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AP Calc AB Intro to Max-Min Problems

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1. My dachshund, Daisie, needs a place to play. I purchased 100 feet of fencing to use to make her an enclosed rectangular play area. What should the dimensions of this play area be in order for her to have the largest play area possible? What is the resulting maximum area?
2. Now that Daisie has a place to play, she needs to have a place to keep her toys. I want to make an open-top box so that she can reach in and get the toys out herself. I want to use a $20-$ by- 25 inch sheet of tin to make this box. I will cut congruent squares of side length $x$ from the corners of the sheet of tin and bend up the sides. How large should the squares be to make the box hold as much as possible? What is the resulting volume?
3. A rectangle has its base on the $x$-axis and its two upper corners on the parabola $y=12-x^{2}$. What is the largest possible area of the rectangle?
4. An open rectangular box is to be made from a 9 by 12 inch piece of tin by cutting squares of side $x$ inches from the corners and folding up the sides. What should $x$ be to maximize the volume of the box?
5. A 384-square-meter plot of land is to be enclosed by a fence and divided into two equal parts by another fence parallel to one pair of sides. What dimensions of the outer rectangle will minimize the amount of fence used?
6. What is the radius of a cylindrical soda can with volume of 512 cubic inches that will use the minimum material?
