

## Questions From Homework

The sum of two numbers is 12. Find the numbers so that their product is a maximum?

A rectangle has a perimeter of 150cm. What length and width should it have so that its area is a maximum?

Find the point on the graph of  $y = 2x + 6$  that is the minimum distance from the point  $(1, 2)$ .

$x_1, y_1$

Remember  $d$  is smallest when  $d^2$  is smallest

Let  $x = x$

Let  $y = y$

$$d = \sqrt{(x-x_1)^2 + (y-y_1)^2}$$

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

← Express with a single variable

$$d = \sqrt{(x-1)^2 + (2x+6-2)^2}$$

$$d = \sqrt{(x-1)^2 + (2x+4)^2} = [(x-1)^2 + (2x+4)^2]^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$f(x) = (x-1)^2 + (2x+4)^2$$

$$f'(x) = 2(x-1)(1) + 2(2x+4)(2)$$

$$f'(x) = 2x - 2 + 8x + 16$$

$$f'(x) = 10x + 14$$

$$0 = 10x + 14$$

$$-10x = 14$$

$$x = -\frac{7}{5}$$

$$\longrightarrow y = 2\left(-\frac{7}{5}\right) + 6$$

$$y = -\frac{14}{5} + 6 = \frac{16}{5}$$

The point closest to  $(1, 2)$  is  $\left(-\frac{7}{5}, \frac{16}{5}\right)$

Remember  $d$  is smallest when  $d^2$  is smallest ... here is the proof!

$$d = [(x-1)^2 + (2x+4)^2]^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$d' = \frac{1}{2} [(x-1)^2 + (2x+4)^2]^{-\frac{1}{2}} [2(x-1)(1) + 2(2x+4)(2)]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} [(x-1)^2 + (2x+4)^2]^{-\frac{1}{2}} [2x-2 + 8x+16]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} [(x-1)^2 + (2x+4)^2]^{-\frac{1}{2}} (10x+14)$$

$$= \frac{5x+7}{\sqrt{(x-1)^2 + (2x+4)^2}}$$

← denominator is always positive

$$\text{So } d' = 0 \text{ when } 5x+7=0$$

$$5x = -7$$

$$x = \frac{-7}{5} \leftarrow \text{is the only critical number}$$

$$y = 2x+6$$
$$= 2\left(\frac{-7}{5}\right) + 6$$

$$= \frac{-14}{5} + \frac{30}{5}$$

$$= \frac{16}{5}$$

∴ The point on the curve  $y = 2x+6$ , that is closest to  $(1, 2)$ , would be  $\left(\frac{-7}{5}, \frac{16}{5}\right)$

Area

If 2700 cm<sup>2</sup> of material is available to make a box with square base and an open top, find the largest possible volume of the box.

Let  $x$  = the length of the base  
Let  $h$  = the height



$$A = x^2 + 4xh$$

$$2700 = x^2 + 4xh$$

$$2700 - x^2 = 4xh$$

$$h = \frac{2700 - x^2}{4x}$$

We want to maximize the volume.

$$V = lwh$$

We want to eliminate  $h$  from the volume function and we do so by finding a relationship between  $x$  and  $h$ . We use the area of the available material

$$V = x^2 h$$

$$V = x^2 \left[ \frac{2700 - x^2}{4x} \right] \leftarrow \text{Expressed with only one variable.}$$

$$V = \frac{2700x - x^3}{4}$$

$$V = 675x - \frac{1}{4}x^3$$

$$V' = 675 - \frac{3x^2}{4}$$

$$0 = 675 - \frac{3x^2}{4}$$

$$\frac{3x^2}{4} = 675$$

$$3x^2 = 2700$$

$$x^2 = 900$$

$$x = \pm 30 \text{ cm}$$

$$h = \frac{2700 - (30)^2}{4(30)}$$

$$h = \frac{1800}{120}$$

$$h = 15 \text{ cm}$$



$$V = x^2 h$$

$$= (30)^2 (15)$$

$$= \underline{\underline{13500 \text{ cm}^3}} \text{ is the maximum volume.}$$

Find the points on the parabola  $y = 6 - x^2$  that are closest to the point  $(0, 3)$

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