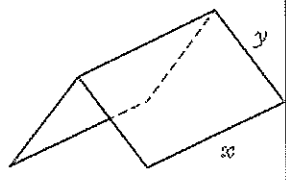


7. A manufacturer is asked to design an open-ended shelter, as shown, subject to the following conditions.

Condition 1

The frame of a shelter is to be made of rods of two different lengths:

- $x$  metres for top and bottom edges;
- $y$  metres for each sloping edge.



Condition 2

The frame is to be covered by a rectangular sheet of material.

The total area of the sheet is  $24 \text{ m}^2$ .

- (a) Show that the total length,  $L$  metres, of the rods used in a shelter is given by

$$L = 3x + \frac{48}{x}$$

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- (b) These rods cost  $\pounds 8.25$  per metre.

To minimise production costs, the total length of rods used for a frame should be as small as possible.

- (i) Find the value of  $x$  for which  $L$  is a minimum.
- (ii) Calculate the minimum cost of a frame.

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(a)  $A = 2xy$

$2xy = 24$  so  $y = \frac{12}{x}$  ✓

LENGTH =  $3x + 4y$  { substitute  $y = \frac{12}{x}$  }

LENGTH =  $3x + 4(\frac{12}{x}) = 3x + \frac{48}{x}$  ✓

(b) (i)  $L(x) = 3x + \frac{48}{x}$

$L(x) = 3x + 48x^{-1}$  ✓

$L'(x) = 3 - \frac{48}{x^2}$  ✓

Let  $3 - \frac{48}{x^2} = 0$  ✓

must check if  $x=4$  min or max  $3x^2 - 48 = 0$  then  $x=4$  ✓

$L''(x) = \frac{96}{x^3}$  |  $L''(4) = \text{positive}$  ∴  $x=4$  is a minimum ✓

(ii) cost =  $8.25(3x + 4y) = 8.25(3 \times 4 + 4 \times 3)$

$= 8.25(24)$

$= \pounds 198$  ✓