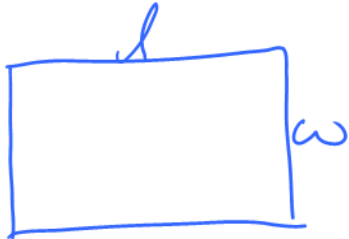


Lecture 23: Optimization (Intro, Maximizing Area)

Goal: Use the tools to find maximums and minimums in applications.

Idea Given a situation, find the "optimal" value (usually a max/min)

Ex) A farmer is building a rectangular fence and has 400 ft worth of fencing to work with. What should the dimensions of the fence so the area is as large as possible?



The function we want to optimize is called the "objective" function
 $A(l, w) = lw$

To reduce the number of variables and/or guarantee a max/min we need another condition, called the constraint.

$$P = \boxed{2l + 2w = 400}$$

We can rewrite

Obj: Maximize $A_{l,w} = lw$
Given: $2l + 2w = 400$

Rewrite A solely as a function of w :

$$2l = 400 - 2w$$

$$l = \frac{400 - 2w}{2} = 200 - w$$

$$A(w) = (200 - w)w = 200w - w^2$$

Find an absolute max:

$$\frac{dA}{dw} = 200 - 2w \stackrel{\text{set}}{=} 0$$

$$200 = 2w$$

$$\boxed{w = 100}$$

Verify that $w = 100$ is the location of the max:

$$\frac{d^2A}{dw^2} = -2 < 0$$

Local Max \Rightarrow Absolute Maximum
Only 1 ⁺ crit. value

Answer the question:

$$l = 200 - w$$

$$l_{100} = 200 - 100 = 100$$

Conclusion: To maximize area, the fence needs to be a square with side length 100ft

Ex2/ Suppose two numbers x and y add to $S > 0$.

When is their product at a maximum?



$$x + y = S$$

$$2x + 2y = 2S$$

constant

Obj: Maximize $P(x,y) = xy$

Given: $x + y = S$

$$\Rightarrow y = S - x \quad \text{So,}$$

$$P(x) = x(S - x) = Sx - x^2$$

Find Abs. Max:

$$\frac{dP}{dx} = S - 2x \stackrel{\text{set}}{=} 0$$

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

Verify it's the loc of the max:

$$\frac{d^2P}{dx^2} = -2 < 0$$

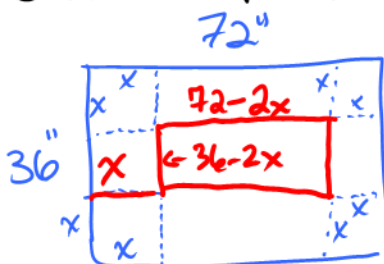
Local Max by the 2nd Derivative Test \Rightarrow Absolute Max

Only 1 Crit. Value

$$y = S - x \Rightarrow y \Big|_{x=\frac{S}{2}} = S - \frac{S}{2} = \frac{S}{2}$$

Conclusion: If $x+y=S$, then their product xy is maximized when $x=y=\frac{S}{2}$

Ex 3/ A 36" x 72" piece of cardboard is cut from each corner and the sides folded up to create an open top box. How far should be cut from the edge to maximize volume?



Obj: Maximize $V(x) = (72-2x)(36-2x)x$

Given: $x \in [0, 18]$

$$V(x) = 2592x - 216x^2 + 4x^3$$

$$\frac{dV}{dx} = 2592 - 432x + 12x^2 \stackrel{\text{set}}{=} 0$$

Quadratic Formula: $x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$ given $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$

$$x = 18 \pm 6\sqrt{3} \xrightarrow{18 + 6\sqrt{3} \notin [0, 18]} x = 18 - 6\sqrt{3} \approx 7.61$$

We are on a closed interval

x	$18 - 6\sqrt{3}$	0	18
$V(x)$	> 0	0	0

Abs. Max at $18 - 6\sqrt{3}$

$$50' = 50 \text{ ft}$$

$$50'' = 50 \text{ inches}$$

Conclusion: We need to cut ≈ 7.61 in away from the edge to maximize volume.

Ex 4 / You are making a rectangular garden and you have 50' of fencing to work with. To make a bigger garden, you build it right next to your house. Find the maximum area?



Obj: Maximize $A_{(l,w)} = lw$

Given: $2w + l = 50$

$$\Rightarrow l = 50 - 2w$$

$$A_w = (50 - 2w)w = 50w - 2w^2$$

$$\frac{dA}{d\omega} = 50 - 4\omega \stackrel{\text{set}}{=} 0$$

$$\omega = \frac{50}{4} = 12.5 = \frac{25}{2}$$

Verify it is a max:

$$\frac{d^2A}{d\omega^2} = -4 < 0 \Rightarrow \text{Local Max by the 2nd Derivative Test}$$

Local Max + 1 crit value \Rightarrow Abs. Max

Find area: Given $\omega = \frac{25}{2}$

$$l \Big|_{\omega = \frac{25}{2}} = 50 - 2\left(\frac{25}{2}\right) = 25$$

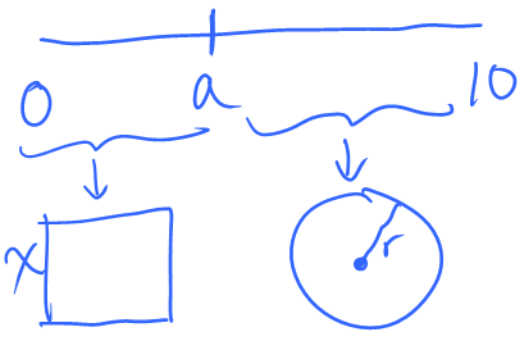
$$A = lw \Rightarrow A \Big|_{\substack{\omega = 25/2 \\ l = 25}} = 25\left(\frac{25}{2}\right) = \left(312 + \frac{1}{2}\right) \text{ft}^2$$

Conc: The maximal area is 312.5ft^2 .

Ex/ A 10m wire is cut into 2 pieces. One of them is bent into a square, the other is bent into a circle. Where should we cut so that the enclosed area is maximal

Obj: Maximize $A_{(x,r)} = x^2 + \pi r^2$

Given: $\begin{cases} 4x = a; 2\pi r = 10 - a \Rightarrow 4x + 2\pi r = 10 \\ a \in [0, 10] \Rightarrow x \in [0, 2.5] \end{cases}$



The diagram shows a horizontal line representing a wire of total length 10. A point 'a' is marked on the line, with a bracket below it indicating the segment from 0 to 'a'. An arrow points from this segment down to a square with side length 'x'. Another bracket below the line indicates the segment from 'a' to 10. An arrow points from this segment down to a circle with radius 'r'.

$$4x + 2\pi r = 10$$

$$2x + \pi r = 5$$

$$r = \frac{1}{\pi} (5 - 2x)$$

$$A(x) = x^2 + \pi \left(\frac{1}{\pi} [5 - 2x] \right)^2$$

$$= \left(1 + \frac{4}{\pi} \right) x^2 - \frac{20}{\pi} x + \frac{5}{\pi}$$

$$\frac{dA}{dx} = 2 \left(1 + \frac{4}{\pi} \right) x - \frac{20}{\pi} \stackrel{\text{set}}{=} 0$$

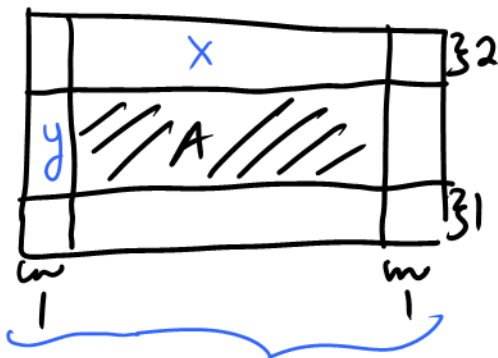
$$x = \frac{10}{\pi + 4} \approx 1.4 ; x \in [0, 2.5]$$

x	$\frac{10}{\pi+4}$	0	2.5
$A(x)$	≈ 3.5	≈ 7.95	$= 6.25$

Maximized when $x = 0 \Rightarrow a = 0$

Ter we don't cut it at all

Ex 6 A poster board has an area of 180 cm^2 and has margins like the diagram. What is the largest printable area?



Obj: Maximize $A = xy$

Given: $(x + 1 + 1)(y + 1 + 2) = 180$

$$\Rightarrow y = \frac{180}{x+2} - 3$$

See 8:30 Section Notes for Solution