

$$f(x) = x^2 + bx + c$$

$$N = \max|f(x)|, x \in [-10,10]$$

The maximum  $|f(x)|$  is reached at boundary points  $-10,10$  or at inner local extrema point.

Let's consider  $N$  as function of  $b, c$ :  $N(b, c)$ . Since the interval  $[-10; 10]$  is symmetric about 0 and  $x^2 + bx + c = x(x + b) + c$   $N$  is even function of  $b$ :

$N(b, c) = N(-b, c)$ . Since  $N$  reaches minimum the minima point of  $b$  is  $b = 0$ . So

$$f(x) = x^2 + c.$$

$$f(-10) = f(10) = 100 + c; f(0) = c$$

Thus

$$N = \min_c \max_x |f(x, c)|$$

Minimum of  $N$  is reached if

$$|100 + c| = |c|$$

So

$$c = -50$$

$$N = 50$$