

May 24 Optimization

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$$f(x) = 3e^{-2x} - 5e^{7x} + 15e^x$$

$$f'(x) = -6e^{-2x} - 35e^{7x} + 15e^x$$

$$f''(x) = 12e^{-2x} - 245e^{7x} + 15e^x$$

Candy bars start at 0¢ for price \$d at a time
price = $5 \cdot x$

$$\underline{\# \text{ sold}} = 300 - 20x$$

$$(300 - 20x) 5x = 1500x - 100x^2$$

$$\downarrow$$
$$1500 - 200x = 0$$

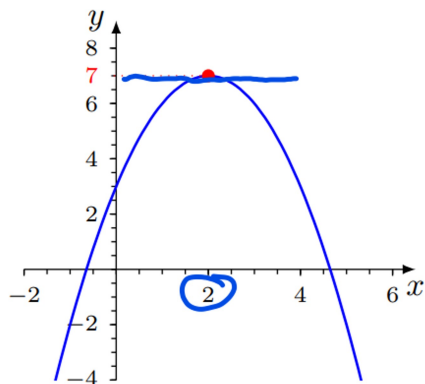
$$200x = 1500$$

$$x = \frac{1500}{200} = \frac{15}{2} = 7.5$$

$$x = 2$$

§8.13: Max/Min problems

Often want to find the biggest, smallest, most, least, maximum, minimum of something.



Here's the graph of

$$y = f(x) = -x^2 + 4x + 3$$

The maximum value or just maximum of the function is 7.

$$f'(x) = -2x + 4 = 0$$

$$x = 2$$

$$-4 + 8 + 3$$

1. Use this method to find the maximum of $f(x) = -x^2 + 8x + 5$.

The maximum value is...

A = 4 B = 5 C = $-2x + 8$ D = 21 E = 15 D

2. Find the value of x which makes $f(x) = (2 - x)(x + 6)$ a maximum.

A = 16 B = 1 C = -1 D = 2 E = -2

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More Examples

3. What is the minimum of $f(x) = (x + 2)(x + 4) + 3$?

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Answer: C

4. What is minimum of $f(x) = x^2 + 16x^{-2}$?

A = 2 B = 4 C = 6 D = 8 E = 16

$$f(2) = 4 + \frac{16}{4} = 8$$

$$f(-2) = 4 + \frac{16}{4} = 8$$

$$f'(x) = 2x - 32x^{-3} = 0$$

$$2x^4 - 32 = 0$$

$$x^4 = 16$$

$$x = \pm 2$$

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5. Find the value of x which makes $f(x) = -e^x - e^{-2x}$ a maximum.

A = 0 B = $\ln(2)$ C = $-\ln(2)$ D = $\ln(2)/3$ E = $\ln(2)/3$

$$x = \frac{\ln(2)}{3}$$

Word Problem #1

A ball is thrown into the air. After t seconds the height in meters above the ground of the ball is $h(t) = 40t - 10t^2$. How many meters high did the ball go?

A = 2 B = $40 - 20t$ C = 20 D = 40

$$h'(t) = 40 - 20t = 0$$

$$40 = 20t \\ 2 = t$$

Word Problem #2

If an airline sells tickets at a price of $\$200 + 5x$ each the number of tickets it sells is $1000 - 20x$. What price should the tickets be if the airline wants to get the most money?

A = 5 B = 25 C = 175 D = 200 E = 225

$$(1000 - 20x)(200 + 5x) = 20 \cdot 5(50 - x)(40 + x) \\ = 100(50 - x)(40 + x)$$

$$(50 - x)(40 + x) = 2000 + 10x - x^2$$

$$100(2000 + 10x - x^2)$$

$$\downarrow \frac{d}{dx}$$

$$f'(x) = 100(10 - 2x) = 0$$

$$10 = 2x$$

$$x = 5$$

Word Problem #3

$$100 = l \cdot w \quad w = \frac{100}{l}$$

A fenced garden with an area of 100 m² will be made in the shape of a rectangle. It will be surrounded on all four sides by a fence. What length and width should be used so the least amount of fence is needed?

$$P = 2l + 2w = 2l + 2\left(\frac{100}{l}\right) = 2l + \frac{200}{l}$$

Approach:

- (1) Express the total length of fence in terms of only one variable, either L = length of field, or W = width of field. This gives a formula for P = (total length of fence) involving, say, W .

- (2) Find minimum by solving $\frac{dP}{dW} = 0$.

$$\begin{aligned} P'(l) &= 2 - \frac{200}{l^2} = 0 \\ 2l^2 &= 200 \\ l^2 &= 100 \end{aligned}$$

Students always find (1) the hardest part.

You have been prepared for this by word problems from chapter 3!

$$l = 10$$