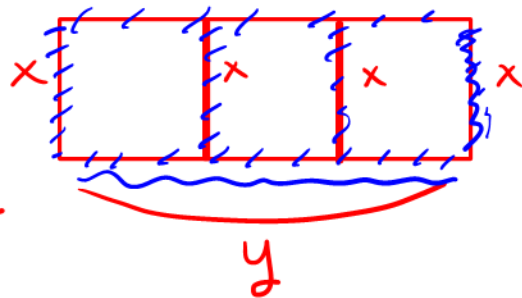


Section 5.1: Optimization

6. How much fencing is required to build 3 adjacent rectangular playgrounds with equal width if the total area is to be 9,000 square feet?



x > 0

constraint: $A = 9,000$

$$x \cdot y = 9,000$$

$$\hookrightarrow y = \frac{9,000}{x}$$

Perimeter: $4x + 2y$ to be minimized

$$P = \underline{4x} + \underline{2y} = 4x + 2 \cdot \frac{9,000}{x}$$

$$P = 4x + \frac{18,000}{x}$$

$$P' = 4 - \frac{18,000}{x^2} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 4 = \frac{18,000}{x^2} \Rightarrow x^2 = \frac{18,000}{4}$$

$$x^2 = 4500$$

$$x = \pm \sqrt{4500}$$

Critical point: $x = \sqrt{4500} = 30\sqrt{5}$

check: $P''(x) = 0 - 18,000 \cdot \frac{-2}{x^3} = \frac{36,000}{x^3}$

$$P''(30\sqrt{5}) = \frac{36,000}{(30\sqrt{5})^3} > 0$$

c.p. is a min ✓

to minimize fencing: $x = 30\sqrt{5}$

$$y = \frac{9000}{x}$$

$$y = \frac{\cancel{9000} \cdot \sqrt{5}}{\cancel{30\sqrt{5}} \cdot \sqrt{5}}$$

$$y = \frac{\cancel{300\sqrt{5}}}{\cancel{5}}$$

$$y = 60\sqrt{5}$$

$$x: 30\sqrt{5} \quad y: 60\sqrt{5}$$

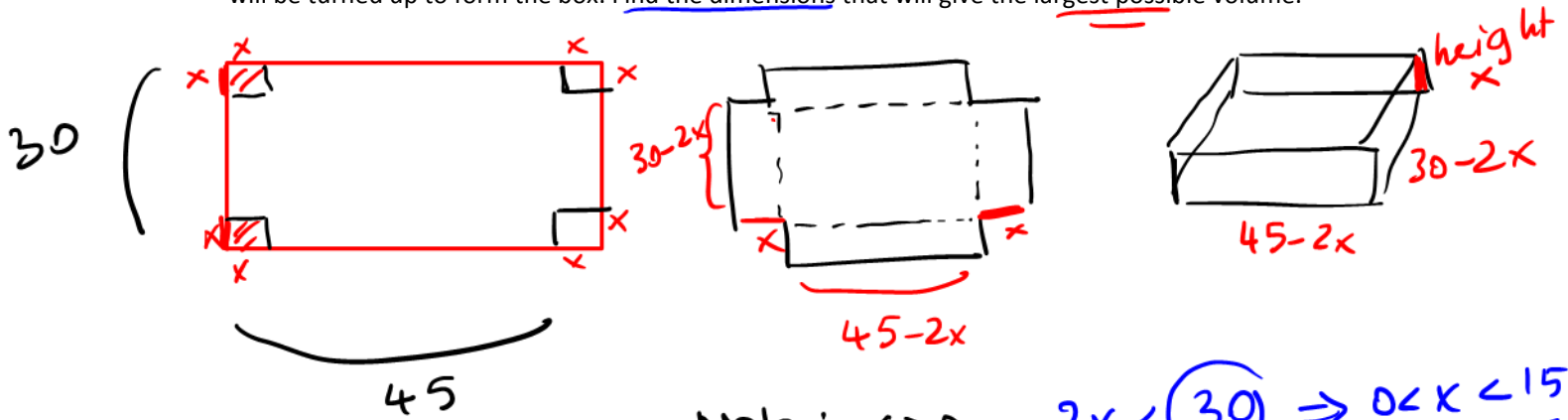
min. perimeter: $4x + 2y$

$$4 \cdot 30\sqrt{5} + 2 \cdot 60\sqrt{5}$$

$$= \boxed{240\sqrt{5}}$$

goal: max volume

14. An open top box with a rectangular base is to be made from a rectangular piece of cardboard that measures 30 cm by 45 cm. A square will be cut from each corner of the cardboard and the sides will be turned up to form the box. Find the dimensions that will give the largest possible volume.



Note: $x > 0$, $2x < \textcircled{30} \Rightarrow 0 < x < 15$
shorter side

$$V = x \cdot (30 - 2x) \cdot (45 - 2x)$$

to be maximized.

$V = \text{expand} \dots$

$$V' = 12x^2 - 300x + 1350 = 0$$

quadratic formula: $x_1 = 5.9$, ~~$x_2 = 19.1$~~
one critical point not in domain

$$V'' = 24x - 300$$

$$V''(5.9) = \underline{24}(5.9) - 300 < 0 \quad \curvearrowright$$

max ✓

To maximize volume, $x = 5.9$

Dimensions:

$$x \text{ by } 45 - (2x) \text{ by } 30 - 2x$$

$$5.9 \text{ by } 45 - 2(5.9) \text{ by } 30 - 11.8$$

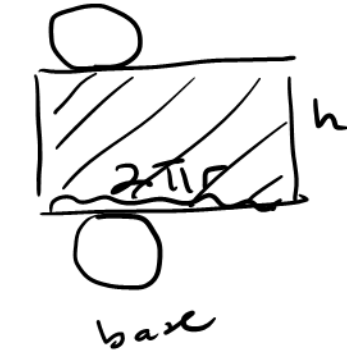
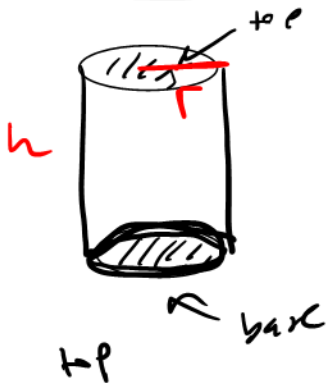
* $5.9 \text{ cm by } 33.2 \text{ cm by } 18.2 \text{ cm}$

largest volume?

$$V = 5.9 \cdot 33.2 \cdot 18.2$$

$$20 \text{ m}^3 \leftarrow$$

17. A cylindrical can that has a capacity of 20 m^3 will be made. The metal used to build the top costs \$10 per square meter while the bottom costs \$20 per square meter. The material used for the side costs \$15 per square meter. What are the dimensions that will minimize the cost?



$$V = 20 \text{ m}^3$$

$$\text{area} = \pi r^2 + \pi r^2 + 2\pi r \cdot h$$

goal: to minimize cost

$$C = 10 \cdot \pi r^2 + 20\pi r^2 + 15 \cdot 2\pi r h$$

to be min.

$$C = 30\pi r^2 + 30 \cdot \pi r h$$

↑ ?

$$V = 20 = \pi r^2 \cdot h \Rightarrow h = \frac{20}{\pi r^2}$$

$$C = 30\pi r^2 + 30\pi r \cdot \frac{20}{\pi r^2}$$

$$C = 30\pi r^2 + \frac{600}{r} \quad \text{to be min.}$$

$$C' = 60\pi r - \frac{600}{r^2} = 0$$

$$60\pi r = \frac{600}{r^2} \quad \text{by } r^2$$

$$\frac{60\pi r^3}{60\pi} = \frac{600}{60\pi}$$

$$r^3 = \frac{10}{\pi}$$

$$r = \sqrt[3]{\frac{10}{\pi}}$$

critical point.

$$C'' = 60\pi + \frac{1200}{r^3}$$

$$C''\left(\sqrt[3]{\frac{10}{\pi}}\right) = 60\pi + \frac{1200}{\frac{10}{\pi}} > 0 \quad \cup$$

$$\text{min at } r = \sqrt[3]{\frac{10}{\pi}} \quad \checkmark$$

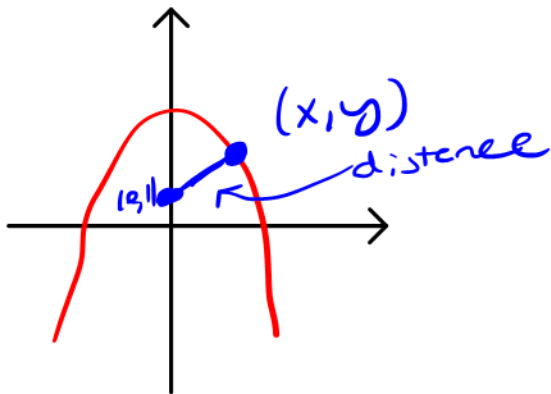
dimension

$$r = \sqrt[3]{\frac{10}{\pi}}$$

$$h = \frac{20}{\pi \cdot \sqrt[3]{\frac{100}{\pi^2}}}$$

$$h = \frac{20}{\pi \sqrt[3]{10}}$$

18. Find the coordinates of the point(s) on the parabola $y = 4 - x^2$ that is closest to the point $(0, 1)$.



$$d = \sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2}$$

$$d = \sqrt{x^2 + (y - 1)^2}$$

$y = 4 - x^2$

$$d = \sqrt{x^2 + (4 - x^2 - 1)^2}$$

$$d = \sqrt{x^2 + (3 - x^2)^2} \quad \text{to be min.}$$

critical points? $d' = 0$?

easier new function $D = x^2 + (3 - x^2)^2$

if D min then d min.

\uparrow $\uparrow \sqrt{D}$

$$D = x^2 + (3 - x^2)^2 \quad \text{to be min.}$$

$$D' = 2x + \underline{2}(\underline{3 - x^2}) \cdot \underline{(-2x)}$$

chain

$$D' = 2x - 12x + 4x^3$$

$$D' = -10x + 4x^3 = 0$$

$$2x(-5 + 2x^2) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{x=0} \quad \text{or} \quad -5 + 2x^2 = 0$$

$$2x^2 = 5$$

$$x^2 = \frac{5}{2}$$

(x, y) is a point
↑
can be 0, or negative

$$\underline{x = \pm \sqrt{\frac{5}{2}}}$$

3 critical points: $0, +\sqrt{\frac{5}{2}}, -\sqrt{\frac{5}{2}}$

Check

$$D'' = -10 + 12x^2$$

$$D''(0) = -10 < 0 \quad \curvearrowright \quad \text{max } \times$$

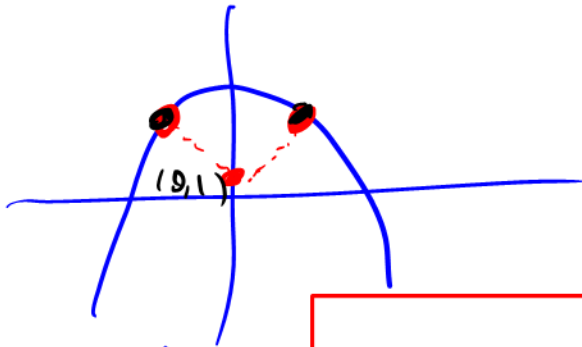
$$D''\left(\sqrt{\frac{5}{2}}\right) = -10 + 12 \cdot \frac{5}{2} > 0 \quad \curvearrowleft \quad \underline{\underline{\text{min}}} \quad \checkmark$$

$$D''\left(-\sqrt{\frac{5}{2}}\right) = -10 + 12 \cdot \frac{5}{2} > 0 \quad \curvearrowleft \quad \underline{\underline{\text{min}}} \quad \checkmark$$

to minimize D

$$x = \sqrt{\frac{5}{2}}$$

$$\text{or } x = -\sqrt{\frac{5}{2}}$$



Closest Points

$$y = 4 - x^2 = \textcircled{4} - \frac{5}{2} = \frac{3}{2}$$

$$\left(\sqrt{\frac{5}{2}}, \frac{3}{2} \right) \text{ \& } \left(-\sqrt{\frac{5}{2}}, \frac{3}{2} \right)$$

warning if minimum distance?

$$d = \sqrt{\dots}$$

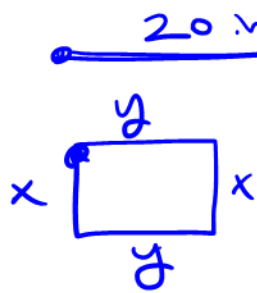
$$\left(\sqrt{\frac{5}{2}}, \frac{3}{2} \right) \text{ \& } \left(\underline{0}, \underline{1} \right)$$

$$d = \sqrt{\frac{5}{2} + \frac{1}{4}} = \sqrt{\frac{11}{4}}$$

minimum distance : $d = \frac{\sqrt{11}}{2}$

max area?

22. A string of length 20 inches is to be fold to make a rectangle. What are the dimensions of the rectangle with largest possible area?



$$P = 20$$
$$2x + 2y = 20$$

$$x + y = 10 \Rightarrow y = 10 - x$$

$$A = x \cdot y = x \cdot (10 - x) \quad \text{to be max.}$$

$$A = 10x - x^2$$

$$A' = 10 - 2x = 0$$

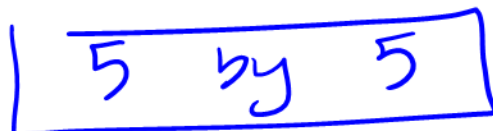
$$\Rightarrow 2x = 10 \Rightarrow \underline{\underline{x = 5}} \quad \text{c.p.}$$

check $A'' = -2$ $A''(5) = -2 < 0$ (M)

\uparrow
max at $\underline{\underline{x = 5}}$ ✓

dimensions: x by (y)

5 by 10 - 5 = 5



largest area: $5 \cdot 5 = \boxed{25}$

$$x = ?$$

30. A manufacturer estimates that the cost of producing x items can be modeled by $C(x) = 0.001x^2 - 0.6x + 1,000$. How many items should be produced to minimize the cost?

$$C(x) = 0.001x^2 - 0.6x + 1,000$$

to be min.

$$C'(x) = 0.002x - 0.6 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 0.002x = 0.6$$
$$x = \frac{0.6}{0.002} = \frac{600}{2} = 300$$

by 1000

by 1000

c.p.: $x = \underline{\underline{300}}$

check $C'' = 0.002 > 0$ ✓

min at 300

$x = 300$

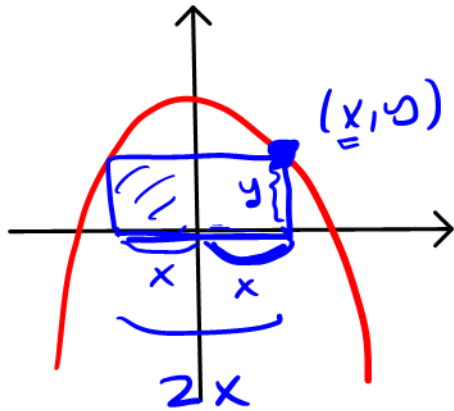
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if also min cost. (min. value)

$$C(300) = \dots$$

1) Find the largest possible area for a rectangle with base on the x-axis and upper vertices on the curve $y=12-x^2$.

$$\underline{\underline{y}} = 12 - x^2$$



$$A = 2x \cdot \underline{\underline{y}} \quad \underline{\underline{\text{max}}}$$

$$A = 2x (12 - x^2)$$

$$A = 24x - 2x^3$$

$$A' = 24 - 6x^2 = 0$$

$$6x^2 = 24$$

$$x^2 = 4$$

$$x = \pm 2$$

c.p. $\boxed{x = 2}$

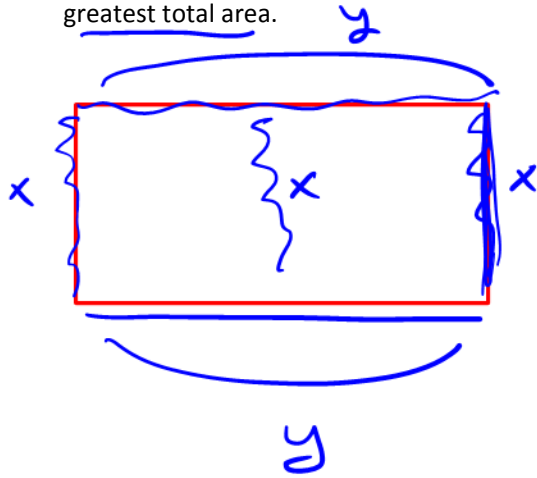
$$A'' = -12x \quad A''(2) = -24 < 0$$

⤴ max

$$A = 2x \cdot \underline{\underline{y}} = 2 \cdot 2 \cdot (12 - 4) = 4 \cdot 8 = \boxed{32}$$

\swarrow
 $12 - x^2$

2) A rectangular playground is to be fenced off and divided into two parts by a fence parallel to one side of the playground. 1200 feet of fencing is used. Find the dimensions of the playground that will enclose the greatest total area.



$$P = 1200$$

$$3x + \frac{2}{2}y = 1200$$

$$y = \frac{1200 - 3x}{2}$$

$$A = x \cdot y \quad \text{to be maximized.}$$

$$A = x \cdot \left(\frac{1200 - 3x}{2} \right)$$

$$A = x \left(600 - \frac{3}{2}x \right)$$

$$A = 600x - \frac{3}{2}x^2$$

$$A' = 600 - 3x = 0$$

$$3x = 600$$

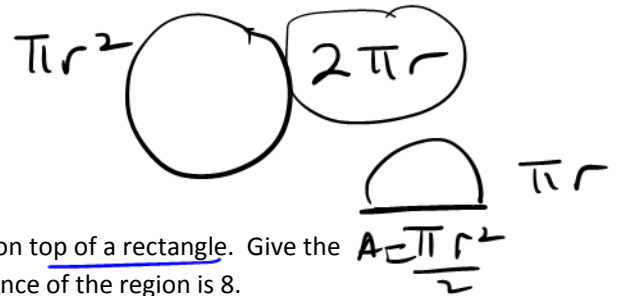
$$\text{c.p. } \boxed{x = 200}$$

$$\text{Check! } y = \frac{1200 - 3 \cdot 200}{2} = \underline{\underline{300}}$$

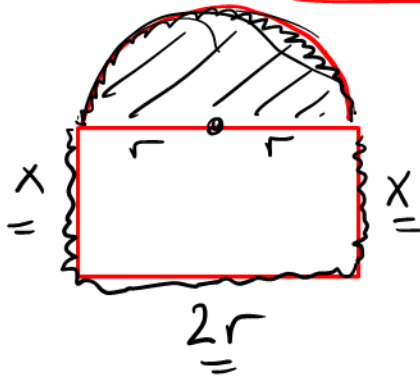
Fill in details

guess

shape?



3) The figure below shows a region that consists of a semi-circle on top of a rectangle. Give the value of x that maximizes the area of the region if the circumference of the region is 8.



given

$$8 = \pi r + 2r + 2x$$
$$2x = 8 - \pi r - 2r$$
$$x = \frac{8 - \pi r - 2r}{2}$$

$$A = 2r \cdot \underline{x} + \frac{\pi r^2}{2} \quad \text{to be } \underline{\text{max}}$$

$A = \dots$ rewriting in terms of r

$A' = 0$ solve & find critical points.

$$\underline{a} \mapsto a + h$$

$$h=1 \\ 27 \rightarrow \underline{28}$$

Section 5.2: Differentials

$$df = f'(a) \cdot \underline{h}$$

approx

8. $(28)^{2/3}$

$$28^{2/3}$$

$$f(x) = \boxed{x^{2/3}} \quad a = \underline{27} \quad h = \underline{1}$$

$$df = f'(x) \cdot h$$

$$df = \frac{2}{3} \cdot (27)^{-1/3} \cdot (1)$$

$$df = \frac{2}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{3} \cdot 1 = \frac{2}{9}$$

← differential

$$f(\underline{27}) = 9$$

$$\underline{f(28) = ?}$$

14. $\sin(58^\circ)$



$$28^{2/3} \approx \boxed{f(27)} + \underline{df} \\ (27)^{2/3} + \frac{2}{9}$$

$$f(28) \approx 9 + \frac{2}{9} = \boxed{\frac{82}{9}}$$

$$\sin(\underline{58^\circ})$$

★ radians!

$$60 \xrightarrow{h=-2} 58$$

$$60^\circ \downarrow \frac{\pi}{3}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & -2^\circ \\ & \downarrow \\ & -\frac{\pi}{180} \cdot 2 = -\frac{\pi}{90} \end{aligned}$$

$$f(x) = \sin x$$

$$a = \left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right)$$

$$h = -\frac{\pi}{90}$$

$$df = f'(x) \cdot h$$

$$df = \cos x \cdot h$$

$$df = \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right) \cdot \frac{-\pi}{90}$$

$$df = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{-\pi}{90} = \frac{-\pi}{180}$$

$$\sin(58^\circ) \approx \sin(60^\circ) + df$$

\approx

$$\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} + \frac{-\pi}{180}$$

$$\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} - \frac{\pi}{180} //$$

known

$$f(x)$$

$$x \mapsto x+h$$

$$f(x+h) = ? \approx$$

$$f(x) + \underline{\underline{df}}$$

\uparrow differential

find differential

18. $f(x) = x^3 + x$, $a=3$, $h=0.5$

$a=3$, $h=0.5$

$$f(x) = x^3 + x \Rightarrow f'(x) = \underline{3x^2} + 1$$

$$df = f'(a) \cdot h$$

$$\underline{df} = \underline{f'(3)} \cdot (0.5) = 28 \cdot (0.5) = \boxed{14}$$

25. Given $f(x) = (x^3 + 5)^{1/5}$ and $f(3) = 2$, use differentials to estimate $f(3.2)$.

$3 \mapsto 3.2$
 $h = 0.2$

$$\hookrightarrow f'(x) = (x^3 + 5)^{1/5}$$

$$f(3) = 2$$

$$f(3.2) = ? \text{ approx?}$$

$$f(3.2) \approx f(3) + \underline{df} \quad \text{???$$

$$df = f'(a) \cdot h = f'(3) \cdot (0.2)$$

\uparrow known value

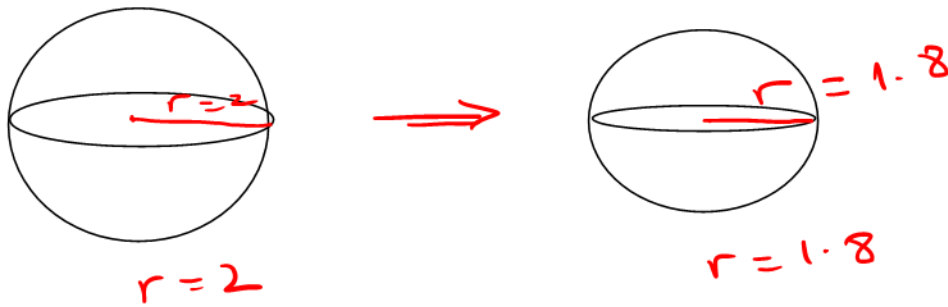
$$df = (3^3 + 5)^{1/5} \cdot \frac{1}{5}$$

$$df = \underline{32^{1/5}} \cdot \frac{1}{5} = 2 \cdot \frac{1}{5} = \frac{2}{5}$$

$$f(3.2) \approx \underbrace{f(3)}_{\downarrow \text{given}} + \underbrace{df}_{\downarrow \text{found}}$$
$$2 + \frac{2}{5}$$

$$f(3.2) \approx \boxed{\frac{12}{5}} \text{ our } \underline{\text{approximation}}$$

32. Use differentials to approximate the change in the volume of a spherical balloon of radius 2 meters if the balloon deflates to a radius of 1.8 meters.



Volume changed.

How much did the volume change?

exact change: $V_{\text{initial}} - V_{\text{final}}$

$$V = \frac{4}{3} \pi r^3 \quad \frac{4}{3} \pi (2)^3 - \frac{4}{3} \pi (1.8)^3$$

= ... calculate.

approximate the change:

$$V_{\text{final}} \approx V_{\text{initial}} + df$$

$$V = \frac{4}{3} \pi r^3 \quad r = 2 \xrightarrow{h} 1.8 \quad h = -0.2$$

$$dV = (4\pi r^2) \cdot h = 4\pi \cdot 2^2 \cdot (-0.2)$$

$$dV = -3.2\pi$$

change in volume

$$\Delta V$$

\approx

$$df = -3.2\pi$$



volume will decrease

by 3.2π

change

\approx

df

5.3


L'Hospital's Rule

46.) $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} (\ln x / \cot x)$

$$0/0 \text{ or } \frac{\infty}{\infty} \Rightarrow \text{L'Hosp.} \Rightarrow \lim \frac{f}{g} = \lim \frac{f'}{g'} = \dots$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln x}{\cot x} \rightarrow \frac{\infty}{\text{oscill.}} \quad \boxed{\text{DNE}}$$


if

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\ln x}{\cot x} \rightarrow \frac{-\infty}{+\infty} \quad \boxed{\frac{\infty}{\infty}} \quad \text{Indeterminate}$$


state!
L'Hosp.

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\ln x}{\cot x} \stackrel{\text{L'Hosp.}}{=} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{1/x}{-\csc^2 x}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} - \frac{\sin^2 x}{x} = 0/0$$

$$\stackrel{\text{L'Hosp.}}{=} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{-2 \sin x \cdot \cos x}{1}$$

$$\stackrel{\text{Plug in 0}}{=} -2 \cdot 0 \cdot 1 = \boxed{0}$$

$\cos(0) \rightarrow 1^\infty$ indet. ✓ "Ln trick"

62.) $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} (\cos 1/x)^x$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left[\cos\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) \right]^x = \boxed{1}$$

final answer

rewrite

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} e^{\ln(\cos(1/x))^x}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} e^{x \cdot \ln(\cos(1/x))}$$

$$= e^{\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} x \cdot \ln(\cos(1/x))}$$

next time

final $\boxed{= 1}$
 $\infty \cdot \ln 1 = \infty \cdot 0$

work: $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} x \cdot \ln(\cos(1/x))$

rewrite

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln(\cos(1/x))}{1/x}$$

$$\ln(u) \rightarrow \frac{u'}{u}$$

\uparrow
 $\cos(1/x)$

$$\frac{\text{L'Hôpital}}{\frac{0}{0}}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty}$$

$$\frac{-\sin\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) \cdot \cancel{\frac{-1}{x^2}}}{\cos\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)}$$
$$\frac{-\frac{1}{x^2}}{\cos\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)}$$

rewrite
=

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty}$$

$$\frac{-\sin\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)}{\cos\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)}$$

$$\frac{1}{\infty} \rightarrow 0$$

plug in ∞
=

$$\frac{-\sin(0)}{\cos(0)}$$

$$= \frac{-0}{1}$$

$$= 0$$

go back!

famous
get used to it!

68.) $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} (1 - 2/x)^{3x}$

$(1-0)^\infty = \underbrace{1^\infty}_{\text{indeter.}}$

"Ln" trick

idea

$e^{\ln p} = p$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 - \frac{2}{x}\right)^{3x}$

$\ln \left(1 - \frac{2}{x}\right)^{3x}$

$= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} e$

$= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} e^{3x \cdot \ln \left(1 - \frac{2}{x}\right)}$

$= e^{\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} 3x \cdot \ln \left(1 - \frac{2}{x}\right)}$

??

And it
on
next page

$= e^{\#??}$

$= e^{-6}$

↑
final
answer

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} 3x \cdot \ln\left(1 - \frac{2}{x}\right)$$

$$\infty \cdot \ln 1 = \infty \cdot 0$$

Indet.
rewrite

rewrite

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty}$$

$$\frac{3 \ln\left(1 - \frac{2}{x}\right)}{1/x}$$

$$\frac{0}{0}$$

$$\text{as } \frac{\infty}{\infty} \text{ or } \frac{0}{0}$$

L'Hosp.

$$\frac{0}{0}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty}$$

$$\frac{3 \cdot \frac{+\frac{2}{x^2}}{1 - \frac{2}{x}}}{-\frac{1}{x^2}}$$

rewrite
cancel

rewrite

=

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty}$$

$$3 \cdot \frac{2/x^2}{1 - \frac{2}{x}}, \quad \frac{-x^2}{1}$$

=

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty}$$

$$\frac{-6}{1 - \frac{2}{x}}$$

plug in

$$\frac{-6}{1 - 0}$$

$$= \frac{-6}{1} = -6$$



go
back!

76.) $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} ((\sqrt{x} + 1)^{1/\sqrt{x}})$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} (\sqrt{x} + 1)^{\frac{1}{\sqrt{x}}}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} e^{\ln(\sqrt{x} + 1)^{\frac{1}{\sqrt{x}}}}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} e^{\frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} \ln(\sqrt{x} + 1)}$$

$$= e^{\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} \ln(\sqrt{x} + 1)}$$

$$= e^0 \leftarrow \text{see next page}$$

$$= 1$$



∞^0

indet. form

"ln" trick

$x \rightarrow \infty$

$\sqrt{x} \rightarrow \infty$

next
page

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} \cdot \ln(\sqrt{x} + 1)$$

0 · ∞
L'Hop? X
rewrite
as 0/0 or ∞/∞

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln(\sqrt{x} + 1)}{\sqrt{x}}$$

$$\frac{\infty}{\infty}$$

indet.

L'Hop.

$$\frac{\infty}{\infty}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}}}{\frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}}}$$

cancel

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{x} + 1} \rightarrow \frac{1}{\infty} \rightarrow 0$$

$$= 0$$

go back!

Ex: Calculate the limit: $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{6}{x} \right)^{6 \cot(x)}$. ??

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{6}{x} \right)^{6 \cot(x)}$$

$$\stackrel{\text{or}}{=} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \left(\frac{6}{x} \right)^{6 \cot x}$$

say $x \rightarrow 0^+$ \downarrow $\infty \cdot \infty$
 ∞
 $-\infty$

∞

$$\stackrel{\text{if}}{=} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \left(\frac{6}{x} \right)^{6 \cot x}$$

$\infty^{\infty} ??$
indet.
"Ln" trick

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} e^{\ln \left(\frac{6}{x} \right)^{6 \cot x}}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} e^{6 \cot x \cdot \ln \left(\frac{6}{x} \right)}$$

$$= e^{\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} 6 \cot x \cdot \ln \left(\frac{6}{x} \right)}$$

$$\rightarrow e^{\infty} \rightarrow \boxed{\infty}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} 6 \cot x \cdot \ln \left(\frac{6}{x} \right) \rightarrow \infty$$

$$\infty \cdot \infty$$

$$\infty$$



problems

(5,6,7,9,10) from this Thursday's emcf (11/20).

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check the key