Assignment 6 MAT 357

Q2: This is not true. Consider the function algebra generated by $\mathcal{A} = \{1, x^2, \dots x^n\}$, where we allow finite sums, products and scaling with real numbers between elements of \mathcal{A} on [0,1]. Note that this is indeed a function algebra, since scaling a polynomial with no linear term will yield another polynomial with no linear term, and similarly for addition and multiplication. This will split points since x^2 is injective on [0,1]. It also vanishes nowhere since the constant function is a part of this algebra. Hence by the Stone Weierstrass Theorem, for each $\varepsilon > 0$ there is a $g = b_0 + b_2 x^2 + \dots b_n x^n$ with $|f - g| < \varepsilon$. Then observe:

$$\int_{0}^{1} f^{2} dx = \left| \int_{0}^{1} f g dx + \int_{0}^{1} f(f - g) dx \right|$$

$$\leq \left| \int_{0}^{1} f g dx \right| + \int_{0}^{1} |f| |g - f| dx$$

$$= \left| \int_{0}^{1} f(x) (b_{0} + b_{2}x^{2} + \dots + b_{n}x^{n} dx) \right| + \int_{0}^{1} |f| |f - g| dx$$

$$\leq 0 + \sup|f| \varepsilon$$

Since ε can be made arbitrarily small, we have that $\int_0^1 f^2 dx = 0$. Thus it is not possible that $\int_0^1 x \cdot f dx = 1$.