

(第六届国赛预赛第六题、第八届国赛预赛第四题)

设函数 $f(x)$ 在闭区间 $[a, b]$ 上具有连续导数, $f(a) = A, f(b) = B$.

求证:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n \left[\int_a^b f(x) dx - \frac{b-a}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n f\left(a + \frac{k}{n}(b-a)\right) \right] = \frac{(a-b)(B-A)}{2}.$$

证明: 设 $x_k = a + \frac{k}{n}(b-a)$, $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n$.

$$\begin{aligned} & n \left[\int_a^b f(x) dx - \frac{b-a}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n f\left(a + \frac{k}{n}(b-a)\right) \right] \\ &= n \left[\sum_{k=1}^n \int_{x_{k-1}}^{x_k} f(x) dx - \frac{b-a}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n f(x_k) \right] \\ &= n \left[\sum_{k=1}^n \int_{x_{k-1}}^{x_k} (f(x) - f(x_k)) dx \right] \\ &= n \left[\sum_{k=1}^n \int_{x_{k-1}}^{x_k} \frac{f(x) - f(x_k)}{x - x_k} (x - x_k) dx \right] \\ &= n \left[\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{f(\xi_k) - f(x_k)}{\xi_k - x_k} \int_{x_{k-1}}^{x_k} (x - x_k) dx \right] \\ &= n \sum_{k=1}^n f'(\eta_k) \left(-\frac{1}{2} \right) (x_{k-1} - x_k)^2 \\ &= -\frac{n}{2} \cdot \frac{(b-a)}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n f'(\eta_k) (x_k - x_{k-1}) \\ &= \frac{a-b}{2} \sum_{k=1}^n f'(\eta_k) (x_k - x_{k-1}) \\ & \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n \left[\int_a^b f(x) dx - \frac{b-a}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n f\left(a + \frac{k}{n}(b-a)\right) \right] \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a-b}{2} \sum_{k=1}^n f'(\eta_k) (x_k - x_{k-1}) = \frac{a-b}{2} \int_a^b f'(x) dx = \frac{(a-b)(B-A)}{2} \end{aligned}$$