Today

- Midterm discussion
- Introduction to optimization
  - Goats
  - Wine for a wedding

I thought the midterm was...

(A) ...easier than I expected.

(B) ...pretty much what I expected.

(C) ...harder than I expected.

The hardest part of the midterm was...

(A) ...the multiple choice section.

(B) ...the short answer section.

(C) ...long-answer #1 (find $f'(x)$ using the def.).

(D) ...long-answer #2 (sketch $f(x)=x^4-x^2$).

(E) ...long-answer #3 (tangent line).

The most useful thing I did to study was...

(A) ...doing/reviewing WeBWorK assignments.

(B) ...doing/reviewing OSH.

(C) ...doing the MT review problem set.

(D) ...reading the course notes.

(E) ...reviewing the lecture slides.

I expect I'll get...

(A) A

(B) B

(C) C

(D) D

(E) F

Optimization

- Given a scenario involving a choice of some number, use calculus to find the best value.
  - Translate scenario into a mathematical problem.
  - Solve the problem.
  - Translate back (make sure it makes sense).

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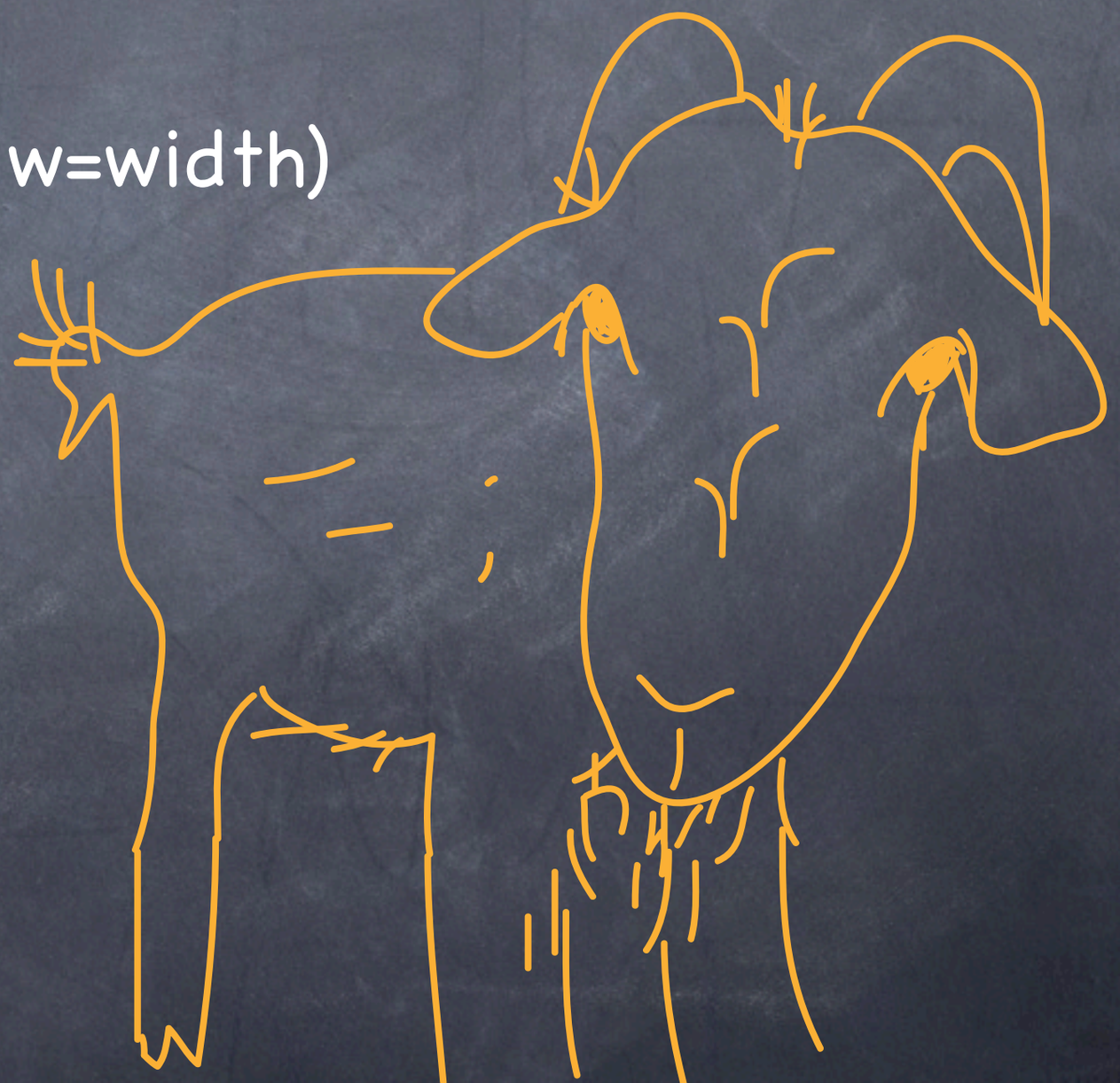

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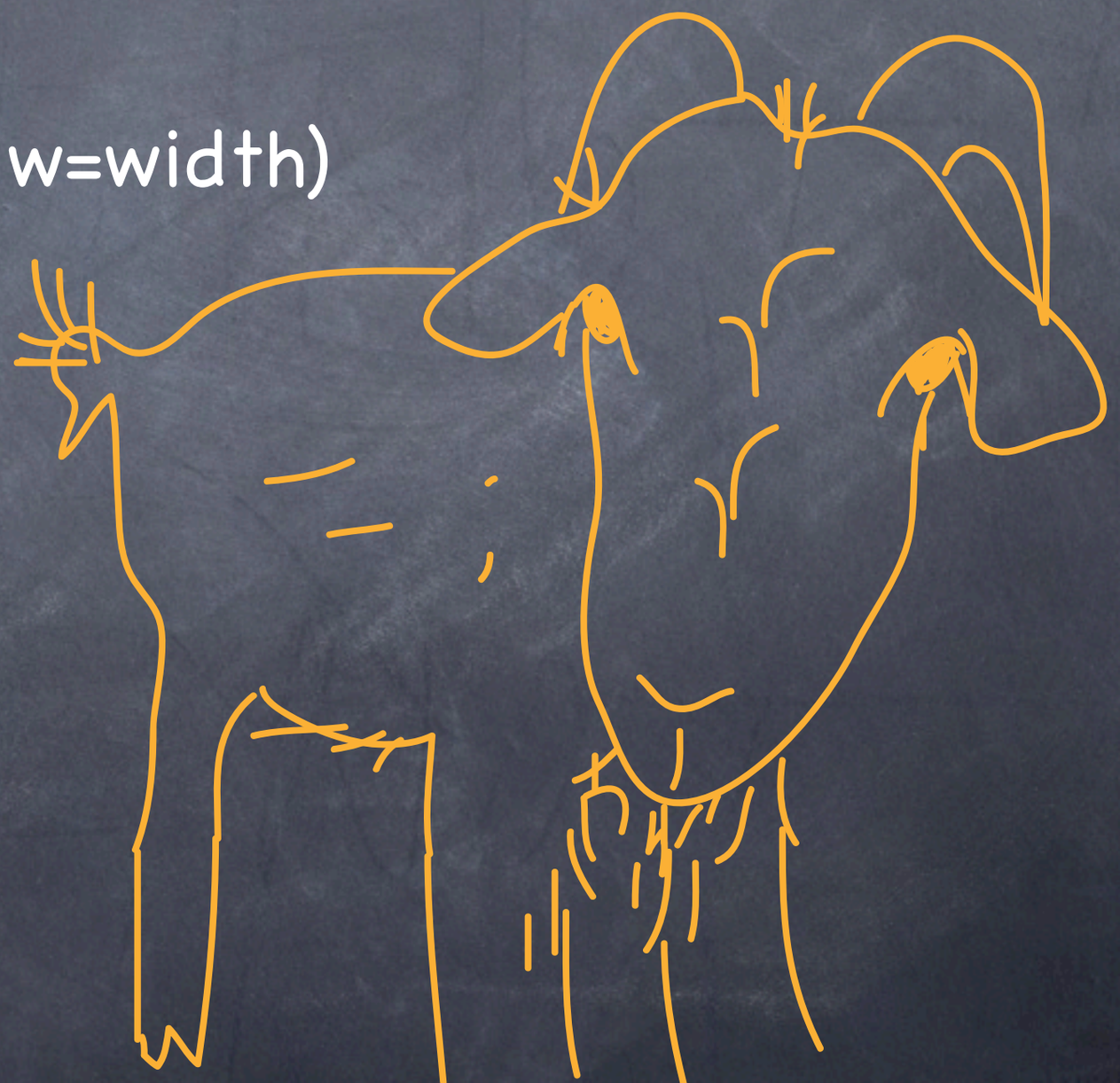

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(B) l = 0 m, w = 5 m

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Find absolute min of A(w)=w(5-w) on [1/2, 9/2].

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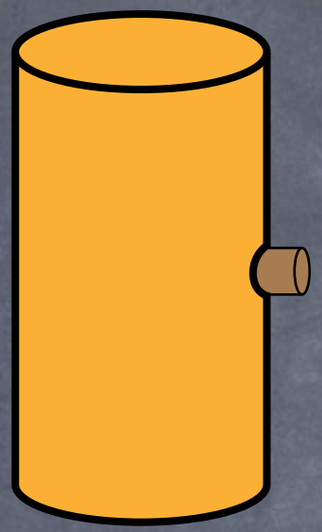
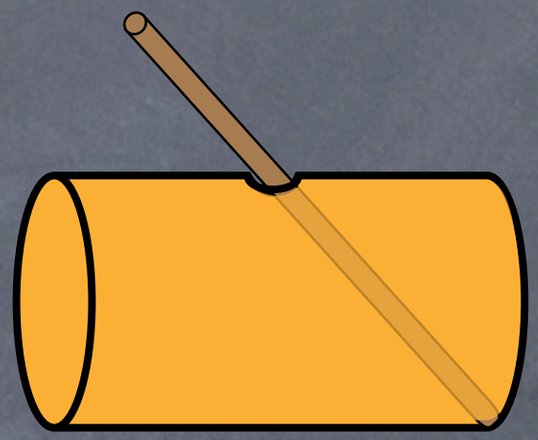
General structure of these problems

- There's an "objective function" (OF) that you want to maximize/minimize.
  - The OF depends on more than one variable.
  - There's a constraint relating the two variables.
  - The constraint lets you simplify the OF to one variable.

A(l,w)=lw, 2l+2w=10 -->l=5-w, A(w)=(5-w)w

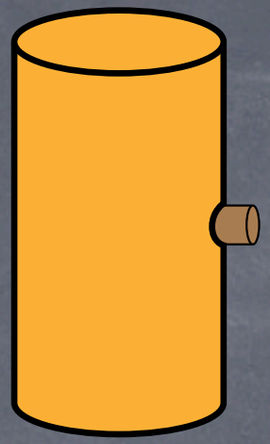
Wine for Kepler's wedding





- Wine was sold by "the length of the submerged part of the rod"
- Same length of wet rod = same volume of wine?

Which barrel would you buy?



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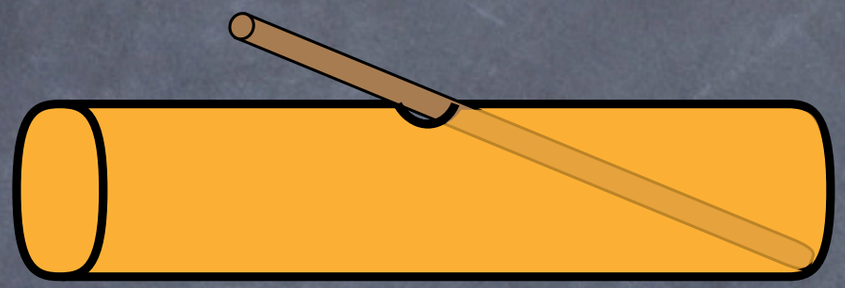

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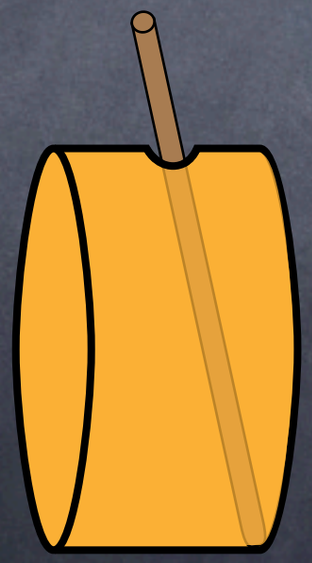

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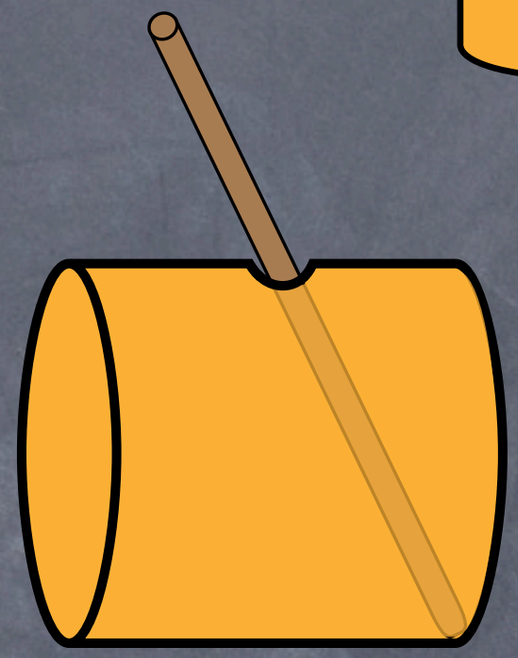

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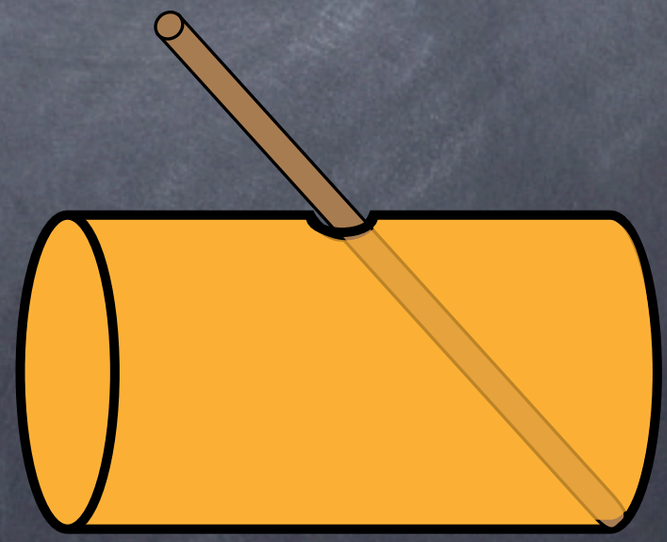

Kepler had enough $ for a rod-length L_0. How much wine can he get?

What do you expect to be the best option?

(A) Shortest possible barrel (h=0).

(B) Tallest possible barrel (h = max h).

(C) Somewhere in between.

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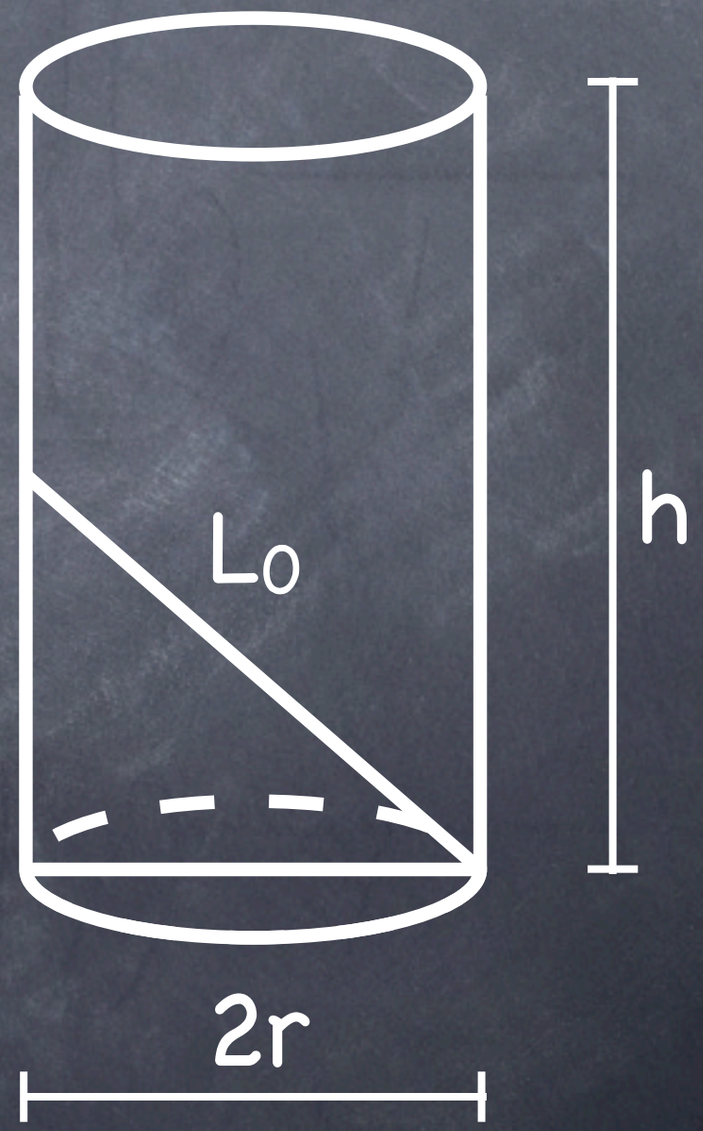

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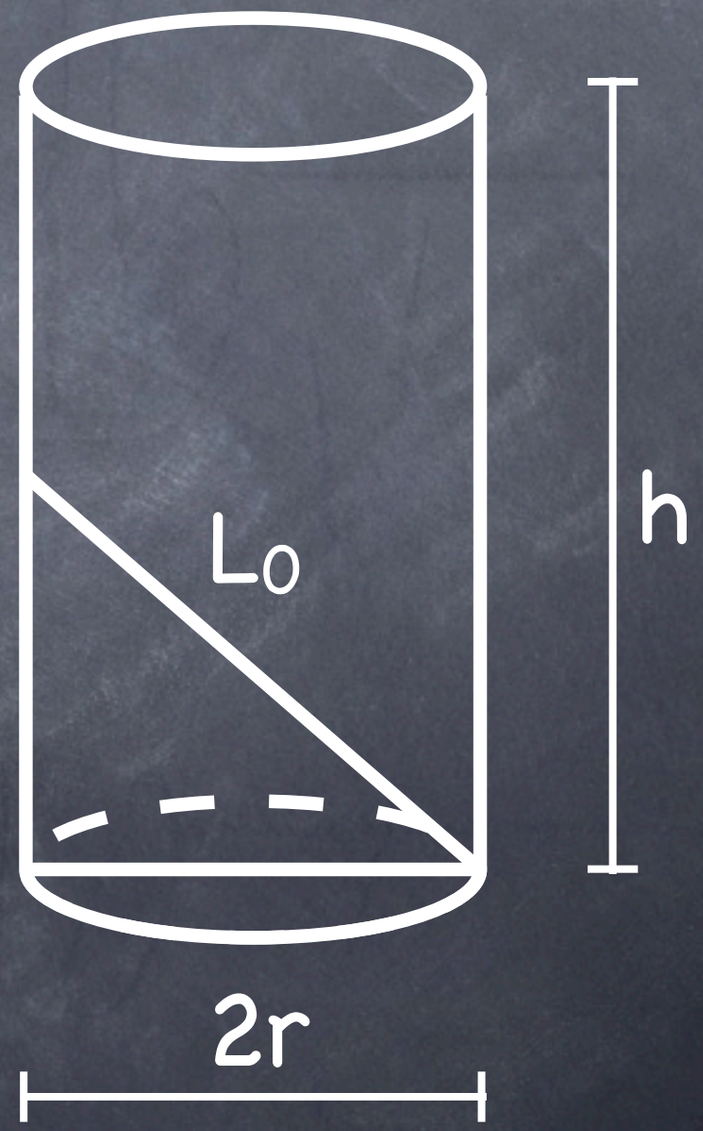

Constraint?
(used to simplify OF)

(A) $L_0^2 = (2r)^2 + (h/2)^2$

(B) $L_0^2 = (2r)^2 + h^2$

(C) $V = 2\pi rh$

(D) $L_0 = \tan(h/4r)$