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Let $Q_n(x_0)$ be a class of polynomials f(x) of degree n such that $|f(x)| \leq 1$ for $-1 \le x \le 1$ and $f''(x_0) = 0$. The maximum $m_n \cdot n^2$ of $|f'(x_0)|$ for $-1 \le x_0 \le 1$ is attained if and only if $x_0 = \pm 1$, and f(x) satisfies the differential equation of Zolotareff. Furthermore, $\lim_{n\to\infty} m_n$ and has the value 0.3124.

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