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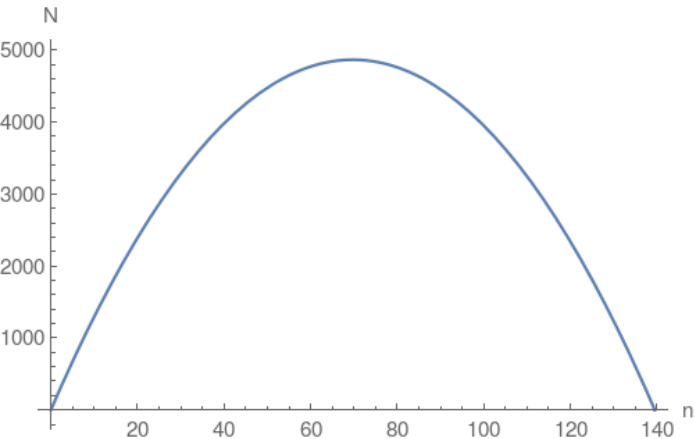
2. Perimeter of rectangle $= 2(n+a) = 279$ where a is the length of the other edge of rectangle. Area of the rectangle is $= n \times a$.
Use perimeter equation
and solve for $a = \frac{279-2n}{2}$

Then reformulate the area $N = n \times a = \frac{279\,n}{2} - n^2$ which turns out to be a quadratic Parabola:



Compute the vertex $\frac{279}{4}$ and then plug the vertex into the area which will compute the maximum area.