

◆ 4.7 Optimization Problems

微分應用之七：優化問題，求最佳解。

Closed Interval Method: $f(a)$, $f(b)$ and critical number c : $f'(c) = 0$ or \nexists

The first derivative test: f' change sign at $c \implies f(c)$ local max/min.

The second derivative test: $f'(c) = 0$, $f''(c) \leq 0 \implies f(c)$ local max/min.

Replace variable or use implicit differentiation.

Example 0.1 A farmer has 1200 m of fencing and wants to fence off a rectangular field that borders a straight river. He need no fence along the river. What are the dimensions of the field that has the largest area?

一農有 1200 m 籬沿直河圍矩形，如何有最大面積？

Let depth x m and width y m.

Maximize area $A = xy$ under $2x + y = 1200$, $0 \leq x \leq 600$.

[Sol 1: replace y] ($y = 1200 - 2x$)

$A(x) = xy = -2x^2 + 1200x$, $A'(x) = -4x + 1200$.

$A'(x) = 0$ when $x = 300$, $y = 1200 - 2x = 600$.

Extreme values: $A(300) = 180000$ and $A(0) = A(600) = 0$ (邊界).

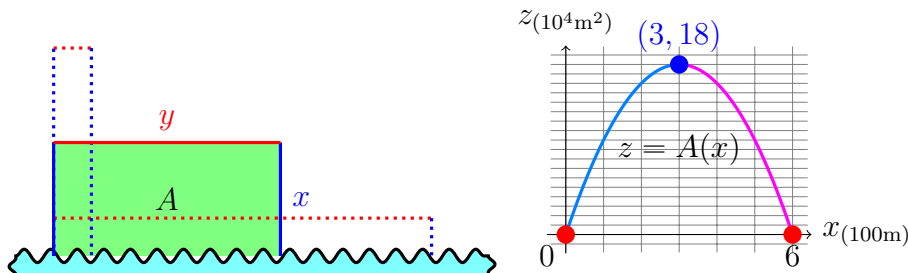
[Sol 2: implicit differentiation] (把 A 與 y 想像成 x 的函數)

$A = xy$, $2x + y = 1200$, $\frac{d}{dx} \frac{dA}{dx} = y + x \frac{dy}{dx}$, $2 + \frac{dy}{dx} = 0$.

Let $\frac{dA}{dx} = 0$ (消去 $\frac{dy}{dx}$), $\implies y - 2x = 0$, $y = 2x$,

(代入) $2x + y = 4x = 1200 \implies x = 300$, $y = 2x = 600$.

Ans: 300 m deep and 600 m wide (with area 180,000 m²). ■



Example 0.2 A cylindrical can is to be made to hold 1 L of oil. Find the dimensions that will minimize the cost of the metal to manufacture the can.
造 1 L 圓罐最少材料 (面積)?

Let radius r cm and height h cm ($1\text{ L} = 1000\text{ cc} = 1000\text{ cm}^3$).
Minimize area $A = 2\pi r^2 + 2\pi rh$ under $\pi r^2 h = 1000$, $r > 0$.

[Sol 1: replace h] ($h = 1000/\pi r^2$)

$$A(r) = 2\pi r^2 + 2\pi r\left(\frac{1000}{\pi r^2}\right) = 2\pi r^2 + \frac{2000}{r}, \quad A'(r) = 4\pi r - \frac{2000}{r^2}.$$

$A'(r) = 0$ when $r = \sqrt[3]{\frac{500}{\pi}}$, $h = \frac{1000}{\pi r^2} = 2\sqrt[3]{500/\pi}$.

$A'(r)$ change sign from $- \rightarrow +$ at $\sqrt[3]{500/\pi} \Rightarrow$ local min.

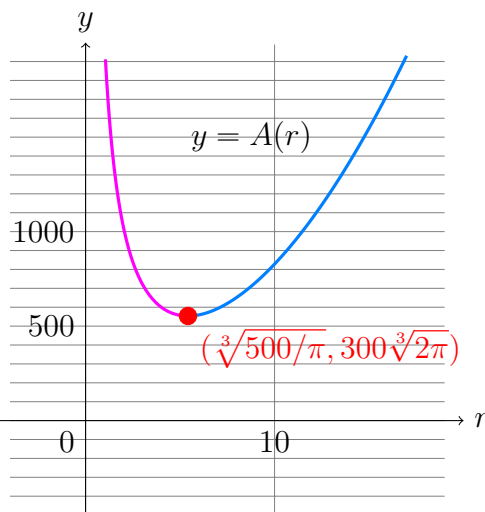
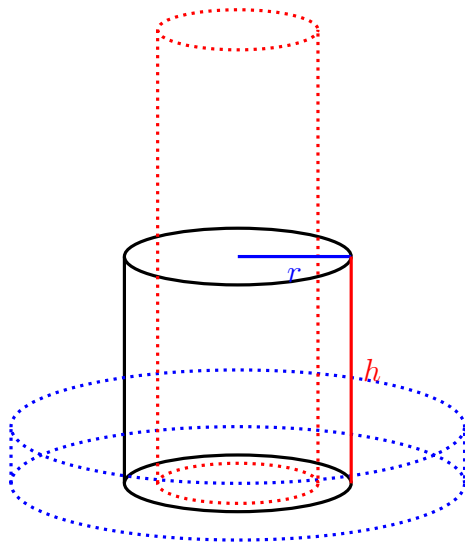
[Sol 2: implicit differentiation] (把 A 與 h 想像成 r 的函數)

$$\frac{d}{dr} \frac{dA}{dr} = 2\pi(2r + h + r\frac{dh}{dr}), \quad \pi r(2h + r\frac{dh}{dr}) = 0.$$

Let $\frac{dA}{dr} = 0$ (消去 $\frac{dh}{dr}$), $\Rightarrow 2r - h = 0$, $h = 2r$,

(代入) $\pi r^2 h = \pi r^2(2r) = 1000$, $r = \sqrt[3]{500/\pi}$, $h = 2r = 2\sqrt[3]{500/\pi}$.

Ans: radius $\sqrt[3]{500/\pi} (\approx 5.4)$ cm and height $2\sqrt[3]{500/\pi} (\approx 10.8)$ cm. ■
 (with area $300\sqrt[3]{2\pi} \approx 553.6\text{ cm}^2$.)



Example 0.3 Find the point on the parabola $y^2 = 2x$ that is closest to the point $(1, 4)$.

找 $y^2 = 2x$ 上離 $(1, 4)$ 最近的點。

The point (x, y) and the distance $d = \sqrt{(x-1)^2 + (y-4)^2}$. Since minimize d^2 also minimize d , minimize $f = d^2 = (x-1)^2 + (y-4)^2$ under $y^2 = 2x$.

[Sol 1: replace x] ($x = y^2/2$)

$$f(y) = (x-1)^2 + (y-4)^2 = \left(\frac{y^2}{2} - 1\right)^2 + (y-4)^2,$$

$$f'(y) = 2\left(\frac{y^2}{2} - 1\right)y + 2(y-4) = y^3 - 8.$$

$$f'(y) = 0 \text{ when } y = 2, x = \frac{y^2}{2} = 2.$$

$f'(y)$ change sign from $- \rightarrow +$ at 2 \implies local min.

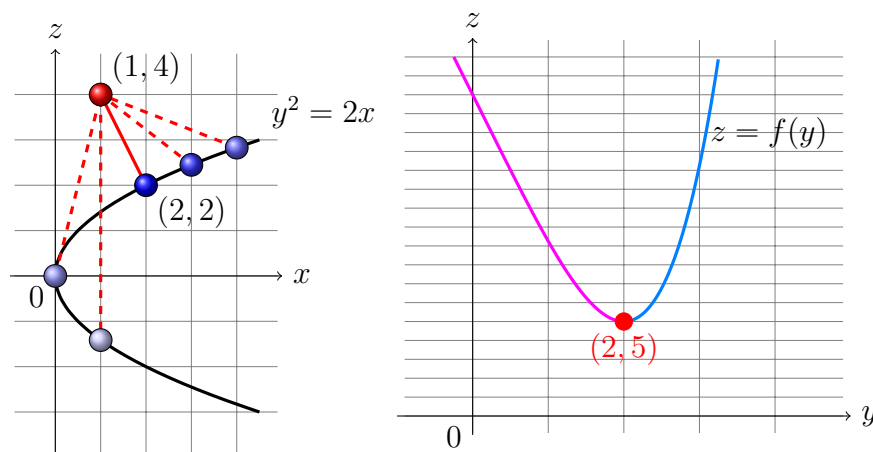
[Sol 2: implicit differentiation] (可以同時 (a) 對 x 或 (b) 對 y 隱微分)

$$(a) \frac{df}{dx} = 2(x-1) + 2(y-4)\frac{dy}{dx}, 2y\frac{dy}{dx} = 2. \frac{df}{dx} = 0 \implies 2x - \frac{8}{y} \stackrel{*}{=} y^2 - \frac{8}{y} = 0,$$

$$(b) \frac{df}{dy} = 2(x-1)\frac{dx}{dy} + 2(y-4), 2y = 2\frac{dx}{dy}. \frac{df}{dy} = 0 \implies 2xy - 8 \stackrel{*}{=} y^3 - 8 = 0,$$

$$(* \text{ 代入 } 2x = y^2) \implies y = 2, x = 2.$$

Ans: $(2, 2)$ (with distance $\sqrt{5}$). (注意! 距離是 $\sqrt{5}$ 不是 5.)



Attention: 隱微分要對同一個變數微分, 而且 $\frac{dy}{dx} \not\equiv 1 \div \frac{dx}{dy}$.

Example 0.4 A man launches his boat from point A on a bank of a straight river, 3 km wide, and wants to reach point B, 8 km downstream on the opposite bank, as quickly as possible. He could row his boat directly across the river to point C and then run to B, or he could row directly to B, or he could row to some point D between C and B and then run to B. If he can row 6 km/h and run 8 km/h, where should he land to reach B as soon as possible? 如何從 A 以 6 km/h 過 3 km 河並以 8 km/h 跑至下游 8 km 的 B 最快?

Let x be distance from C to D. $\text{time} = \frac{\text{distance}}{\text{rate}}$.

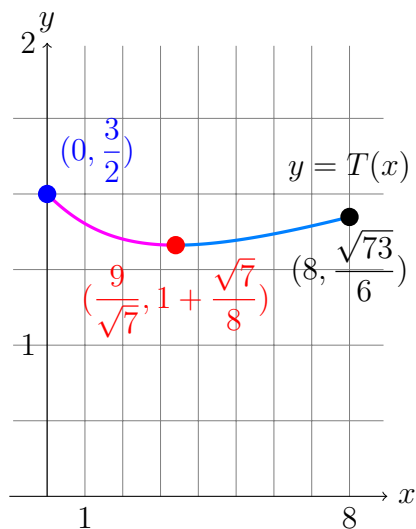
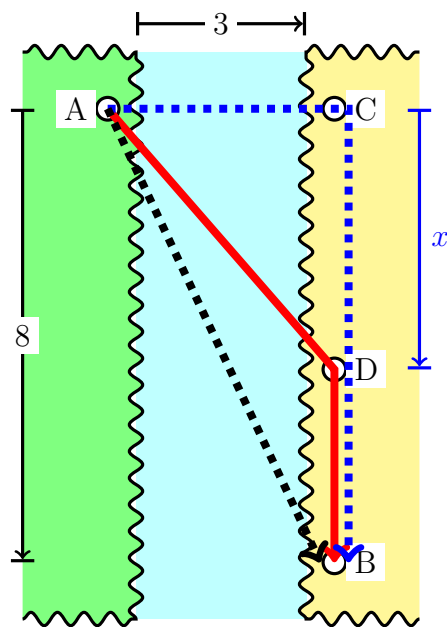
Minimize $T(x) = \frac{\sqrt{x^2 + 3^2}}{6} + \frac{8-x}{8}$ under $0 \leq x \leq 8$.

$$T'(x) = \frac{x}{6\sqrt{x^2 + 3^2}} - \frac{1}{8}. \quad T'(x) = 0 \text{ when } x = \frac{9}{\sqrt{7}}.$$

$$T\left(\frac{9}{\sqrt{7}}\right) = 1 + \frac{\sqrt{7}}{8} \approx 1.33, \quad T(0) = \frac{3}{2} = 1.5, \quad T(8) = \frac{\sqrt{73}}{6} \approx 1.42.$$

$T(x)$ has absolute min at $\frac{9}{\sqrt{7}}$.

Ans: land at $\frac{9}{\sqrt{7}}$ km downstream (with time $1 + \frac{\sqrt{7}}{8}$ hour). ■



Example 0.5 Find the area of the largest rectangle that can be inscribed in a semicircle of radius r .

半徑 r 的半圓內最大內接矩形面積。

[Sol 1] (雙變數) Let $P(x, y)$ be the inscribed point in the first quadrant. Maximize area $A = 2xy$ under $x^2 + y^2 = r^2$, $x \geq 0$, $y \geq 0$.

(a) replace y : $A(x) = 2x\sqrt{r^2 - x^2}$, $0 \leq x \leq r$.
 $A'(x) = 2\sqrt{r^2 - x^2} - \frac{2x^2}{\sqrt{r^2 - x^2}} = \frac{2(r^2 - 2x^2)}{\sqrt{r^2 - x^2}}$. $A'(x) = 0$ when $x = \frac{r}{\sqrt{2}}$.
 $A(\frac{r}{\sqrt{2}}) = 2\frac{r}{\sqrt{2}}\sqrt{r^2 - (\frac{r}{\sqrt{2}})^2} = r^2$, $A(0) = A(r) = 0$.
 $A(x)$ has absolute max at $\frac{r}{\sqrt{2}}$.

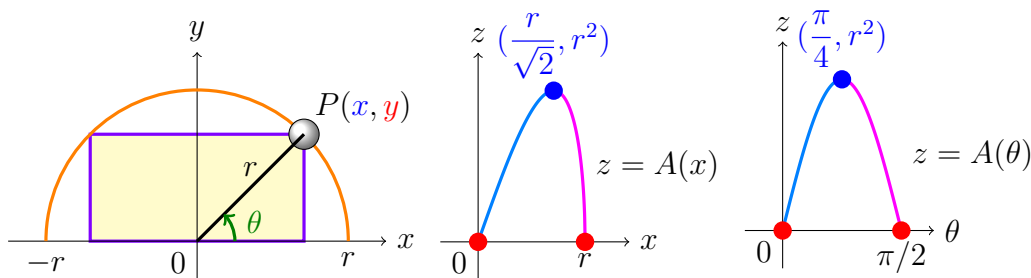
(b) implicit $\frac{d}{dx}$: $A' = 2y + 2xy' \stackrel{\text{Let}}{=} 0$, $2x + 2yy' = 0 \implies x^2 = y^2$,
 (代入) $x^2 + y^2 = 2x^2 = r^2$, $x = y = \frac{r}{\sqrt{2}}$ (負不合), $A = 2xy = r^2$.

[Sol 2] (單變數) Let θ be the angle between PO and x -axis.

Maximize are $A(\theta) = 2(r \cos \theta)(r \sin \theta) = r^2 \sin 2\theta$ under $0 \leq \theta \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$.

$A'(\theta) = 2r^2 \cos 2\theta$. $A'(\theta) = 0$ when $2\theta = \frac{\pi}{2}$, $\theta = \frac{\pi}{4}$.
 $A(\frac{\pi}{4}) = r^2 \sin \frac{\pi}{2} = r^2$.

Ans: Area r^2 . ■



◆ 4.8 Newton's method (optional)

微分應用之八: Newton-Raphson method 牛頓-拉弗森法, 用來求函數近似解。

Let $y = f(x)$.

1. Guess x_1 . 過 $(x_1, f(x_1))$ 的切線為

$$y = f'(x_1)(x - x_1) + f(x_1),$$

交 x -軸於

$$x_2 = x_1 - \frac{f(x_1)}{f'(x_1)}.$$

2. When x_n is found, and $f'(x_n) \neq 0$, let

$$x_{n+1} = x_n - \frac{f(x_n)}{f'(x_n)}.$$

3. $x_n \rightarrow a$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$, $\implies a$ is a root.

Note: $\{x_n\}$ 可能會不收斂 (not converge)/發散 (diverge), 就重選別的 x_1 。

