

$$\left\{ \begin{aligned} f(x) &\approx P_N(x) \\ f(x_i) &= P_N(x_i) \quad ; \quad i = \{0, \dots, N\} \\ x_i &\dots \text{ interpolation points} \end{aligned} \right.$$

$$f(x) = P_N(x) + \overset{\text{Remainder}}{R_N(x)}$$

$$f(x_i) = P_N(x_i) + R_N(x_i)$$

So

$$R_N(x_i) = 0$$

Why is this important?

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^N a_n \phi_n(x)$$

$$P_N(x) = \sum_{n=0}^N b_n \phi_n(x)$$

$$a_{m,G} = \langle \phi_m, f \rangle_G = \sum_{i=0}^N w_i \phi_m(x_i) f(x_i)$$

$$= \sum_{i=0}^N w_i \phi_m(x_i) P_N(x_i)$$

at x_i
we have
 $f(x_i) = P_N(x_i)$

stands for

$$\text{Gaussian Quadrature} = \langle \phi_m, P_N \rangle_G = b_m$$

Therefore

if we decide to compute spectral coefficients

a_n with Gaussian Quadrature, there is no difference or error between a_n and b_n . So, we can leave $f(x)$ and work with $f(x_i)$ or $P_N(x_i)$ with no error.