

NCERT 6.6.9

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Question: A tank with rectangular base and rectangular sides, open at the top is to be constructed so that its depth is 2 m and volume is 8 m^3 . If building of tank costs 70 per sq. meter for the base and 45 per square meter for sides. What is the cost of least expensive tank?

Solution: Let the length be x and the breadth be y

I. THEORETICAL APPROACH

$$\text{Volume} = (2)(x)(y) = 8 \quad (1)$$

$$xy = 4 \quad (2)$$

$$\text{Total Cost} = 70(xy) + 45 \times 2(2x + 2y) = 280 + 180(x + y) \quad (3)$$

From equation (2)

$$\text{Total Cost} = 280 + 180x + \frac{720}{x} \quad (4)$$

Differentiating wrt to x on both sides,

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 180 - \frac{720}{x^2} \quad (5)$$

To be a critical point $\frac{dy}{dx}$ must be zero,

$$180 - \frac{720}{x^2} = 0 \quad (6)$$

$$x^2 = \frac{720}{180} \quad (7)$$

$$x = \pm 2 \quad (8)$$

$$(9)$$

$x = 2$ as length cant be negative

Checking $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$ to be positive for minimum

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \frac{1440}{x^3} \quad (10)$$

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} > 0 \text{ for } x = 2 \quad (11)$$

Thus $x = 2$ is the minimum

II. GRADIENT DESCENT

$$x_{n+1} = x_n - \alpha f'(x_n) \quad (12)$$

$$x_{n+1} = x_n - \alpha \left(180 - \frac{720}{x_n^2} \right) \quad (13)$$

Where α is the learning rate,

This iteration will stop until we reach a stable state ($f'(x) \approx 0$)

We get,

$$x_{min} = 2$$

We can also solve using geometric programming by using the cvpxy module in python. On running the code we get the minimum value of x to be 2.

