off as observed.

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Q9 Answer For Convergence

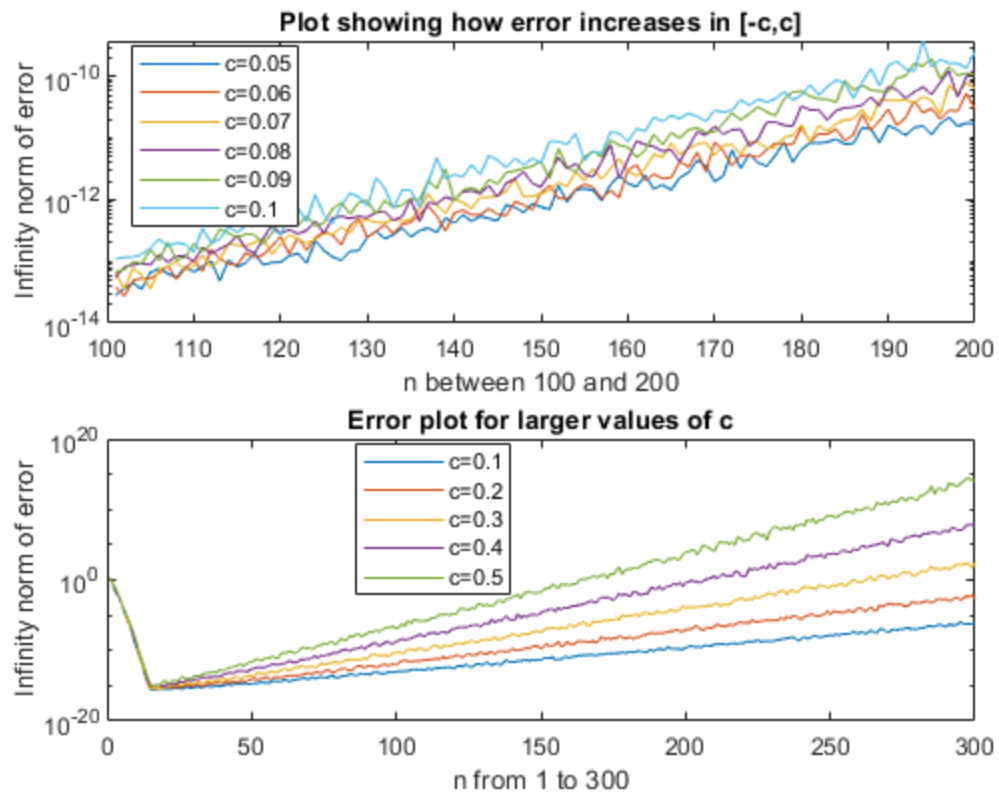
Clearly from the graph produced above, P_n does not converge to $f(x)$ in the interval $[-1,2]$. The code below takes our previous interpolants over $[-1,2]$ and investigates how the error evolves in the sub-interval $[-c,c]$ as n approaches infinity. The first plot displays how, even for tiny c , as n gets larger the error begins to increase after a certain point (therefore not satisfying the formal definition of convergence). However, although there is an increase, the error (if considered by plotting the interpolant and comparing to $f(x)$ by eye) is negligible and would not be noticed. This prompted me to produce the second plot, which has greater values of c and again displays divergence. Despite this, at $n=300$ the errors for $c=0.1, 0.2$ are still very small. We can conclude the polynomial interpolant remains very close to $f(x)$ (would appear to have converged) for large n if a c value of 0.2 is used.

```
f=@(x) exp(x)-1;%define function handle
E=zeros(1,100);%initialises error vector
N=101:200;%this will be the range of n we investigate over (chosen
    because large and useful for analysis)
for c=0.05:0.01:0.1%these values of c are investigated (they're very
    small)
    x=linspace(-c,c,200);%defines a vector with values in [-c,c]
    fx=f(x);%evaluates f(x) with the above x
    for n=101:200
        z=linspace(-1,2,n+1);%defines the uniform distributed points
        in interval
        y=PolynInterp(f,x,z);%evaluates the interpolant with nodes in
        [-1,2] at the [-c,c] sub interval
```

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        evec=abs(fx-y);%next two lines find the infinity norm of the
        absolute error and assign them to element of E
        E(n-100)=max(evec);
    end
    hold all
    subplot(2,1,1);
    semilogy(N,E);%plots the error against n for this value of c
end
hold off
title('Plot showing how error increases in [-c,c]');%rest of this code
    formats the first graph
xlabel('n between 100 and 200');
ylabel('Infinity norm of error');
legend('c=0.05','c=0.06','c=0.07','c=0.08','c=0.09','c=0.1','Location','Best');
E2=zeros(1,300);%initialises second error vector
N2=1:300;%creates vector to plot error against
for c=0.1:0.1:0.5%these values of c are investigated (they're larger
    than previous plot)
        x=linspace(-c,c,200);%defines a vector with values in [-c,c]
        fx=f(x);%evaluates f(x) with the above x
        for n=1:300
            z=linspace(-1,2,n+1);%defines the uniform distributed points
            in interval
            y=PolynInterp(f,x,z);%evaluates the interpolant with nodes in
            [-1,2] at the [-c,c] sub interval
            evec=abs(fx-y);%next two lines find the infinity norm of the
            absolute error and assign them to element of E2
            E2(n)=max(evec);
        end
        hold all
        subplot(2,1,2);
        semilogy(N2,E2);%plots the error against n for this value of c
    end
end
hold off
title('Error plot for larger values of c');%rest of this code formats
    the second graph
xlabel('n from 1 to 300');
ylabel('Infinity norm of error');
legend('c=0.1','c=0.2','c=0.3','c=0.4','c=0.5','Location','Best');

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Question 10

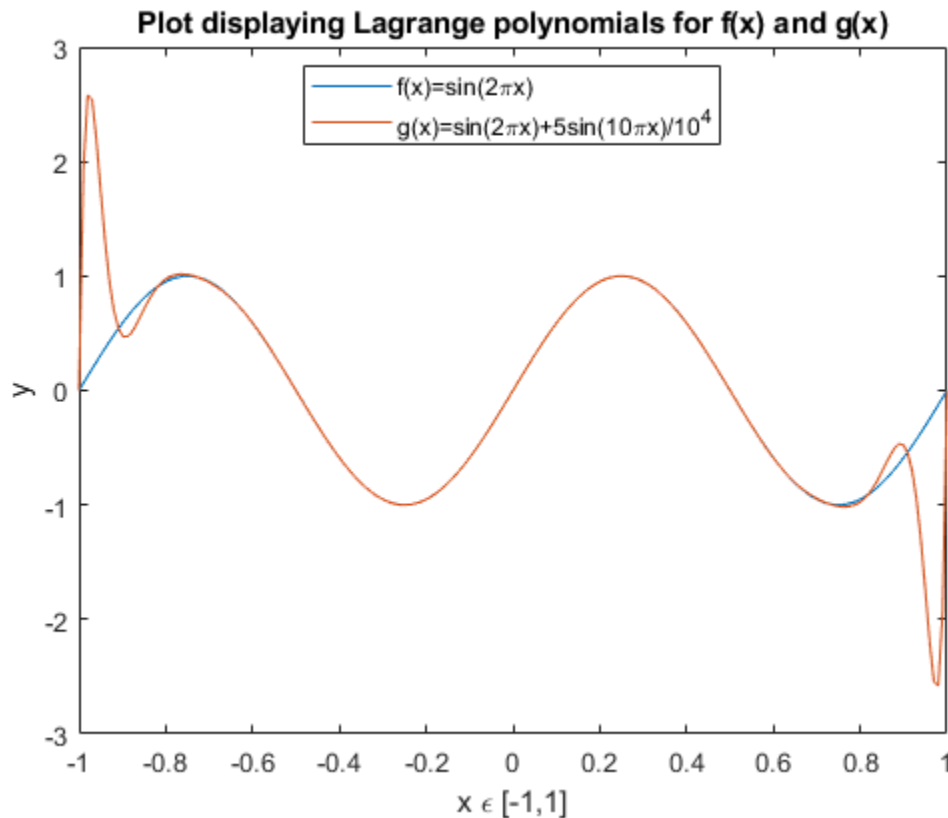
This code evaluates and plots the Lagrange polynomials of order 22 for $f(x)$ and $g(x)$ given in the region $[-1,1]$.

```
close all hidden
axes
f=@(x) sin(2*pi*x);%first two lines define function handles for f(x)
and g(x)
g=@(x) sin(2*pi*x)+(5/[10^4])*sin(10*pi*x);
z=linspace(-1,1,23);%this creates the vector of nodes to put into
PolynInterp
x=linspace(-1,1,200);%creates a vector for the polynomial to be
evaluated at
y1=PolynInterp(f,x,z);%defines polynomial degree 22 and evaluates at x
plot(x,y1);%plots f(x) curve
hold on
y2=PolynInterp(g,x,z);%as above but using g(x)
plot(x,y2);
set(groot,'DefaultTextInterpreter','tex')%rest of this code formats
the figure
title('Plot displaying Lagrange polynomials for f(x) and g(x)');
xlabel('x \epsilon [-1,1]');
ylabel('y');
legend('f(x)=sin(2\pix)', 'g(x)=sin(2\pix)+5sin(10\pix)/10^{4}','Location','Best');
hold off
```

```

% The plot shows that for x approximately in [-0.7,0.7], the Lagrange
% polynomials of the functions with n=22 coincide. The effect of the
% perturbation in g(x) presents itself near the endpoints of the
% interval
% where there is oscillation around the curve for f(x) which itself
% resembles a sine curve very closely. The g(x) polynomial behaving
% this
% way is an example of Runge's phenomenon, since the nodes are
% equidistant
% and the interpolant has a high degree.

```



Question 11

This code plots the Lagrange polynomials of f and g with degree 22, where 23 Chebyshev points are used as the nodes generating each polynomial instead of 23 uniformly distributed points in the interval $[-1,1]$.

```

f=@(x) sin(2*pi*x);%first two lines define function handles for f(x)
and g(x)
g=@(x) sin(2*pi*x)+(5/[10^4])*sin(10*pi*x);
z=GridCheb(22,-1,1);%this creates the vector of Chebyshev points as
required
x=linspace(-1,1,200);%creates a vector for the polynomial to be
evaluated at
y1=PolynInterp(f,x,z);%defines polynomial degree 22 and evaluates at x
plot(x,y1);%plots f(x) curve

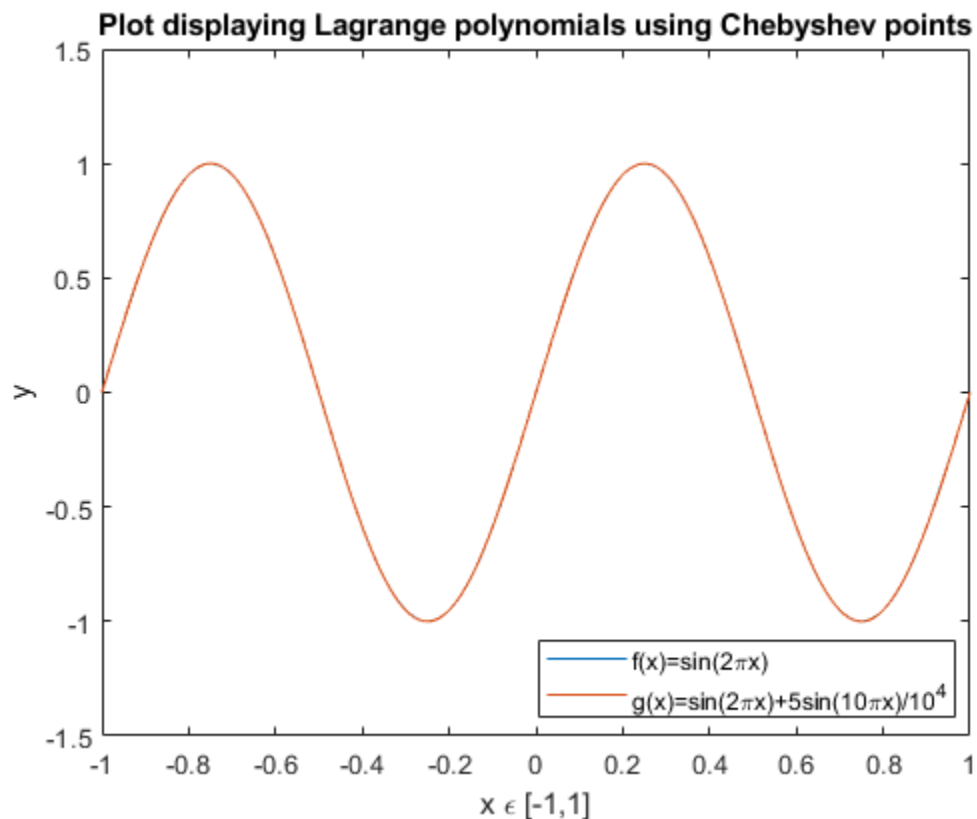
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hold on
y2=PolynInterp(g,x,z);%as above but using g(x)
plot(x,y2);
set(groot,'DefaultTextInterpreter','tex')%rest of this code formats
the figure
title('Plot displaying Lagrange polynomials using Chebyshev points');
xlabel('x \epsilon [-1,1]');
ylabel('y');
legend('f(x)=sin(2\pix)', 'g(x)=sin(2\pix)+5sin(10\pix)/10^{4}', 'Location', 'Best');
hold off

% We now observe that when Chebyshev points are used instead of
uniformly
% distributed points on the interval that the Lagrange polynomials of
order
% n=22 for f(x) and g(x) coincide very closely at all points in [-1,1]
i.e.
% the effect of the perturbation is mitigated. the zoom in tool must
be
% used to observe any differences between the curves.

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