

## Min-Max Word Problems

- 1) Find two numbers  $x \geq 1$  and  $y \geq 1$  such that  $xy = 50$  and  $2x + y$  is a maximum.
- 2) A rectangular box which is open at the top can be made from a 10 by 12 inch piece of metal by cutting a square from each corner and bending up the sides. Find the dimensions of the box with greatest volume.
- 3) A wire of length  $L$  is to be divided into two parts; one part will be bent into a square and the other into a circle. How should the wire be divided to make the sum of the areas of the square and circle as large as possible? As small as possible?
- 4) A Norman window has the shape of a rectangle surmounted by a semicircle.
  - a) Find the dimensions of the Norman window with perimeter 30 ft that admits the greatest amount of light
  - b) Do the same problem if the top of the window is made of frosted glass that only admits half as much light as the bottom part