

12-1- Applied Max/Min Problems

Objective - You will use the derivative to solve applied (Real life) Max/Min Problems.

Applied Max/Min Problems

- 1) Identify the variables with let statements or draw a diagram.
- 2) Set up an equation based on the given info and solve for y.
- 3) Set up an equation to be maximized/minimized.
- 4) Take the first derivative of the equation from step 3, set = 0 and solve for x.
- 5) Check that your answer is a max/min using a number line analysis with the first derivative.

Ex 1) Find two positive numbers whose sum is 20 and whose product is a maximum.

Let x = 1st number
Let y = 2nd number

$$x + y = 20$$

$$P = x \cdot y$$

$$y = -x + 20 \rightarrow$$

$$P = x(-x + 20)$$

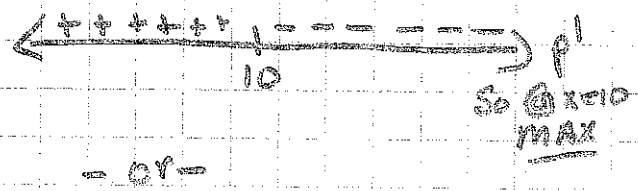
$$P = -x^2 + 20x$$

$$P' = -2x + 20$$

$$-2x + 20 = 0$$

$$\frac{-2x}{-2} = \frac{-20}{-2}$$

$$\boxed{x = 10}$$



$$P'' = -2 \text{ (Concave Down)}$$

Check endpoints

$$x = 1$$

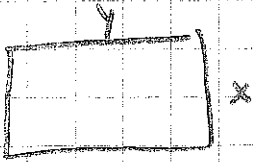
$$x = 19$$

$$y = 19$$

$$y = 1$$

So the #'s are 1 and 19.

- 2) A rectangle has a perimeter of 100 feet. What length and width should it have so that its area is a maximum.



let x = width of 
let y = length of 

$$2x + 2y = 100$$

$$2y = -2x + 100$$

$$y = -x + 50$$

$$A = x \cdot y$$

$$A = x(-x + 50)$$

$$A = -x^2 + 50x$$

$$A' = -2x + 50$$

$$-2x + 50 = 0$$

$$\frac{-2x}{-2} = \frac{-50}{-2}$$

$$x = 25$$

$$\text{Max } \textcircled{A} \quad x = 25$$

$$\therefore x = 25 \quad y = 25$$

$$y = -25 + 50$$

$$y = 25$$



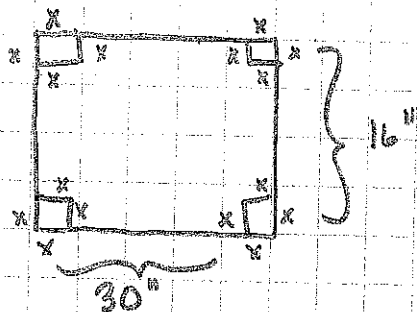
$$A'' = -2 \text{ (Concave Down)}$$

HW. WS #1, 2

Applied Max / Min Problems

- Find two positive real numbers whose sum is 40 and whose product is a maximum.
- Find two positive numbers that minimize the sum of twice the first number plus the second if the product of the two numbers is 288.
- The sum of two numbers is 16. Find the numbers if the sum of their cubes is a minimum.
- A farmer wishes to enclose three identical adjacent rectangular areas, each with 900 sq. ft. of area. What dimensions should be used to minimize the amount of fence required.
- An open box having a square base is to be constructed from 108 sq. in. of material. What should be the dimensions of the box to obtain a maximum volume?
- A poster is to contain a printed area of 150 sq. in., with clear margins of 3 in. top and bottom, and 2 in. on each side. Find the minimum total area.

- 3) An open box is to be made from a 16" x 30" piece of cardboard by cutting out squares of equal size from the 4 corners and bending up the sides. What size should the squares be to obtain a box with the largest possible volume?



Let x = side of $\square$

$$V = l \cdot w \cdot h$$

$$V = (30 - 2x)(16 - 2x)(x)$$

$$V = (480 - 60x - 32x + 4x^2)x$$

$$V = (480 - 92x + 4x^2)x$$

$$V = 4x^3 - 92x^2 + 480x$$

$$V' = 12x^2 - 184x + 480$$

$$V' = 4(3x^2 - 46x + 120)$$

$$V' = 4(3x - 10)(x - 12)$$

$$0 = 4(3x - 10)(x - 12)$$

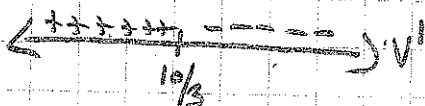
$$4 \neq 0 \quad 3x - 10 = 0 \quad x - 12 = 0$$

$$\frac{3x}{3} = \frac{10}{3}$$

$$x = 10/3$$

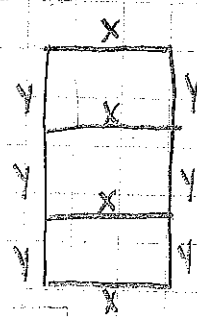
$$x = 12$$

Too Big!



$$\text{Max @ } x = 10/3$$

4) ON WS



$$x \cdot y = 900$$

$$y = \frac{900}{x}$$

$$F = 4x + 6y$$

$$F = 4x + 6\left(\frac{900}{x}\right)$$

$$F = 4x + \frac{5400}{x}$$

$$F = \frac{4x^2 + 5400}{x} \quad f = 4x^2 + 5400 \quad g = x$$

$$F' = \frac{x(8x) - (4x^2 + 5400)(1)}{x^2}$$

$$0 = \frac{4(x^2 - 1350)}{x^2}$$

$$F' = \frac{8x^2 - 4x^2 - 5400}{x^2}$$

$$\frac{4(x^2 - 1350)}{x^2} = 0$$

$$x^2 - 1350 = 0$$

$$x^2 = 1350$$

$$x = \sqrt{1350} \sqrt{6}$$

$$x = 15\sqrt{6}$$

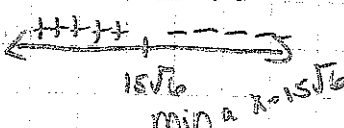
$$F = \frac{4x^2 + 5400}{x^2}$$

$$F = 4\left(\frac{x^2 + 1350}{x^2}\right)$$

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$$V = \frac{900}{x} = \frac{900}{15\sqrt{6}} = 60\sqrt{6} = 10\sqrt{6}$$

Let x = the length = $15\sqrt{6}$
Let y = the width = $10\sqrt{6}$



min @ $x = 15\sqrt{6}$

Homework:

The sum of two positive numbers is 40.
Find these numbers if the product of the
cube of the first number times the second
is a maximum.

#3 on Worksheet

The sum of two numbers is 16. Find the numbers if the sum of their cubes is a minimum.

Let $x = 1st \#$

Let $y = 2nd \#$

$$x + y = 16$$

$$y = -x + 16$$

$$S = x^3 + y^3$$

$$S = x^3 + (-x + 16)^3$$

$$S' = 3x^2 + 3(-x + 16)^2 \cdot (-1)$$

$$S' = 3x^2 - 3(-x + 16)^2$$

$$S' = 3x^2 - 3(-x + 16)(-x + 16)$$

$$S' = 3x^2 - 3(x^2 - 32x + 256)$$

$$S' = 3x^2 - 3x^2 + 96x - 768$$

$$S' = 96x - 768$$

3

$$96x - 768 = 0$$

$$\frac{96x}{96} = \frac{768}{96}$$

$$x = 8$$

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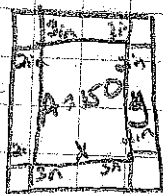


Min @ $x = 8$

$$y = -8 + 16 = 8$$

$\therefore 8$ and 8 are the #'s

#6 on WS



Let $x+4 = \text{side}$

$y+6 = \text{top/bottom}$

$$x \cdot y = 150$$

$$y = \frac{150}{x} \text{ or } 150x^{-1}$$

$$A = (x+4)(y+6)$$

$$A = (x+4)(150x^{-1} + 6)$$

$$A = 150 + 6x + 600x^{-1} + 24$$

$$A' = 6 - 600x^{-2}$$

$$A' = 6 - \frac{600}{x^2}$$

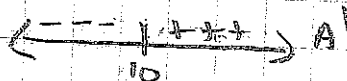
$$0 = 6 - \frac{600}{x^2}$$

$$\frac{6}{1} = \frac{600}{x^2}$$

$$\frac{6x^2}{6} = \frac{600}{6}$$

$$x^2 = 100 \quad \sqrt{} = \sqrt{100}$$

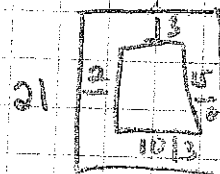
$$A = (x+4)(y+6)$$



Min @ $x = 10$

$$y = \frac{150}{10}$$

$$y = 15$$



$$21 \times 14 = 294$$

11w #5

You are to create an ice cream cone with a slant height of 6 inches. What should the height and radius of the cone be if you want to maximize the volume?



$$h^2 + r^2 = 6^2$$

$$h^2 + r^2 = 36$$

$$r^2 = 36 - h^2$$

$$r = (36 - h^2)^{1/2}$$

$$V = \frac{1}{3} \pi r^2 h$$

$$V = \frac{1}{3} \pi (36 - h^2)^{1/2} \cdot h$$

$$V = \frac{1}{3} \pi (36h - h^3)$$

$$V = \frac{1}{3} \pi (36h - h^3)$$

$$V = 12\pi h - \frac{\pi h^3}{3}$$

$$V' = 12\pi - \pi h^2$$

$$12\pi - \pi h^2 = 0$$

$$-\pi h^2 = -12\pi$$

$$h^2 = 12$$

$$h = \sqrt{12}$$

$$h = 2\sqrt{3}$$



$$\text{Max } \textcircled{a} \quad h = 2\sqrt{3}$$

$$r = (36 - (2\sqrt{3})^2)^{1/2}$$

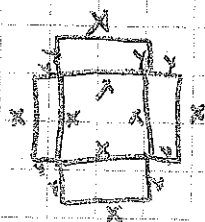
$$r = \sqrt{24}$$

$$r = \sqrt{4} \sqrt{6}$$

$$r = 2\sqrt{6}$$

$\therefore$ The height should be $2\sqrt{3}$ in and radius is $2\sqrt{6}$ in.

The total surface area of a square-based open top rectangular box is 12 units². Find the dimensions of the box such that the volume is a maximum.



$$A = \text{square} + 4 \text{ rect.}$$

$$A = x^2 + 4xy$$

$$12 = x^2 + 4xy$$

$$12 - x^2 = 4xy$$

$$y = \frac{12 - x^2}{4x}$$

$$y = 3x^{-1} - \frac{1}{4}x$$

$$V = x^2 y$$

$$V = x^2 (3x^{-1} - \frac{1}{4}x)$$

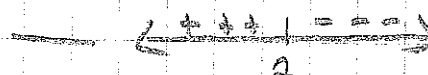
$$V = 3x - \frac{1}{4}x^3$$

$$V' = 3 - \frac{3}{4}x^2 = 0$$

$$-\frac{3}{4}x^2 = -3$$

$$x^2 = 4 \quad x = \pm 2$$

$$x = 2$$



$$y = 3(2)^{-1} - \frac{1}{4}(2)$$

$$y = 1$$

$$\text{Max } \textcircled{a} \quad x = 2$$

$\therefore$ The base is 2 and height is 1.