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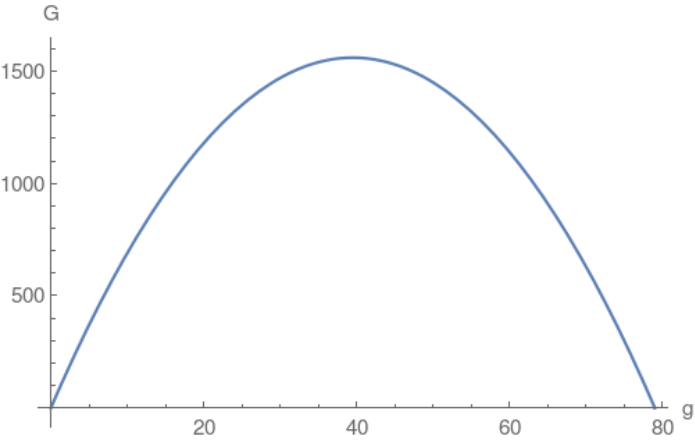
2. Perimeter of rectangle $= 2(g+a) = 158$ where a is the length of the other edge of rectangle. Area of the rectangle is $= g \times a$.
Use perimeter equation
and solve for $a = \frac{158-2g}{2}$

Then reformulate the area $G = g \times a = 79\,g - g^2$ which turns out to be a quadratic Parabola:



Compute the vertex $\frac{158}{4}$ and then plug the vertex into the area which will compute the maximum area.