Proof: to show NB,x > the vandermonde Habrix is invertible we can show the columns of this matrix are linearly independent

Let us assume that

where vj = (bj(x,), ... bj(xn)) is the ith column written as a vector

and li, ... , In GIR

for the kth coordinate it would be

k=1, - - > > n

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{N} \lambda_i b_i(x_k) = 0$$

Thus rik's have to be pairwise distinct zeroce for this unead combination. However as per the hoar system condition, it can have almost n-1 zeroes, thus it can be drue only if all the coefficient la, --, In are o

⇒ V1, .. - , vn are linearly independent

>> VB, x is invellible

(b) Let y be n-dimensional wolumn rector

=> ATA is positive semi-definite

here A is an man matrix A = (bj(xi)) E IRmxn

A how a submotion which is the Vandeumonde matrix from part (a) which has (2) rank $n \Rightarrow A$ also now rank $n \Rightarrow it$ now n linearly independent column vectors and rank (A) = lank (ATA)

→ ATA is inveltible

=> It is positive definite.