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## PROBLEM OF THE MONTH

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Let  $\Delta(a, b, c) = \max(|a - b|, |b - c|, |c - a|)$ . We say that a triple  $(a, b, c)$  is good, if for all  $x \in [0, 1]$  we have  $-1 \leq ax^2 + bx + c \leq 1$ . Find a minimal constant  $C$  such that for all good triples  $\Delta(a, b, c) \leq C$ .