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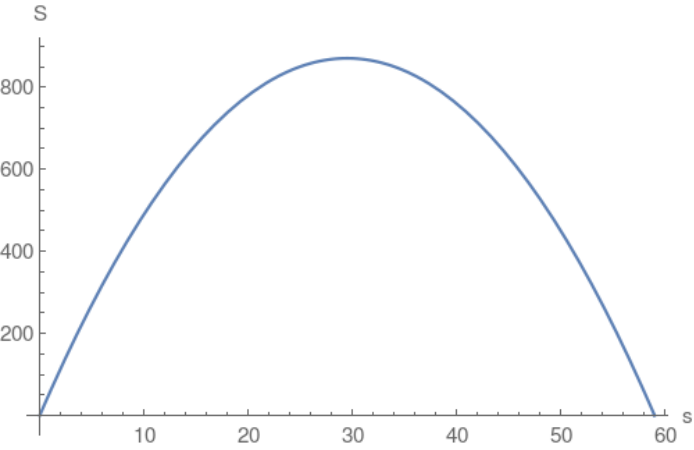
2. Perimeter of rectangle $= 2(s+a) = 118$ where a is the length of the other edge of rectangle. Area of the rectangle is $= s \times a$.
Use perimeter equation
and solve for $a = \frac{118-2s}{2}$

Then reformulate the area $S = s \times a = 59\,s - s^2$ which turns out to be a quadratic Parabola:



Compute the vertex $\frac{118}{4}$ and then plug the vertex into the area which will compute the maximum area.