

## 4.4 APPLIED OPTIMIZATION.

GOAL: FIND A FUNCTION THAT MODELS A PROBLEM, USE THE TECHNIQUES OF 4.1 & 4.2 TO FIND THE "BEST" VALUE.

### SUGGESTED PROCEDURE:

1. DRAW A DIAGRAM, LABEL VARIABLES
2. IDENTIFY QUANTITY TO MAXIMIZE/MINIMIZE
3. FIND A FORMULA FOR THE QUANTITY TO MINIMIZE/MAXIMIZE
4. USE CONSTRAINTS TO ELIMINATE EXTRA VARIABLES.  
(i.e., GET A FUNCTION OF ONE VARIABLE)
5. FIND THE DOMAIN
6. FIND THE GLOBAL MIN/MAX (DON'T FORGET TO ANSWER THE QUESTION)  
(FIND THE DERIVATIVE, FIND THE C.P.S, THEN EITHER
  - a. IF THE INTERVAL IS CLOSED: SUBSTITUTE ENDPOINTS AND C.P.S INTO FUNCTION, CHOOSE LARGEST / SMALLEST
  - OR
  - b. IF THE INTERVAL IS OPEN: HOPE THERE IS ONLY ONE C.P., SHOW THERE IS A LOCAL MAX/MIN THERE, CONCLUDE IT IS ALSO A GLOBAL MIN/MAX

EX 1

FIND  
200

TWO  
AND

NON-NEGATIVE NUMBERS WHOSE SUM IS  
WHOSE PRODUCT IS MAXIMUM

CUT THIS  
SQUARE  
OUT

CUT  
THIS SQUARE  
OUT

FOLD

EX: THE CORNERS ARE CUT OUT  
OF AN  $8\frac{1}{2}$ " x 11" PIECE OF PAPER AND  
IT IS FOLDED INTO A BOX. WHAT  
SIZE SQUARES SHOULD BE REMOVED TO  
MAXIMIZE THE VOLUME?

FOLD

FOLD

FOLD

CUT THIS  
SQUARE  
OUT

CUT THIS  
SQUARE  
OUT

A rectangle is inscribed in the triangle with vertices  $(0,0)$ ,  $(4,0)$ ,  $(0,8)$ , one side of the rectangle lying on the  $x$ -axis and one side lying on the  $y$ -axis, what is the maximum area of the rectangle?

Find the point on the parabola  $y^2 = 2x$  that is closest to the point  $(1, 4)$ .

A RECTANGULAR MURAL WILL HAVE A TOTAL AREA OF  $24 \text{ ft}^2$ , WHICH INCLUDES A BORDER OF 1 ft ON THE LEFT, RIGHT AND BOTTOM AND A BORDER OF 2 ft ON THE TOP. WHAT DIMENSIONS MAXIMIZE THE TOTAL PAINTABLE AREA INSIDE THE BORDERS?

A CAN IS MADE TO HOLD 1 LITER OF OIL.  
FIND THE DIMENSIONS THAT WILL MINIMIZE THE  
COST OF THE METAL TO MANUFACTURE THE CAN

A glass fish tank is to be constructed to hold  $72 \text{ ft}^3$  of water. The top is to be open. Its width will be  $5 \text{ ft}$  but the length and depth are variable. Building the tank costs  $\$10$  per square foot for the base and  $\$5$  per square foot for the sides. What is the cost of the least expensive tank?