

Problem

- a) Let $x_0, x_1 < \dots < x_{n-1}$ and M be positive real numbers. Find real numbers a_0, \dots, a_n so that $\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} x_i a_i$ is maximized subject to the constraint that $\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} a_i^2 = M$
- b) If you used the definition of the cosine between vectors as part of your solution in a), prove independently that your solution is correct (the definition depends on the result being established here).