

2017年全国高中数学联赛一试(A卷)第9题.

设 k, m 为实数, 不等式 $|x^2 - kx - m| \leq 1$ 对所有 $x \in [a, b]$ 成立. 求证: $b - a \leq 2\sqrt{2}$

Proof: 令 $f(x) = x^2 - kx - m$. \therefore 对 $\forall x \in [a, b]$, 有: $|f(x)| \leq 1$.

\therefore 对 $\forall x \in [a, b]$, 有: $-1 \leq f(x) \leq 1$

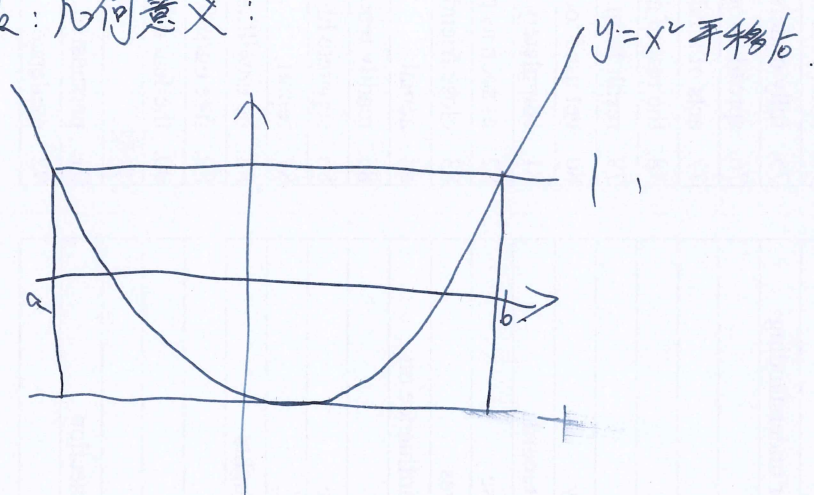
$\therefore f(a) \leq 1$ 且 $f(b) \leq 1$ 且 $f(\frac{a+b}{2}) \geq -1$.

$\therefore a^2 - ka - m \leq 1$ 且 $b^2 - kb - m \leq 1$ 且 $(\frac{a+b}{2})^2 - k \cdot \frac{a+b}{2} - m \geq -1$

\therefore 化简消元得: $(b-a)^2 \leq 8$. (此处自己在草稿纸上尝试一下).

$\therefore |b-a| \leq 2\sqrt{2}$. $\therefore b-a \geq 0 \quad \therefore b-a \leq 2\sqrt{2}$. \square .

Remark: 几何意义:



~~方程~~ 方程 $x^2 - kx - m = 1$ 的两根为: x_1, x_2 .

$$x_1 + x_2 = k, \quad x_1 \cdot x_2 = -m - 1.$$

$$\therefore |x_1 - x_2| = \sqrt{(x_1 - x_2)^2} = \sqrt{x_1^2 - 2x_1x_2 + x_2^2} = \sqrt{(x_1 + x_2)^2 - 4x_1x_2} = \sqrt{k^2 + 4(m+1)}$$

要让 $b-a$ 取最大值, 需要: $\frac{4(-m) - k^2}{4} = -1$.

$$\therefore k^2 + 4m = 4, \quad \therefore |x_1 - x_2| = \sqrt{k^2 + 4m + 4} = \sqrt{8} = 2\sqrt{2}.$$

$$\therefore b-a \leq 2\sqrt{2}.$$