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0510-1. Among all pairs of real numbers whose sum is equal to 9, we seek the pair whose product is maximized. We examine the following table.

$x$	$9 - x$	$x(9 - x)$
1	8	8
2	7	14
3	6	18
4	5	20
5	4	20
6	3	18
7	2	14
8	1	8

a. Based on this table, **guess** a solution.

b. **Find** the exact solution by finding the maximum of all the values of

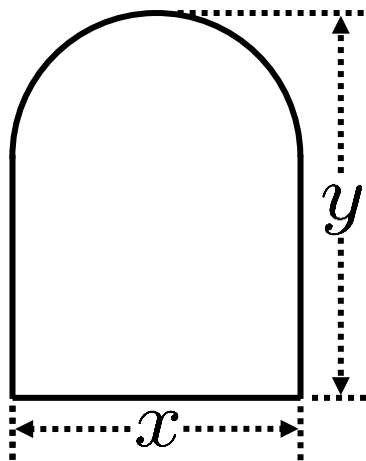
$f(x) = x(9 - x)$  at critical numbers.

0510-2. Among all pairs of real numbers  
whose difference is equal to 7, find  
the pair whose product is minimized.

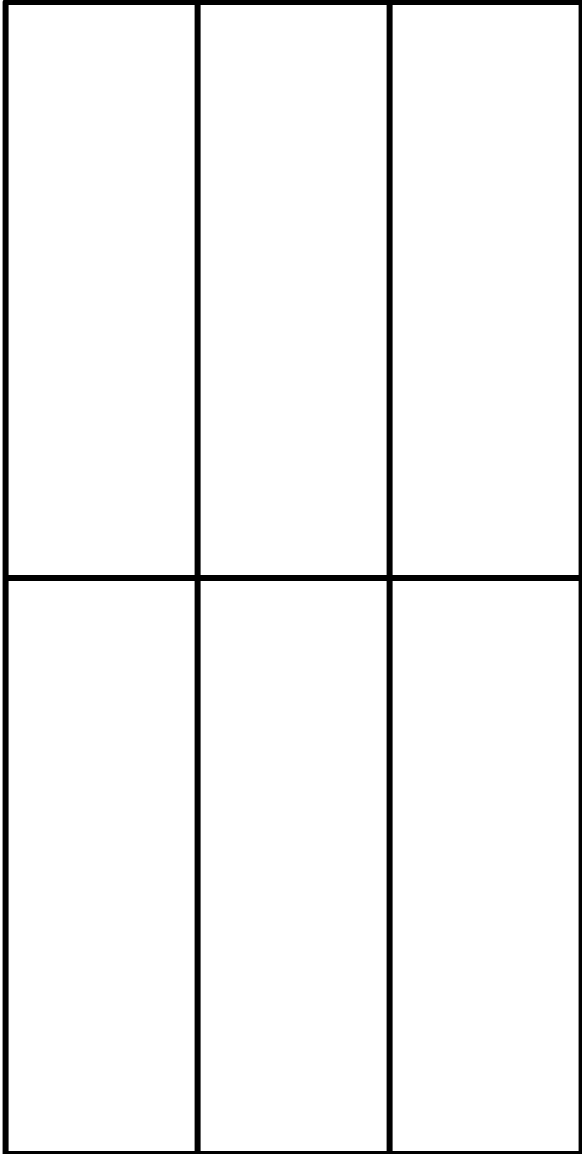
0510-3. Maximize  $uv$   
subject to  $3u + 4v = 100$ .

0510-4. Maximize  $r + s$   
subject to  $r^6 + s^6 = 10$ .

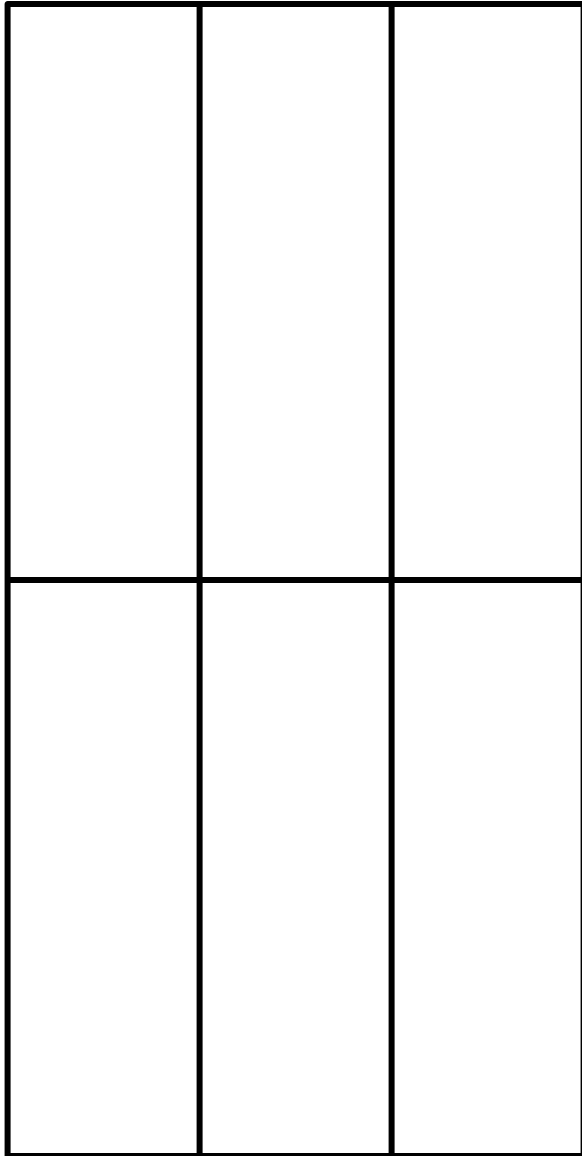
0510-5. The top of the object in the diagram  
is a semicircle. The total  
perimeter of the object is  
15 meters. Find the  
dimensions  $x$  and  $y$  that  
maximize the area enclosed.



0510-6. We plan to build a fenced area with six pens for livestock, as shown. We wish for the total length of the fencing (including both the perimeter and the interior fencing) to be 100 yards. Find the maximum possible enclosed area.



0510-7. We plan to build a fenced area with six pens for livestock, as shown. We wish for the total area enclosed (including all six pens) to be 600 feet<sup>2</sup>. Each foot of fencing costs one dollar. Find the minimum possible cost of the fencing.



0510-8. We have 950 meters<sup>2</sup> of material from which to build an open-topped cylindrical container. Find the radius and height that maximizes the volume enclosed.

0510-9. Let  $L$  be the line  $3x + 2y = 5$ .

- a. Find the point  $P$  on  $L$  closest to  $(4, 3)$ , by minimizing  $(x - 4)^2 + (y - 3)^2$ , subject to  $3x + 2y = 5$ .
- b. Find an equation of the line  $N$  that is perpendicular to  $L$  and passes through the point  $(4, 3)$ .
- c. Find the point  $Q$  that is on the intersection of  $L$  and  $N$ .
- d. Sketch the graph of  $L$ , and then add in  $(4, 3)$ ,  $P$ ,  $Q$  and  $N$ .

0510-10. Let  $E$  be the ellipse

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$$9x^2 + 16y^2 = 25.$$

Find the dimensions of a rectangle inscribed in  $E$  (with sides parallel to the axes of  $E$ ) whose area is maximal.

0510-11. Let  $S$  be a sphere of radius 10.

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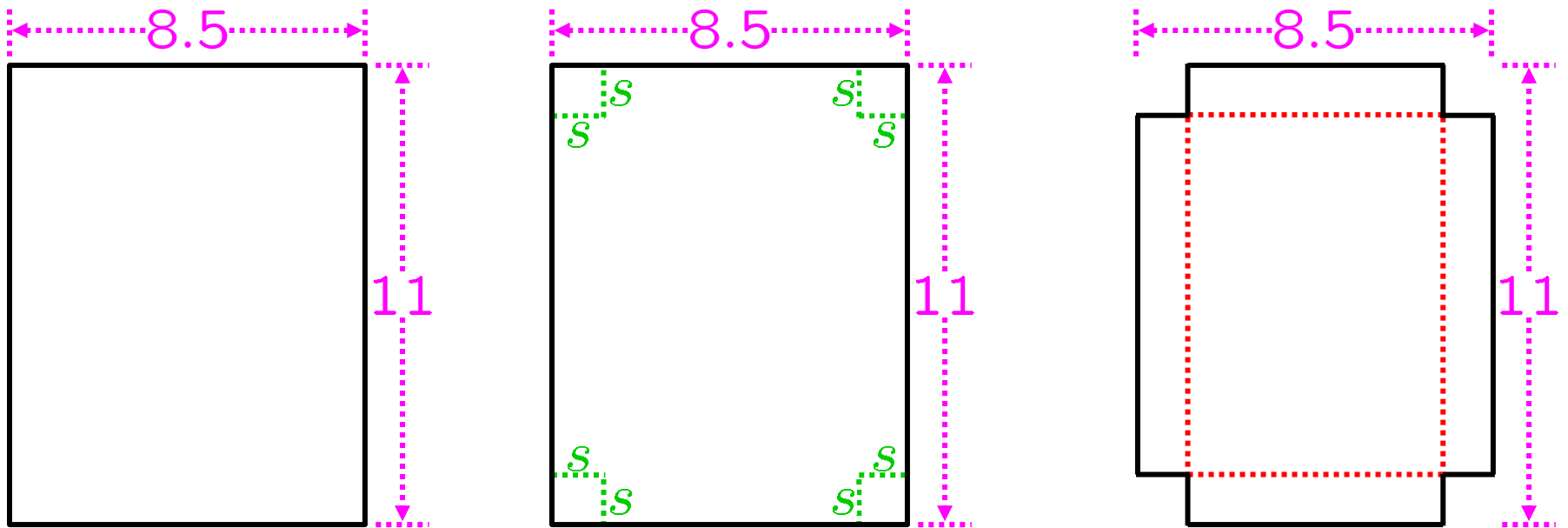
Find the radius and height of a right circular cone inscribed in  $S$  whose volume is maximal.

0510-12. We build two holding pens with 90 feet of fencing. One is in the shape of a circle. The shape of the other is an isosceles right triangle. Find the maximum total area that can be enclosed in the two pens.

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0510-13. On an (8.5 in)  $\times$  (11 in) sheet of paper, we mark a green-dashed square in each corner, each one of side length  $s$ . After cutting out these squares, we fold along the red-dashed lines as shown, creating an open-topped box. What is the maximum volume of such a box?

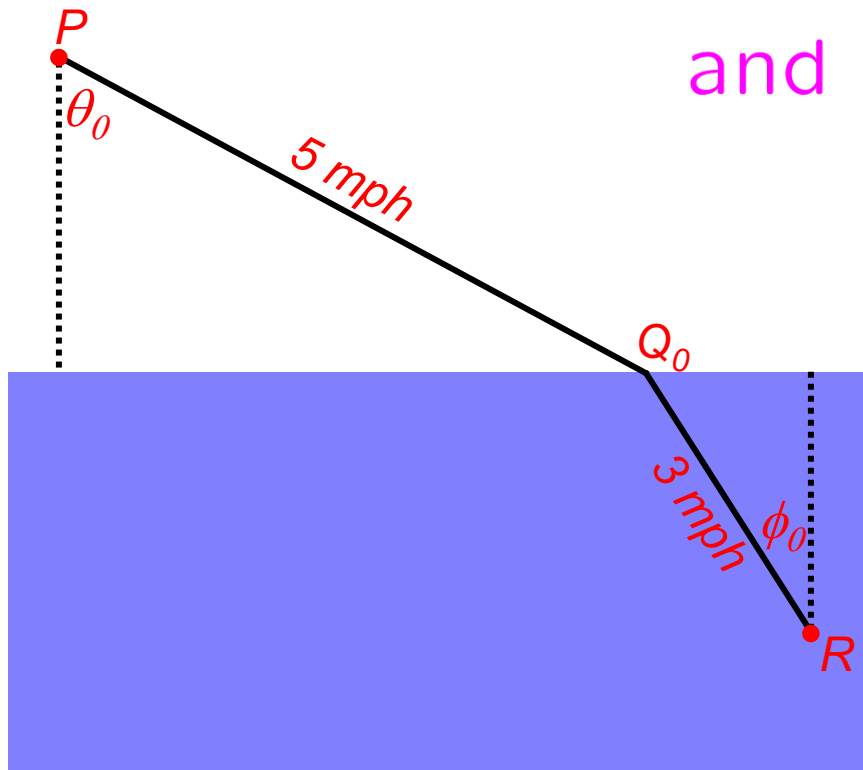




0510-14. I must travel from point  $P$  on land to point  $R$  in the water. My land speed is 5 mph. My water speed is 3 mph. I choose the point  $Q_0$  so as to minimize travel time. Define  $\theta_0$  and  $\phi_0$  as shown in the picture

and show that  $\frac{\sin \theta_0}{\sin \phi_0} = \frac{5}{3}$ .

Note: This is called Snell's Law.



Note: You may assume that  $\exists$  a unique  $Q_0$  that minimizes the travel time from  $P$  to  $R$ .