

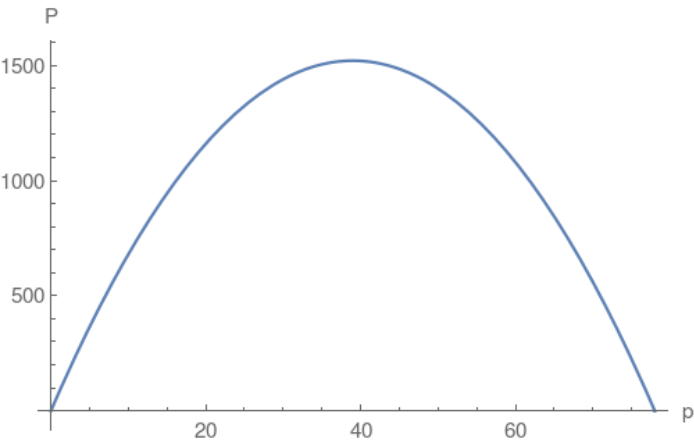
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2. Perimeter of rectangle =  $2(p+a)=156$  where  $a$  is the length of the other edge of rectangle. Area of the rectangle is =  $p \times a$ .

Use perimeter equation

and solve for  $a = \frac{156-2p}{2}$

Then reformulate the area  $P = p \times a = 78p - p^2$  which turns out to be a quadratic Parabola:



Compute the vertex  $\frac{156}{4}$  and then plug the vertex into the area which will compute the maximum area.