More Optimization

- 1) The sum of a positive number and 4 times the square of its reciprocal is a minimum. What is the number?
- A landscape architect wishes to enclose a rectangular garden on one side by a brick wall costing \$30 per foot and on the other three sides by a metal fence costing \$10 per foot. If the area of the garden is 1,000 square feet, find the dimensions of the garden that minimize the cost.
- 3) Find the point on the curve $y = \sqrt{x}$ that is closest to (2,0).
- Find the area of the largest rectangle that can be inscribed in the region bounded by the graph of $y = \frac{4-x}{x+2}$ and the coordinate axes (first quadrant).
- 5) Suppose you had 12 meters of fencing to make two side-by-side enclosures as shown. What is the maximum area that you could enclose?



- A manufacturer wants to design an open box having a square base and a surface area of 108 square inches. What dimensions will produce a box with maximum volume?
- 7) An open rectangular box has a square base and a volume of 500 cubic inches. What dimensions minimize the amount of cardboard needed to make the box?
- 8) Find the area of the largest rectangle that is bounded on the top by $x^2 + y^2 = 16$ and on the bottom by the x-axis.

Answers

- 1) 2
- 2) length of brick wall $10\sqrt{5}$ ft; adjacent side: $20\sqrt{5}$ ft
- 3) $\left(\frac{3}{2}, \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}}\right)$
- 4) Area = $8 4\sqrt{3}$ square units
- 5) 6 square meters
- 6) 6 in by 6 in by 3 in
- 7) 10 in x 10 in x 5 in
- 8) 16 square units