

1. Determine the absolute extrema of
- $f(x) = 2x^2 + 3x - 1$
- on
- $[-1, 2]$
- .

$$f'(x) = 4x + 3; \quad f'(x) = 0 \Rightarrow 4x + 3 = 0 \Rightarrow 4x = -3 \Rightarrow x = -3/4,$$

$$f(-1) = 2(-1)^2 + 3(-1) - 1 = 2 - 3 - 1 = -2$$

$$f(-3/4) = 2(-3/4)^2 + 3(-3/4) - 1 = 9/8 - 9/4 - 1 = -9/8 - 1 = -17/8 = -2.125$$

$$f(2) = 2(2)^2 + 3(2) - 1 = 8 + 6 - 1 = 13$$

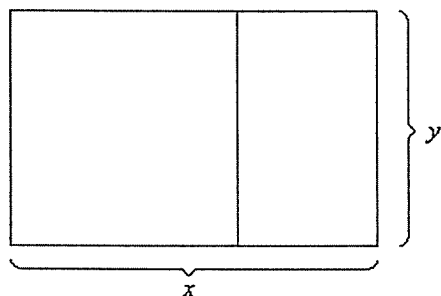
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Absolute max:  $(2, 13)$

Absolute min:  $(-3/4, -17/8)$

2. Melissa decided to put two adjacent lots along a canal in such a way that the side labeled
- $x$
- in the figure requires no fencing. Assuming that she has 400 feet of fencing, determine the dimensions
- $x$
- and
- $y$
- of the rectangle that maximize the total area. What is the maximum area?

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$$A = xy$$

$$x + 3y = 400$$

$$\Rightarrow 3y = 400 - x$$

$$\Rightarrow y = \frac{1}{3}(400 - x) \quad 3$$

$$\Rightarrow A(x) = x \cdot \frac{1}{3}(400 - x)$$

$$\Rightarrow A(x) = \frac{-1}{3}x^2 + \frac{400}{3}x \quad 4$$

$$A'(x) = -\frac{2}{3}x + \frac{400}{3}, \quad A'(x) = 0 \Rightarrow -\frac{2}{3}x + \frac{400}{3} = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{2}{3}x = \frac{400}{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{400}{3} \cdot \frac{3}{2} \Rightarrow x = 200 \text{ ft} \quad 2$$

$$y = \frac{1}{3}(400 - x) = \frac{1}{3}(400 - 200) = \frac{200}{3} \Rightarrow y = \frac{200}{3} = 66.667 \text{ ft} \quad 2$$

$$\text{Maximum area} = 200 \cdot \frac{200}{3} = \frac{40,000}{3} \text{ ft}^2 = 13,333.33 \text{ ft}^2 \quad 1$$