

Optimization

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I. PROBLEM STATEMENT

A wire of length 28 m is cut into two pieces. One of the pieces to be made into a square and the other into a circle. What should be the length of each piece so that the combined area of the two is minimum

To Find:

The value of the length of each piece so that the combined area of the two is minimum from the two figures that are square and circle.

Given:

Length of the wire is 28m

II. SOLUTION

$$\text{length of the square is } a \text{ m.} \quad (1)$$

Then length of the other piece for the shape of the circle is

$$(28 - a) \text{ m} \quad (2)$$

Perimeter of the square with side a is given by:

$$\text{Perimeter of the square} = 4a \quad (3)$$

Similarly, we know the formula for the circumference of the circle with radius r is given by:

$$\text{Circumference of a circle} = 2\pi r \quad (4)$$

So, the total length is

$$4x + 2\pi r = 28 \quad (5)$$

The standard equation of the line in conics is given as :

$$n^T \mathbf{x} = c \quad (6)$$

$$(4 \ 2\pi) \mathbf{x} = 28 \quad (7)$$

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ r \end{pmatrix} \quad (8)$$

Now by using the formula for the area of the circle and square is:

$$\text{Area of square} = a^2 \quad (9)$$

$$\text{Area of the circle} = \pi r^2 \quad (10)$$

Now, the combined area(A)

$$A = a^2 + \pi r^2 \quad (11)$$

The area of two figures is represented as :

$$\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{V} \mathbf{x} + 2\mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{x} + f = 0 \quad (12)$$

$$\mathbf{V} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \pi \end{pmatrix} \quad (13)$$

$$\mathbf{u}^T = (0 \ 0) \quad (14)$$

$$f = 0 \quad (15)$$

The minimum area is

$$\min_x \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{V} \mathbf{x} \quad (16)$$

Such that,

$$(4 \ 2\pi) \mathbf{x} - 28 = 0 \quad (17)$$

Solving using cvxpy, we get

$$\min_x \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{V} \mathbf{x} = 27.45 \text{ m}^2 \quad (18)$$

The length of each piece is

Square = $4a = 15.6 \text{ m}$

circle = $2\pi r = 12.3 \text{ m}$