

**Theorem.** Let  $f, g$  be real polynomials, and suppose that their Wronski determinant  $W(f, g) = f'g - fg'$  has all zeros real. Let  $I$  be a real interval containing no zeros of  $W$ . Then any linear combination  $af + bg$  has at most one root on  $I$ .

Can this be generalized to more than 2 polynomials? The simplest unsolved case is

**Conjecture.** Let  $f, g, h$  be real polynomials, and suppose that their Wronskian  $W(f, g, h)$  has all zeros real. If  $I$  is a real interval containing no zeros of  $W$  then any linear combination  $af + bg + ch$  has at most two roots on  $I$ .