

Homework Guide

AP Calculus
Optimization

Name _____ Pd. _____
Day 6 Application of Derivatives

1. Find two numbers whose difference is 100 and whose product is a minimum.

Answers:
50 & -50

2. Find two positive numbers whose product is 100 and whose sum is a minimum.

10 & 10

Primary

$$x \cdot y = 100$$

$$y = \frac{100}{x}$$

$$S = x + y$$

$$S = x + 100x^{-1}$$

$$S' = 1 - 100x^{-2}$$

$$\frac{100}{x^2} = 1$$

$$x^2 = 100$$

$$\boxed{x = 10}$$

(positive #'s)

$$y = \frac{100}{x}$$

$$y = \frac{100}{10}$$

$$\boxed{y = 10}$$


$\begin{matrix} \nearrow 10 \\ \text{min} \\ \searrow 10 \end{matrix}$
 $S'(9) \quad S'(11)$

3. The sum of two positive numbers is 16. What is the smallest possible value of the sum of their squares?

8 & 8

4. Find the dimensions of a rectangle with perimeter 100 m whose area is as large as possible.

25 & 25



Primary

$$P = x + x + y + y$$

$$100 = 2x + 2y$$

$$2y = 100 - 2x$$

$$y = 50 - x$$

$$A = x \cdot y$$

$$A = x(50 - x)$$

$$A = 50x - x^2$$

$$A' = 50 - 2x$$

$$2x = 50$$

$$\boxed{x = 25}$$

$$y = 50 - 25$$

$$\boxed{y = 25}$$

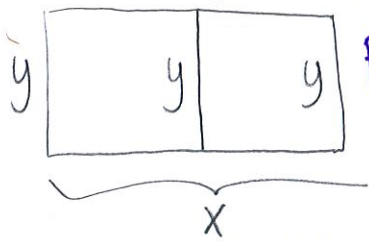
$\begin{matrix} \nearrow \text{max} \\ 25 \\ \searrow \end{matrix}$
 $A'(24) \quad A'(26)$

5. Find the dimensions of a rectangle with area 1000 m^2 whose perimeter is as small as possible.

$10\sqrt{10}$ & $10\sqrt{10}$

6. A farmer wants to fence an area of 1.5 million square feet in a rectangular field and then divide it in half with a fence parallel to one of the sides of the rectangle. How can he do this so as to minimize the cost of the fence?

Answers:
1500 & 1000



P: $\text{Cost} = 3y + 2x$

$$\text{Cost} = 3(1,500,000) + 2x$$

$$\text{Cost}' = 4,500,000x^{-2} + 2$$

$$\frac{4,500,000}{x^2} = 2 \quad 2x^2 = 4,500,000 \quad x = \sqrt{2,250,000} = 1500$$

$\frac{1500}{\text{Min}} \nearrow$
 $c'(1499) \quad c'(1501)$

$x = 1500$

$y = 1,500,000$

$y = 1000$

$1,500,000 = xy$
 $y = \frac{1,500,000}{x}$

7. Find the point on the line $y = 2x + 3$ that is closest to the origin.

$(-\frac{6}{5}, \frac{3}{5})$

8. Find the point on the curve $y = \sqrt{x}$ that is closest to the point (3,0).

$(\frac{5}{2}, \sqrt{\frac{5}{2}})$

$(3,0)$
 (x, \sqrt{x})

P: $d = \sqrt{(x-3)^2 + (\sqrt{x}-0)^2}$

$d' = \frac{2x-5}{2\sqrt{x^2-5x+9}}$

$-\frac{5}{2} \nearrow$
 $d'(1) \text{ Min } d'(3)$

$d = \sqrt{x^2 - 6x + 9 + x}$

$d = (x^2 - 5x + 9)^{1/2}$

$d' = \frac{1}{2}(x^2 - 5x + 9)^{-1/2}(2x - 5)$

$2x - 5 = 0$
 $x = \frac{5}{2}$

$y = \sqrt{x}$
 $y = \sqrt{\frac{5}{2}}$

(top only :))

9. Find the points on the ellipse $4x^2 + y^2 = 4$ that are furthest away from the point (1,0).

$(-\frac{1}{3}, \pm \frac{4\sqrt{2}}{3})$