

Ex 1 Find the dimensions of a rectangle with perimeter 20 feet whose area is as large as possible

MAX

Explore "by hand"

Idea



$L > 0$   
 $w > 0$   
 $L \geq w$

$$20 = 2(L+w)$$

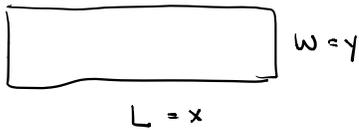
$$L+w = 10$$

For now assume  $L, w$  are integers  $A = L \cdot w$

w	L	Area = L * w
1	9	9
2	8	16
3	7	21
4	6	24
5	5	25
6	4	

$L = w = 5$  feet gave max area

We want to solve with CALCULUS we want  $L, w$  real numbers



We know  $x + y = 10$

$A = xy$  we want the maximum.

We want only one variable

$$\begin{array}{r} x + y = 10 \\ -x \quad -x \end{array}$$

$$y = 10 - x \quad \text{substitute in } A$$

$$A = xy = x(10 - x)$$

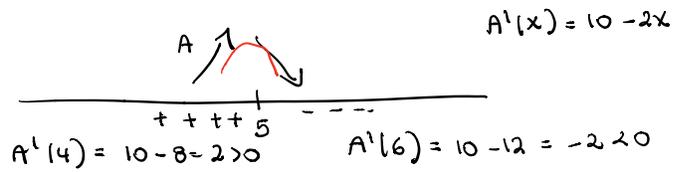
$$A(x) = x(10 - x) = 10x - x^2$$

↓  
function of  
x only

$$A(x) = 10x - x^2 \quad \text{want the max} \quad \text{Calculus}$$

①  $A'(x) = 10 - 2x = 0$        $\frac{10}{2} = \frac{2x}{2}$        $x=5$  critical point

② check it is max



Since  $A$  changes from increasing to decreasing at  $x=5$

$x=5$  is (local) max

$x = 5$  feet  
 $y = 5$  feet

$y = 10 - x$

$y = 10 - 5 = 5$

dimensions that  
give max area

Max area = 25 feet<sup>2</sup>