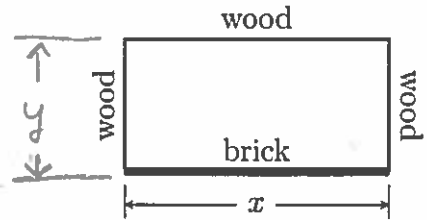


1. A rectangular region of 600 square feet needs to be enclosed by a fence. The south side of the region will be bounded by a brick wall, and the fencing on the remaining three sides will be made of wood. The brick wall is \$10 per foot, and the wood wall costs \$5 per foot. Find the length  $x$  of the brick wall that results in the lowest cost of materials.

Let  $y$  be width of the rectangle, as shown here,  $\rightarrow$



$$\begin{aligned} \text{Cost of materials} &= (\text{cost of brick}) + (\text{cost of wood}) \\ &= 10x + 5(y + x + y) \text{ dollars} \\ &= 15x + 10y \end{aligned}$$

There is a constraint of area = 600 =  $xy$ , so  $y = \frac{600}{x}$

Thus cost of materials is  $15x + 10 \cdot \frac{600}{x}$

So we need to find the  $x$  that gives a global minimum of  $C(x) = 15x + \frac{6000}{x}$  on  $(0, \infty)$

$$C'(x) = 15 - \frac{6000}{x^2} = 0$$

$$15x^2 = 6000$$

$$x^2 = 400$$

$$x = \sqrt{400} = 20$$

Interval is  $(0, \infty)$  because  $x > 0$ , but otherwise could have any value, as  $y = \frac{600}{x}$

critical point

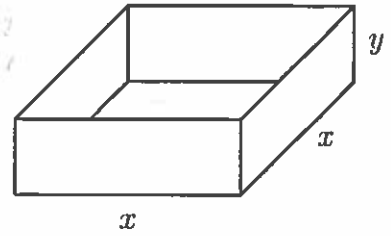
Note:  $C''(x) = \frac{12000}{x^3}$  so  $C''(20) = \frac{12000}{20^3} > 0$  and  $C(x)$  has a local minimum at  $x = 20$ . As 20 is the only critical point, this is a global min.

Answer: Use dimensions  $x = 20'$  and  $y = \frac{600}{20} = 30'$

1. A cardboard box with a square base and open top is to have a volume of 4 cubic meters. Find the dimensions that result in a box that uses the least cardboard.

Surface area of base:  $x^2$  square meters,

Surface area of each side:  $xy$  sq. meters.



Total surface area:  $S = x^2 + 4xy$

$$\text{Thus } S = x^2 + 4x \cdot \frac{4}{x^2} = x^2 + \frac{16}{x}$$

Constraint:

$$\text{Volume} = xxy = 4$$

$$\text{so } y = \frac{4}{x^2}$$

Therefore we seek the  $x$  that gives a global minimum of

$S(x) = x^2 + \frac{16}{x}$  on the interval  $(0, \infty)$

$$S'(x) = 2x - \frac{16}{x^2} = 0$$

$$2x = \frac{16}{x^2}$$

$$2x^3 = 16$$

$$x^3 = 8$$

$$x = \sqrt[3]{8} = 2 \leftarrow \text{critical point}$$

Interval is  $(0, \infty)$  because  $0 < x$ , but otherwise  $x$  could have any value, as  $y = \frac{4}{x^2}$

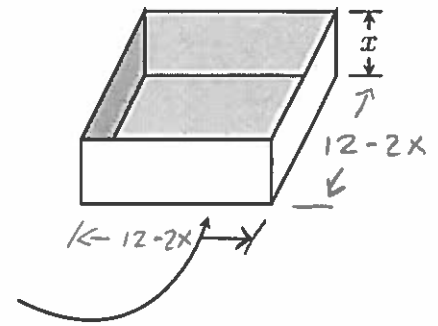
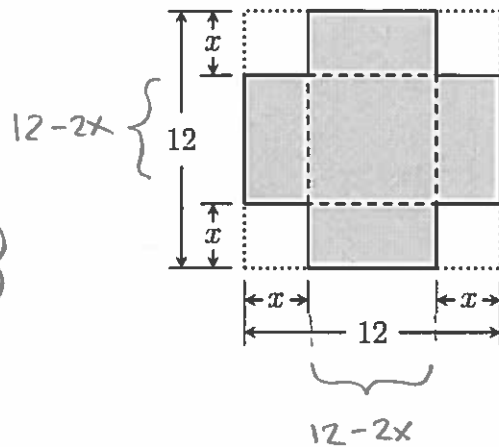
Notice that  $S''(x) = 2 + \frac{32}{x^3}$ , so  $S''(2) = 2 + \frac{32}{2^3} > 0$

so  $S(x)$  has a local minimum at  $x=2$  by the second derivative test. Because 2 is the only critical point, this is a global minimum.

Answer Use dimensions  $x = 2$  meters and  $y = \frac{4}{2^2} = 1$  meter

1. An open-top box is made from a 12 by 12 inch piece of cardboard by cutting a square from each corner, and folding up. What should  $x$  be to maximize the volume of the box?

Note:  $x$  cannot be greater than half of 12, so  $0 < x < 6$



Note that the box has length  $12-2x$ , width  $12-2x$  and height  $x$ . Therefore its volume is

$$V(x) = (12-2x)(12-2x)x = (144 - 48x + 4x^2)x$$

$$= 144x - 48x^2 + 4x^3$$

Thus we want to find The global maximum of  $V(x) = 144x - 48x^2 + 4x^3$  on  $(0, 6)$

$$V'(x) = 144 - 96x + 12x^2$$

$$= 12(x^2 - 8x + 12)$$

$$= 12(x-2)(x-6) = 0$$

$$\begin{matrix} \downarrow & \downarrow \\ x=2 & x=6 \end{matrix}$$

Critical points.  
Note that only  $x=2$  is in the interval

$$V''(x) = -96 + 24x$$

$V''(2) = -96 + 24 \cdot 2 = -48 < 0$ , so local max at  $x=2$  (by 2<sup>nd</sup> derivative test). Since 2 is the only critical point in  $(0, 6)$ . This gives a global max. Answer  $x=2$

1. A metal box with two square ends and an open top is to contain a volume of 36 cubic inches. What dimensions  $x$  and  $y$  will minimize the total area of the metal surface?

Total surface area is

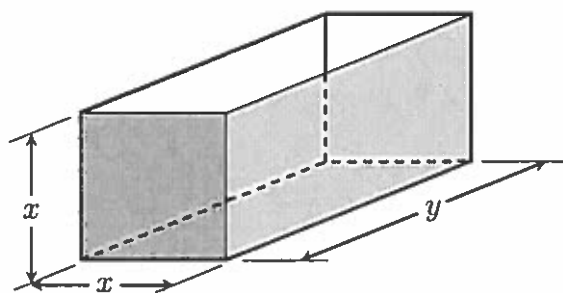
$$A = 2x^2 + 2xy + xy$$

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 (two ends)    (two sides)    (bottom)

$$A = 2x^2 + 3xy$$

$$A = 2x^2 + 3x \frac{36}{x^2}$$

$$= 2x^2 + \frac{108}{x}$$



constraint:

$$\text{Volume} = 36 = x \cdot x \cdot y$$

$$\text{so } y = \frac{36}{x^2}$$

Thus we seek the  $x$  that gives a global minimum of  $A(x) = 2x^2 + \frac{108}{x}$  on the interval  $(0, \infty)$ .

$$A'(x) = 4x - \frac{108}{x^2} = 0$$

$$4x = \frac{108}{x^2}$$

$$x^3 = 27$$

$$x = \sqrt[3]{27} = 3$$

Interval is  $(0, \infty)$  because  $x > 0$ , but could otherwise be any value, as  $y = \frac{36}{x^2}$

critical point

$$A''(x) = 4 + \frac{216}{x^3} \quad \text{so} \quad A''(3) = 4 + \frac{216}{3^3} > 0 \quad \text{and so}$$

$A(x)$  has a local minimum at  $x=3$ . Since 3 is the only critical point this is a global minimum.

Answer: Use dimensions  $x=3$  and  $y = \frac{36}{3^2} = 4$