

1. Consider the four data points: $(-1, 1)$, $(0, 1)$, $(1, 2)$, $(2, 0)$.
 - (a) What degree polynomial is required to interpolate it?
 - (b) Determine (by hand) the unique interpolating polynomial using all three methods, and show that they result in the same polynomial.
2. We know the values of $\sin(x)$ on the interval $[0, \pi/2]$ at $x = 0, \pi/6, \pi/4, \pi/3, \pi/2$, which are respectively $y = 0, 1/2, \sqrt{2}/2, \sqrt{3}/2, 1$. Derive an interpolating polynomial. What is the error at $x = 1$?
3. Find f given $f(0) = 0$, $f(1) = 2$, and $f[x_0, x_1, x_2] = 1$ for any three points x_0, x_1, x_2 .
4. Suppose we wish to interpolate $n + 1$ data points with a piecewise quadratic polynomial. How many continuous derivatives can this interpolant have without becoming one global polynomial?