

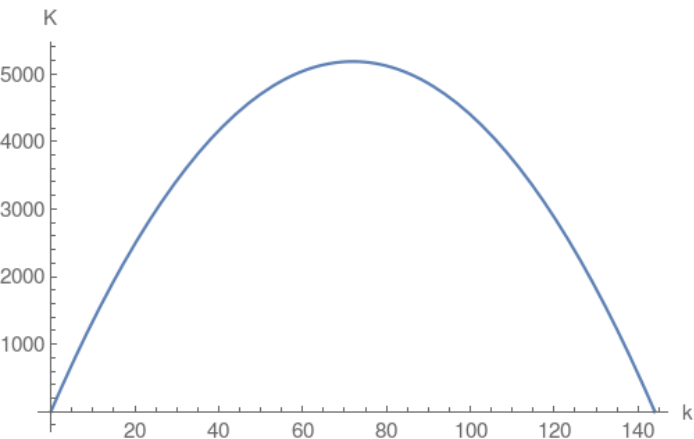
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2. Perimeter of rectangle = $2(k+a)=288$ where a is the length of the other edge of rectangle. Area of the rectangle is = $k \times a$.

Use perimeter equation

and solve for $a = \frac{288-2k}{2}$

Then reformulate the area $K = k \times a = 144k - k^2$ which turns out to be a quadratic Parabola:



Compute the vertex $\frac{288}{4}$ and then plug the vertex into the area which will compute the maximum area.