

Q1

* To find the path delay:

$$\Rightarrow d = \frac{x}{10} + \frac{y+50}{x} + \frac{100}{y} + p$$

* The equation in terms of x and y :

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{10} - \frac{y+50}{x^2} = 0 \Rightarrow x^2 = 10y + 500$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{x} - \frac{100}{y^2} = 0 \Rightarrow y^2 = 100x$$

Here we differentiated with respect to each size and set the results to 0 allowed us to solve the equation
For $x = 33\text{FF}$ and $y = 57\text{FF}$

* The stage efforts are $\frac{(33)}{10} = 3.3$, $\frac{(57+50)}{33} = 3.2$,
and $(100/57) = 1.8$.

\Rightarrow It can be noticed that the first two stages are equal, while the third stage effort is lower.

\Rightarrow As x already drives a large wire capacitance, y may be rather large (and will bear a small stage effort) before the incremental increase in delay of x driving y equals the incremental decreases in delay of y driving the output.

Q2:

