Homework 5

1. (10 points)

a) Do Problem P2.2.1 from textbook. Instead of x being an (n-1)-column vector, you should let x be an n-column vector. HINT: Use HornerN and InterpV.

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b) Show output of your code for $c_1 = 1, c_2 = 2, c_3 = 3$ and $x_1 = 1, x_2 = 2, x_3 = 3$.

2. (10 points)

Let f(x) be a differentiable function such that f'(x) and f''(x) are continuous over the interval [a, b]. Also, assume that f'(x) is increasing in [a, b]. Let p(x) be the degree 1 polynomial that interpolates f(x) at the two points a and b, i.e., p(a) = f(a) and p(b) = f(b). Prove that f(x) < p(x) for all $x \in (a, b)$.