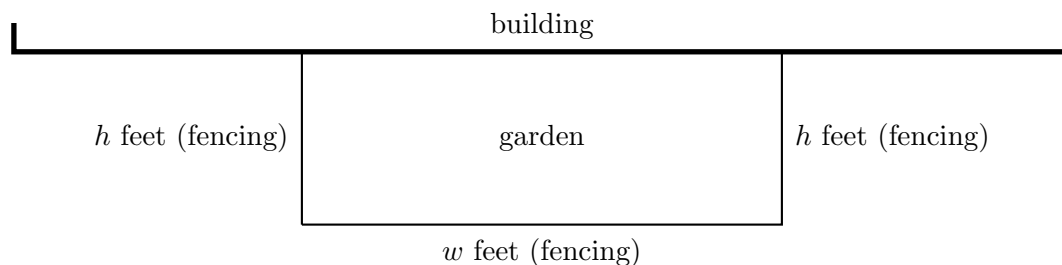


4. [12 points] Researchers are constructing a rectangular garden adjacent to their building. The garden will be bounded by the building on one side and by a fence on the other three sides. (See diagram below.) The fencing will cost them \$5 per linear foot. In addition, they will also need topsoil to cover the entire area of the garden. The topsoil will cost \$4 per square foot of the garden's area.

Assume the building is wider than any garden the researchers could afford to build.



- a. [5 points] Suppose the garden is  $w$  feet wide and extends  $h$  feet from the building, as shown in the diagram above. Assume it costs the researchers a total of \$250 for the fencing and topsoil to construct this garden. Find a formula for  $w$  in terms of  $h$ .

*Solution:* A garden of these dimensions will require  $2h + w$  feet of fencing and  $hw$  square feet of ground covered by topsoil. Thus,

$$250 = 5(2h + w) + 4hw.$$

Solving for  $w$  we find

$$w = \frac{250 - 10h}{4h + 5}.$$

**Answer:**  $w = \frac{250 - 10h}{4h + 5}$

- b. [3 points] Let  $A(h)$  be the total area (in square feet) of the garden if it costs \$250 and extends  $h$  feet from the building, as shown above. Find a formula for the function  $A(h)$ . The variable  $w$  should not appear in your answer.

(Note that  $A(h)$  is the function one would use to find the value of  $h$  maximizing the area. You should not do the optimization in this case.)

*Solution:* The area of the garden in square feet is given by  $hw$ . In part (a), a formula for  $w$  in terms of  $h$  was found when  $h$  and  $w$  are the dimensions of a garden that will cost \$250 in supplies to construct. Thus,  $A(h) = h \left( \frac{250 - 10h}{4h + 5} \right)$ .

**Answer:**  $A(h) = h \left( \frac{250 - 10h}{4h + 5} \right)$

- c. [4 points] In the context of this problem, what is the domain of  $A(h)$ ?

**Answer:**  $0 < h < 25$