

Solⁿ (2) given $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n \in [a, b]$ and $w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n \in \mathbb{R}$

Let $f: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ a continuous fn
such that $f(x) \geq 0 \quad \forall x \in [a, b]$
and $\int_a^b f(x) dx > 0$

So let's consider $k_1, k_2, \dots, k_m \in 1, \dots, n, m \leq n$
such that $w_{k_i} > 0 \quad \forall 1 \leq i \leq m$.
mean k_1, k_2, \dots, k_m are those indices
where $w_i > 0$ and rest other are where
 $w_i < 0$.

Consider a set $S = \{k_1, k_2, \dots, k_m\}$

$$f(x) = \prod_{i \in S} (x - x_i)^2 \Rightarrow f(x) \geq 0 \quad \forall x \in [a, b]$$

as $f(x)$ is modulus quadratic fn.

a polynomial f_{x_i} and continuous.

$$f(x) = 0 \quad \forall i \in S. \rightarrow (1)$$

as $f(x) > 0, \quad \forall i \notin S$ hence the integral
value > 0 .

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx > 0 \rightarrow (1).$$

Consider:

$$\sum_{i=1}^n w_i f(x_i) = \sum_{i \in S} w_i \underbrace{f(x_i)}_{=0} + \sum_{i \notin S} w_i f(x_i)$$

(because of (1))

$$= \sum_{i \notin S} w_i f(x_i)$$

$$\therefore f(x_i) > 0 \quad \forall i \notin S.$$

$$\text{and } w_i < 0 \quad \forall i \notin S.$$

$$\text{hence each } w_i f(x_i) < 0 \quad \forall i \notin S.$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{i \notin S} w_i f(x_i) < 0 \quad \forall i \notin S.$$

$$\text{hence } \sum_{i=1}^n w_i f(x_i) < 0.$$

Thus, there exists a continuous fcn $f(x)$ $x \in [a, b]$ such that $\int_a^b f(x) dx > 0$ but $\sum_{i=1}^n w_i f(x_i) < 0$.