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Range lights are pairs of lighthouses on bays, rivers and other waterways that guide boats safely along a linear path, called the range line. To limit the expenses of building, operating, and maintaining the lighthouses, fewer lighthouses, and hence longer range lines, should be used. To keep a boat in a channel bounded by curves  $y = f(x)$  and  $y = f(x) + h$ , optimally long range lines are secant and/or tangent lines to the two curves. Their placement depends on concavity and applies the Mean Value Theorem. I'll describe a project based on the optimal placement of range lights that has been used in a Calculus I class. (Received September 22, 2011)