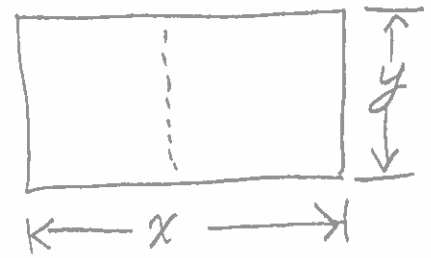


# Chapter 34

# MATH 200

② A total of 2000 square feet is to be enclosed by two pens. Outside walls: brick (\$10 per ft) Inside wall: chain link (\$5 per ft.) Find the dimensions  $x$  and  $y$  that minimize cost of materials.



Solution Constraint is area =  $xy = 2000$ , so  $y = \frac{2000}{x}$ .

We wish to minimize cost, which is as follows.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Cost} &= 10(\# \text{ feet of brick wall}) + 5(\# \text{ feet of chain link}) \\ &= 10(2x + 2y) + 5y = 20x + 25y \\ &= 20x + 25 \frac{2000}{x} = 20x + \frac{50000}{x}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus we seek the  $x$  that minimizes  $C(x) = 20x + \frac{50000}{x}$  on the interval  $(0, \infty)$ .

$$C'(x) = 20 - \frac{50000}{x^2} = 0$$

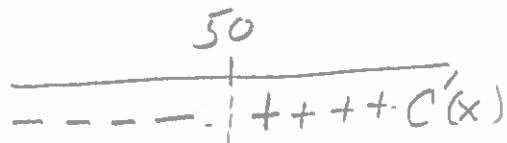
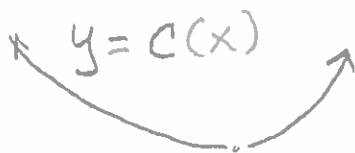
$$20 = \frac{50000}{x^2}$$

$$20x^2 = 50000$$

$$x^2 = 2500$$

$$x = 50$$

critical point



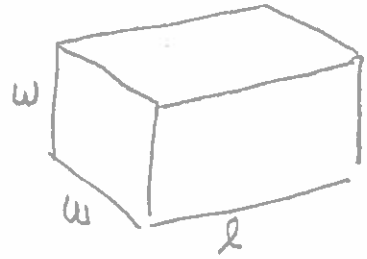
Global minimum cost is at  $x = 50$   
Then  $y = \frac{2000}{50} = 40$

Answer: Use dimensions  $x = 50, y = 40$

## Chapter 34

⑥ Length plus girth of a USPS package can't exceed 108."

You need to mail a box whose width ( $w$ ) and height are equal, and with greatest possible volume. Find the dimensions  $w \times w \times l$  of the package.



Solution Constraint is length + girth = 108, meaning  $l + 4w = 108$ , so  $\boxed{l = 108 - 4w}$

We want to maximize Volume =  $w \cdot w \cdot l = w^2(108 - 4w)$   
 $= 108w^2 - 4w^3$

Then we seek maximum of  $V(w) = 108w^2 - 4w^3$  on the interval  $(0, \frac{108}{4}) = (0, 27)$   $\left\{ \frac{108}{4} \text{ because girth } (4w \text{ can't exceed } 108) \right.$

$$\begin{aligned} V'(w) &= 216w - 12w^2 \\ &= 12w(18 - w) \end{aligned}$$

Critical points are 0 and 18 but 0 is not in  $(0, 27)$



++++ | ----  $V'(w) = 12w(18 - w)$

We have a global maximum for volume at  $w = 18$ , so  $l = 108 - 4 \cdot 18 = 36$

Answer To maximize volume use dimensions  $18 \times 18 \times 36$