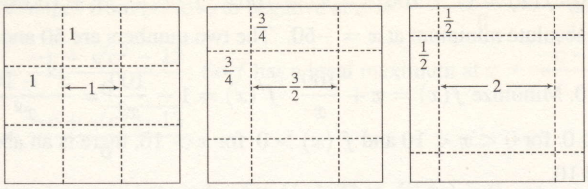
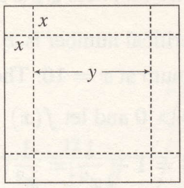
8. (a)



The volumes of the resulting boxes are 1, 1.6875, and 2 ft^3. There appears to be a maximum volume of at least 2 ft^3.

(b) Let x denote the length of the side of the square being cut out. Let y denote the length of the base.



(c) Volume $V =$ length $\times$ width $\times$ height $\Rightarrow$ $V = y \cdot y \cdot x = xy^2$

(d) Length of cardboard $= 3$ $\Rightarrow$ $x + y + x = 3$ $\Rightarrow$ $y + 2x = 3$

(e) $y + 2x = 3 \Rightarrow y = 3 - 2x \Rightarrow V(x) = x(3 - 2x)^2$

(f) $V(x) = x(3 - 2x)^2 \Rightarrow$
$V'(x) = x \cdot 2(3 - 2x)(-2) + (3 - 2x)^2 \cdot 1 = (3 - 2x)[-4x + (3 - 2x)] = (3 - 2x)(-6x + 3)$, so the critical numbers are $x = \frac{3}{2}$ and $x = \frac{1}{2}$. Now $0 \le x \le \frac{3}{2}$ and $V(0) = V\left(\frac{3}{2}\right) = 0$, so the maximum is $V\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)(2)^2 = 2\ \text{ft}^3$, which is the value found from our third figure in part (a).

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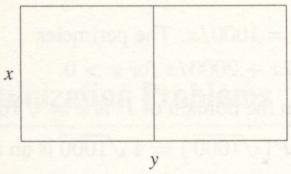


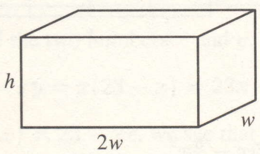
$xy = 1.5 \times 10^6$, so $y = 1.5 \times 10^6/x$. Minimize the amount of fencing, which is $3x + 2y = 3x + 2(1.5 \times 10^6/x) = 3x + 3 \times 10^6/x = F(x)$. $F'(x) = 3 - 3 \times 10^6/x^2 = 3\left(x^2 - 10^6\right)/x^2$. The critical number is $x = 10^3$ and $F'(x) < 0$ for $0 < x < 10^3$ and $F'(x) > 0$ if $x > 10^3$, so the absolute minimum occurs when $x = 10^3$ and $y = 1.5 \times 10^3$.

The field should be 1000 feet by 1500 feet with the middle fence parallel to the short side of the field.

10. Let b be the length of the base of the box and h the height. The volume is $32{,}000 = b^2 h \Rightarrow h = 32{,}000/b^2$. The surface area of the open box is $S = b^2 + 4hb = b^2 + 4(32{,}000/b^2)b = b^2 + 4(32{,}000)/b$. So $S'(b) = 2b - 4(32{,}000)/b^2 = 2\left(b^3 - 64{,}000\right)/b^2 = 0 \Leftrightarrow b = \sqrt[3]{64{,}000} = 40$. This gives an absolute minimum since $S'(b) < 0$ if $0 < b < 40$ and $S'(b) > 0$ if $b > 40$. The box should be $40 \times 40 \times 20$.

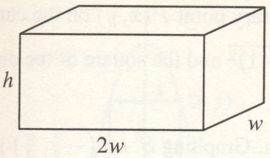
11. Let b be the length of the base of the box and h the height. The surface area is $1200 = b^2 + 4hb \Rightarrow h = \left(1200 - b^2\right)/(4b)$. The volume is $V = b^2 h = b^2\left(1200 - b^2\right)/4b = 300b - b^3/4 \Rightarrow V'(b) = 300 - \frac{3}{4}b^2$. $V'(b) = 0 \Rightarrow 300 = \frac{3}{4}b^2 \Rightarrow b^2 = 400 \Rightarrow b = \sqrt{400} = 20$. Since $V'(b) > 0$ for $0 < b < 20$ and $V'(b) < 0$ for $b > 20$, there is an absolute maximum when $b = 20$ by the First Derivative Test for Absolute Extreme Values (see page 280). If $b = 20$, then $h = \left(1200 - 20^2\right)/(4 \cdot 20) = 10$, so the largest possible volume is $b^2 h = (20)^2(10) = 4000\ \text{cm}^3$.

12.



$V = lwh \Rightarrow 10 = (2w)(w)h = 2w^2 h$, so $h = 5/w^2$. The cost is $10(2w^2) + 6[2(2wh) + 2(hw)] = 20w^2 + 36wh$, so $C(w) = 20w^2 + 36w(5/w^2) = 20w^2 + 180/w$.

$C'(w) = 40w - 180/w^2 = 40\left(w^3 - \frac{9}{2}\right)/w^2 \Rightarrow w = \sqrt[3]{\frac{9}{2}}$ is the critical number. There is an absolute minimum for C when $w = \sqrt[3]{\frac{9}{2}}$ since $C'(w) < 0$ for $0 < w < \sqrt[3]{\frac{9}{2}}$ and $C'(w) > 0$ for $w > \sqrt[3]{\frac{9}{2}}$. $C\left(\sqrt[3]{\frac{9}{2}}\right) = 20\left(\sqrt[3]{\frac{9}{2}}\right)^2 + \frac{180}{\sqrt[3]{9/2}} \approx \$163.54$.

13. 

$10 = (2w)(w)h = 2w^2h$, so $h = 5/w^2$. The cost is

$$C(w) = 10(2w^2) + 6[2(2wh) + 2hw] + 6(2w^2)$$
$$= 32w^2 + 36wh = 32w^2 + 180/w$$

$C'(w) = 64w - 180/w^2 = 4\left(16w^3 - 45\right)/w^2 \Rightarrow w = \sqrt[3]{\frac{45}{16}}$ is the critical number. $C'(w) < 0$ for $0 < w < \sqrt[3]{\frac{45}{16}}$ and $C'(w) > 0$ for $w > \sqrt[3]{\frac{45}{16}}$. The minimum cost is $C\left(\sqrt[3]{\frac{45}{16}}\right) = 32(2.8125)^{2/3} + 180/\sqrt{2.8125} \approx \$191.28$.

14. (a) Let the rectangle have sides x and y and area A, so $A = xy$ or $y = A/x$. The problem is to minimize the perimeter $= 2x + 2y = 2x + 2A/x = P(x)$. Now $P'(x) = 2 - 2A/x^2 = 2(x^2 - A)/x^2$. So the critical number is $x = \sqrt{A}$. Since $P'(x) < 0$ for $0 < x < \sqrt{A}$ and $P'(x) > 0$ for $x > \sqrt{A}$, there is an absolute minimum at $x = \sqrt{A}$. The sides of the rectangle are $\sqrt{A}$ and $A/\sqrt{A} = \sqrt{A}$, so the rectangle is a square.

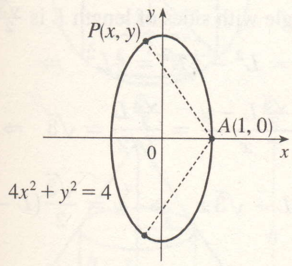
(b) Let p be the perimeter and x and y the lengths of the sides, so $p = 2x + 2y \Rightarrow 2y = p - 2x \Rightarrow y = \frac{1}{2}p - x$. The area is $A(x) = x\left(\frac{1}{2}p - x\right) = \frac{1}{2}px - x^2$. Now $A'(x) = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{1}{2}p - 2x = 0 \Rightarrow 2x = \frac{1}{2}p \Rightarrow x = \frac{1}{4}p$. Since $A''(x) = -2 < 0$, there is an absolute maximum for A when $x = \frac{1}{4}p$ by the Second Derivative Test. The sides of the rectangle are $\frac{1}{4}p$ and $\frac{1}{2}p - \frac{1}{4}p = \frac{1}{4}p$, so the rectangle is a square.

15. The distance from a point (x, y) on the line $y = 4x + 7$ to the origin is $\sqrt{(x-0)^2 + (y-0)^2} = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$. However, it is easier to work with the *square* of the distance; that is, $D(x) = \left(\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}\right)^2 = x^2 + y^2 = x^2 + (4x + 7)^2$. Because the distance is positive, its minimum value will occur at the same point as the minimum value of D.

$D'(x) = 2x + 2(4x + 7)(4) = 34x + 56$, so $D'(x) = 0 \Leftrightarrow x = -\frac{28}{17}$.

$D''(x) = 34 > 0$, so D is concave upward for all x. Thus, D has an absolute minimum at $x = -\frac{28}{17}$. The point closest to the origin is $(x, y) = \left(-\frac{28}{17}, 4\left(-\frac{28}{17}\right) + 7\right) = \left(-\frac{28}{17}, \frac{7}{17}\right)$.

16. The square of the distance from a point (x, y) on the line $y = -6x + 9$ to the point $(-3, 1)$ is $D(x) = (x + 3)^2 + (y - 1)^2 = (x + 3)^2 + (-6x + 8)^2 = 37x^2 - 90x + 73$. $D'(x) = 74x - 90$, so $D'(x) = 0 \Leftrightarrow x = \frac{45}{37}$. $D''(x) = 74 > 0$, so D is concave upward for all x. Thus, D has an absolute minimum at $x = \frac{45}{37}$. The point on the line closest to $(-3, 1)$ is $\left(\frac{45}{37}, \frac{63}{37}\right)$.

17. 

From the figure, we see that there are two points that are farthest away from $A(1, 0)$. The distance d from A to an arbitrary point $P(x, y)$ on the ellipse is $d = \sqrt{(x-1)^2 + (y-0)^2}$ and the square of the distance is $S = d^2 = x^2 - 2x + 1 + y^2 = x^2 - 2x + 1 + (4 - 4x^2) = -3x^2 - 2x + 5$. $S' = -6x - 2$ and $S' = 0 \Rightarrow x = -\frac{1}{3}$. Now $S'' = -6 < 0$, so we know that S has a maximum at $x = -\frac{1}{3}$. Since $-1 \le x \le 1$, $S(-1) = 4$, $S\left(-\frac{1}{3}\right) = \frac{16}{3}$, and $S(1) = 0$, we see that the maximum distance is $\sqrt{\frac{16}{3}}$. The corresponding y-values are $y = \pm\sqrt{4 - 4\left(-\frac{1}{3}\right)^2} = \pm\sqrt{\frac{32}{9}} = \pm\frac{4}{3}\sqrt{2} \approx \pm 1.89$. The points are $\left(-\frac{1}{3}, \pm\frac{4}{3}\sqrt{2}\right)$.