

# Macm 203 Assignment 7

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## Part A

Here we consider shape optimization using MATLAB's Symbolic Math Toolbox. Specifically, we use MATLAB's Symbolic Math Toolbox to find the optimal dimensions of a cylindrical can (a cylinder used for storing goods, like a soda can) to minimize the surface area for a given volume. This problem involves setting up an equation for the surface area of a cylinder, differentiating it, and finding the minimum value under a volume constraint.

*Background:* The surface area  $S$  of a cylinder with radius  $r$  and height  $h$  is given by:

$$S = 2\pi r^2 + 2\pi rh$$

Where the first term represents the area of the top and bottom disks, and the second term represents the area of the side of the cylinder. The volume  $V$  of the cylinder is given by:

$$V = \pi r^2 h$$

*Problem Statement:* Given a fixed volume  $V = 1000 \text{ cm}^3$ , determine the dimensions (radius  $r$  and height  $h$ ) of the cylinder that minimizes the surface area  $S$ .

**Tasks:** Complete *all* of the following tasks using the Symbolic Math Toolbox (do not complete the tasks by hand). Use symbolic variables and expressions wherever possible.

- Express the surface area  $S$  and volume  $V$  as symbolic expressions in terms of  $r$  and  $h$ .

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syms r h
S = 2*pi*r^2 + 2*pi*r*h
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$$S = 2\pi r^2 + 2h\pi r$$

$$V = \pi r^2 h$$

$$V = \pi h r^2$$

- Given the volume  $V = 1000$ , solve the volume equations for  $h$  in terms of  $r$ , and substitute this back into the surface area formula to get  $S$  as a function of  $r$  only.

$$V = \pi r^2 h == 1000$$

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$$hV = \text{solve}(V, h)$$

$$hV =$$

$$\frac{1000}{r^2 \pi}$$

$$S = \text{subs}(S, h, hV)$$

$$S = 2 \pi r^2 + \frac{2000}{r}$$

- Differentiate the surface area  $S$  with respect to  $r$  and set the result equal to zero.

$$dS = \text{diff}(S, r) == 0$$

$$dS = 4 \pi r - \frac{2000}{r^2} = 0$$

- Determine the value of  $r$  that minimizes  $S$  by solving the equation obtained from differentiation.

$$rmin = \text{solve}(dS, 'Real', true)$$

$$rmin = \left(\frac{500}{\pi}\right)^{1/3}$$

- Ensure that you consider the second derivative test to confirm that it is indeed a minimum.

$$d2S = \text{diff}(S, 2)$$

$$d2S = 4 \pi + \frac{4000}{r^3}$$

$$\text{subs}(d2S, r, rmin) \% d2S(0) > 0, \text{ so } r = (500/\pi)^{1/3} \text{ is a minimum}$$

$$ans = 12 \pi$$

- Output the dimensions (radius and height) of the optimal cylindrical can.

$$\text{height} = \text{subs}(hV, r, rmin)$$

$$\text{height} = \frac{1000}{\pi \left(\frac{500}{\pi}\right)^{2/3}}$$

$$\text{height} = \text{vpa}(\text{height})$$

$$\text{height} = 10.838521402785780174891227296593$$

$$\text{radius} = rmin$$

$$\text{radius} = \left(\frac{500}{\pi}\right)^{1/3}$$

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radius = vpa(rmin)
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radius = 5.4192607013928900874456136482964
```

## Part B

Here we implement the Bailey-Borwein-Plouffe (BBP) series to calculate  $\pi$  in Matlab using variable precision arithmetic (VPA). The BBP formula for  $\pi$  is given by:

$$\pi = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left( \frac{1}{16^k} \left( \frac{4}{8k+1} - \frac{2}{8k+4} - \frac{1}{8k+5} - \frac{1}{8k+6} \right) \right)$$

This series allows for the calculation of  $\pi$  to high precision with fewer iterations to many other series.

Tasks:

- Write a Matlab function that calculates  $\pi$  using the BBP series. The function should take two arguments: the number of terms to sum,  $N$ , and the precision,  $P$ , for VPA.
- Calculate  $\pi$  using your function with  $N = 50$  terms and  $P = 100$  digits of precision.
- Output the approximation of  $\pi$  that you found. Find the error in your result by subtracting your computed value from the true value of  $\pi$ .

```
mypie = calculate(50,100)
```

```
mypie =  
3.1415926535897932384357116792180407068930145885895449907274621769477808848862705310957919697
```

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error = vpa(pi - mypie)
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error =  
0.000000000000000000000000269317040614621773041548107855608302474824153600355213999384675322428555
```

```
function pie = calculate(N,P)  
    % set the precision  
    digits(P);  
    % initialize the sum with precision  
    pie = vpa(0);  
    for k=0:N-1  
        pie = pie + vpa(((1/(16^k)) * ...  
            ((4/(8*k+1)) - (2/(8*k+4)) - (1/(8*k+5)) - (1/(8*k+6))))));  
    end  
end
```