

Pre lab 7

This is a plan for writing the code:

1. **Construct the Vandermonde matrix:** Write a function that takes the interpolation points (x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n) and constructs the Vandermonde matrix.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & x_0 & x_0^2 & \dots & x_0^n \\ 1 & x_1 & x_1^2 & \dots & x_1^n \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \dots & \vdots \\ 1 & x_n & x_n^2 & \dots & x_n^n \end{bmatrix}$$

2. **Solve the linear system:** Write a function that takes the Vandermonde matrix and the function values ($f(x_0), f(x_1), \dots, f(x_n)$) and solves the linear system to find the coefficients (a_0, a_1, \dots, a_n) by using *np.linalg.solve*

$$\begin{bmatrix} y_0 \\ y_1 \\ \vdots \\ y_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & x_0 & x_0^2 & \dots & x_0^n \\ 1 & x_1 & x_1^2 & \dots & x_1^n \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \dots & \vdots \\ 1 & x_n & x_n^2 & \dots & x_n^n \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_0 \\ a_1 \\ \vdots \\ a_n \end{bmatrix}$$

3. **Evaluate the polynomial:** Once you have the coefficients, write a function that takes the coefficients and an input value (x) and evaluates the polynomial ($p_n(x)$) using the coefficients.