

Q. 9) a)

$$V = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & x_1 & x_1^2 \\ 1 & x_2 & x_2^2 \\ 1 & x_3 & x_3^2 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & x_1 & x_1^2 \\ 0 & (x_2 - x_1) & (x_2 - x_1)(x_2 + x_1) \\ 0 & (x_3 - x_1) & (x_3 - x_1)(x_3 + x_1) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & x_1 & x_1^2 \\ 0 & 1 & x_2 + x_1 \\ 0 & 1 & x_3 + x_1 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & x_1 & x_1^2 \\ 0 & 1 & x_2 + x_1 \\ 0 & 0 & (x_3 + x_1) - (x_2 + x_1) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & x_1 & x_1^2 \\ 0 & 1 & x_2 + x_1 \\ 0 & 0 & x_3 - x_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Since we divided row 2 with  $(x_2 - x_1)$  and row 3 with  $(x_3 - x_1)$  we have to factor it back

$$\sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & x_1 & x_1^2 \\ 0 & (x_2 - x_1) & (x_2 - x_1)(x_2 + x_1) \\ 0 & 0 & (x_3 - x_2)(x_3 - x_1) \end{bmatrix}$$

Determinant of triangular matrix is to multiply the diagonal.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Det}(V) &= 1 \cdot (x_2 - x_1) \cdot (x_3 - x_2)(x_3 - x_1) \\ &= \underline{\underline{(x_2 - x_1)(x_3 - x_2)(x_3 - x_1)}} \end{aligned}$$

b)

9)

Since  $\text{Det} \neq 0$ , we know this  
 Since  $x_1 < x_2 < x_3$  and  $\text{Det}$   
 $(x_2 - x_1), (x_3 - x_1)$  and  $(x_3 - x_2)$  are all  
 non zero.

V is invertible

c)

$$V \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ y_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Since  $V$  is invertible we can multiply  
 with  $V^{-1}$  and since  $V^{-1}$  exists

$$\begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{bmatrix} = V^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ y_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

= a, b, c exist uniquely



a)

d)

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1^2 \\ 1 & 2 & 2^2 \\ 1 & 4 & 4^2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 11 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & 4 \\ 1 & 2 & 4 & 11 \\ 1 & 4 & 16 & 7 \end{array} \right] \sim \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & 7 \\ 0 & 0 & 6 & -18 \end{array} \right]$$

$$6c = -18 \Rightarrow c = -3$$

$$b + 3(-3) = 7 \Rightarrow b = 16$$

$$a + b + c = 4 \Rightarrow a + 16 - 3 = 4 \Rightarrow a = -9$$

$$\underline{\underline{P(x) = -9 + 16x - 3x^2}}$$