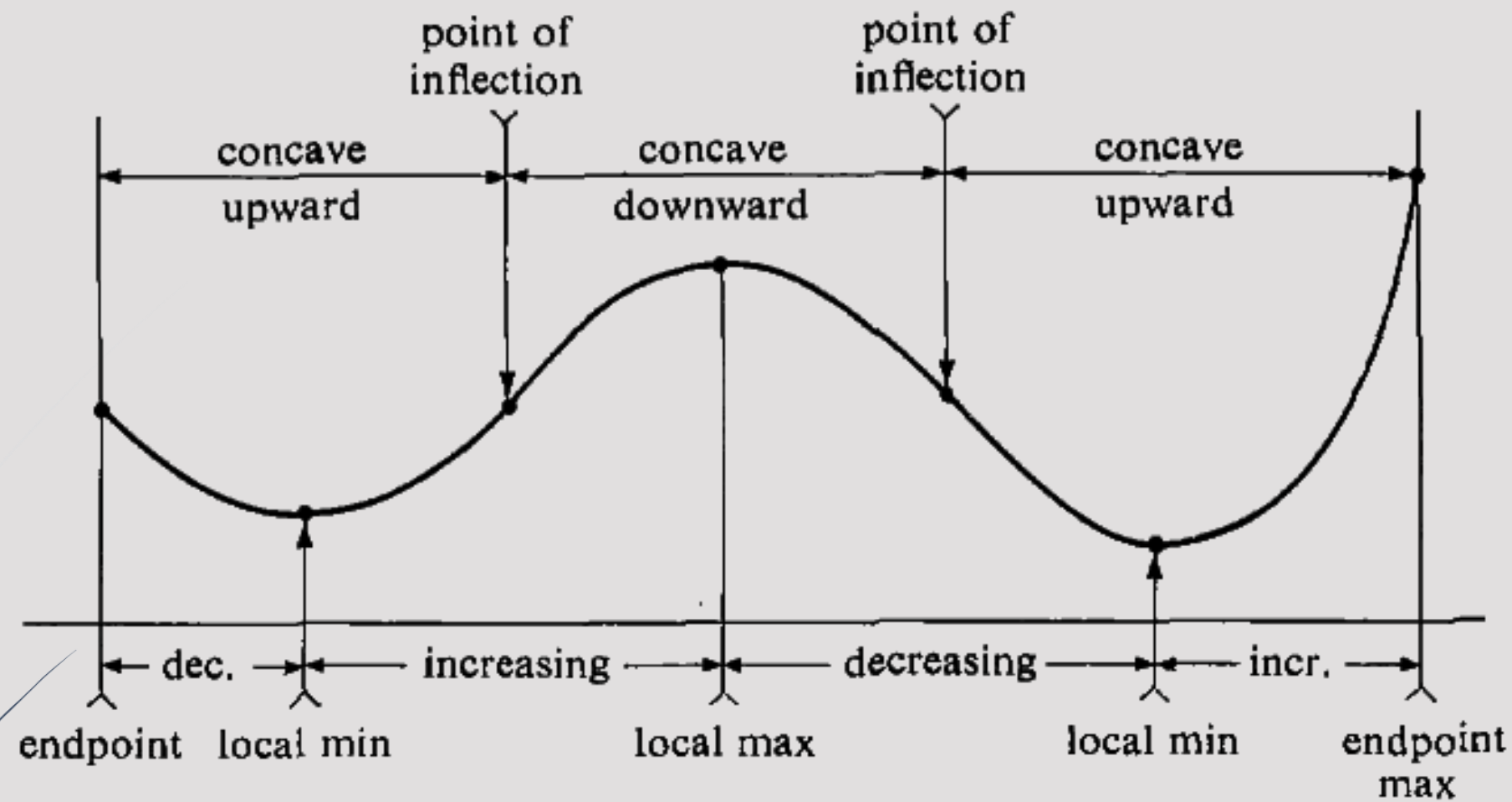


# Applications of Derivatives

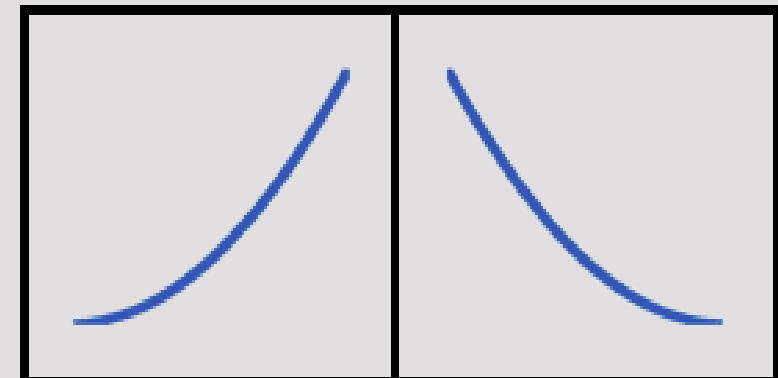


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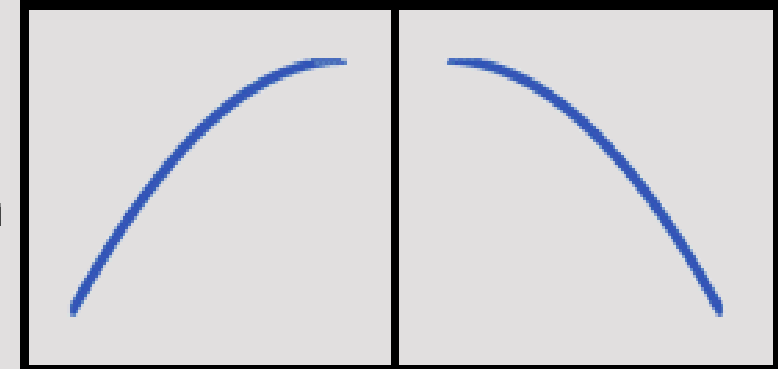



# Concavity and Curve Sketching

$f''(x) > 0$   
conc up



$f''(x) < 0$   
conc down





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- Chapter: 4
  - Sections: 4.4

## Example :

Graph the function:

$$f(x) = x\sqrt{4-x}.$$

### Solution:

**Step 1.** Domain:  $(-\infty, 4]$  or  $x \leq 4$

Symmetry:  $f(x)$  is neither even nor odd  $\Rightarrow$  No symmetry

**Step 2.** First and second derivative:

$$f'(x) = (8-3x)/(2\sqrt{4-x})$$

$$f''(x) = \frac{3x-16}{4(4-x)^{3/2}}$$

Step 3 & 4. Critical points, rise and fall:

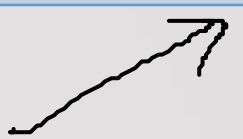

$$f'(x) = \frac{8-3x}{2\sqrt{4-x}}$$

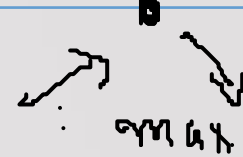
$8/3$

Critical points:

$$f\left(\frac{8}{3}\right) = \frac{16}{3\sqrt{3}}$$

$$\left(\frac{8}{3}, \frac{16}{3\sqrt{3}}\right)$$

Intervals	$(-\infty, 8/3)$	$(8/3, 4)$
Sign of $f'(x)$	+	-
Behavior of $f(x)$		

  
 max

$$f'(0) = \frac{8-0}{2\sqrt{4-0}} = \frac{8}{2 \times 2} > 0$$

$$f'(3) = \frac{8-9}{2\sqrt{4-3}} = -\frac{1}{2} < 0$$

$$f'(x) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{8-3x}{2\sqrt{4-x}} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 8-3x = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{8}{3} \approx 2.67$$

Since

$$x = \frac{8}{3} \in (-\infty, 4]$$

So  $x = \frac{8}{3}$  is a cp

$f'(x)$  is undefined

at  $x = 4$

**Step 5. Concavity and points of inflection:**

$$f''(x) = \frac{3x - 16}{4(4 - x)^{3/2}}$$

Points of inflection:

NO P.I.

Intervals	$(-\infty, 4)$
Sign of $f''(x)$	-
Behavior of $f(x)$	CD

$$f''(0) = \frac{-16}{4(4)^{3/2}} < 0$$

$$f''(x) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 3x - 16 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{16}{3} \approx 5.3$$



Since

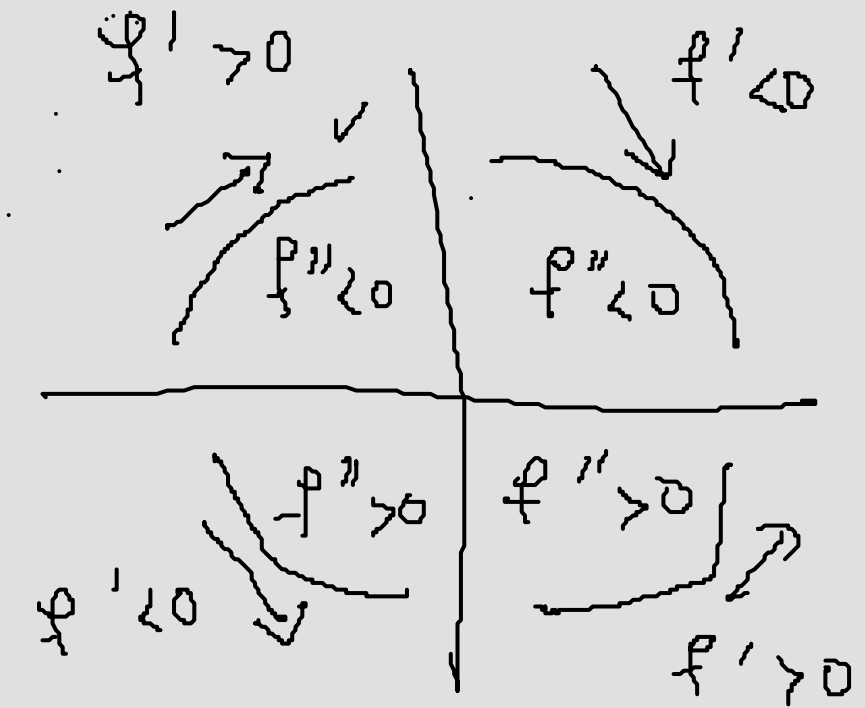
$$5.3 \notin (-\infty, 4]$$

$$\text{so } x = \frac{16}{3} \text{ is not P.I.}$$

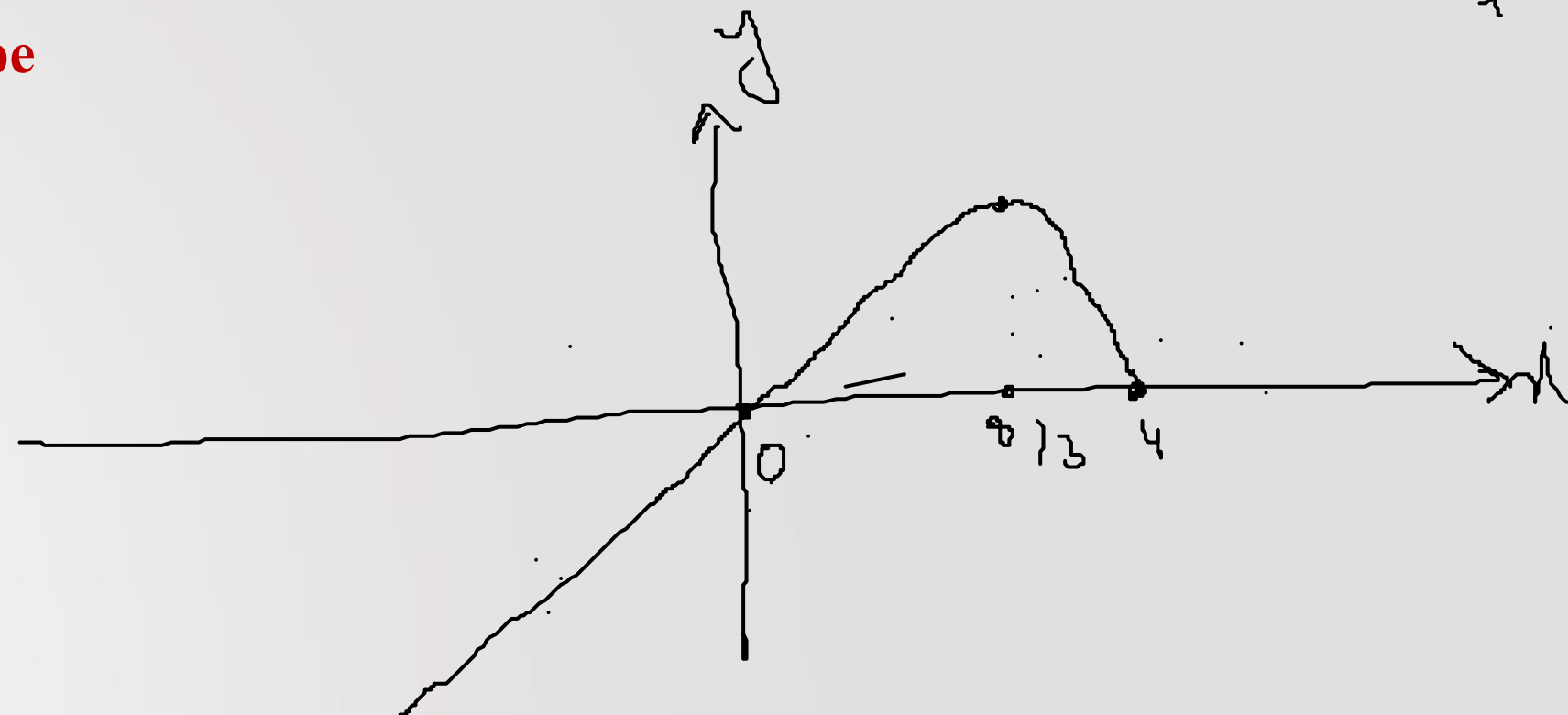
$f''(x)$  is undefined  
for  $x = \underline{4}$

**Step 6.** Summarize the information from step 4 and 5 and sketch a general graph.

Intervals	$(-\infty, 8/3)$	$(8/3, 4)$
Sign of $f'(x)$	$\nearrow +$	$\searrow -$
Sign of $f''(x)$	$\cap < 0$	$\cup < 0$
Behavior of $f(x)$		



**General shape**

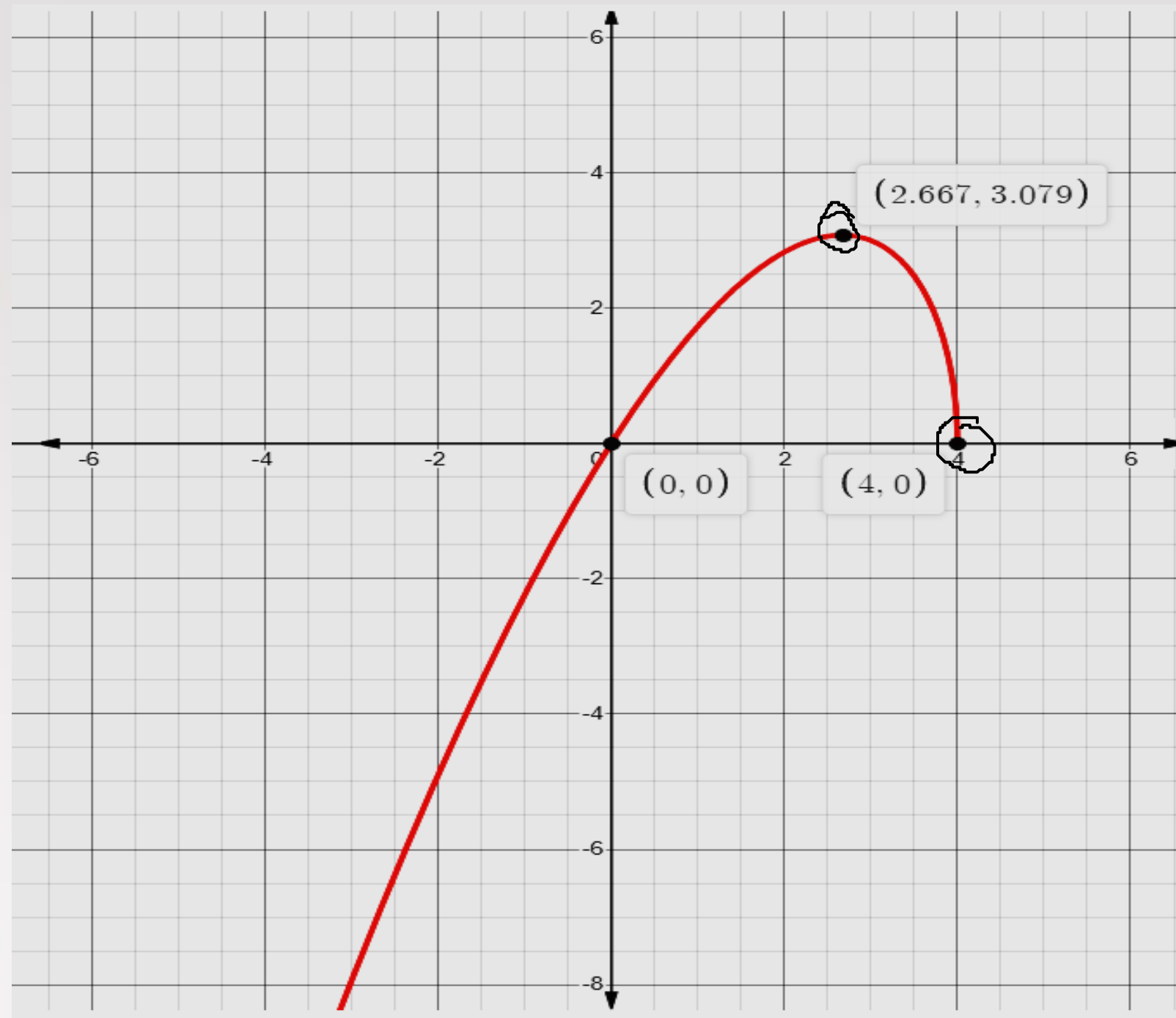


**Step 7.** Identify asymptotes (if any). Plot the curve's intercepts (if convenient) and the points where  $f'(x)$  and  $f''(x)$  are zero. Indicate any local extreme values and inflection points. Use the general shape in step 6 as a guide to sketch the curve.

Intercepts	Asymptotes
<p><u>y-intercept</u> <math>x=0 \Rightarrow y=0</math> <math>(0,0)</math></p> <p><u>x-intercept</u> <math>y=0 \Rightarrow x\sqrt{4-x}=0</math> <math>\Rightarrow x=0, x=4</math> <math>(0,0) \text{ and } (4,0)</math></p>	<p>No Asymptotes</p>



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We know about  
max and min ...



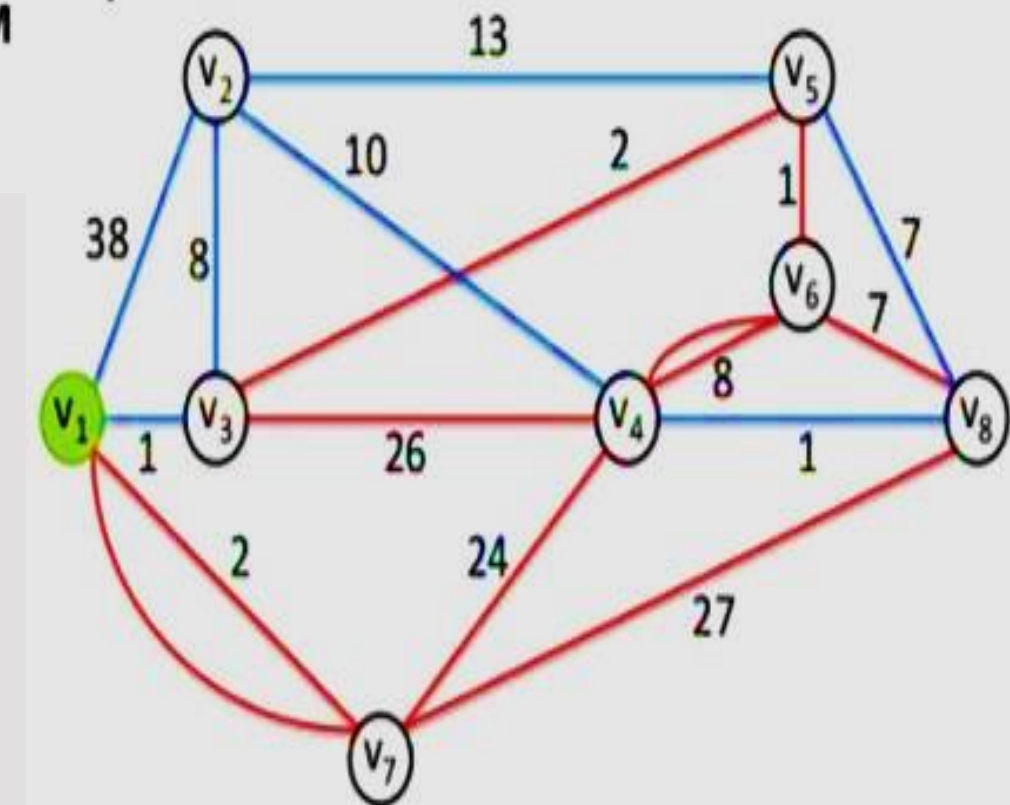
How can we use  
those principles???




with 1 square foot of card,  
How would you make the  
biggest possible box?

The aim for the **min-max k-Chinese postman problem (MM k-CPP)** is to minimize the length of the longest tour of k-Chinese postman tour.

# Applied Optimization Problems





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# Applied Optimization Problems

- To optimize something means to maximize or minimize some aspect of it.
- One common application of derivatives is calculating the minimum or maximum value of a function. For example,
  - companies often want to minimize production costs or maximize revenue.
  - In manufacturing, it is often desirable to minimize the amount of material used to package a product with a certain volume.
  - A traveler wants to minimize transportation time.
- We are interested to show how to set up these types of minimization and maximization problems and solve them by using the tools developed in the previous lectures.

# Applied Optimization Problems

- We will be mainly interested in solving problems such as:
  - Maximizing areas, volumes, and profits.
  - Minimizing distances, times, and costs.
- In solving such practical problems, the greatest challenge is often to convert the word problem into a mathematical optimization problem—by setting up the function that is to be maximized or minimized.

# Solving Applied Optimization Problems

1. Assign symbols to all given quantities and quantities to be determined.  
 $A = xy$  ✓
2. Write a primary equation for the quantity to be maximized or minimized.  
 $P = 2x + xy$  ✓
3. Reduce the primary equation to one having a single independent variable. This may involve the use of secondary equation.
4. Determine the domain. Make sure it makes sense.
5. Determine the max or min by differentiation.

## Example:

A farmer has 2400 *ft* of fencing and wants to fence off a rectangular field that borders a straight river. He needs no fence along the river.

What are the dimensions of the field that has the largest area?

## Solution:

In order to get a feeling for what is happening in the problem, let's experiment with some special cases.

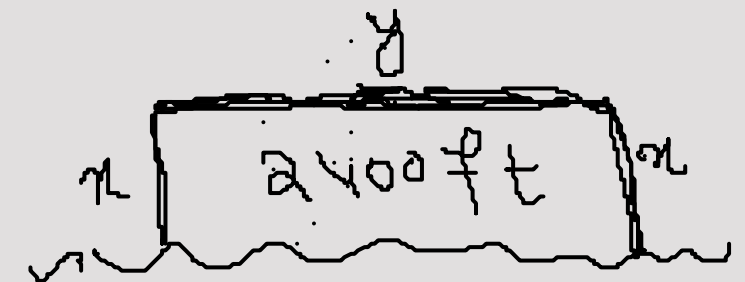
Secondary  
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$$P = 2x + y = 2400 \text{ ft} \rightarrow \textcircled{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow y = 2400 - 2x \rightarrow \textcircled{3}$$

Primary  
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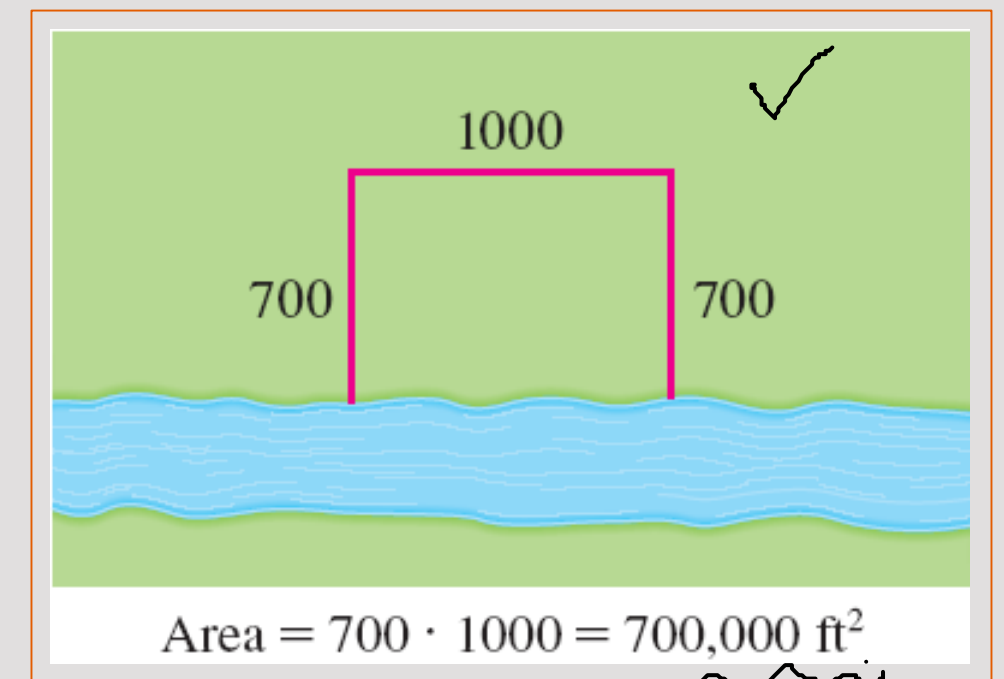
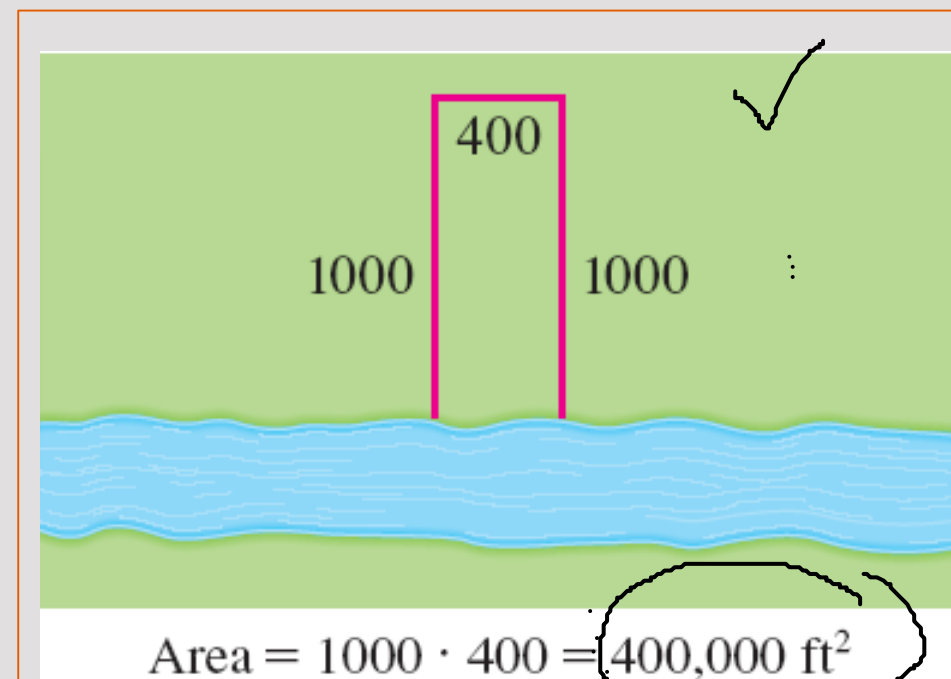
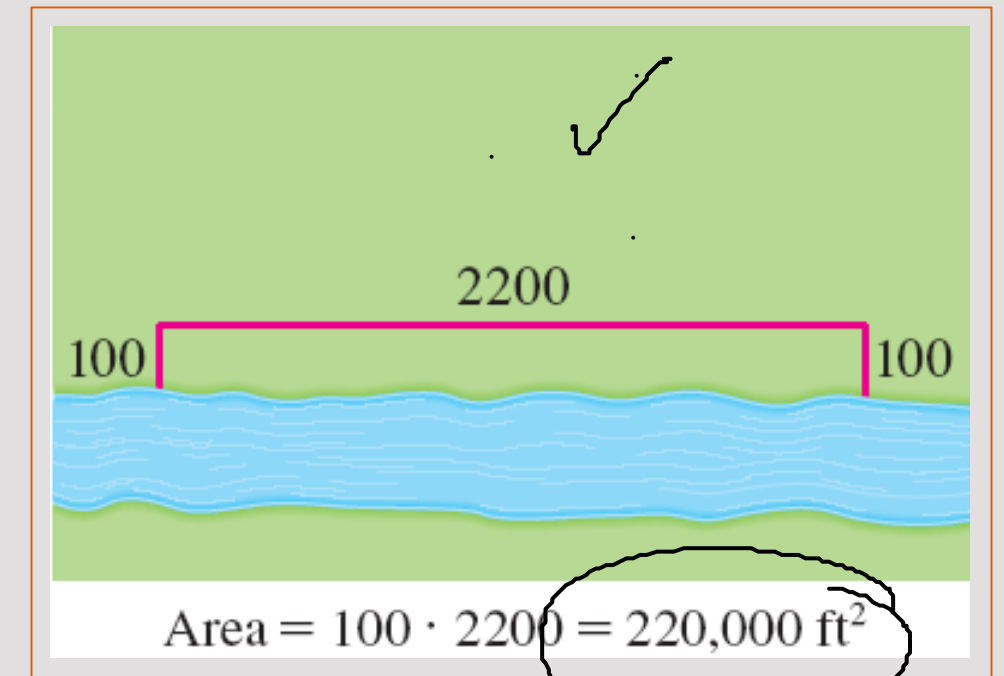
$$A = xy \rightarrow \textcircled{1}$$





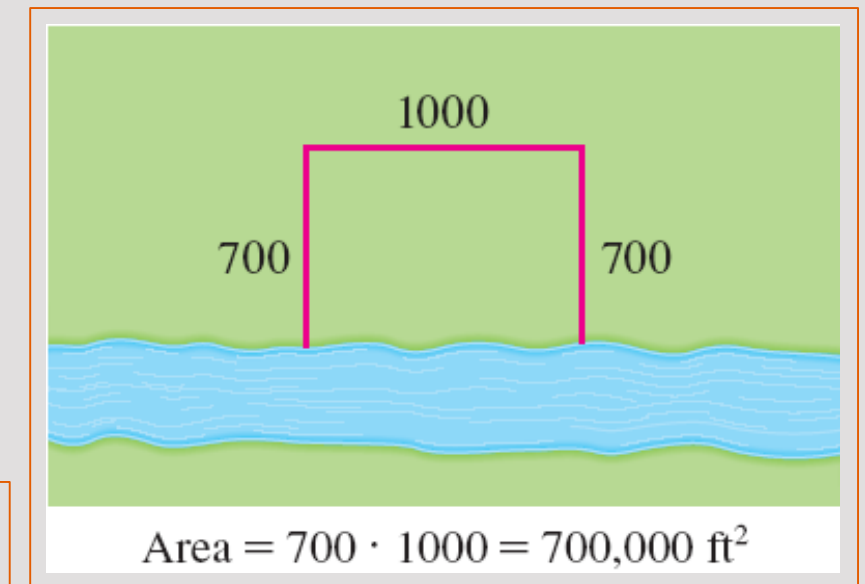
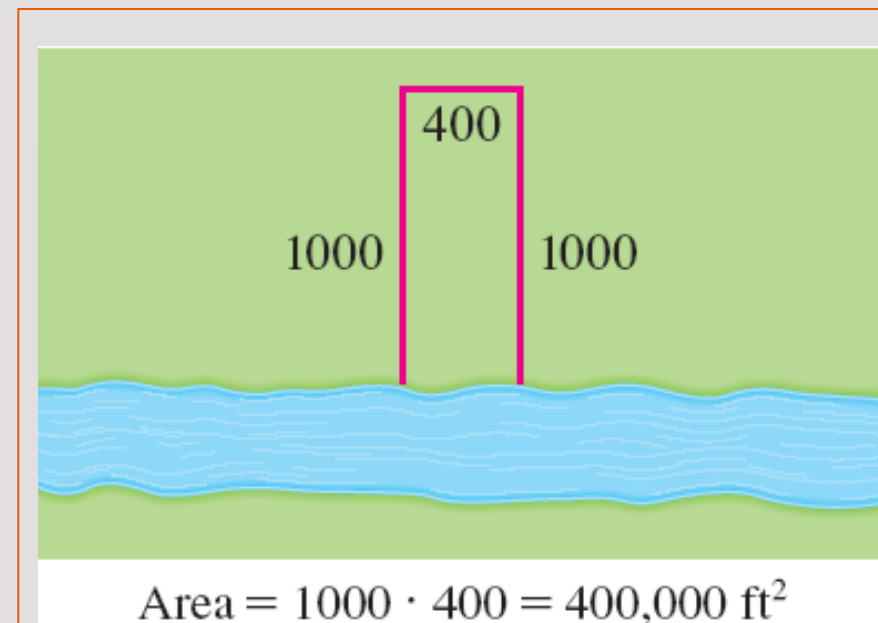
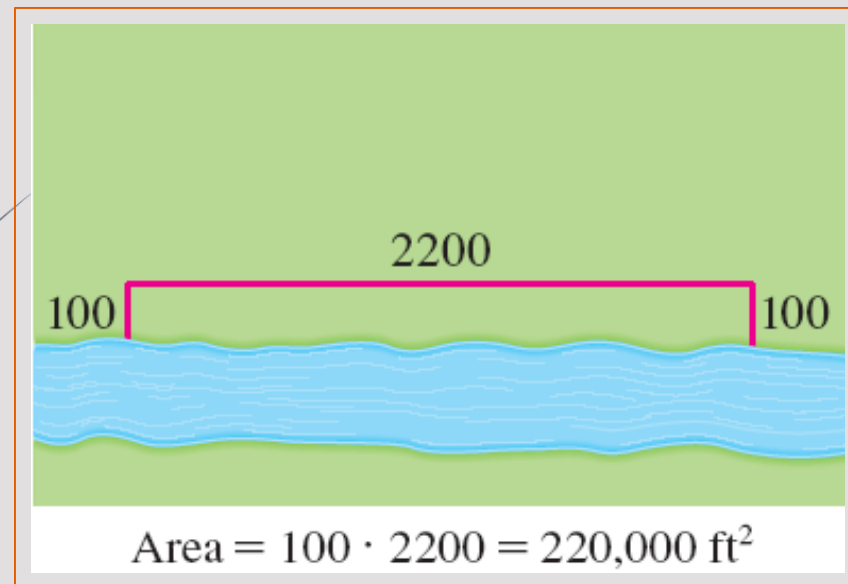
## Solution:

Here are three possible ways of laying out the 2400 *ft* of fencing.



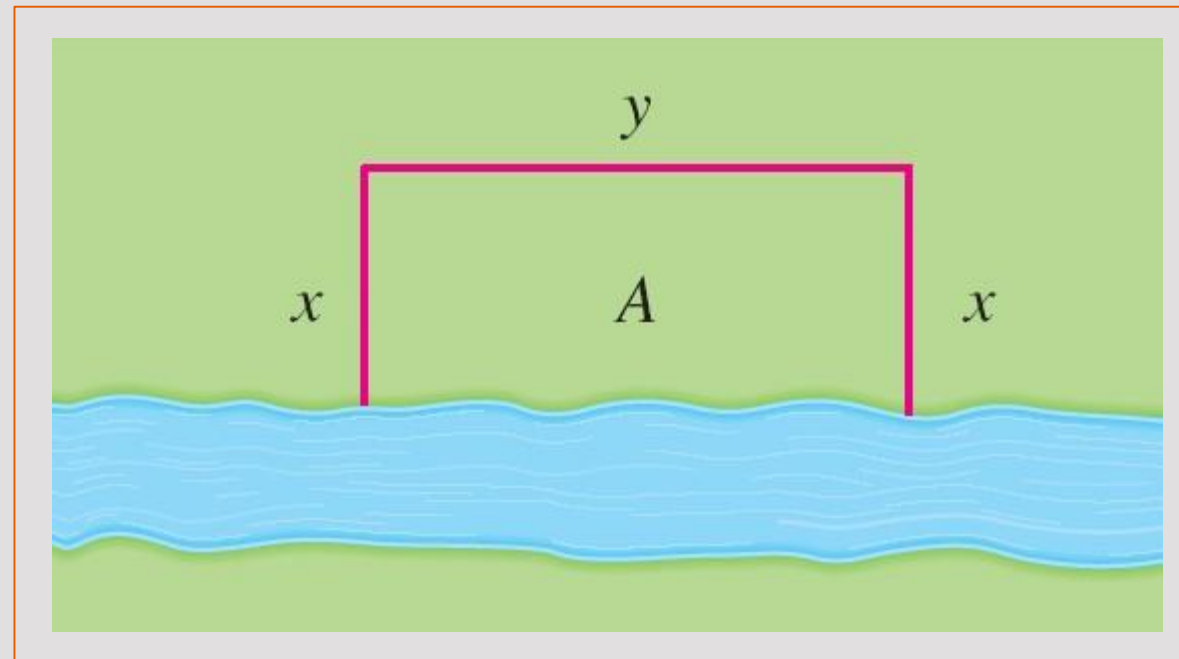


- We see that when we try shallow, wide fields or deep, narrow fields, we get relatively small areas.
- It seems plausible that there is some intermediate configuration that produces the largest area. ✓



- We wish to maximize the area  $A$  of the rectangle.
- Let  $x$  and  $y$  be the depth and width of the rectangle (in feet).
- Then, we express  $A$  in terms of  $x$  and  $y$ :

$$\underline{A = xy.}$$



✓✓

We want to express  $A$  as a function of just one variable.

- So, we eliminate  $y$  by expressing it in terms of  $x$ .

$$\underline{A = xy}$$

- To do this, we use the given information that the total length of the fencing is 2400 ft.

- Thus,  $2x + y = 2400 \Rightarrow y = 2400 - 2x$ .

- This gives:

$$A = x(2400 - 2x) = 2400x - 2x^2.$$

- Note that  $\underline{x \geq 0}$  and  $\underline{x \leq 1200}$  (otherwise  $A < 0$ ).

$$A \geq 0$$
$$x(2400 - 2x) \geq 0$$

$$x \geq 0$$
$$\text{or}$$

$$2400 - 2x \geq 0$$

So, the function that we wish to maximize is:

$$\checkmark \quad \underline{\checkmark A(x) = 2400x - 2x^2; \quad 0 \leq x \leq 1200.} \quad \checkmark$$

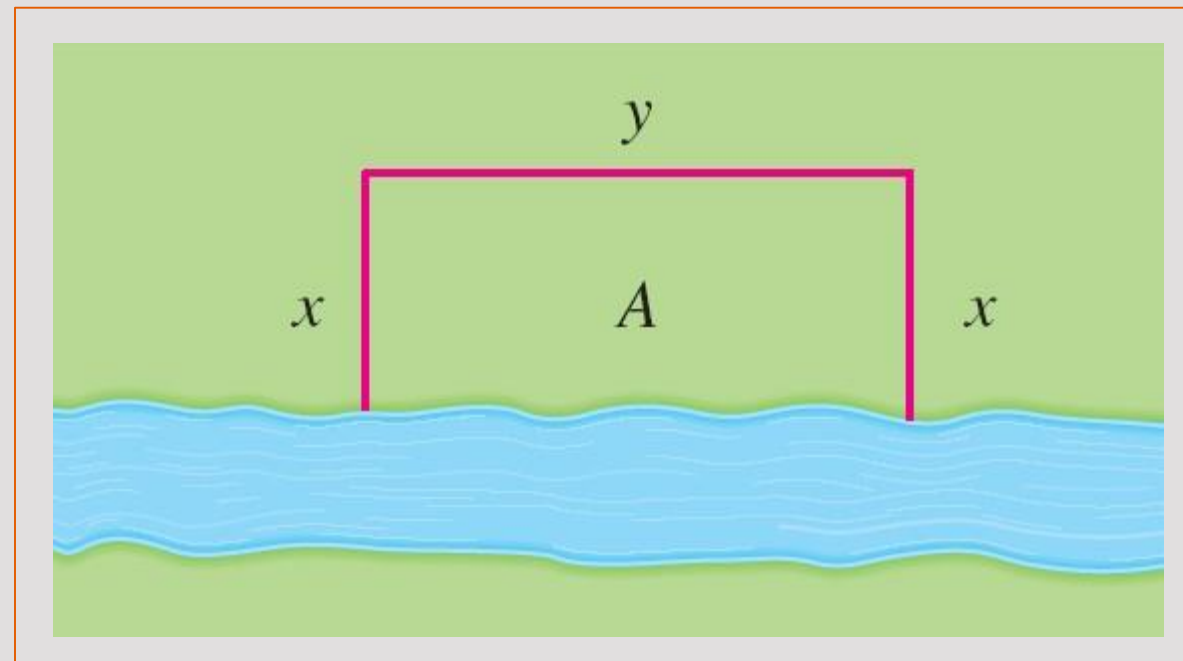
- The derivative is:  $A'(x) = 2400 - 4x$ .
- So, to find the critical numbers, we solve:  $A'(x) = 2400 - 4x = \underline{0}$
- This gives:  $\underline{x = 600.}$  ✓
- The maximum value of  $A$  must occur either at that critical number or at an endpoint of the interval.
- Now  $\checkmark A(0) = 0$ ;  $\checkmark A(600) = 720,000$ ; and  $A(1200) = 0$ .
- So, the maximum value is:  
 $\underline{A(600) = 720,000.}$

$$\begin{aligned} x &= 600 \\ y &= 2400x - 2x^2 \end{aligned}$$

► Thus, for the maximum area the rectangular field should be:

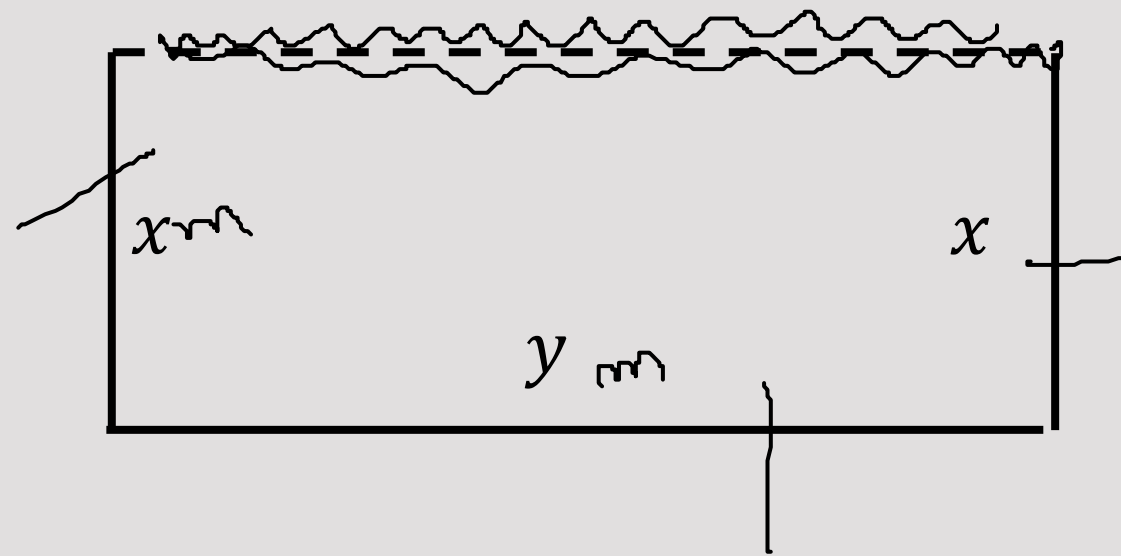
► 600 *ft* deep ✓

► 1200 *ft* wide ✓



## Example:

A rectangular plot is to be bounded on one side by a straight river and enclosed on the other three sides by a fence. With 800 *m* of fence at your disposal, what is the ***largest area*** that can be enclosed?



$$A = xy \rightarrow \text{Prim}$$

$$P = 2x + y \rightarrow \text{Sec}$$

$$800\text{ m}$$

:

## Solution:

For the present case:

$$2x + y = 800 \Rightarrow y = -2x + 800$$

and area is given as:

$$A = xy \Rightarrow A = x(-2x + 800) = -2x^2 + 800x.$$

In order to obtain largest area, we proceed as:

$$A'(x) = -4x + 800. \checkmark$$

For critical points we use:

$$A'(x) = 0 \Rightarrow -4x + 800 = 0 \Rightarrow x = 200.$$

Note that:

$$A''(x) = -4.$$

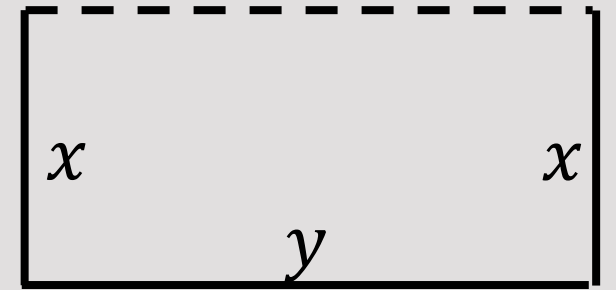
And at  $x = 200$ ,  $A''(x) = -4 < 0$ . Therefore, by second derivative test we conclude that there exist a maximum value at  $x = 200$ . Moreover,

$$A = -2(200)^2 + 800(200) = 80000.$$

Thus, the largest area that can be enclosed is  $80000 \text{ m}^2$ .

$$A \geq 0$$
$$x(-2x + 800) \geq 0$$

$$x \geq 0 \quad \text{or} \quad -2x \geq -800$$
$$\Rightarrow x \leq 400$$



Domain  
 $[0, 400]$

$f'(c) = 0$   
 $f''(c) < 0$   
max

min  $\begin{cases} f'(c) = 0 \\ f''(c) > 0 \end{cases}$

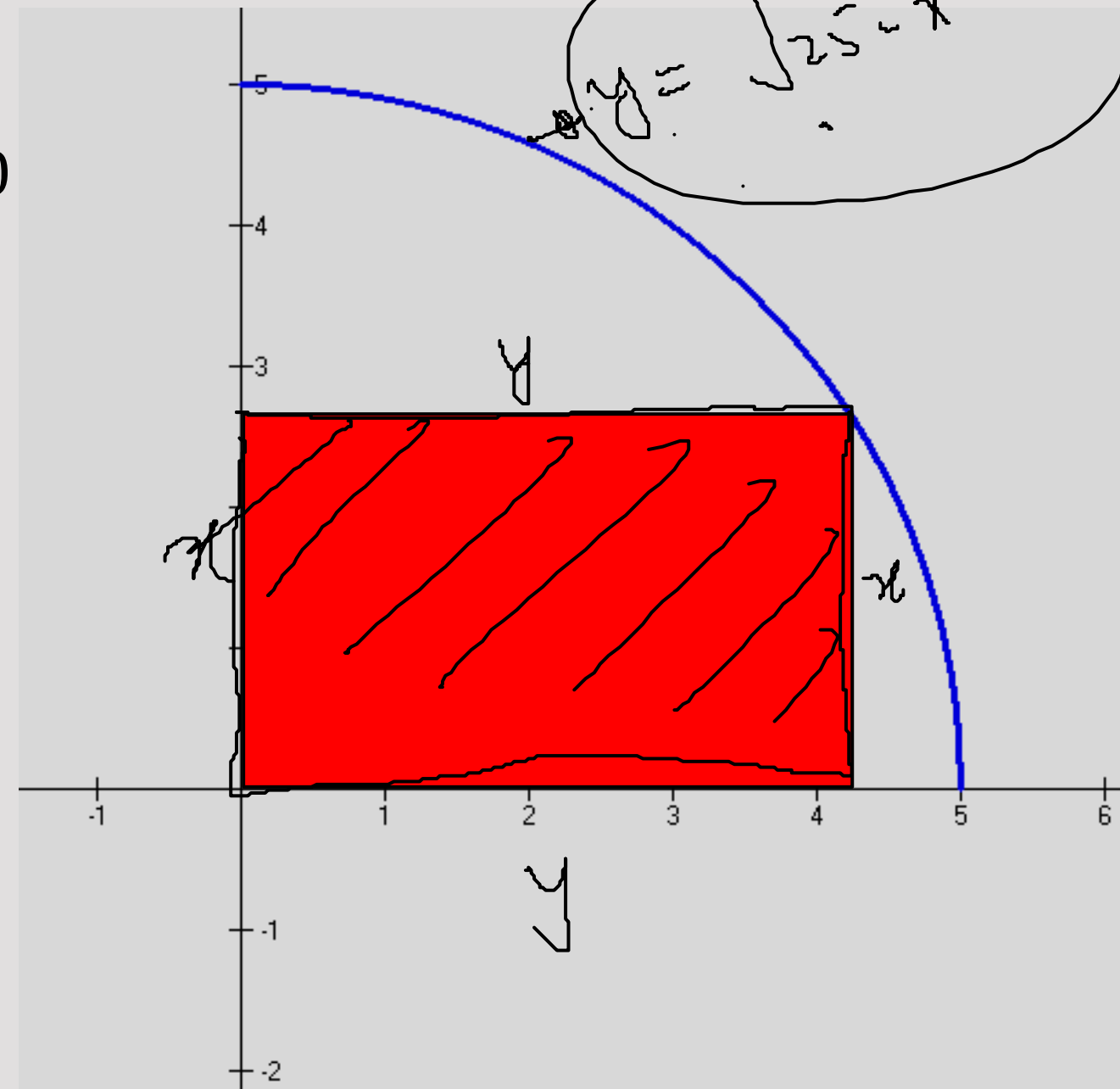
## Example:

The graphs of  $y = \sqrt{25 - x^2}$ ,  $x = 0$  and  $y = 0$  bound a region in the first quadrant.

Find the dimensions of the rectangle of **maximum perimeter** that can be inscribed in this region.

$$P = 2x + 2y$$

$$x^2 + y^2 = 25$$





## Solution:

For the present case:

$$P = 2x + 2y \Rightarrow P = 2x + 2\sqrt{25 - x^2} \quad \left[ \because y = \sqrt{25 - x^2} \right]$$

In order to obtain maximum perimeter, we proceed as:

$$P'(x) = 2 + \frac{-2x}{\sqrt{25 - x^2}} \quad \checkmark$$

Critical points:

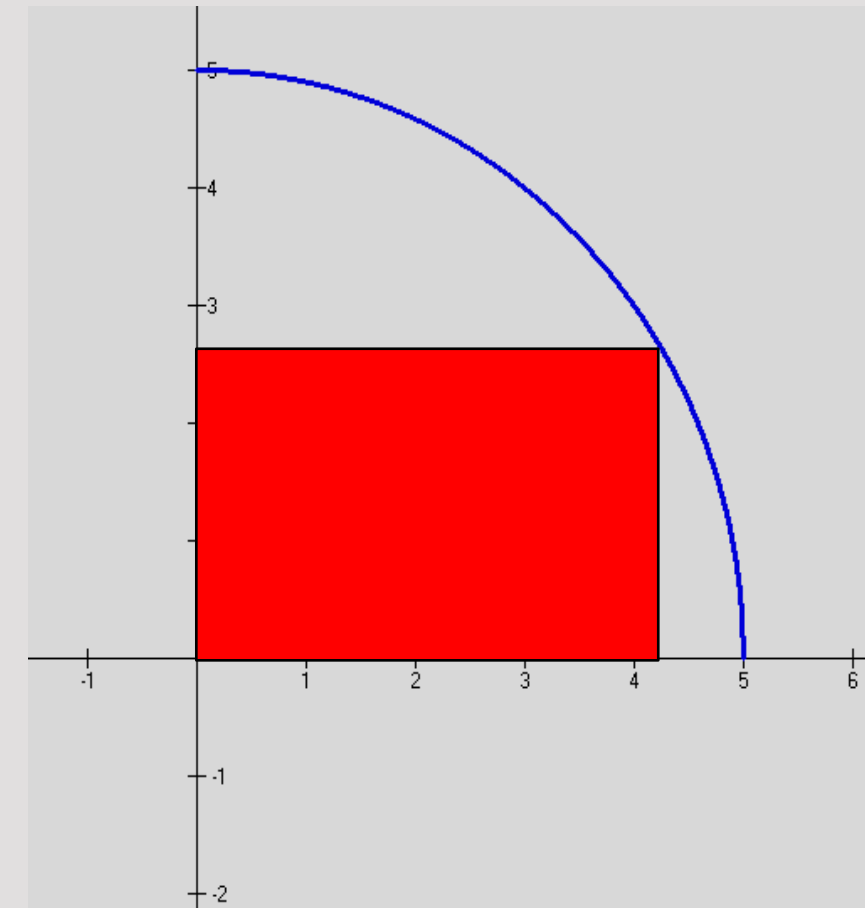
$$P'(x) = 0 \Rightarrow 2 + \frac{-2x}{\sqrt{25 - x^2}} = 0 \Rightarrow x = \pm \frac{5}{\sqrt{2}}$$

and

$P'(x)$  is undefined at  $x = \pm 5$ .

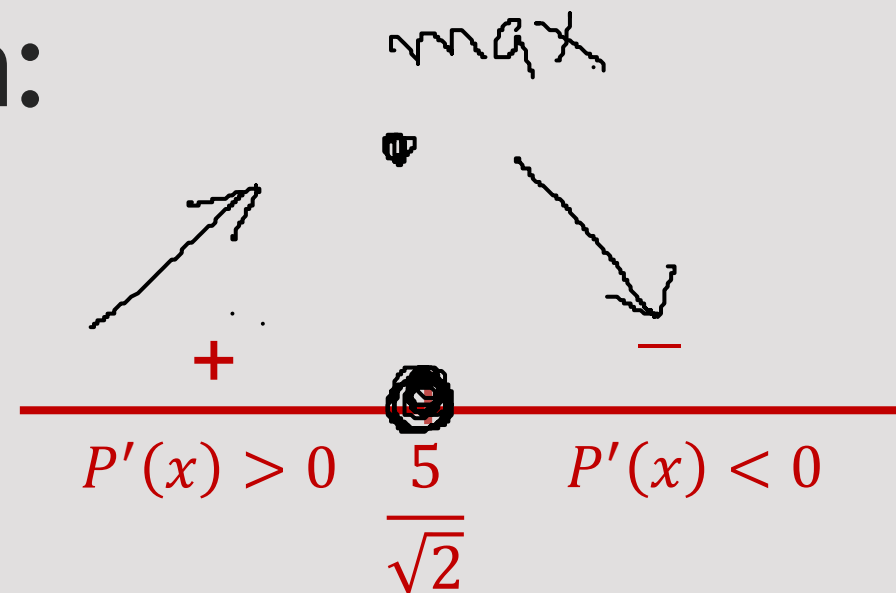
But the only critical point is:  $x = \frac{5}{\sqrt{2}}$ . (Why???)

$$x = \frac{5}{\sqrt{2}} \quad \checkmark$$

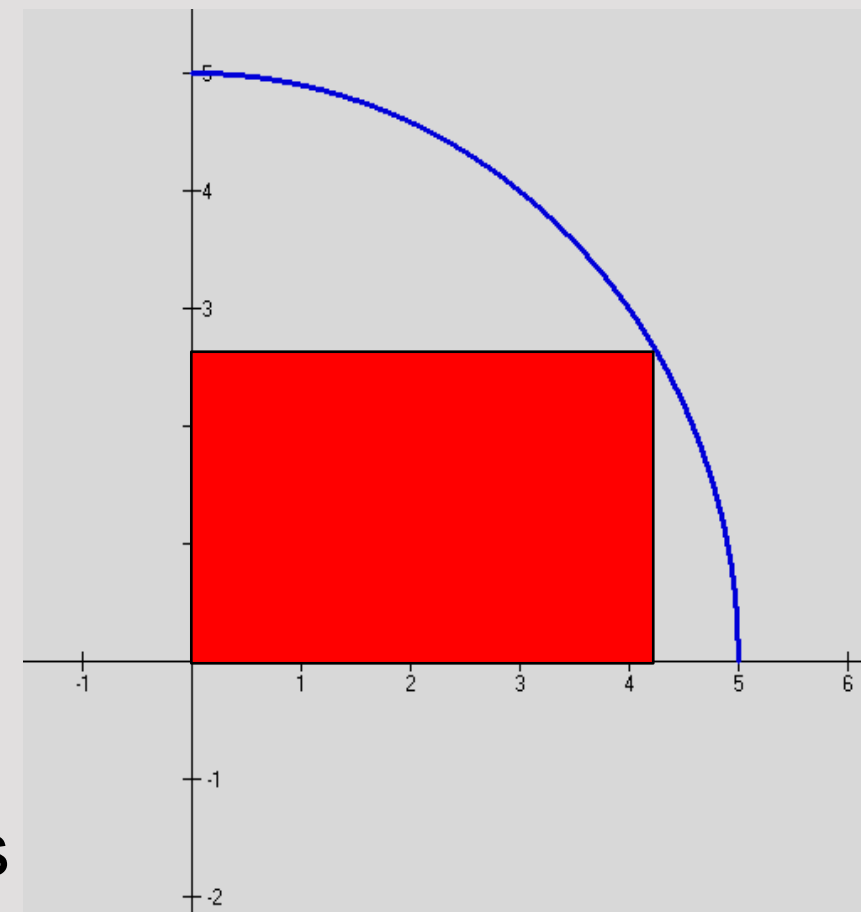


## Solution:

Note that:



$$x = \frac{5}{\sqrt{2}}$$
$$y = \sqrt{25 - x^2}$$



Since  $P'$  changes sign from +ve to -ve, therefore, there exists **maximum** value at  $x = \frac{5}{\sqrt{2}}$ .

Thus, the dimensions of the rectangle of **maximum perimeter** that can be inscribed in the given region are:  $\frac{5}{\sqrt{2}}$  and  $\frac{5}{\sqrt{2}}$ .

## Example:

Find the point on the parabola:

$$y^2 = 2x \checkmark$$

that is closest to the point  $(1, 4)$ .

## Solution:

The distance between the point  $(1, 4)$  and the point  $(x, y)$  is:

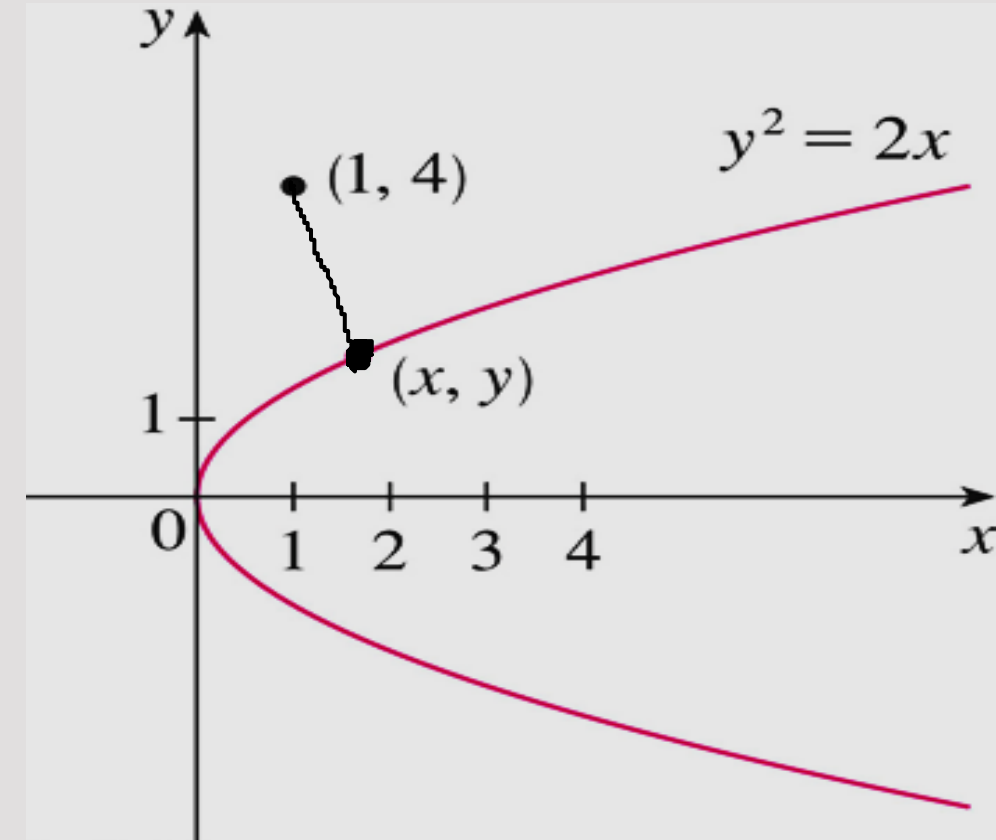
$$d = \sqrt{(x - 1)^2 + (y - 4)^2} \checkmark$$

However, if the point  $(x, y)$  lies on the parabola, then

$$x = \frac{y^2}{2}$$

Thus, the expression for  $d$  becomes:

$$d = \sqrt{\left(\frac{y^2}{2} - 1\right)^2 + (y - 4)^2} \checkmark$$



**Note:** Alternatively, we could have substituted  $y = \sqrt{2x}$  to get  $d$  in terms of  $x$  alone.

- Note that the minimum of  $d$  occurs at the same point as the minimum of  $d^2$ .
- However,  $d^2$  is easier to work with therefore, instead of minimizing  $\underline{d}$ , we minimize its square:

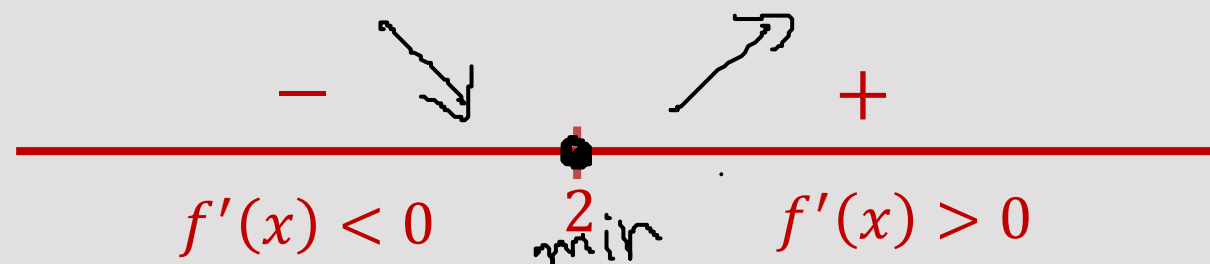
$$\underline{d^2} = \underline{f(y)} = \left(\frac{y^2}{2} - 1\right)^2 + (y - 4)^2.$$

- Critical points:

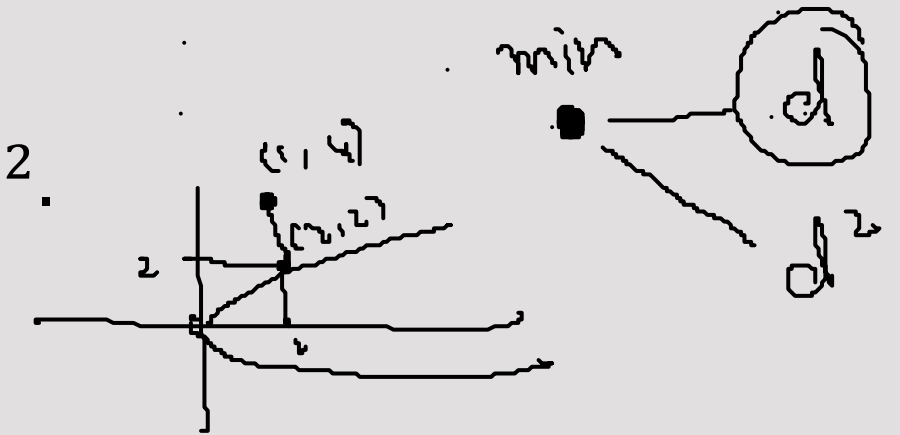
$$f'(y) = 2\left(\frac{y^2}{2} - 1\right)(y) + 2(y - 4)(1) = y^3 - 2y + 2y - 8 = y^3 - 8.$$

$$f'(y) = 0 \Rightarrow y^3 - 8 = 0 \Rightarrow y^3 = 8 \Rightarrow \boxed{y = 2.}$$

- Observe that



Thus, by first derivative test, there exists a minimum value at  $y = 2$ . Thus, the point on  $y^2 = 2x$  closest to  $(1,4)$  is  $(2,2)$ .



$$\begin{aligned} & (1, 4) \\ & \downarrow \\ & y = 2 \\ & x = \frac{y^2}{2} = 2 \end{aligned}$$