

# 1 Interpolation

Let  $(x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2)$  and  $(x_3, y_3)$  be points in the real plain  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . If  $x_i \neq x_j$  for  $i \neq j$  there is exactly one parabola  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  (i.e., there are uniquely determined coefficients  $a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}$ ) which satisfies

$$f(x_i) = ax_i^2 + bx_i + c = y_i \quad \text{for all } i = 1, 2, 3. \quad (1)$$

1. Please implement a function `interpolate(data)` which takes the points  $(x_i, y_i)$  for  $i = 1, 2, 3$  as arguments and returns the coefficients  $a, b, c$ , for which (1) holds.
2. Implement a function `parabola(x, coeff)` which evaluates a parabola depending on an argument  $x$  and some coefficients  $a, b, c$ . Then randomly generate some data points  $(x_i, y_i)$  for  $i = 1, 2, 3$ , determine the corresponding coefficients  $a, b, c$  with `interpolate(data)` and create a plot which contains the pairs  $(x_i, y_i)$  for  $i = 1, 2, 3$  and the associated fitted function  $f$  from (1) with the determined coefficients.
3. Assume the measuring points  $x_1, x_2$  and  $x_3$  are fixed and we want to obtain many interpolations for different values of  $y_1, y_2, y_3$ . What could be changed in your implementation to possibly make it more efficient?

*Hint:* Interpret task (i) as linear system of equations and solve it with `linalg.solve`.

**Solution:**