

Extra practice: Optimization

1. Find the local maxima and minima of $f(x) = x^4 - 62x^2 + 120x + 9$.
2. Find the local maxima and minima of $f(x) = (x - 1)(x + 2)^2$.
3. Show that $f(x) = x + 1/x$ has a local maximum and a local minimum, but the value at the local maximum is less than the value at the local minimum.
4. Find the absolute maxima and minima of $f(x) = -(x - 1)^3(x + 1)^2$ on the interval $[-2, 1.5]$.
5. Find the absolute maxima and minima of $f(x) = x/2 + 2/x$ for x in $[3, 7]$.
6. Find the absolute maxima and minima of $f(x) = 2x^3 - 24x + 107$ in the interval $[1, 3]$.
7. Find the absolute maxima and minima of $f(x) = \sin x + (1/2)\cos x$ in $0 \leq x \leq \pi/2$.
8. Find the maximum profit that a company can make if the profit function is given by $p(x) = 41 + 24x - 18x^2$.
9. An enemy jet is flying along the curve $y = x^2 + 2$. A soldier is placed at the point $(3, 2)$. At what point will the jet be at when the soldier and the jet are closest?
10. Find the local maxima and minima of $f(x) = -x + 2\sin x$ in $[0, 2\pi]$.
11. Divide 15 into two parts such that the square of one times the cube of the other is maximum.
12. Suppose the sum of two numbers is fixed. Show that their product is maximum exactly when each one of them is half of the total sum.
13. Divide a into two parts such that the p th power of one times the q th power of the other is maximum.
14. Which fraction exceeds its p th power by the maximum amount?
15. Find the dimensions of the rectangle of area 96 cm^2 which has minimum perimeter. What is this minimum perimeter?
16. Show that the right circular cone with a given volume and minimum curved surface area has altitude equal to $\sqrt{2}$ times the radius of the base.
17. Show that the altitude of the right circular cone with maximum volume that can be inscribed in a sphere of radius R is $4R/3$.
18. Show that the height of a right circular cylinder with maximum volume that can be inscribed in a given right circular cone of height h is $h/3$.

19. A cylindrical can is to be made to hold 1 liter of oil. Find the dimensions of the can which will minimize the cost of the metal to make the can.
20. An open box is to be made out of a given quantity of cardboard of area p^2 . Find the maximum volume of the box if its base is square.
21. Show that $f(x) = \sin x(1 + \cos x)$ is maximum when $x = \pi/3$.
22. An 8 inch piece of wire is to be cut into two pieces. Figure out where to cut the wire in order to make the sum of the squares of the lengths of the two pieces as small as possible.
23. Find the dimensions of the maximum rectangular area that can be fenced with a fence 300 yards long.
24. Given the perimeter of a rectangle show that its diagonal is minimum when it is a square. Make up a word problem for which this gives the solution.
25. Prove that the rectangle of maximum area that can be inscribed in a circle is a square. Make up a word problem for which this gives the solution.
26. Show that the triangle of the greatest area with given base and vertical angle is isosceles.
27. Show that a right triangle with a given perimeter has greatest area when it is isosceles.
28. Show that the angle of the cone with a given slant height and with maximum volume is $\tan^{-1}(\sqrt{2})$.