

1. You need to build a shed with an open front and square base (as illustrated), and containing a volume of 10,000 cubic feet.

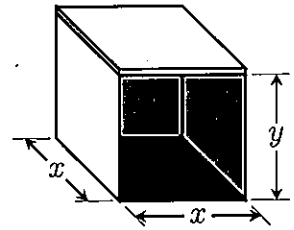
The cost of materials are:

Roof: \$10 per square foot;

Floor: \$5 per square foot.

Walls: \$8 per square foot;

Find the dimensions x and y that will minimize the total cost of materials.



$$\text{Cost} = \text{roof} + \text{floor} + \text{walls}$$

$$= 10x^2 + 5x^2 + 3 \cdot 8 \cdot xy$$

$$= 10x^2 + 5x^2 + 24x \cdot \frac{10,000}{x^2}$$

$$C(x) = 15x^2 + \frac{240,000}{x}$$

Constraint:

$$\text{Volume} = x^2y = 10,000$$

$$\Rightarrow y = \frac{10,000}{x^2}$$

We need to find x that gives a global minimum of this cost function on the interval $(0, \infty)$.

$$C'(x) = 30x - \frac{240,000}{x^2} = 0$$

$$\frac{x^2}{30} \left(30x - \frac{240,000}{x^2} \right) = 0 \cdot \frac{x^2}{30}$$

$$x^3 - 8000 = 0$$

$$x = \sqrt[3]{8000} = 20 \leftarrow \text{critical pt}$$

$$C''(x) = x + \frac{480,000}{x^3} \quad \text{and} \quad C''(20) > 0 \quad \text{so there is}$$

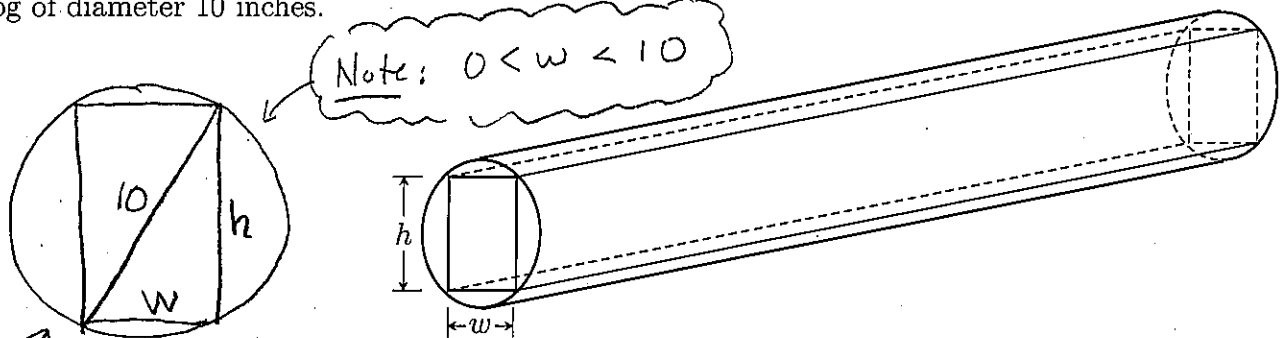
a local (hence global) minimum at $x = 20$ feet.

$$\text{Then } y = \frac{10,000}{20^2} = \frac{10,000}{400} = \frac{100}{4} = 25 \text{ feet}$$

Answer

Dimensions should be $x = 20$, $y = 25$

1. The strength of a rectangular beam is directly proportional to the product of its width and the square of its height. Find the dimension of the strongest beam that can be cut from a cylindrical log of diameter 10 inches.



Side view. By Pythagorean Thm, $w^2 + h^2 = 10^2$
Hence $h^2 = 100 - w^2$ or $h = \sqrt{100 - w^2}$

$$\text{Strength} = wh^2 = w(100 - w^2) = 100w - w^3$$

Therefore we need to find the w that gives a global maximum of strength $S(w) = 100w - w^3$ on the interval $(0, 10)$

$$S'(w) = 100 - 3w^2 = 0$$

$$w^2 = \frac{100}{3}$$

$$w = \sqrt{\frac{100}{3}} = \frac{10}{\sqrt{3}}$$

← critical pt.

$$S''(w) = -6w$$

$$\text{Note: } S''\left(\frac{10}{\sqrt{3}}\right) = -6 \cdot \frac{10}{\sqrt{3}} = -\frac{60}{\sqrt{3}} < 0$$

So there is a local (hence global) maximum at $w = \frac{10}{\sqrt{3}}$. Then $h = \sqrt{100 - \left(\frac{10}{\sqrt{3}}\right)^2} = \sqrt{100 - \frac{100}{3}}$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{200}{3}} = 10\sqrt{\frac{2}{3}}$$

$$\text{Answer: } \left[w = \frac{10}{\sqrt{3}} \quad h = 10\sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} \right]$$