

Steps for optimization problems: (2 keys!)

- ① Draw & Label
- ★ ② Constraint
- ★ ③ Formula for the something we want to optimize
- ④ domain
- ⑤ Find global max/min & Justify by table of f' .

1. Above steps must be quite abstract. Let's look at one easier example. (problem from textbook)

Which rectangle of area 100 in^2 minimizes its $\frac{\text{height}}{h}$ plus two times its $\frac{\text{length}}{l}$?



Constraint:

$$hl = 100$$

$$\Rightarrow h = \frac{100}{l}$$

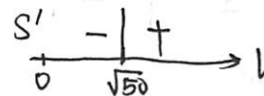
Formula

$$S = h + 2l$$

$$= \frac{100}{l} + 2l \quad (l > 0)$$

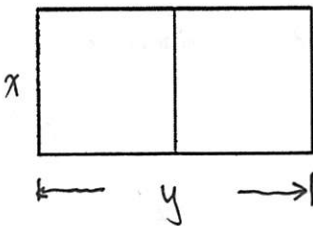
$$S' = -\frac{100}{l^2} + 2 = 0 \Rightarrow \text{critical pts: } l = \sqrt{50}$$

$$S = \frac{100}{\sqrt{50}} + 2\sqrt{50}$$



2. It's time for you to try! (from midterm2 of Fall 2014 Lec003)

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. Find the dimensions of the fenced area that will minimize the amount of the fencing material used.



Constraint:

$$xy = 1,500,000$$

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

Formula

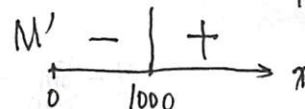
$$M = 3x + 2y$$

$$= 3x + \frac{3,000,000}{x} \quad (x > 0)$$

$$M' = 3 - \frac{3,000,000}{x^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{critical pts: } x = 1000$$

$$y = \frac{1,500,000}{1000} = 1500$$



When height is 1000 ft, width is 1500 ft, the material is minimized.

Properties of Exponentials and logarithms:

- (1) $e^a e^b = e^{a+b}$ $\frac{e^a}{e^b} = e^{a-b}$
 (2) $\ln a + \ln b = \ln(ab)$ $\ln a - \ln b = \ln \frac{a}{b}$
 (3) $e^{\ln a} = a$ $\ln(e^a) = a$

3. Limit computing involving exponentials and logarithms

(the following problems are modified from our textbook; similar problems appear in hw8 as well)

(a) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{\arctan(x-1)}{\ln x}$

(b) $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} x^3 e^{-\frac{1}{x}}$

(c) $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{e^t + e^{-t}}{2e^t - te^{-t}}$

(d) $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{e^{-x} - e^{-\frac{x}{2}}}{\sqrt{e^x + 1}}$

(e) $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln(x^2)}{\ln x}$

(f) $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \ln(x+2) - \ln x$

(g) $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} (x + \pi)^{\frac{1}{x+1}}$

(c) Plug in " $\frac{\infty}{\infty}$ " highest order: e^t

$$? = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{e^t + e^{-t}}{2e^t - te^{-t}} \cdot \frac{\frac{1}{e^t}}{\frac{1}{e^t}} = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1 + \frac{1}{e^{2t}}}{2 - \frac{t}{e^{2t}}} = \frac{1}{2}$$

(d) Plug in " $\frac{0}{\infty}$ "

$$? = 0$$

(e) Plug in " $\frac{\infty}{\infty}$ " Can simplify!

$$? = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2 \ln x}{\ln x} = 2$$

(f) $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \ln \frac{x+2}{x} = \ln 1 = 0$

(g) $L = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} (x + \pi)^{\frac{1}{x+1}}$

$$\ln L = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln(x + \pi)}{x + 1} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{1}{x + \pi}}{1} = 0 \Rightarrow L = e^0 = 1$$

(a) "Plug in": " $\frac{0}{0}$ " \Rightarrow L'Hopital

$$? = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{\frac{1}{1+(x-1)^2}}{\frac{1}{x}} = \frac{1}{1} = 1$$

(b) Plug in " $\infty \cdot 1$ "

$$? = \text{DNE}$$

(Optional: 2 crazy-looking problems from past exams - quite hard, but could be a good practice.)

(h) $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{e^x \ln x + x^{10}}{x e^x - x^{20} e^{-x}}$

(h) " $\frac{\infty}{\infty}$ " highest order: $x e^x$

$$? = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{e^x \ln x + x^{10}}{x e^x - x^{20} e^{-x}} \cdot \frac{\frac{1}{(x e^x)}}{\frac{1}{(x e^x)}}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{\ln x}{x} + \frac{x^9}{e^x}}{1 - \frac{x^{19}}{e^{2x}}} = \frac{0+0}{1-0} = 0$$



(i) " $\frac{0}{0}$ " L'Hopital

$$? = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sinh x}{\frac{1}{x+1}(e^x + 1) + \ln(x+1) \cdot e^x}$$

$$= \frac{0}{1 \cdot 2 + 0} = 0$$