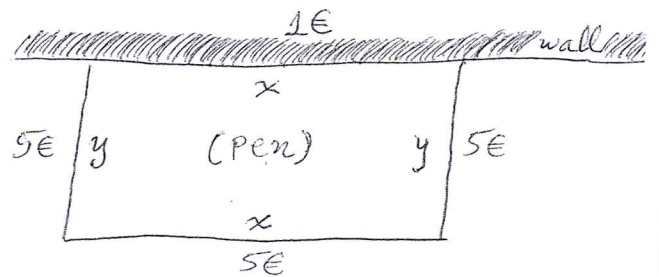


## The Animal Pen Problem

You must build a rectangular holding pen for animals. To save material, you will use an existing wall as one of its four sides. The fence for the other three sides costs  $5\text{€}/\text{m}$ , and you must spend  $1\text{€}/\text{m}$  to paint the portion of the wall that forms the fourth side of the pen. If you have a total of  $180\text{€}$  to spend, what dimensions will maximize the area of the pen you can build?

1. Express the area  $A$  of the pen as a function of the length  $x$  and width  $y$



2. Condition of total Cost.
3. Express the area  $A$  as a function of the length  $x$
4. Specify the domain of values of the independent variable  $x$ .
5. Give an answer to the problem, by sketching  $A(x)$ . (hint: find the points where the graph of  $A(x)$  intersects the  $x$ -axis)