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The sum of a number and three times another number is 18. Determine the numbers if their product is a maximum.

← quantity to be maximized

① let  $P$  represent the product (in general, not maximum!)

let  $x$  represent the first number then

$$x + 3y = 18$$

②  $P = x \cdot y$  ← Equation for quantity to be maximized.

③  $P = y(18 - 3y)$

$$P = 18y - 3y^2$$

Rewriting in standard form first.

④

$$P = -3y^2 + 18y$$

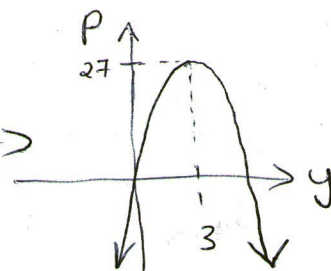
$$P = -3(y^2 - 6y)$$

$$P = -3(y^2 - 6y + 9 - 9)$$

$$P = -3(y^2 - 6y + 9) + 27$$

$$P = -3(y - 3)^2 + 27$$

Completing the square.



⑤ The max value of  $P$  is 27 } max/min statement  
when  $y = 3$

⑥ Since the question is asking for both numbers

$$y = 3 \text{ and } x = 18 - 3y$$

$$x = 18 - 3(3)$$

$$x = 9$$

Answer: 3 and 9.