Calculus
Lecture 6

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- Step 5: Use the FDT and SDT to determine the maximum or the minimum.

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A rectangular box is to be made from a piece of cardboard 24 inc long and 9 inc wide by cutting out identical squares from the four corners and turning up the sides. Find the dimensions of the box of maximum volume. What is this volume?
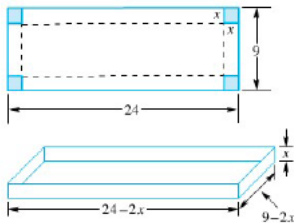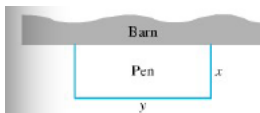
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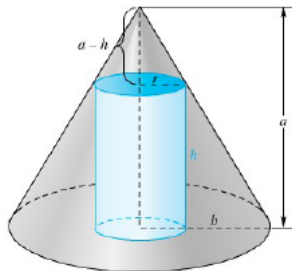
A farmer has 80 ft of fence with which he plans to enclose a rectangular pen along one side of his 100 foot barn. What are the dimensions of the pen that has maximum area?

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- Symmetry: Determine whether the function is an odd function, an even function or neither odd nor even. If $f(-x) = f(x)$ for all x in the domain, then f is even and symmetric about the $y-$axis. If $f(-x) = -f(x)$ for all x in the domain, then f is odd and symmetric about the origin.

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- Concavity and Points of Inflection : We must determine when $f''(x)$ is positive and negative to find the intervals where the function is concave upward and concave downward. Inflection points occur whenever the curve changes in concavity.