

Section Notes

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Optimizations:

Step 1 Write down the function (that you want to extremize) and all relations of variables in the form of equations.

Step 2 Use the relations to eliminate all redundant variables to obtain a single-variable function

Step 3 Find the domain of the function

Step 4 Find the max/min of the function on the given domain

Suggestion: if the domain is a closed interval, use closed interval method; if an open interval, use first derivative test (or second derivative test)

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17. Step 1.

Goal: Maximize $V = \pi x^2 \cdot h$

Relation: $r^2 = x^2 + \left(\frac{h}{2}\right)^2$

Step 2

$$x^2 = r^2 - \left(\frac{h}{2}\right)^2 \quad \text{eliminate } x$$

$$V(h) = \pi \cdot \left(r^2 - \frac{h^2}{4}\right) \cdot h = \pi r^2 h - \frac{\pi}{4} h^3$$

(where r is a constant)

Step 3 domain: $0 < h < 2r$

Step 4 open interval \Rightarrow first derivative test

$$V'(h) = \pi r^2 - \frac{3\pi}{4} h^2$$

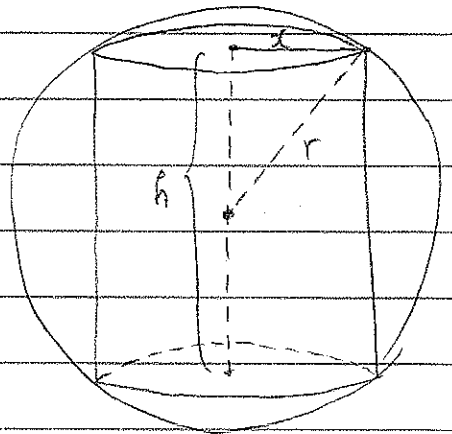
$$V'(h) = 0 \Rightarrow \pi r^2 = \frac{3\pi}{4} h^2 \Rightarrow h^2 = \frac{4}{3} r^2 \Rightarrow h = \pm \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} r$$

the only critical point in $(0, 2r)$ is $h = \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} r$.

$$\text{when } 0 < h < \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} r, \quad V'(h) = \pi r^2 - \frac{3\pi}{4} h^2 > \pi r^2 - \frac{3\pi}{4} \left(\frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} r\right)^2 = 0$$

$$\text{when } \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} r < h < 2r, \quad V'(h) = \pi r^2 - \frac{3\pi}{4} h^2 < \pi r^2 - \frac{3\pi}{4} \left(\frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} r\right)^2 = 0$$

By first derivative test, $V\left(\frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} r\right)$ is the maximum



$$V\left(\frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}r\right) = \pi\left(r^2 - \frac{1}{4}\left(\frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}r\right)^2\right) \cdot \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}r = \frac{\pi}{3\sqrt{3}}r^3$$

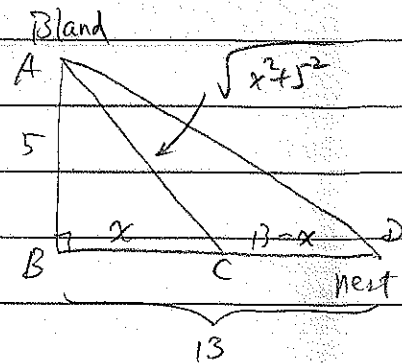
45(a)

Goal: Maximize total Energy

E = energy spent on water + energy spent on land

route AC is on water.

route CD is on land.



assume: energy spent per km on land: k

then: energy spent per km on water: $1.4k$

$$E = 1.4k \cdot \sqrt{x^2 + 5^2} + k \cdot (13 - x)$$

Domain: $0 \leq x \leq 13$

Maximize E on the closed interval \Rightarrow closed interval method.

$$E'(x) = 1.4k \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2 + 5^2}} - k$$

$$\text{critical pts: } E'(x) = 0 \Rightarrow 1.4k \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2 + 5^2}} = k \Rightarrow 1.4x = \sqrt{x^2 + 5^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow (1.4x)^2 = x^2 + 25 \Rightarrow 0.96x^2 = 25 \Rightarrow x = \pm \sqrt{\frac{25}{0.96}}$$

But the only critical point in $[0, 13]$ is $\sqrt{\frac{25}{0.96}} \approx 5.1$

Closed interval method:

$$E(0) = 1.4k \cdot \sqrt{0^2 + 5^2} + 13k = 20k$$

$$E\left(\sqrt{\frac{25}{0.96}}\right) = \dots \approx 17.9k$$

$$E(13) = 1.4k \cdot \sqrt{13^2 + 5^2} + 0 \approx 19.5k$$

So $E\left(\sqrt{\frac{25}{0.96}}\right) \approx 17.9k$ is the smallest energy.

So the point C should be approximately 5.1 km away from B.

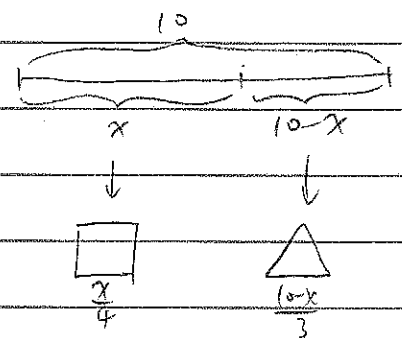
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Goal: maximize/minimize total area

A = area of square + area of triangle

$$\text{area of square} = \left(\frac{x}{4}\right)^2$$

$$\text{area of triangle} = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{10-x}{3} \cdot \frac{10-x}{6} \sqrt{3}$$



\uparrow height can be computed from Pythagorean theorem.

$$\text{So } A = \left(\frac{x}{4}\right)^2 + \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{10-x}{3} \cdot \frac{10-x}{6} \sqrt{3}$$

Domain: $0 \leq x \leq 10$

closed interval \Rightarrow use closed interval method.

Finish the computation yourself.

19.

Goal: maximize area

$$A = \frac{1}{2}\pi r^2 + 2r \cdot h$$

relation: perimeter = 30, i.e.

$$\pi r + 2h + 2r = 30$$

eliminate h : $h = \frac{30 - (\pi+2)r}{2}$

$$A = \frac{1}{2}\pi r^2 + 2r \cdot \frac{30 - (\pi+2)r}{2}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}\pi r^2 + r(30 - (\pi+2)r)$$

Domain: first of all, $r > 0$

second of all, $h > 0$, so $\frac{30 - (\pi+2)r}{2} > 0 \Rightarrow r < \frac{30}{\pi+2}$

so domain $D = (0, \frac{30}{\pi+2})$

Critical pts: $A'(r) = \pi r + 30 - 2(\pi+2)r = 30 - (\pi+4)r$

$A'(r) = 0 \Rightarrow r = \frac{30}{\pi+4}$ the only critical point in $(0, \frac{30}{\pi+2})$

You can use first or second derivative test.

If use the second derivative test, compute $A''(r)$

$$A''(r) = -(\pi+4) < 0.$$

so $A(\frac{30}{\pi+4})$ is the maximum of the function

The problem wants us to find the dimension of the window.

that is: radius of semicircle = $r = \frac{30}{\pi+4}$ ft,

base of rectangle = $2r = \frac{60}{\pi+4}$ ft,

height of rectangle = $\frac{1}{2}(30 - (\pi+2)r) = \dots = \frac{30}{\pi+4}$ ft.

