

Single Variable Optimization, Continued

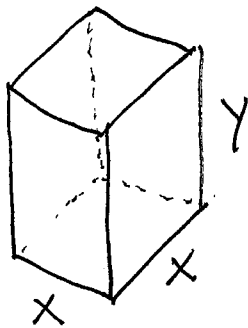
More Optimization Problems

In Groups of 3 or 4, work on the following problems. The ones in bold will be part of the graded homework.

Anton, Bivens & Davis §5.5: 16, 21, 24, 25, 26, 36, 43, 44, 55, 57.

GROUP 1

Anton, Bivens & Davis, Page 319, Question 21. A closed rectangular container with a square base is to have a volume of 2000 cm^3 . It costs twice as much per square centimeter for the top and bottom as it does for the sides. Find the dimension of the container of least cost.



$$x^2 y = 2000$$

$$C = 4x^2 y(a) + 2x^2(2a)$$

$$\text{cost per cm}^2 = a, y = \frac{2000}{x^2}$$

$$C = 4ax \left(\frac{2000}{x^2} \right) + 4x^2 a$$

$$C = \frac{8000a}{x} + 4ax^2$$

$$\frac{dC}{dx} = -8000 \frac{a}{x^2} + 8ax = 0$$

$$= 8a \left[x - \frac{1000}{x^2} \right] = 0$$

$$x = \frac{1000}{x^2} \Rightarrow x^3 = 1000$$

$$x = \sqrt[3]{1000}$$

$$x = 10$$

$$\frac{d^2 C}{dx^2} = 8a + 16000 \frac{a}{x^3}$$

$$\text{At } x = 10,$$

$$C''(10) = 8a + \frac{16000a}{1000}$$

$$= 24a > 0$$

$x = 10, y = 20$ is location of cost minimum



GROUP 2

Anton, Bivens & Davis, Page 319, Question 25. Find the dimensions of the right circular cylinder of greatest surface area that can be inscribed in a sphere of radius R .

$$S = 2\pi r h + 2\pi r^2$$

(Surface area
of cylinder)

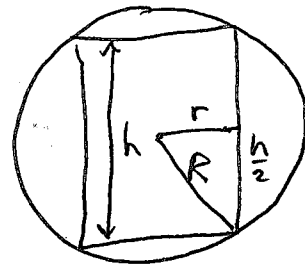
$$V = \frac{4\pi R^3}{3}$$

Volume of sphere

$$r^2 + \left(\frac{h}{2}\right)^2 = R^2$$

$$h^2 = 4(R^2 - r^2)$$

$$h = 2\sqrt{R^2 - r^2}$$



$$S = 2\pi r 2\sqrt{R^2 - r^2} + 2\pi r^2$$

$$= 4\pi r \sqrt{R^2 - r^2} + 2\pi r^2$$

$$\frac{dS}{dr} = 4\pi \sqrt{R^2 - r^2} + 4\pi r \frac{(-2r)}{2\sqrt{R^2 - r^2}} + 4\pi r$$

$$= 4\pi \sqrt{R^2 - r^2} - \frac{4\pi r^2}{\sqrt{R^2 - r^2}} + 4\pi r$$

$$= 4\pi \left[\frac{R^2 - r^2 - r^2}{\sqrt{R^2 - r^2}} + r \right]$$

$$= 4\pi \left[\frac{R^2 - 2r^2}{\sqrt{R^2 - r^2}} + r \right] = 0$$

$$\frac{R^2 - 2r^2}{\sqrt{R^2 - r^2}} = -r$$

$$R^2 - 2r^2 = -r \sqrt{R^2 - r^2}$$

$$R^4 + 4r^4 - 4R^2 r^2 = r^2 (R^2 - r^2)$$

$$4r^4 + R^4 - 4R^2 r^2 - r^2 R^2 - r^4 = 0 \Rightarrow 5r^4 - 5r^2 R^2 + R^4 = 0$$

$$5x^2 - 5R^2x + R^4 = 0$$

$$x = \frac{5R^2 \pm \sqrt{25R^4 - 4 \cdot 5 \cdot R^4}}{2 \cdot 5}$$

$$= \frac{5R^2 \pm \sqrt{5R^4}}{10}$$

$$x = \frac{5R^2 \pm \sqrt{5}R^2}{10}$$

$$r^2 = x = \left(\frac{5 \pm \sqrt{5}}{10} \right) R^2 = \frac{5 + \sqrt{5}}{10} R^2, \frac{5 - \sqrt{5}}{10} R^2$$

$$\frac{d^2S}{dr^2} = 4\pi \left[\frac{1 + (-4r)\sqrt{R^2 - r^2} - (R^2 - 2r^2) \cdot \frac{1}{2\sqrt{R^2 - r^2}}}{R^2 - r^2} \right]$$

$$= 4\pi \left[1 + \frac{(-4r)(R^2 - r^2) + 2r(R^2 - 2r^2)}{(R^2 - r^2)^{3/2}} \right]$$

$$= 4\pi$$

$$\frac{R^2 - 2r^2}{\sqrt{R^2 - r^2}} = -r \Rightarrow \frac{R^2 - 2\left(\frac{5 + \sqrt{5}}{10}\right)R^2}{\sqrt{R^2 - \left(\frac{5 + \sqrt{5}}{10}\right)R^2}} = -\sqrt{\left(\frac{5 + \sqrt{5}}{10}\right)R^2}$$

$$\frac{-\frac{2\sqrt{5}}{10}R^2}{\sqrt{5R^2 + \sqrt{5}R^2}} = -\sqrt{\left(\frac{5 + \sqrt{5}}{10}\right)R^2}$$

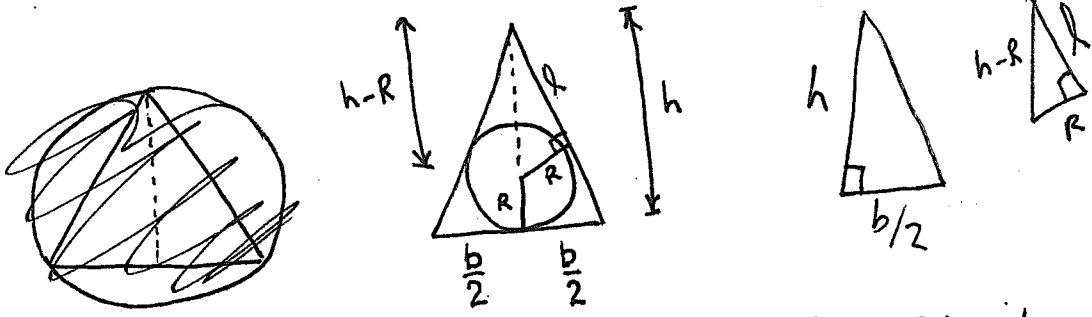
Only $r = \sqrt{\frac{5 + \sqrt{5}}{10}} R$
satisfies the condition

$$h = 2 \sqrt{R^2 - \left(\frac{5 + \sqrt{5}}{10}\right)R^2} = \boxed{2R \sqrt{\frac{5 - \sqrt{5}}{10}}} = h$$

$$\boxed{r = \sqrt{\frac{5 + \sqrt{5}}{10}} R}$$

GROUP 3

Anton, Bivens & Davis, Page 320, Question 36. Find the dimensions of the isosceles triangle of least area that can be circumscribed about a circle of radius R .



$$R^2 + l^2 = (h-R)^2$$

$$l^2 = (h-R)^2 - R^2$$

$$= h^2 - 2hR + R^2 - R^2$$

$$l^2 = h^2 - 2hR$$

$$l = \sqrt{h^2 - 2hR}$$

By Similar Triangles

$$\frac{h}{b/2} = \frac{l}{R} = \frac{\sqrt{h^2 - 2hR}}{R}$$

$$\frac{2A}{b} = \frac{\sqrt{h^2 - 2hR}}{Rh}$$

$$\frac{b}{2} = \frac{Rh}{\sqrt{h^2 - 2hR}}$$

$$\text{Area} = \frac{1}{2}bh = \left(\frac{Rh}{\sqrt{h^2 - 2hR}} \right) h$$

$$A(h) = \frac{Rh^2}{\sqrt{h^2 - 2hR}} = \frac{Rh^2}{\sqrt{h(h-2R)}}$$

Note $h-2R > 0$ from the picture

Let's minimize A^2 instead of A

$$A'(h) = 2hR \quad A^2 = \frac{R^2 h^4}{h(h-2R)} = \frac{R^2 h^3}{h-2R}$$

$$\frac{d}{dh}(A^2) = \frac{(3h^2 R^2)(h-2R) - R^2 h^3(1)}{(h-2R)^2} = \frac{3h^3 R^2 - 6h^2 R^3 - R^2 h^3}{(h-2R)^2}$$

$$= \frac{2h^3 R^2 - 6h^2 R^3}{(h-2R)^2} = \frac{2h^2 R^2 (h-3R)}{(h-2R)^2} = 0$$

C.P's at $h=0, h=2R, h=3R$

$\frac{-}{0} \quad \frac{-}{2R} \quad \frac{-}{3R} \quad \frac{+}{}$

$h=3R$ is location of a minimum

When $h=3R, b = \frac{2R(3R)}{\sqrt{3R^2}} = 2\sqrt{3}R$

$$A = \frac{R(3R)^2}{\sqrt{3R} \cdot R} = \frac{9R^3}{R\sqrt{3}} = 3R^2\sqrt{3}$$



GROUP 4

Anton, Bivens & Davis, Page 320, Question 44. A firm determines that x units of its product can be sold daily at p dollars per unit, where $x = 1000 - p$. The cost of producing x units per day is $C(x) = 3000 + 20x$.

- Find the revenue function $R(x)$.
- Find the profit function $P(x)$.
- Assuming that the production capacity is at most 500 units per day, determine how many units the company must produce and sell each day to maximize the profit.
- Find the maximum profit.
- What price per unit must be charged to obtain the maximum profit.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(a)} \quad R(x) &= p \cdot x \\ &= (1000 - x)x \\ R(x) &= 1000x - x^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(b)} \quad P(x) &= R(x) - C(x) \\ &= 1000x - x^2 - [3000 + 20x] \\ P(x) &= -x^2 + 980x - 3000 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{(c)} \quad 0 \leq x \leq 500$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(d)} \quad P'(x) &= -2x + 980 = 0 \\ 980 &= 2x \\ 490 &= x \end{aligned}$$

$$P''(x) = -2$$

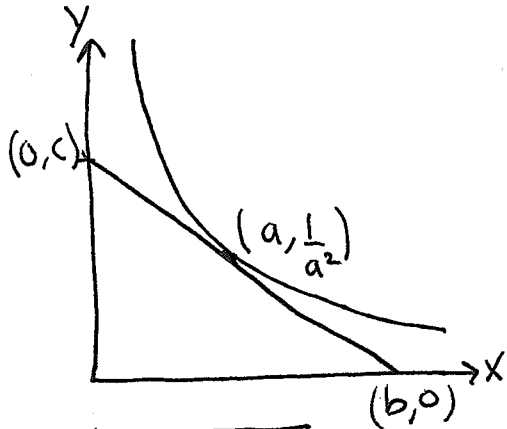
$$P''(490) = -2 < 0 \Rightarrow x = 490 \text{ is location of a max}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(e)} \quad p &= 1000 - x \\ &= 1000 - 490 \end{aligned}$$

$$\boxed{p = 510}$$

GROUP 5

Anton, Bivens & Davis, Page 321, Question 55. Find the coordinates of the point P on the curve $y = \frac{1}{x^2}$ ($x > 0$) where the segment of the tangent line at P that is cut off by the coordinate axes has its shortest length.



$$L = \sqrt{b^2 + c^2}$$

$$SL = b^2 + c^2$$

$$c = \frac{3}{a^2}$$

$$SL = \left(\frac{3a}{2}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{3}{a^2}\right)^2$$

$$= \frac{9a^2}{4} + \frac{9}{a^4}$$

$$\frac{d(SL)}{da} = \frac{18a}{4} - \frac{36}{a^5} = 0$$

$$\frac{9a}{2} = \frac{36}{a^5}$$

$$a^6 = \frac{72}{9} = 8$$

$$a^2 = 2$$

$$a = \sqrt{2}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{2}{x^3}$$

$$x = a, y'(a) = -\frac{2}{a^3}$$

Eqⁿ of Tangent Line

$$y - \frac{1}{a^2} = -\frac{2}{a^3}(x - a)$$

$$c = \frac{1}{a^2} - \frac{2}{a^3}(-a) = \frac{1}{a^2} + \frac{2}{a^2} = \frac{3}{a^2}$$

$$0 = \frac{1}{a^2} - \frac{2}{a^3}(b - a)$$

$$\left(\frac{a^3}{-2}\right)\left(-\frac{1}{a^2}\right) = b - a$$

$$\frac{a}{2} = b - a$$

$$\frac{3a}{2} = b$$

$$\frac{d(SL)}{da^2} = \frac{18}{4} + \frac{180}{a^6}$$

$$SL''(\sqrt{2}) = \frac{9}{2} + \frac{180}{8}$$

$$= \frac{9}{2} + \frac{45}{2}$$

$$= \frac{54}{2} = 27 > 0$$

$(\sqrt{2}, \frac{1}{2})$ is the point
minimizes the length
 SL^2 .

GROUP 6

Anton, Bivens & Davis, Page 321, Question 57. Where on the curve $y = (1 + x^2)^{-1}$ does the tangent line have the greatest slope?

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = -(1+x^2)^{-2} \cdot 2x = -\frac{2x}{(1+x^2)^2}$$

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \frac{-2 \cdot (1+x^2)^2 - (-2x) \cdot 2(1+x^2) \cdot 2x}{(1+x^2)^4}$$

$$= \frac{-2 - 2x^2 + 8x^2}{(1+x^2)^3}$$

$$= \frac{6x^2 - 2}{(1+x^2)^3}$$

$$y'' = \frac{2(3x^2 - 1)}{(1+x^2)^3} = 0$$

$$3x^2 - 1 = 0 \Rightarrow x^2 = \frac{1}{3} \Rightarrow x = \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} + \quad - \quad + \\ \hline \frac{-1}{\sqrt{3}} \quad \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \end{array} \quad y''$$

A max occurs at $x = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$, $y = \left(1 + \frac{1}{3}\right)^{-1} = \left(\frac{4}{3}\right)^{-1} = \frac{3}{4}$

