

3.3b More Optimization *(Taken from the Nelson Text: Pg. 152 – 154)*

4. The operating cost, C , in dollars per hour, for an airplane cruising at a height of h metres and an air speed of 200 km/h is given by

$$C = 4000 + \frac{h}{15} + \frac{15\,000\,000}{h}$$
for the domain $1000 \leq h \leq 20\,000$. Determine the height at which the operating cost is at a minimum, and find the operating cost per hour at this height.
6. A real estate office manages 50 apartments in a downtown building. When the rent is \$900 per month, all the units are occupied. For every \$25 increase in rent, one unit becomes vacant. On average, all units require \$75 in maintenance and repairs each month. How much rent should the real estate office charge to maximize profits?
8. The fuel cost per hour for running a ship is approximately one half the cube of the speed (measured in knots) plus additional fixed costs of \$216 per hour. Find the most economical speed to run the ship for a 500 M (nautical mile) trip. *Note:* Assume that there are no major disturbances, such as heavy tides or stormy seas.
9. A $20\,000\text{ m}^3$ rectangular cistern is to be made from reinforced concrete such that the interior length will be twice the height. If the cost is \$40/m² for the base, \$100/m² for the side walls, and \$200/m² for the roof, find the interior dimensions (to one decimal place) that will keep the cost to a minimum. To protect the water table, the building code specifies that no excavation can be more than 22 m deep. It also specifies that all cisterns must be at least 1 m deep.
15. Through market research, a computer manufacturer found that x thousand units of its new laptop will sell at a price of $2000 - 5x$ dollars per unit. The cost, C , in dollars to produce this many units is $C(x) = 15\,000\,000 + 1\,800\,000x + 75x^2$. Determine the level of sales that will maximize profit.

Answers

4. \$6000/h when plane is flying at 15 000 m
6. \$1100 or \$1125
8. 6 nautical miles/h
9. 20.4 m by 40.8 m by 24.0 m
15. 19 704 units