Meeting: 1003, Atlanta, Georgia, MAA CP R1, MAA Session on My Three Favorite Original Calculus Problems

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Semi-twisted versions of standard calculus problems are presented. In particular 1) longest length board from hallway of width A to hallway of width B (very pretty answer), 2) a conservative vector field problem that requires finding a different path, 3) a nice little infinite sum, 4) a problem of finding the optimal speed of a boat when going against a current, and 5) an arc length problem. All require a bit more ingenuity than standard problems, yet are simple enough to be used as homework or challenging test problems. (Received October 03, 2004)