

## Numerical Methods and Computation

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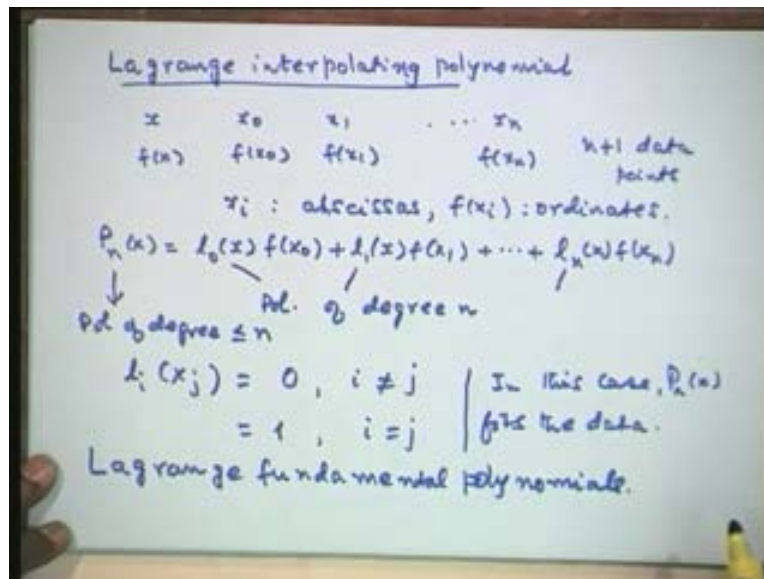
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### Interpolation and Approximation

Now in the previous lecture we have introduced the concept of an interpolating polynomial, we were deriving the Lagrange interpolating polynomial which fits a given data. Let us just revise what we have done last time; we were trying to derive the Lagrange interpolating polynomial.

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The data that is given to us is of the form  $x$   $f(x)$ , some point  $x_0$   $f$  at  $x_0$ ,  $x_1$   $f$  at  $x_1$  so on  $x_n$   $f$  at  $x_n$ , so we have got a set of  $n$  plus 1 data points, data points or data values which we have here. We have written the Lagrange interpolating polynomial as a linear combination of these ordinates, we shall call this  $x_i$  as the abscissa of these data, these are the abscissa and  $f$  at  $x_i$  are the ordinates. Now this representation is obvious, because we can represent  $x$   $f(x)$  as a point in the 2 dimensional coordinate plane, therefore we can we shall call them as abscissas and these are the ordinates. Now we write these polynomial, polynomial of degree  $n$  at  $x$  as a linear combination of  $f(x_0)$   $f(x_1)$   $f(x_n)$  that is sum  $l_0(x)$ ,  $f$  of  $x_0$ ,  $l_1(x)$   $f$  of  $x_1$  plus so on  $l_n(x)$   $f$  at  $x_n$ . Then we have

mentioned that, since  $p_n(x)$  is a polynomial of degree  $n$  all  $l_i(x)$  should also be polynomials of degree  $n$ . Therefore these are all polynomials of degree  $n$ ,  $p_n(x)$  of course finally may turn out to be a polynomial of degree less than or equal to  $n$ , polynomial of degree less than equal to  $n$ . If the leading terms cancel here, then it is going to be a lower order polynomial. For example you might have given a hundred data but if they are all lying on straight line, so the hundred data will be representing a just a linear polynomial and not a polynomial degree 99. Therefore this  $p_n(x)$  may finally be a polynomial of degree less than equal to  $n$ , while  $l_0, l_1, \dots, l_n(x)$  will be polynomials of degree  $n$  only. Now then we have shown that the, these polynomials  $l_i(x)$  should satisfy the condition  $l_i(x_j)$  is equal to 0, for  $i$  not equal to  $j$  and this should be equal to 1, for  $i$  is equal to  $j$ , under this condition this polynomial exactly fits the, fits the given data, so in this case, in this case  $p_n(x)$  fits the data. These polynomials are called the Lagrange fundamental polynomials; these are called the Lagrange fundamental polynomials. Now the next step is how we construct the, the polynomials of degree  $n$ , which satisfy this particular property and the writing of such a polynomial is really very trivial, because it should be 0 when I substitute  $x$  is equal to  $x_j$  and when I substitute  $i$  is equal to  $j$ , that is  $x_i$  it should have value 1.

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The image shows a whiteboard with handwritten mathematical formulas for Lagrange fundamental polynomials. The formulas are as follows:

$$l_i(x) = \frac{(x-x_0) \cdots (x-x_{i-1})(x-x_{i+1}) \cdots (x-x_n)}{(x_i-x_0) \cdots (x_i-x_{i-1})(x_i-x_{i+1}) \cdots (x_i-x_n)}$$

$$l_i(x_j) = 0, \quad i \neq j$$

$$= 1, \quad i = j$$

$$i = 1, 2, \dots, n$$

$$W(x) = (x-x_0)(x-x_1) \cdots (x-x_n)$$

$$W'(x_i) = (x_i-x_0)(x_i-x_1) \cdots (x_i-x_{i-1})(x_i-x_{i+1}) \cdots (x_i-x_n)$$

$$l_i(x) = \frac{W(x)}{(x-x_i)W'(x_i)}$$

$$P_n(x) = \sum_{i=0}^n l_i(x) + (x_i)$$

That means I can now define a polynomial  $l_i(x)$  is equal to, in the numerator I will have, I will have a numerator and denominator  $(x$  minus  $x_0)$  all the products  $(x$  minus  $x_{i-1})$   $(x$  minus  $x_{i+1})$   $(x$  minus  $x_n)$  and in the denominator I will have  $(x_i$  minus  $x_0)$   $(x_i$  minus  $x_{i-1})$   $(x_i$  minus  $x_{i+1})$   $(x_i$  minus  $x_n)$  that is  $i$  is equal to 1 2 3 so on  $n$ . Now in the numerator we have written all the products except the product here, that is  $(x$  minus  $x_i)$  and that belongs to this suffix  $i$ . Now let us substitute  $x$  is equal to  $x_0$ , it is 0 because numerator has  $(x$  minus  $x_0)$ , so for all  $x_i$  this is going to be 0 except when  $x$  is equal to  $x_i$ , when  $x$  is equal to  $x_i$  the numerator is same as the denominator, therefore it cancels. Therefore this satisfies the property that  $l_i(x_j)$  is equal to 0, for  $i$  not equal to  $j$

and this is equal 1, for  $i$  is equal to  $j$ . Therefore this is itself the Lagrange fundamental polynomial that is required in the construction of the Lagrange interpolating polynomial.

Now we can put this in a simple notation by just using a notation, so let us set the  $w(x)$  as the product of all the factors given in the problem, so these are the products using all the abscissas ( $x$  minus  $x_0$ ) ( $x$  minus  $x_1$ ) so on ( $x$  minus  $x_n$ ). Then let us find out what is the derivative of this with respect to  $x$  but at  $x_i$ . These are  $n$  plus 1 factors. Therefore if I differentiate there will be  $n$  plus 1 terms. There will be only 1 term which will not contain, I will write down this particular factor here also ( $x$  minus  $x_i$ ), let us write this ( $x$  minus  $x_i$ ). When I differentiate this, there will be only 1 term which will not contain this, which is the derivative of this term, because these are all linear factors. When I substitute  $x_i$  all of them would vanish except 1 term which is containing this 1 and that term will be, when I differentiate whole the thing this goes, I substitute the remaining, so whatever you have here is ( $x$  minus  $x_0$ ) ( $x_i$  minus  $x_1$ ) the previous one is ( $x_i$  minus  $x_{i-1}$ ) the next one ( $x_i$  minus  $x_{i+1}$ ) and the last term ( $x_i$  minus  $x_n$ ).

So all the terms would disappear except one term, which was the derivative using this term particular factor that we have. We see that the denominator of  $l_i(x)$  is simply  $w$  prime  $x_i$ , this is same as this denominator, therefore  $l_i(x)$  in simple notation can be written as  $w(x)$ , I have to remove ( $x$  minus  $x_i$ ) so I will divide ( $x$  minus  $x_i$ ), therefore  $w(x)$  upon ( $x$  minus  $x_i$ ) is the numerator and the denominator is  $w$  prime of  $x_i$ , so I can simply write this Lagrange fundamental polynomials in this particular notation. When once these  $l_i(x)$  are determined, I will substitute in the polynomial to find Lagrange interpolating polynomial, a summation  $i$  is equal to 0 to  $n$   $l_i(x) f(x_i)$  of  $x_i$ , so I can substitute these fundamental polynomials in this and simplify this to get my Lagrange interpolating polynomial.

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Linear interpolating polynomial

$x$	$x_0$	$x_1$	
$f$	$f_0$	$f_1$	$w(x) = (x - x_0)(x - x_1)$

$$l_0(x) = \frac{x - x_1}{x_0 - x_1}; \quad l_1(x) = \frac{x - x_0}{x_1 - x_0}$$

$$P_1(x) = l_0(x) f(x_0) + l_1(x) f(x_1)$$

Example 1 Construct the linear polynomial which fits the data

$x$	1	2
$f(x)$	2	5

Predict the value at 1.5.

Now let us construct few simple cases, the first case we shall construct is, let us take a linear interpolating polynomial, linear interpolating polynomial, therefore we are considering any 2 points arbitrarily, so let us suppose we are considering the points,  $x_0, f_0, x_1, f_1$ , so we are considering the case of only 2 points  $x_0, f_0, x_1, f_1$ . Therefore our fundamental polynomial should be, now the factors w x will be all the factors  $(x \text{ minus } x_0) (x \text{ minus } x_1)$  there are only two 2 abscissa therefore there will be only 2 factors. Therefore our  $l_0(x)$  must be equal to, I must skip in the numerator the factor corresponding to this suffix that is our  $x_0$ , so I must skip  $(x \text{ minus } x_0)$ , so I will have  $(x \text{ minus } x_1)$  and what is the denominator? The denominator is the numerator evaluated at  $x_i$  that is the point with the suffix, so I will have to evaluate this numerator at  $x_0$  that is  $(x_0 \text{ minus } x_1)$ . Now let us write down  $l_1(x)$ , now I must skip in the numerator  $(x \text{ minus } x_1)$  so what is left out is  $(x \text{ minus } x_0)$ , evaluate it at  $x_1$ ,  $(x_1 \text{ minus } x_0)$ . Therefore our polynomial of degree 1, polynomial degree 1 will be  $l_0(x)$  into  $f_0$  of  $x_0$ ,  $l_1$  of  $x$   $f_1$  at  $x_1$  this will be the required polynomial. Now let us take a simple example along with this, so let us take this as example. Now I will number it so that I want to use this in the later steps, so I will use them as number 1 and this, construct the linear polynomial which fits the data  $x, f, x, 1, 2, 2, 5$ . Predict the value at 1 point 5, predict the value using this linear polynomial what would be the value at  $x$  is equal to 1 point 5.

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$$\begin{aligned}
 x_0 &= 1, x_1 = 2 \\
 f_0 &= 2, f_1 = 5 \\
 l_0(x) &= \frac{x - x_1}{x_0 - x_1} = \frac{x - 2}{1 - 2} = -(x - 2) \\
 l_1(x) &= \frac{x - x_0}{x_1 - x_0} = \frac{x - 1}{2 - 1} = x - 1 \\
 p_1(x) &= l_0(x) f_0 + l_1(x) f_1 \\
 &= -(x - 2) 2 + (x - 1) 5 = 3x - 1 \\
 f(1.5) &= ? \quad p_1(1.5) = 3(1.5) - 1 = \underline{3.5}
 \end{aligned}$$

Now here our  $x_0$  is 1,  $x_1$  is equal to 2,  $f_0$  is 2,  $f_1$  is equal to 5. Therefore our  $l_0(x)$  is  $x$  minus, let us write down the formula again,  $(x \text{ minus } x_1)$  divide by  $(x_0 \text{ minus } x_1)$ , therefore this is  $(x \text{ minus } 2)$  divided by  $(1 \text{ minus } 2)$ , so that will be minus of  $(x \text{ minus } 2)$ .  $l_1$   $x$  is  $(x \text{ minus } x_0)$  divide by  $(x_1 \text{ minus } x_0)$  so that is  $(x \text{ minus } 1)$  from here and  $(2 \text{ minus } 1)$  that is equal to  $(x \text{ minus } 1)$ . Therefore our required polynomial is  $p_1(x)$  is  $l_0(x) f_0$  plus  $l_1(x) f_1$ , let us substitute the values  $l_0(x)$  is minus

$(x - 2)f_0$  is 2,  $l_1(x)$  is  $(x - 1)f_1$  is 5. This is  $5x - 2x$  that is  $3x$ , this is  $-5 + 4$  so this is  $-1$ . Therefore this is a polynomial which fits exactly the given data. Now we want to predict the value of  $f$  at 1 point 5 is what is being asked, so I would give the estimate of this as  $p_1$  at 1 point 5 that is  $3$  into  $1$  point  $5$  minus  $1$  that is equal to  $3$  point  $5$ . So this will be the value, the predicted value of the function  $f$  at the point  $1$  point  $5$ . Now we will little later see how good this value is or what is the error in do you use in this particular approximation.

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Quadratic interpolating polynomial

$x$	$x_0$	$x_1$	$x_2$
$f(x)$	$f_0$	$f_1$	$f_2$

$$l_0(x) = \frac{(x-x_1)(x-x_2)}{(x_0-x_1)(x_0-x_2)}, \quad l_1(x) = \frac{(x-x_0)(x-x_2)}{(x_1-x_0)(x_1-x_2)}$$

$$l_2(x) = \frac{(x-x_0)(x-x_1)}{(x_2-x_0)(x_2-x_1)}$$

$$p_2(x) = l_0(x)f_0 + l_1(x)f_1 + l_2(x)f_2$$

Now let us take up what would be the quadratic interpolating polynomial, so similarly let us derive the, sorry, the quadratic interpolating polynomial. I want to use 3 points and construct a polynomial of a degree 2 which passes through this, that means I have got the data as  $x$   $f(x)$ ,  $x_0$   $x_1$   $x_2$ ,  $f_0$   $f_1$   $f_2$ . Therefore I can write down the Lagrange fundamental polynomials immediately, the numerator should miss  $(x - x_0)$ , so I will have the remaining factors  $(x - x_1)(x - x_2)$ , the denominator is evaluation at  $x_0$ , so this is  $(x_0 - x_1)(x_0 - x_2)$  and  $l_1(x)$  is, the numerator should skip now  $(x - x_1)$ , so I will have  $(x - x_0)(x - x_2)$  and I evaluate it at  $x_1$  for the denominator, so this will be  $(x_1 - x_0)(x_1 - x_2)$  and the third fundamental polynomial is  $l_2(x)$ , I skip now the numerator  $(x - x_2)$ , so I will have  $(x - x_0)(x - x_1)$ , I evaluate it at  $x_2$ ,  $(x_2 - x_0)(x_2 - x_1)$ . When once these polynomials are evaluated I immediately write down the polynomial of degree 2,  $x$  is equal to  $l_0(x)f_0 + l_1(x)f_1 + l_2(x)f_2$ . Now let us also illustrate an example for this so that we can discuss about the error, so let me write down the example.

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Handwritten notes on a whiteboard showing the general form of Lagrange interpolation polynomials for three points  $x_0, x_1, x_2$  with corresponding function values  $f_0, f_1, f_2$ .

$$l_0(x) = \frac{(x-x_1)(x-x_2)}{(x_0-x_1)(x_0-x_2)}, \quad l_1(x) = \frac{(x-x_0)(x-x_2)}{(x_1-x_0)(x_1-x_2)}$$
$$l_2(x) = \frac{(x-x_0)(x-x_1)}{(x_2-x_0)(x_2-x_1)}$$
$$P_2(x) = l_0(x)f_0 + l_1(x)f_1 + l_2(x)f_2$$

Example 2 Fit an interpolating polynomial for the data

x	1	2	4
f(x)	2	5	17

Now fit an interpolating polynomial for the given data, so let us give this data as  $x$   $f(x)$ , I will take it as 1, 2, 2, 5, 4, 17.

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Handwritten notes on a whiteboard showing the calculation of the interpolating polynomial  $P_2(x)$  for the given data.

Predict the value of  $f(x)$  at  $x=3$ .

$$l_0(x) = \frac{(x-2)(x-4)}{(1-2)(1-4)} = \frac{1}{3}(x-2)(x-4)$$
$$l_1(x) = \frac{(x-1)(x-4)}{(2-1)(2-4)} = -\frac{1}{2}(x-1)(x-4)$$
$$l_2(x) = \frac{(x-1)(x-2)}{(4-1)(4-2)} = \frac{1}{6}(x-1)(x-2)$$
$$P_2(x) = \frac{1}{3}(x-2)(x-4)(2) - \frac{1}{2}(x-1)(x-4)5 + \frac{1}{6}(x-1)(x-2)17$$
$$= x^2 + 1$$
$$P_2(3) = 10$$



Then will say predict the value of  $f(x)$  at  $x$  is equal to 3. Now what is very important to note here is, these data points are arbitrary for data points that means they are not having any step, a particular step length or anything, you can see the distance between these two is 1, the distance between these two is 2, so these are really a random set of points. They, you can particularize with the case of when you have a equispace data but otherwise this is an arbitrary data.

So let us write down the fundamental polynomials, so I will have  $x$ ,  $l_0(x)$  is equal to, our  $x_0$  is 1,  $x_1$  is 2,  $x_2$  is 4, so I will have there is  $(x - 2)$  into  $(x - 4)$  divided by  $(1 - 2)(1 - 4)$ ,  $x_0$  is 1 so I am substituting  $x_0$  is 1  $(1 - 2)(1 - 4)$ , so this gives minus 3 minus 1 so this is plus 1 upon 3  $(x - 2)(x - 4)$ . Similarly I construct  $l_1(x)$ , now we would miss  $x_1$  that is 2, factor corresponding to 2. So I will have the numerator  $(x - 1)(x - 4)$  we have  $(2 - 1)(2 - 4)$ , this is  $(2 - 1)(2 - 4)$ , so this gives you 1, this gives you minus 2, so this gives you minus half  $(x - 1)(x - 4)$  and the third polynomial is  $l_2(x)$ , now will have to skip my  $x_2$  that is 4 the factor corresponding to 4, so I will have here  $(x - 1)$  into  $(x - 2)$  divide by  $(4 - 1)(4 - 2)$  this gives us 3, this gives us 2, so I will have here 1 upon 6  $(x - 1)$  into  $(x - 2)$ . Therefore the required polynomial is  $p_2(x)$  that is, I am  $l_0(x)$   $f_0$  that is 1 by 3  $(x - 2)(x - 4)$  into 2, that is  $f_0$  is 2 minus half  $(x - 1)(x - 4)$   $f_1$  is 5, plus 1 by 6, plus 1 by 6  $(x - 1)(x - 2)$  and  $f_2$  is 17.

Now I can collect the coefficients from all these, this I will leave it as a simple exercise for you, this comes out to be  $x^2$  plus 1. The coefficient of  $x$  cancels throughout and I simply have this is the  $x^2$  plus 1, so that we can predict the value of at 3 as simply equal to 10. Now this is the polynomial we can just check it again back whether we have done it correctly or not, just substitute  $x$  is equal to 1, this is 2, when  $x$  is equal to 2 this is 4 plus 1, 5,  $x$  is equal to 4 that is 16 plus 1, 17. So this polynomial is fitted this data exactly. So this is a verification that we can cross check because we are exactly fitting the given data and this is the predicted value. Now as I mentioned earlier the polynomial that we are constructing is fitting the data exactly but when we predicted at a particular value, not the point which is given there, we do not know how accurate this particular value, this 10 is. Therefore we must define, what is the error in our interpolated values? which we can also call as the truncation error.

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The image shows a whiteboard with handwritten mathematical definitions. At the top, the title 'Error of interpolation . Truncation Error' is written. Below it, the general error formula is given as  $E(f; x) = f(x) - p(x)$ , with a note  $p(x) = p_n(x)$ . The data points are listed as  $\text{Data: } (x_i, f_i), i=1, 2, \dots, n$ . A specific case for nodal points is shown:  $E_n(f; x_i) = f(x_i) - p(x_i) = 0$ . The interval is defined by  $x_0 = a, x_n = b$  and  $(a, b)$ . Finally,  $x \in (a, b)$  is noted as an 'arbitrary point,  $x \neq x_i$ '.

$$\text{Error of interpolation . Truncation Error}$$
$$E(f; x) = f(x) - p(x) \quad p(x) = p_n(x)$$
$$\text{Data: } (x_i, f_i), i=1, 2, \dots, n$$
$$E_n(f; x_i) = f(x_i) - p(x_i) = 0$$
$$x_0 = a, x_n = b \quad (a, b)$$
$$x \in (a, b) \quad x: \text{arbitrary point, } x \neq x_i$$

So I would like to derive a formula for the error of interpolation, so let us call this as error of interpolation, this is also called the truncation error, this is also called the truncation error. As I mentioned there is no error at the nodal points because the, which is we are fitting the data exactly, there is there is no, therefore no error at  $x_0, x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$ , the error arises only when we are interpolating at a particular another point. So let us denote this  $f(x)$  minus  $p(x)$ ,  $p(x)$  is a polynomial of any degree 1 2 or 3 or anything, this is our approximation and let us denote this as error, error polynomial degree  $n$  of  $x$ . So that means we are now writing in general your  $p(x)$  as  $p_n(x)$  it could be  $n$  is 1 its linear,  $n$  is 2 quadratic polynomial or otherwise its a degree  $n$ . Now remember our data is  $a$ , data is what is this data given to us it is  $x_i, f_i$ , this is the data given to us, this is the data given to us. Now as I said there is no error at the nodal points that means if I put  $x$  is equal to  $x_i$ , this obviously 0,  $f(x_i)$  minus  $p(x_i)$  is 0 because that is the data is exactly fitted. So error at the abscissa  $x_i$  is equal to  $f(x_i)$  minus  $p$  at  $x_i$  is equal to 0, because we are fitting the data exactly. Now to generalize the problem let us denote our first point  $x_0$  as  $a$ , last point  $x_n$  as  $b$ , so that we are talking of the interval  $(a, b)$  a general interval  $(a, b)$ . Now we are interpolating at an arbitrary point in between, so let us choose  $x$  an arbitrary point contained in this interval  $(a, b)$  therefore  $x$  is an arbitrary point and therefore  $x$  is not equal to  $x_i$  obviously this is not a this point.

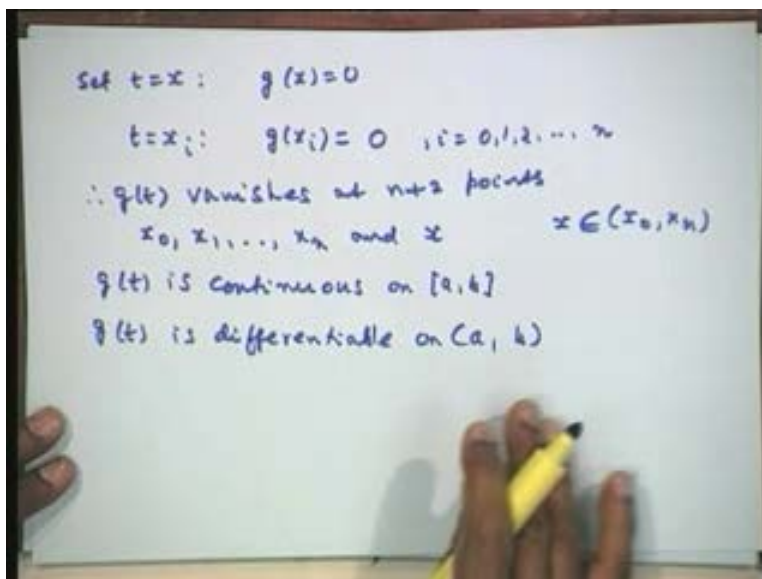


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$E_n(f; x_i) = f(x_i) - p(x_i) = 0$   
 Data:  $(x_i, f_i), (i=1, 2, \dots, n)$   
 $E_n(f; x_i) = f(x_i) - p(x_i) = 0$   
 $x_0 = a, x_n = b \quad (a, b)$   
 $x \in (a, b) \quad x: \text{arbitrary point } x \neq x_i$   
 Define a function  $g(t)$   
 $g(t) = [f(t) - p(t)] - [f(x) - p(x)] \frac{(t-x_0)(t-x_1)\dots(t-x_n)}{(x-x_0)(x-x_1)\dots(x-x_n)}$   
 $g(t)$  is continuous on  $[a, b]$

Now I define a new function  $g(t)$  so I will define a function  $g$  of  $t$ ,  $t$  is a new variable. I will write this as  $g$  of  $t$  is equal to  $f$  of  $t$  minus  $p$  of  $t$ , let us put it in a bracket minus  $f(x)$ , minus  $f(x)$  minus  $p(x)$  into  $(t \text{ minus } x_0)(t \text{ minus } x_1)(t \text{ minus } x_n)$  divided by  $(x \text{ minus } x_0)(x \text{ minus } x_1)(x \text{ minus } x_n)$ . Now we will understand why we are constructing such a function because I want to get from this, what will be the expression for this  $E_n$  is equal to  $f(x)$  minus  $p(x)$ , this function would enable me to find such a quantity. Now let us look at the function  $g(t)$ ,  $g(t)$  is containing  $f(t)$   $p(t)$   $f(x)$   $p(x)$ , our function we are expecting that the, whatever the data that is given is representing continuous function. Therefore this everything is continuous here, therefore  $g(t)$  is also a continuous function, so  $g(t)$  is a continuous function,  $g(t)$  is a continuous function.

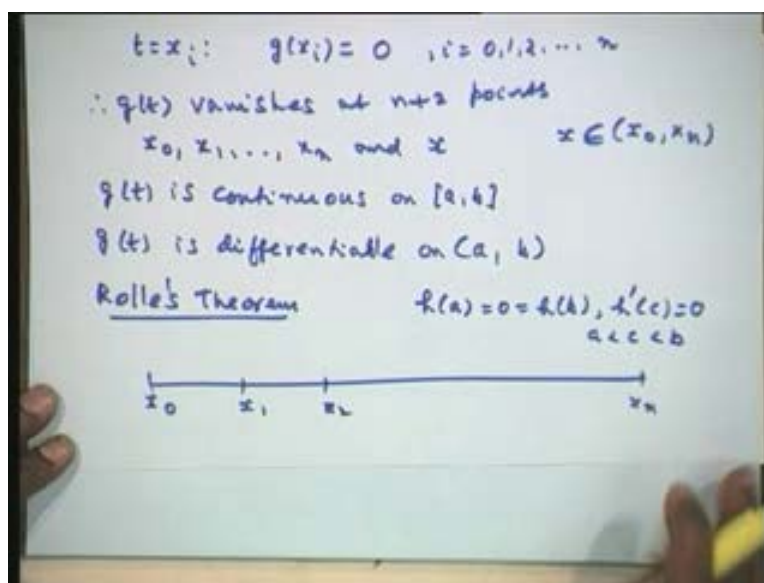
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Now let us just look at the property of this  $g(t)$ . Let us set  $t$  is equal to  $x$  in this, let us put  $t$  is equal to  $x$ . Now before we look at the first one, let us first look at this last factor, when I put  $t$  is equal to  $x$  this is same as the denominator, all the terms are same as, therefore they cancel of and will have 1. When  $t$  is equal to  $x$  this is  $[f(x) \text{ minus } p(x)] \text{ minus } [f(x) \text{ minus } p(x)] \text{ into } 1$ , therefore this will be simply  $g$  of  $x$  is equal to 0. This is same as this and we have this is equal to 0. Now let us set  $t$  is equal to  $x_i$ , set  $t$  is equal to  $x_i$  that is our points  $x_0, x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$ . Then  $g$  at  $x_i$  is equal to  $f$  at  $x_i$  minus  $p$  at  $x_i$  that is equal to 0 by definition, that is our  $f(x_i)$  minus  $p(x_i)$  is 0 but here when I put this any one of this  $x_i$ 's the numerator is 0 because  $(t \text{ minus } x_0) (t \text{ minus } x_1) (t \text{ minus } x_n)$  when I use any value for  $t$  is  $x_i$ , one of the factors is containing  $(x \text{ minus } x_i)$ , so this numerator is going to be 0 but this is also 0, so therefore this is also equal to 0, these are,  $i$  is equal to 0 1 2  $n$ .

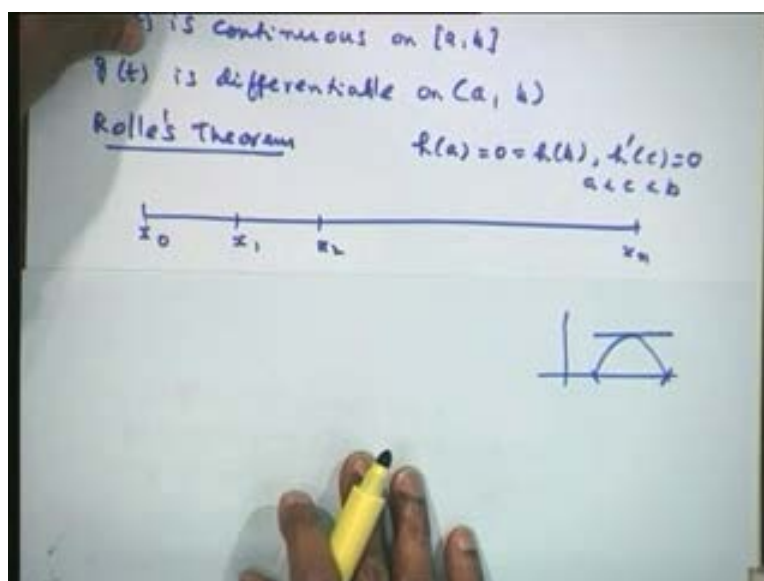
Therefore  $g(t)$  is a function of  $t$  which vanishes at  $n$  plus 1 plus 1,  $n$  plus 2 points. Therefore  $g(t)$  vanishes at  $n$  plus 2 points,  $n$  plus 2 points  $x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n$  and  $x$ , and at  $x$  of course,  $x$  is a point inside  $(x_0, x_n)$  that is our point  $(a, b)$ ,  $x_0$  point is an interior point.  $g(t)$  is continuous on  $(a, b)$  differentiable, we assume that differentiability also required number of times,  $g(t)$  is differentiable on the open interval  $(a, b)$ . Now I have a function  $g(t)$  which is continuous on  $(a, b)$  differentiable on  $(a, b)$  and vanishes at  $n$  plus 2 points. Now I would like to apply a theorem which you have studied in your first semester that is your Rolle's Theorem of a continuous function.

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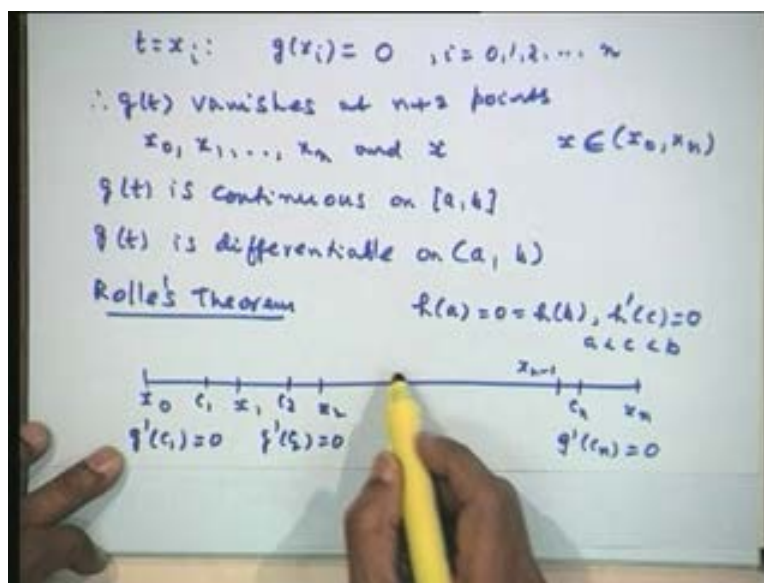
Now what is the Rolle's theorem, I want to use this Rolle's theorem, now these are our abscissas, now Rolle's theorem states that if I have, we have a function, let us remove it some  $h(x)$ , let us suppose we have a function  $h(x)$ ,  $h$  of  $a$  is equal to 0,  $h$  of  $b$  is equal to 0, in fact they need not be equal to 0, it will simply  $h$  of  $a$  is equal to  $h$  of  $b$  and  $h$  is continuous on  $(a, b)$  differentiable on  $(a, b)$ , then the Rolle's theorem states that there exists at least 1 point between  $(a, b)$  where  $h$  prime or the derivative of  $h$  will be equal to 0. So then the Rolle's theorem states that there exists a point at which  $h$  dash of  $c$  is equal to 0, where  $c$  is a point lying between  $a$  and  $b$ .

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Now if you just remember what this was, this really states that if suppose you have a function like this,  $h$  of  $a$  is 0,  $h$  of  $b$  is 0 then what it states is that there is at least one point, at least this slope over the tangent will be parallel to  $x$  axis,  $h$  dash of  $c$  is equal to 0. Now I would like to apply this Rolle's Theorem on this

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So if you look at these two points  $x_0, x_1$ ,  $g(t)$  vanishes at both this points  $g(x_0)$  is 0  $g(x_1)$  is 0,  $g(t)$  is continuous  $g(t)$  is differentiable therefore there exist a point here some  $c_1$  at which your  $g$  dash of  $c_1$  is equal to 0. Now between  $x_1$  and  $x_2$ ,  $g(x_1)$  is 0  $g(x_2)$  is 0 therefore again there exists a point  $c_2$  at which  $g$  prime at  $c_2$  is equal to 0. Now if I go to the last point here, last interval again  $g$  at  $x_{n-1}$  is 0,  $g$  at  $x_n$  is equal to 0, therefore there exists a point  $c_n$  at which  $g$  prime at  $c_n$  is equal to 0. Now let us imagine that  $g$  prime is some new function, some new function  $h(x)$ . If I take this as new function, now I can apply the Rolle's theorem repeatedly, now I have a function  $h(c_1)$  is 0,  $h(c_2)$  is equal to 0,  $g$  dash is continuous, it is differentiable therefore there exists a point between  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  such that the second derivative is equal to 0. Now if I apply repeatedly then there are  $n$  plus 2 points, therefore repeated application Rolle's Theorem would state that  $n$  plus 1, 1 less than that; that is  $n$  plus 1<sup>th</sup> derivative of  $g$  will be 0 at 1, at least 1 point between  $x_0$  to  $x_n$ .

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Applying Rolle's theorem repeatedly,  
we get

$$g^{(n+1)}(\xi) = 0, \quad a < \xi < b$$

$$g^{(n+1)}(t) = f^{(n+1)}(t) - 0 - \frac{[f(x) - p(x)](n+1)!}{(x-x_0) \dots (x-x_n)}$$

$$g^{(n+1)}(\xi) = 0$$

$$= f^{(n+1)}(\xi) - \frac{[f(x) - p(x)](n+1)!}{w(x)}$$

So if I apply this Rolle's theorem repeatedly, so let us say applying Rolle's theorem repeatedly, repeatedly, we get the  $n+1^{\text{th}}$  derivative at an arbitrary point  $\xi$  in the interval, this is equal to 0, where  $\xi$  is a point between  $a$  and  $b$ . Remember this is derivative with respect to  $t$ , we are talking of a function of  $t$ . Now let us differentiate this  $n+1$  times,  $g^{(n+1)}$  of  $t$ , so I have to differentiate this,  $f^{(n+1)}$  of  $t$ ,  $n+1$  of  $t$ ,  $p(t)$  is only a polynomial of degree  $n$  but differentiating it  $n+1$  times, therefore the derivative of this will be going to be 0, minus, this is a function of  $x$ , so that stays as it is  $f(x) - p(x)$ . Now if you look at this one, this, there are  $n+1$  factors therefore this is a polynomial of degree  $n+1$  in  $t$ . Therefore if I differentiate it  $n+1$  times I will get factorial  $n+1$ ,  $n+1$  into  $n$  into  $n-1$  and so on, differentiate it  $n+1$  times, so I would get here factorial  $n+1$  in the numerator. Differentiating the numerator  $n+1$  times, it's a polynomial of degree  $n+1$ . The denominator stays as it is, that is your  $(x - x_0)$  so on  $(x - x_n)$ . Now this expression is 0 at  $\xi$  therefore  $g^{(n+1)}$  of  $\xi$  is equal to 0 and that will be equal to, let us now put here  $f^{(n+1)}$  of  $\xi$  minus, there is no  $t$  here, so this stays as it is, so  $[f(x) - p(x)](n+1)!$ . Now let us revert back this to your notation which we started with, this was  $w(x)$  this is the product of all the factors that are there in the given problem, that is  $(x - x_0)(x - x_1) \dots (x - x_n)$  that is  $w(x)$ . Now since this is equal to 0, I can now take this to the left hand side and find out what is the value of  $f(x) - p_n(x)$ .

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$$\begin{aligned}
 f(x) - P(x) &= \frac{w(x)}{(n+1)!} f^{(n+1)}(\xi) \\
 &= E_n(f; x) \\
 \text{Error of interpolation} \\
 |f(x) - P(x)| &= \frac{1}{(n+1)!} |w(x)| \left| f^{(n+1)}(\xi) \right| \\
 &\leq \frac{1}{(n+1)!} \max |w(x)| \max |f^{(n+1)}(x)| \\
 &\text{on } [a, b]
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $f(x)$  minus  $p_n(x)$ , so I am bringing to this side, so this goes up  $w(x)$ , this comes down  $n$  plus 1 factorial and this is  $f^{(n+1)}$  of  $\xi$  and we started the definition as error of interpolation is  $f(x)$  minus  $p(x)$  is equal to error at this one, therefore whatever we have derived now is nothing but the error of interpolation and this is your error of  $f(x)$ , this is your error of interpolation. Now since this  $\xi$  is unknown to us it is not possible for us to write this expression but we can bound it, so let us find out what is the bound of this, let us find what is the magnitude of this is.  $n$  is a number, so I can write it outside, this is magnitude of  $w(x)$  into magnitude of  $f^{(n+1)}$  of  $\xi$ . Now  $\xi$  is unknown, therefore what I will do is, I will take the maximum possible value of  $f^{(n+1)}$  of  $x$ , so I would therefore write this is less than or equal to  $1$  upon  $n$  plus 1 factorial, maximum of  $w(x)$  of course in the interval, in the interval on, let us write down on  $(a, b)$  maximum on  $(a, b)$ , maximum  $f^{(n+1)}$  of  $f(x)$ . We can find the maximum magnitude of  $f^{(n+1)}(x)$  using any procedure that we know. The maximum of  $w(x)$  I can always find it and that will give me the bound of the error, that means whatever interpolation that we are doing linear quadratic or any approximation, we shall be able to say what is the maximum possible error we are committing in that particular problem.



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$$\begin{aligned}
 & (x_0, f_0), (x_1, f_1) : n=0 \quad \{x_0, x_1\} h \\
 & E_1(f; x) = \frac{(x-x_0)(x-x_1)}{2!} f''(\xi) \\
 & |E_1| \leq \frac{1}{2} \max |(x-x_0)(x-x_1)| \max |f''(x)| \\
 & \quad \quad \quad \downarrow \\
 & \quad \quad \quad g'(x) = (x-x_1) + (x-x_0) = 0 \\
 & \quad \quad \quad x = \frac{x_0+x_1}{2} \\
 & |(x-x_0)(x-x_1)| = \left| \left( \frac{x_0+x_1}{2} - x_0 \right) \left( \frac{x_0+x_1}{2} - x_1 \right) \right| \\
 & = \left| -\frac{(x_1-x_0)^2}{4} \right| = \left| -\frac{h^2}{4} \right| \quad h = x_1 - x_0 \\
 & = \frac{h^2}{4}
 \end{aligned}$$

Now let us first have you look at what would be the error in the linear interpolation, let us take the error in linear interpolation. Therefore we are having only 2 points  $(x_0, f_0)$  and  $(x_1, f_1)$  these are the only 2 points that we have here and therefore here the case  $n$  is equal to 0, it corresponds to the case  $n$  is equal to 0. Therefore I can write down  $E_1$  from here,  $E_1$  from here,  $w(x)$  is the product of all the factors that is  $(x \text{ minus } x_0)(x \text{ minus } x_1)$ , now  $n$  is equal to 1, there are 2 points,  $n$  is 1, divided by 2 factorial, 1 plus 1 2 factorial and this is  $f$  double prime of  $\xi$ .

Now then let us get this bound, therefore magnitude of  $E_1$  would be less than equal to 1 by 2 maximum of  $(x \text{ minus } x_0)(x \text{ minus } x_1)$  into maximum of  $f$  double dash of  $x$ . Now I can find the maximum of this because the quadratic polynomial, I can just set it equal to, if I put this as  $g(x)$ , I can find out what is the derivative of this, derivative of this is equal to  $(x \text{ minus } x_0)$  plus  $(x \text{ minus } x_1)$ . Just differentiate it as product  $(x \text{ minus } x_1)$  into 1  $(x \text{ minus } x_0)$ . Set this is equal to 0 or ordinary maxima minima. It is a function of single variable, so differentiate first derivative, set it equal 0, find out the points, set with the critical points we find it out and at all those points, find out what is the maximum. So the maximum value of all those, we will take as the required maximum. Therefore this gives  $2x$  is equal to  $(x_0 \text{ plus } x_1)$  or  $x$  is equal to  $(x_0 \text{ plus } x_1)$  divided by 2. Therefore this is maximum at the middle point  $(x_0 \text{ plus } x_1)$  by 2 and let us find out what is the value.  $(x \text{ minus } x_0)$  into  $(x \text{ minus } x_1)$  will be  $(x_0 \text{ plus } x_1)$  by 2 minus  $x_0$   $((x_0 \text{ plus } x_1)$  by 2 minus  $x_1$ ). This is  $(x_1 \text{ minus } x_0)$ , this is  $(\text{minus } x_0 \text{ minus } x_1)$ , so I put a minus sign outside and put  $(x \text{ minus } x_0)$  whole square by 4, there is a 2 here, there is a 2 here, I will have 4 here and since there are only 2 points given to us  $x_0$  and  $x_1$  here, let us take this distance as equal to  $h$ . So that means I can just write this as  $h$  square by 4,  $h$  is the distance  $x_1 \text{ minus } x_0$ . No no no, I have not said its maximum, I just evaluated it, I will have to write down magnitude. So if you want, now if you want in to, you will have to write down the magnitude. The magnitude when once you put this magnitude, this will be magnitude; this will become  $h$  square by 4. I thought I will do it in next

step but since you have asked, what we are talking here is, maximum of magnitude, maximum magnitude, so this will give you the maximum magnitude is this one and magnitude is this. Therefore the maximum magnitude is  $x$  square by 4, therefore let us put back this value in this expression, so let us put it there.

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$$|E_1| \leq \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{h^2}{4} \cdot M_2$$

$$= \frac{h^2}{8} M_2$$

Error in quadratic interpolation  $n=2$

$$|E_2(f; x)| \leq \frac{1}{3!} \max_{[x_0, x_2]} |(x-x_0)(x-x_1)(x-x_2)| M_3$$

$$M_3 = \max_{[x_0, x_2]} |f'''(x)|$$

So magnitude of  $E_1$  is less than or equal to half, this is  $h$  square by 4 and let us denote this by  $M_2$ , I will denote  $M_2$  as maximum of  $f''(x)$ . We do not know what is  $f''(x)$ , therefore we need to have estimate through some other source. This is equal to  $h$  square by 8  $M_2$ . This result can be used in many problems where we need to find the step length  $h$  to construct a table, when we take up the problem it is illustrated. Now another important one is error in quadratic interpolation. Let us do quadratic interpolation also.

Now the error in quadratic interpolation, let us write straight away from this last expression, that is your error of  $E_2(f, x)$  would be less than or equal to  $1$  upon,  $n$  is equal to  $2$  now that is  $n$  is equal to  $2$ ,  $1$  upon factorial  $3$ ,  $1$  upon factorial  $3$  maximum of  $(x - x_0)(x - x_1)(x - x_2)$  into  $M_3$ . I will write  $M_3$ , where  $M_3$  is the maximum of  $f'''(x)$  in the interval  $(x_0, x_2)$ , in the interval we are talking of only  $(x_0, x_2)$ , maximum of  $(x_0, x_2)$ ,  $(x_0, x_2)$ . If there is a point, critical point falls outside the range, we are not considering that particular point, we are considering only the points which will fall when we are finding the maxima of this, the critical point should lie between  $x_0$  and  $x_2$ , only at that point we can find the maximum. This is a cubic, again we can differentiate it, find the value of the root, there will 2 values, 2 critical points, we can find those critical points and then find out what is the value at this one.

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$$= \frac{h^2}{8} M_2$$

Error in quadratic interpolation  $n=2$

$$|E_2(f; x)| \leq \frac{1}{3!} \max_{(x_0, x_2)} |(x-x_0)(x-x_1)(x-x_2)| M_3$$

$$M_3 = \max_{[x_0, x_2]} |f'''(x)|$$

Equi-spaced data

$$x_1 - x_0 = h = x_2 - x_1$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} x_0 & & t-h \\ | & \rightarrow & \\ x_1 & \rightarrow & t \\ | & \rightarrow & \\ x_2 & & t+h \end{array}$$

Now before we take up the example 1 example 2 illustrate it, if the data given is equispaced not randomly given, then this also simplifies into a very simple form like this. Let us take the particular case, let us take the case of equispaced, equispaced data. Now if it is a equispaced data, I have  $x_0$  here, I have  $x_1$  here, I have  $x_2$  here, now each is separated by, let us say  $h$  because it is equispaced data,  $x_1$  minus  $x_0$  is equal to  $h$ , which is same as  $x_2$  minus  $x_1$ , that is the equispaced data. We shall use a simple trick to find this maximum, let us take this middle point as my origin, some value  $t$ , I will call this as  $t$ . Then this point behind is  $t$  minus  $h$ , this point will be  $t$  plus  $h$ , because they are all equispaced therefore the point behind is  $h$  behind, point ahead is  $h$  ahead. Therefore if I take the central point as my origin then this previous point is  $t$  minus  $h$  and the next point will be  $t$  plus  $h$ , then this expression becomes very simple.

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$$\begin{aligned}
 \max |(t-h)t(t+h)| &= \max |t^3 - th^2| \\
 g'(t) &= 3t^2 - h^2 = 0: t = \pm \frac{h}{\sqrt{3}} \\
 \max |(t^2 - h^2)t| &= \max \left| \left( \frac{h^2}{3} - h^2 \right) \frac{h}{\sqrt{3}} \right| \\
 &= \left| -\frac{2}{3} \frac{h^3}{\sqrt{3}} \right| = \frac{2}{3\sqrt{3}} h^3 \\
 |E_2| &\leq \frac{1}{6} \cdot \frac{2}{3\sqrt{3}} h^3 M_3 = \frac{h^3}{9\sqrt{3}} M_3
 \end{aligned}$$

So, now what I want in that case will be the maximum of, I want then the maximum of  $(t \text{ minus } h) t (t \text{ plus } h)$ .  $(x \text{ minus } x_0) (x \text{ minus } x_1) (x \text{ minus } x_2)$  so I wanted the maximum of this and this you can see that is a very simple expression, this is  $t$  square minus  $h$  square into  $t$ , so this will be  $t$  cube minus  $t h$  square. Now let us call this as  $g$  of  $t$ , so that I can find out the derivative  $g$  dash of  $t$  that is  $3 t$  square minus  $h$  square. I set this as 0, therefore  $t$  is equal to plus minus  $h$  upon root 3. Now I want the maximum of this, therefore I want the maximum of, now you can see because of this symmetry plus minus  $h$  here, whether I take plus or minus  $h$  both of them are going to give the same value because one it will this case positive negative or positive negative. So it is going to give me  $t$  square minus  $h$  square into  $t$  that is what I want here, that is maximum of, that will be equal to magnitude of  $t$  square is  $h$  square by 3 minus  $h$  square into  $t$  that is  $h$  upon root 3,  $h$  upon root 3. That gives me, this is minus 2 by 3  $h$  cubed by root 3 that is 2 by 3 root 3  $h$  cubed. Now when once I get this maximum, I can substitute it this and then get what is the error here, therefore error now would be less than or equal to 1 upon factorial 3 that is 1 upon 6, **2 upon root 3**  $h$  cubed  $M_3$  that is equal to  $h$  cubed by 9 root 3  $M_3$ .

Therefore this is the error of interpolation in quadratic interpolation, if it is equispaced, whether it is equispaced or not, the linear interpolation this will be the error of approximation but if I want the data which is not equispaced then I shall use this particular expression to find out the maximum of the cubic. I can differentiate it and then get the values, 2 values of for  $x$  from here and find out the maximum out of those 2 values, substitute here and find the maximum and that will give me the maximum value of the error in this one. This, that will be the bound for the error of interpolation, if you remember the example 1 and 2, we are finally said, predict the value at a particular point, we have predicted the value. We shall now be able to say what would be the possible error of interpolation when we predict the value at any one of this **interprodian** ((Refer Slide Time: 51:08)) points either by linear polynomial quadratic or in general by  $n^{\text{th}}$  degree polynomial. Now we shall take the examples on this next time.