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Find ALL values of $(\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta)$ such that $s(x)$ is a cubic spline on $[-1, 1]$.

3. Define the Chebyshev polynomial $T_n(x)$ on $[-1, 1]$ and find its roots.
4. State (need not prove) the error formula for polynomial interpolation. Give an error bound in sup-norm for polynomial interpolation of e^x on $[-1, 1]$ using roots of $T_5(x)$ as interpolating points.

5. Does

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