



Now repeat the process above to determine the maximum volume, and the dimensions that would give that volume, if the paper is 20" by 30".

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| <p>Formula for volume: $V(x) = x(20-2x)(30-2x)$</p> | <p>Graph: $V(x)$</p> |
| <p>"Real life" domain: $[0, 10]$</p> | |
| <p>Viewing window: $[0, 10] \times [0, 1200]$</p> | |
| <p>Maximum volume: 1056.3 in^3</p> | |
| <p>Dimensions that give the maximum volume: height: 3.9 in. length: $20 - 2(3.9) = 12.2 \text{ in.}$ width: $30 - 2(3.9) = 22.2 \text{ in.}$</p> | |



I would like to build a little rectangular pen for Sognefjord in my backyard, adjacent to the house, so she has a place to play with the local birds and eat grass. I have a total of 20 feet of fencing which will make up 3 sides of the pen; the last side will be the outside of the house. I'd like to figure out how to put up the fencing so as to maximize the area of the enclosure.

- a. Let x be the width of the pen. Explain why the length can be expressed as $20-2x$.



← 20 is total
 $-2(x)$.

- b. Hence, write down a formula for the area of the pen:

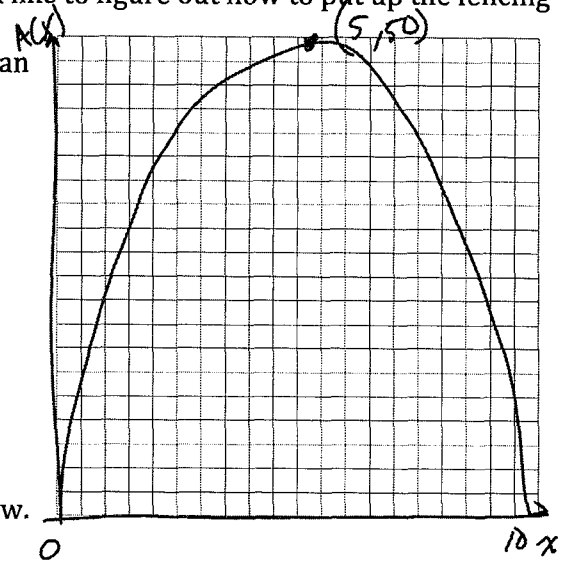
$$A(x) = x(20-2x)$$

- c. Write down the "real life" domain of this problem.

$$[0, 10]$$

- d. Sketch a graph using an appropriate viewing window. Write down your window here:

$$[0, 10] \times [0, 50]$$



- e. Hence find the maximum area of the pen, as well as the dimensions that result in that area.

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 $x=5$

Width = 5
 length = $20 - 2(5) = 10$

- f. (You could have found the maximum of this one algebraically instead! How?)

$$A(x) = x(20-2x) = 20x - 2x^2$$

Parabola!

vertex: $(-\frac{b}{2a}, A(-\frac{b}{2a}))$

$$-\frac{b}{2a} = \frac{-20}{2(-2)} = \frac{-20}{-4} = 5$$

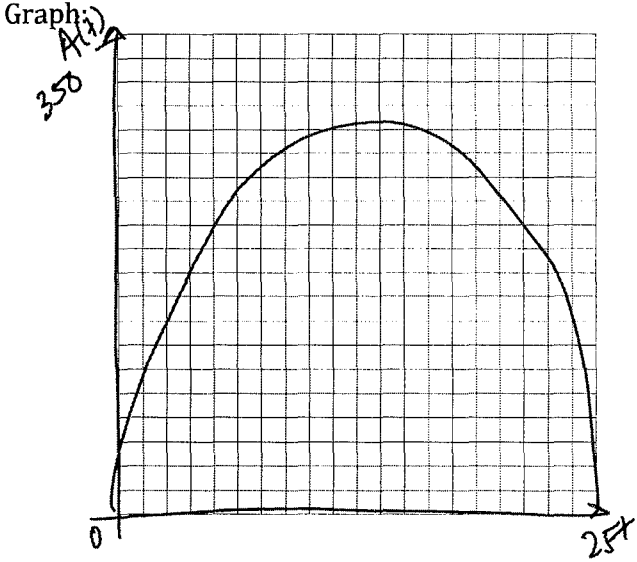
$$A(5) = 20(5) - 2(5)^2 = 50$$

vertex: $(5, 50)$

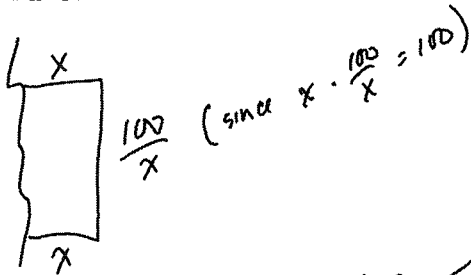
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3 Now repeat the process above to determine the maximum area, and the dimensions that would give that area, if I have 50 feet of fencing.

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| Formula for area: $A(x) = x(50 - 2x)$ | Graph:  |
| "Real life" domain: $[0, 25]$ | |
| Viewing window: $[0, 25] \times [0, 350]$ | |
| Maximum volume: 312.5 ft^2 | |
| Dimensions that give the maximum area: $12.5' \times 25'$ | |

4 Challenge: We can use a similar process to *minimize* something. For example, let's say I want the 3-sided pen for Sognefjord to have an area of 100 square feet. What is the minimum amount of fencing that I need to accomplish this?



So to minimize perimeter,
 $x = 7.1$
 $P(7.1) = 2(7.1) + \frac{100}{7.1} \approx 28.3 \text{ ft. of fencing}$

$$P(x) = x + x + \frac{100}{x}$$

$$= 2x + \frac{100}{x}$$

