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Ex. 1) Determine the max area if 400 m fencing is available for a rectangular field.



$$A = l \times w$$

$$P = 2(l + w)$$

$$\frac{400}{2} = l + w = 200$$

$$A = 200w - w^2$$

$$l = 200 - w$$

$$A' = -2w + 200$$

$$0 = -2w + 200$$

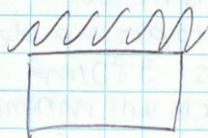
$$\frac{-200}{-2} = w$$

$$w = 100$$

max area is always a square

$$l = 100$$

ex. 2



$$A = (400 - 2w)w$$

$$P = l + 2w$$

$$400 - 2w = l$$

$$A = 400w - 2w^2$$

$$A' = -4w + 400$$

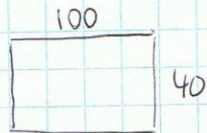
$$w = 100$$

$$P = l + 2(100)$$

$$l = 200$$

If one side is covered, the ratio will be 1:2 for l and w to maximize area.

ex. 3



Max volume?

$$V = l \times w \times h$$

$$l = 100 - 2x$$

$$h = x$$

$$V = (100 - 2x)(x)(40 - 2x) \quad w = 40 - 2x$$

$$= (100x - 2x^2)(40 - 2x)$$

$$= 4000x - 80x^2 - 200x^2 + 4x^3$$

$$0 = (4)(3x^2) - 280(2x) + 4000$$

$$0 = 12x^2 - 560x + 4000$$

$$= 4(3x^2 - 140x + 1000)$$

$$x = \frac{140 \pm \sqrt{140^2 - 4(1000)(3)}}{6}$$

$$x = \frac{38.9}{6}, \text{ p. 8}$$

↳ inadmissible

$$\begin{aligned} l &= 82.4 \text{ cm} \\ w &= 22.4 \text{ cm} \\ h &= 8.8 \text{ cm} \\ V &= 16243 \text{ cm}^3 \end{aligned}$$

$$100 - 2x > 0$$

$$100 > 2x$$

$$50 > x$$

$$40 - 2x > 0$$

$$20 > x$$

ex. 4 A cylindrical storage tank with a capacity of 1000 m^3 is to be made. The base is made of steel that costs $\$100/\text{m}^2$. The top is made of steel that costs $\$50/\text{m}^2$. And the wall is $\$80/\text{m}^2$. Determine the radius and the height 'h' which will minimize costs.

$$\text{Volume} = \pi r^2 h$$

$$\frac{1000}{\pi r^2} = h$$

$$\text{Total cost} = (100\pi r^2) + (80(2\pi r h)) + 50(\pi r^2)$$

$$= (150\pi r^2 + 160\pi r h)$$

$$= 150\pi r^2 + 160\pi r \left(\frac{1000}{\pi r^2} \right)$$

$$= 150\pi r^2 + 160000 r^{-1}$$

$$A' = 150\pi(2r) - 160000 r^{-2}$$

$$= \frac{300\pi r^2 - 160000}{r^2}$$

$$0 = 300\pi r^3 - 160000$$

$$\sqrt[3]{\frac{160000}{300\pi}} = r$$

$$r = 5.5 \text{ cm}$$

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- In an optimization problem, you must determine the maximum or minimum value of a quantity
- An optimization problem can be solved using a mathematical model that is developed using information given in the problem. The numerical solution represents the extreme value of the model
- **Algorithm for Solving Optimization Problems**
 - 1) Understand the problem, and identify quantities that can vary. Determine a function in one variable that represents the quantity to be optimized.
 - 2) Whenever possible, draw a diagram, labelling the given and required quantities.
 - 3) Determine the domain of the function to be optimized, using the information given in the problem
 - 4) Use the algorithm for extreme values to find the absolute maximum or minimum value in the domain
 - 5) Use your result for step 4 to answer the original problem