

Interpolation

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- Given a function $y = f(x)$, we approximate $f(x)$ by a polynomial $P(x)$. We evaluate $f(x)$ at some points $x_0, x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$

x	x_0	x_1	x_2	\dots	x_n
$f(x)$	$f(x_0)$	$f(x_1)$	$f(x_2)$	\dots	$f(x_n)$

I) Lagrange Interpolation Formula

$$P(x) = y_0 l_0(x) + y_1 l_1(x) + \dots + y_n l_n(x)$$

$$\& l_0(x) = \frac{(x-x_1)(x-x_2)\dots(x-x_n)}{(x_0-x_1)(x_0-x_2)\dots(x_0-x_n)}$$

$$l_1(x) = \frac{(x-x_0)(x-x_2)\dots(x-x_n)}{(x_1-x_0)(x_1-x_2)\dots(x_1-x_n)}$$

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$$l_n(x) = \frac{(x-x_0)(x-x_1)\dots(x-x_{n-1})}{(x_n-x_0)(x_n-x_1)\dots(x_n-x_{n-1})}$$

Ex: Interpolate the given data, then find $f(2)$

$$\begin{array}{cccccc} x = & 0 & 1 & 3 & 5 \\ y = & -3 & 0 & 4 & 1 \end{array}$$

Solution: We use Lagrange interpolation, we find Lagrange basis l_0, l_1, l_2, l_3

$$l_0 = \frac{(x-1)(x-3)(x-5)}{(-1)(-3)(-5)} = -\frac{1}{15}(x^3 - 9x^2 + 23x - 15)$$

$$l_1 = \frac{x(x-3)(x-5)}{1(-2)(-4)} = \frac{1}{8}(x^3 - 8x^2 + 15x)$$

$$l_2 = \frac{x(x-1)(x-5)}{3(2)(-2)} = -\frac{1}{12}(x^3 - 6x^2 + 5x)$$

$$l_3 = \frac{x(x-1)(x-3)}{5(4)(2)} = \frac{1}{40}(x^3 - 4x^2 + 3x)$$

$$P(x) = -3l_0 + 0l_1 + 4l_2 + 1l_3$$

$$= -\frac{13}{120}x^3 + \frac{1}{10}x^2 + \frac{361}{120}x - 3$$

$$\Rightarrow f(2) \approx P(2) = 5\frac{1}{20}$$

ملحوظة: درجة كثير الحدود $P(x)$ دائماً $n \geq$

Example:

1) Use Lagrange's Formula to obtain a polynomial of Least degree that fits the given data :-

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \textcircled{i} & x = & 0 & 2 & 3 \\ & y = & 7 & 11 & 28 \end{array}$$

Solution:

The polynomial is of degree ≤ 2 &

$$\begin{aligned} P(x) &= L_0(x) \cdot y_0 + L_1(x) \cdot y_1 + L_2(x) \cdot y_2 \\ &= 7L_0(x) + 11L_1(x) + 28L_2(x) \rightarrow \textcircled{1} \end{aligned}$$

where, $L_0(x) = \frac{(x-2)(x-3)}{(0-2)(0-3)} = \frac{1}{6}(x^2 - 5x + 6)$

$$L_1(x) = \frac{(x-0)(x-3)}{(2-0)(2-3)} = -\frac{1}{2}(x^2 - 3x)$$

$$L_2(x) = \frac{(x-0)(x-2)}{(3-0)(3-2)} = \frac{1}{3}(x^2 - 2x)$$

$$\text{Sub. in } \textcircled{1} \Rightarrow P(x) = \frac{7}{6}(x^2 - 5x + 6) - \frac{11}{2}(x^2 - 3x) + \frac{28}{3}(x^2 - 2x)$$

$$\Rightarrow P(x) = 5x^2 - 8x + 7$$

(ii)	x:	0	2	3	4
	y:	7	11	28	63

Solution: The polynomial is of degree ≤ 3 &

$$\begin{aligned}
 P(x) &= L_0(x) \cdot y_0 + L_1(x) \cdot y_1 + L_2(x) \cdot y_2 + L_3(x) \cdot y_3 \\
 &= 7L_0(x) + 11L_1(x) + 28L_2(x) + 63L_3(x) \quad \rightarrow \textcircled{1}
 \end{aligned}$$

where,

$$\begin{aligned}
 L_0(x) &= \frac{(x-2)(x-3)(x-4)}{(0-2)(0-3)(0-4)} = -\frac{1}{24} (x-2)(x^2-7x+12) \\
 &= -\frac{1}{24} (x^3 - 9x^2 + 26x - 24)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 L_1(x) &= \frac{(x-0)(x-3)(x-4)}{(2-0)(2-3)(2-4)} = \frac{1}{4} x (x^2-7x+12) \\
 &= \frac{1}{4} (x^3 - 7x^2 + 12x)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 L_2(x) &= \frac{(x-0)(x-2)(x-4)}{(3-0)(3-2)(3-4)} = -\frac{1}{3} (x)(x^2-6x+8) \\
 &= -\frac{1}{3} (x^3 - 6x^2 + 8x)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 L_3(x) &= \frac{(x-0)(x-2)(x-3)}{(4-0)(4-2)(4-3)} = \frac{1}{8} x (x^2-5x+6) \\
 &= \frac{1}{8} (x^3 - 5x^2 + 6x)
 \end{aligned}$$

\Rightarrow Sub. in $\textcircled{1}$ we get $P(x) = x^3 - 2x + 7$

Example: Find a polynomial of least degree that fits the data:

$$x: -1 \quad 4 \quad 1 \quad 0$$

$$f(x): -2 \quad 43 \quad 4 \quad -1$$

, then find the interpolated value at $x = 2$.

Solution: we arrange the values as,

$$x: -1 \quad 0 \quad 1 \quad 4$$

$$f(x): -2 \quad -1 \quad 4 \quad 43$$

Using Lagrange Interpolation Formula,

$$f(x) \approx P(x) = -2L_0(x) - L_1(x) + 4L_2(x) + 43L_3(x)$$

$$\text{where, } L_0(x) = \frac{(x-0)(x-1)(x-4)}{(-1-0)(-1-1)(-1-4)} = \frac{1}{10}(x^3 - 5x^2 + 4x)$$

$$L_1(x) = \frac{(x+1)(x-1)(x-4)}{(0+1)(0-1)(0-4)} = \frac{1}{4}(x^3 - 4x^2 - x + 4)$$

$$L_2(x) = \frac{(x+1)(x-0)(x-4)}{(1+1)(1-0)(1-4)} = -\frac{1}{6}(x^3 - 3x^2 - 4x)$$

$$L_3(x) = \frac{(x+1)(x-0)(x-1)}{(4+1)(4-0)(4-1)} = \frac{1}{60}(x^3 - x)$$

$$\Rightarrow f(x) \approx P(x) = \frac{2}{10}(x^3 - 5x^2 + 4x) - \frac{1}{4}(x^3 - 4x^2 - x + 4) - \frac{4}{6}(x^3 - 3x^2 - 4x) + \frac{43}{60}(x^3 - x) = 2x^2 + 3x - 1$$

$$f(2) \approx P(2) = 2(4) + 3(2) - 1 = 13$$

Example:- Use Lagrange Formula with the data

$$x: \quad 0.5 \quad \quad 0.6 \quad \quad 0.7$$

$$\cos x: \quad 0.87758 \quad 0.82534 \quad 0.76484$$

to find $\cos(0.54)$ by

- (i) Linear interpolation
- (ii) Quadratic interpolation.

Solution:-

(i) Linear Interpolation: we approximate the curve by a linear fn. (Polyn. of degree 1)

\Rightarrow we need 2 values only, we use

$$x: \quad 0.5 \quad \quad 0.6$$

$$\cos x: \quad 0.87758 \quad 0.82534$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos x \approx P(x) = y_0 L_0(x) + y_1 L_1(x)$$

$$= 0.87758 \left(\frac{x-0.6}{0.5-0.6} \right) + 0.82534 \left(\frac{x-0.5}{0.6-0.5} \right)$$

$$= -0.5224x + 1.13878$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos(0.54) \approx -0.5224(0.54) + 1.13878$$

$$\approx 0.856684$$

(ii) Quadratic Interpolation : we approximate the given data by a quadratic f_n (Polyn. of degree 2) \Rightarrow we use 3 values to find such Polynomial, we use

x :	0.5	0.6	0.7
$\cos x$:	0.87758	0.82534	0.76484

$$\cos x \approx P(x) = 0.87758 L_0(x) + 0.82534 L_1(x) + 0.76484 L_2(x)$$

$$L_0(x) = \frac{(x-0.6)(x-0.7)}{(0.5-0.6)(0.5-0.7)} = 50(x^2 - 1.3x + 0.42)$$

$$L_1(x) = \frac{(x-0.5)(x-0.7)}{(0.6-0.5)(0.6-0.7)} = -100(x^2 - 1.2x + 0.35)$$

$$L_2(x) = \frac{(x-0.5)(x-0.6)}{(0.7-0.5)(0.7-0.6)} = 50(x^2 - 1.1x + 0.3)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \cos x \approx P(x) &= 0.87758(50)(x^2 - 1.3x + 0.42) \\ &+ 0.82534(-100)(x^2 - 1.2x + 0.35) + 0.76484(50)(x^2 - 1.1x + 0.3) \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos x \approx -0.413x^2 - 0.0681x + 1.01488$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos(0.54) \approx 0.85767$$

II) Divided Difference Interpolation

* If the given points are not equally spaced, we form the divided difference table

x_i	$f(x_i)$	1 st divid. diff. $f[x_i, x_{i+1}]$	2 nd divid. diff. $f[x_i, x_{i+1}, x_{i+2}]$
x_0	y_0		
x_1	y_1	$f[x_0, x_1] = \frac{y_1 - y_0}{x_1 - x_0}$	$\frac{f[x_1, x_2] - f[x_0, x_1]}{x_2 - x_0}$
x_2	y_2	$f[x_1, x_2] = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1}$	$\frac{f[x_2, x_3] - f[x_1, x_2]}{x_3 - x_1}$
x_3	y_3	$f[x_2, x_3] = \frac{y_3 - y_2}{x_3 - x_2}$	

* Forward divided difference

$$f(x) \approx P(x) = f(x_0) + (x - x_0) f[x_0, x_1] + (x - x_0)(x - x_1) f[x_0, x_1, x_2] + \dots$$

* Backward divided difference

$$f(x) \approx P(x) = f(x_n) + (x - x_n) f[x_{n-1}, x_n] + (x - x_n)(x - x_{n-1}) f[x_{n-2}, x_{n-1}, x_n] + \dots$$

Example: Find the divided difference table for

the data,

$x:$	-2	-1	0	3	7
$f(x):$	71	21	1	121	28925

Solution: Points are not equally spaced, we form the divided difference table as follow:-

x_i	$f(x_i)$	$f[x_i, x_{i+1}]$	$f[x_i, x_{i+1}, x_{i+2}]$
-2	71				
		$\frac{21-71}{-1-(-2)} = -50$			
-1	21		$\frac{-20-(-50)}{0-(-2)} = 15$		
		$\frac{1-21}{0-(-1)} = -20$		$\frac{15-15}{3-(-2)} = 0$	
0	1		$\frac{40-(-20)}{3-(-1)} = 15$		$\frac{126-0}{7-(-2)} = 14$
		$\frac{121-1}{3-0} = 40$		$\frac{1023-15}{7-(-1)} = 126$	
3	121		$\frac{7201-40}{7-0} = 1023$		
		$\frac{28925-121}{7-3} = 7201$			
7	28925				

We will show now how to use the divided difference table to interpolate these points.

- Forward Interpolation

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) \approx P(x) &= 71 + (x+2)(-50) + (x+2)(x+1)(15) \\ &\quad + (x+2)(x+1)(x-0)(0) + \\ &\quad (x+2)(x+1)(x)(x-3)(14) \\ &= 14x^4 - 83x^2 - 89x + 1 \end{aligned}$$

- Backward Interpolation

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) \approx P(x) &= 28925 + (x-7)(7201) + \\ &\quad (x-7)(x-3)(1023) + (x-7)(x-3)(x-0)(126) \\ &\quad + (x-7)(x-3)(x-0)(x+1)(14) \\ &= 14x^4 - 83x^2 - 89x + 1 \end{aligned}$$

* ملاحظة: لا يمار قيم تقريبية لـ $f(a)$ ،

(١) ، إذا كانت a في النصف العلوي من الجول ، نختار x_0

بالقيمة الأقل منها ونستخدم Forward Interpolation

(٢) ، إذا كانت a في النصف الأقل من الجول ، نختار x_n

بالقيمة الأكبر منها ونستخدم Backward Interpolation

Forward & Backward Newton Formulas for Equally Spaced Points:- The interpolating Polynomial $P(x)$

For an equally spaced points can be obtained from the difference table from the formula :-

1) Forward Newton Interpolation Formula,

let $h = \text{step size}$ & $s = \frac{x - x_0}{h}$

$$f(x) \approx P(x) = f(x_0) + s \Delta f + \frac{s(s-1)}{2!} \Delta^2 f + \frac{s(s-1)(s-2)}{3!} \Delta^3 f + \dots$$

2) Backward Newton Interpolation Formula,

- we denote the differences by ∇f instead of Δf

let $h = \text{step size}$ & $s = \frac{x - x_0}{h}$

$$f(x) \approx P(x) = f(x_0) + s \nabla f + \frac{s(s+1)}{2!} \nabla^2 f + \frac{s(s+1)(s+2)}{3!} \nabla^3 f + \dots$$

Example: Find the difference table for the data

$x:$	-3	-1	1	3	5
$f(x):$	252	-2	0	66	772

Solution: Points are equally spaced, we form the difference table as follow:-

x	$f(x)$	Δf	$\Delta^2 f$	$\Delta^3 f$	$\Delta^4 f$
-3	252				
		$-2 - 252 = -254$			
-1	-2		$2 - (-254) = 256$		
		$0 - (-2) = 2$		$64 - 256 = -192$	
1	0		$66 - 2 = 64$		$576 - (-192) = 768$
		$66 - 0 = 66$		$640 - 64 = 576$	
3	66		$706 - 66 = 640$		
		$772 - 66 = 706$			
5	772				

We will show now how to use the difference table to interpolate these points.

For example, for the previous example & its difference table;

- Forward Interpolation with $x_0 = -3$

$$\text{we have } h = 2, \quad s = \frac{x - (-3)}{2} = \frac{x+3}{2}$$

$$f(x) \approx P(x) = f(x_0) + s \Delta f + \frac{s(s-1)}{2!} \Delta^2 f + \frac{s(s-1)(s-2)}{3!} \Delta^3 f + \dots$$

$$= 252 + \left(\frac{x+3}{2}\right)(-254) + \frac{1}{2!} \left(\frac{x+3}{2}\right) \left(\frac{x+3}{2} - 1\right) (256)$$

$$+ \frac{1}{3!} \left(\frac{x+3}{2}\right) \left(\frac{x+3}{2} - 1\right) \left(\frac{x+3}{2} - 2\right) (-192)$$

$$+ \frac{1}{4!} \left(\frac{x+3}{2}\right) \left(\frac{x+3}{2} - 1\right) \left(\frac{x+3}{2} - 2\right) \left(\frac{x+3}{2} - 3\right) (768)$$

$$= 252 - 127(x+3) + 32(x+3)(x+1) - 4(x+3)(x+1)(x-1)$$

$$+ 2(x+3)(x+1)(x-1)(x-3)$$

$$= 252 - 127(x+3) + 32(x^2 + 4x + 3) - 4(x^3 + 3x^2 - x - 3)$$

$$+ 2(x^4 - 10x^2 + 9) = 2x^4 - 4x^3 + 5x - 3$$

- Backward Interpolation with $x_0 = 5$ gives,

$$\text{we have } h = 2, \quad s = \frac{x-5}{2}$$

$$f(x) \approx P(x) = 772 + \left(\frac{x-5}{2}\right)(706) + \left(\frac{x-5}{2}\right)\left(\frac{x-5}{2}+1\right) \cdot \frac{1}{2!}(64) \\ + \frac{1}{3!}\left(\frac{x-5}{2}\right)\left(\frac{x-5}{2}+1\right)\left(\frac{x-5}{2}+2\right)(576) \\ + \frac{1}{4!}\left(\frac{x-5}{2}\right)\left(\frac{x-5}{2}+1\right)\left(\frac{x-5}{2}+2\right)\left(\frac{x-5}{2}+3\right)(768)$$

نظر نفس الاقواس مثل الحالة السابقة .

- To approximate the value of $f(-2)$

نختار x_0 بحيث تكون اقرب نقطة من النقط المعطاه للنقطة -2

\Rightarrow let $x_0 = -3$ & use Forward interpolation Formula

$$\Rightarrow S = \frac{-2 - (-3)}{2} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$f(-2) \approx P(-2) = 252 + \frac{1}{2}(-254) + \frac{(\frac{1}{2})(-\frac{1}{2})}{2!}(256) \\ + \frac{(\frac{1}{2})(-\frac{1}{2})(-\frac{3}{2})}{3!}(-192) + \frac{(\frac{1}{2})(-\frac{1}{2})(-\frac{3}{2})(-\frac{5}{2})}{4!}(768) = 51$$

- To approximate the value of $f(2)$

نختار x_0 نقطة من النقط المعطاه والا قرب للنقطة المطلوبة (2)

\Rightarrow let $x_0 = 3$ & use Backward interpolation Formula

$$\Rightarrow S = \frac{2-3}{2} = -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$f(2) \approx P(2) = 66 + (-\frac{1}{2})(66) + \frac{1}{2!}(-\frac{1}{2})(\frac{1}{2})(66) \\ + \frac{1}{3!}(-\frac{1}{2})(\frac{1}{2})(\frac{3}{2})(64) + \frac{1}{4!}(-\frac{1}{2})(\frac{1}{2})(\frac{3}{2})(\frac{5}{2})(-192) = 28.2$$

Example: Use the divided difference method to obtain a polynomial of least degree that fits the data

$x:$	1	3	-2	4	5
$y:$	2	6	-1	-4	2

Solution:-

It is better to arrange the data as

$x:$	-2	1	3	4	5
$y:$	-1	2	6	-4	2

The points are not equally spaced \Rightarrow divided diff.

x_i	$f(x_i)$	$f(x_i, x_{i+1})$	$f(x_i, x_{i+1}, x_{i+2})$
-2	<u>-1</u>				
1	2	<u>$\frac{1}{3}$</u>			
3	6	2	<u>$\frac{1}{5}$</u>		
4	-4	-10	-4	<u>$-\frac{7}{10}$</u>	
5	2	6	8	3	<u>$\frac{37}{70}$</u>

Using Forward interpolation Formula:

$$P(x) = -1 + 1(x+2) + \frac{1}{5}(x+2)(x-1) - \frac{7}{10}(x+2)(x-1)(x-3) + \frac{37}{70}(x+2)(x-1)(x-3)(x-4)$$

$$= -1 + (x+2) + \frac{1}{5}(x^2+x-2) - \frac{7}{10}(x^3-2x^2-5x+6) + \frac{37}{70}(x^4-6x^3+3x^2+26x-24)$$

$$\Rightarrow P(x) = \frac{37}{70}x^4 - \frac{271}{70}x^3 + \frac{223}{70}x^2 + \frac{1291}{70}x - \frac{114}{7}$$

Note that:

Backward Interpolation can be used also, as

$$P(x) = 2 + 6(x-5) + 8(x-5)(x-4) + 3(x-5)(x-4)(x-3) + \frac{37}{70}(x-5)(x-4)(x-3)(x-1)$$

$$= 2 + 6(x-5) + 8(x^2-9x+20) + 3(x^3-12x^2+47x-60) + \frac{37}{70}(x^4-13x^3+59x^2-107x+60)$$

$$= \frac{37}{70}x^4 - \frac{271}{70}x^3 + \frac{223}{70}x^2 + \frac{1291}{70}x - \frac{114}{7}$$

Example: Use the divided difference method to find the polynomial that best fits the data

$x:$ 3 4 6 10 15 , Hence approximate
 $f(x):$ 45 116 414 1970 6705 the value of $f(4.1)$

Solution: Points are not equally spaced, the divided difference table is as follow,

x_i	$f[x_i]$	$f[x_i, x_{i+1}]$	$f[x_i, x_{i+1}, x_{i+2}]$	--	--
3	<u>45</u>				
		<u>71</u>			
4	<u>116</u>		<u>26</u>		
		<u>149</u>		<u>2</u>	
6	<u>414</u>		<u>40</u>		
		<u>389</u>		<u>2</u>	
10	<u>1970</u>		<u>62</u>		
		<u>947</u>			
15	<u>6705</u>				

$$f(x) \approx P(x) = 45 + 71(x-3) + 26(x-3)(x-4) + 2(x-3)(x-4)(x-6) = 2x^3 - 3x$$

* To approximate $f(4.4)$ we use forward divided difference with $x_0 = 4$,

$$f(4.4) \approx 116 + 149(4.4-4) + 40(4.4-4)(4.4-6) + 2(4.4-4)(4.4-6)(4.4-10) = 157.168$$

Example: Find the Polynomial of degree ≤ 2 that passes through the three points
(0, 1) , (-1, 2) & (1, 3)

Solution:-

We use Lagrange Interpolation Formula

$$\begin{array}{ccc} x: & -1 & 0 & 1 \\ y: & 2 & 1 & 3 \end{array}$$

$$\Rightarrow P(x) = 2L_0(x) + 1.L_1(x) + 3L_2(x) \longrightarrow \textcircled{1}$$

where,

$$L_0(x) = \frac{(x-0)(x-1)}{(-1-0)(-1-1)} = \frac{1}{2}(x^2-x)$$

$$L_1(x) = \frac{(x+1)(x-1)}{(0+1)(0-1)} = -(x^2-1)$$

$$L_2(x) = \frac{(x+1)(x-0)}{(1+1)(1-0)} = \frac{1}{2}(x^2+x)$$

Substitute in $\textcircled{1}$,

$$P(x) = 2 \cdot \frac{1}{2}(x^2-x) - (x^2-1) + 3 \cdot \frac{1}{2}(x^2+x)$$

$$\Rightarrow P(x) = \frac{3}{2}x^2 + \frac{1}{2}x + 1$$

Example:- Given the data.

x:	0	1	2	3	4
y:	1	-3	25	129	381

Find the best approximation for $f(\frac{1}{2})$, $f(\frac{6}{5})$, $f(\frac{18}{5})$

Solution:- The points are Equally spaced, $h=1$

x	y	Δf	$\Delta^2 f$	$\Delta^3 f$	$\Delta^4 f$
0	1				
		-4			
1	-3		32		
		28		44	
2	25		76		28
		104		72	
3	129		148		
		252			
4	381				

* $f(\frac{1}{2})$: use $x_0=0$ & Forward interpolation formula,

$$s = \frac{1/2 - 0}{1} = 1/2$$

$$\begin{aligned} f(\frac{1}{2}) \approx & 1 + \frac{1}{2}(-4) + \frac{(\frac{1}{2})(-\frac{1}{2})}{2!}(32) + \frac{(\frac{1}{2})(-\frac{1}{2})(-\frac{3}{2})}{3!}(44) \\ & + \frac{(\frac{1}{2})(-\frac{1}{2})(-\frac{3}{2})(-\frac{5}{2})}{4!}(28) = -\frac{107}{32} \end{aligned}$$

* $f(\frac{6}{5})$: use $x_0 = 1$ & forward interpolation formula.

$$S = \frac{6/5 - 1}{1} = 1/5$$

$$\begin{aligned} f(\frac{6}{5}) &\approx -3 + \frac{1}{5}(28) + \frac{(\frac{1}{5})(-\frac{4}{5})}{2!}(76) + \frac{(\frac{1}{5})(-\frac{4}{5})(-\frac{9}{5})}{3!}(72) \\ &= -\frac{3}{125} \end{aligned}$$

* For $f(\frac{18}{5})$: use $x_0 = 4$ & backward interpolation formula.

$$S = \frac{18/5 - 4}{1} = -2/5$$

$$\begin{aligned} f(\frac{18}{5}) &\approx 381 + (-\frac{2}{5})(252) + \frac{(-\frac{2}{5})(\frac{3}{5})}{2!}(148) \\ &+ \frac{(-\frac{2}{5})(\frac{3}{5})(\frac{8}{5})}{3!}(72) + \frac{(-\frac{2}{5})(\frac{3}{5})(\frac{8}{5})(\frac{13}{5})}{4!}(28) \\ &= 256.6672 \end{aligned}$$

Example: By 2 methods, interpolate the given data

x:	1	3	-1	5
y:	-3	39	-21	345

Hence, approximate the value of y at $x = \frac{11}{2}$