

2. Find two numbers whose difference is 100 and whose product is a minimum.
Let call that two numbers x and y .

$$x + y = 100$$

$$y = 100 - x$$

Product is a minimum:

$$P = xy$$

$$P = x(100 - x)$$

$$P = 100x - x^2$$

$$P' = 100 - 2x = 0$$

$$x = 50$$

Since $x = 50$:

$$y = 50$$

Hence, these two numbers are both 50.

5. What is the maximum vertical distance between the line $y = x + 2$ and the parabola $y = x^2$ for $-1 \leq x \leq 2$?

Vertical Distance:

$$D = |y_{\text{parabola}} - y_{\text{line}}| = |x^2 - x - 2|$$

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$$D' = |2x - 1| = 0$$

$$x = \frac{1}{2}$$

Hence, the maximum vertical distance is:

$$D = \left| \frac{1}{2}^2 - \frac{1}{2} - 2 \right| = \frac{9}{4}$$

9. A model used for the yield Y of an agricultural crop as a function of the nitrogen level N in the soil (measured in appropriate units) is

$$Y = \frac{kN}{1 + N^2}$$

where k is a positive constant. What nitrogen level gives the best yield?

$$Y' = \frac{(kN)'(1 + N^2) - (1 + N^2)'(kN)}{(1 + N^2)^2}$$

$$Y' = \frac{k(1 + N^2) - 2N(kN)}{(1 + N^2)^2}$$

$$Y' = \frac{k + kN^2 - 2kN^2}{(1 + N^2)^2}$$

$$Y' = \frac{k - kN^2}{(1 + N^2)^2} = 0$$

$$k - kN^2 = 0$$

$$kN^2 = k$$

$$N^2 = 1$$

$$N = \pm 1$$

Nitrogen level cannot go below 0.

Hence, $N = 1$ is the best nitrogen level for the best yield.

13. A farmer wants to fence in an area of 1.5 million square feet in a rectangular field and then divide it in half with a fence parallel to one of the sides of the rectangle. How can he do this so as to minimize the cost of the fence?

The cost of the fence related to the length of the fence in general:

Let x = the length of the two sides of the fence;

Let y = the length of the two sides of the fence and the length of the fence in the middle;

The area of the farm:

$$A = xy = 1,500,000(\text{feet}^2)$$

$$y = \frac{1,500,000}{x}$$

The total length of the fence is:

$$L = 2x + 3y$$

$$L = 2x + 3\frac{1,500,000}{x}$$

$$L = 2x + \frac{4,500,000}{x}$$

$$L' = 2 - \frac{4,500,000}{x^2} = 0$$

$$2 - \frac{4,500,000}{x^2} = 0$$

$$2x^2 - 4,500,000 = 0$$

$$2x^2 = 4,500,000$$

$$x^2 = 2,250,000$$

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$$x = \pm 1,500$$

Hence, $x = 1,500$ since the length cannot be negative.

$$y = 1000$$

Hence, the dimensions of the rectangle are 1500ft and 1000ft with the middle is 1000ft.

19. If 1200cm^2 of material is available to make a box with a square base and an open top, find the largest possible volume of the box.

The width of the square base is x ;

The height of the box is y ;

Hence, the area of material available is:

$$S = x^2 + 4xy = 1200$$

$$4xy = 1200 - x^2$$

$$y = \frac{1200 - x^2}{4x}$$

The volume of the box is:

$$V = x^2y$$

$$V = x^2 \frac{1200 - x^2}{4x}$$

$$V = \frac{1200x - x^3}{4}$$

$$V = 300x - \frac{x^3}{4}$$

$$V' = 300 - \frac{3x^2}{4} = 0$$

$$\frac{3x^2}{4} = 300$$

$$x^2 = 400$$

$$x = \pm 20$$

Hence, $x = 20$ since the length cannot be negative.

$$y = 10$$