similar Δ 's.

$$\frac{\sqrt{x^2-1}}{0.8} = \frac{x}{y}$$

$$y = \frac{0.8x}{\sqrt{x^2-1}}$$

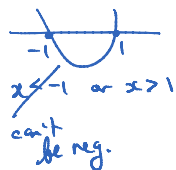
Maximize: $L = x + y$

$$L = x + \frac{0.8x}{\sqrt{x^2-1}}$$

domain $x \in (1, \infty)$ need $\sqrt{x^2-1} > 0$

$$x^2 - 1 > 0$$

$$(x+1)(x-1) > 0$$



crit. pts: $L' = 1 + \frac{\sqrt{x^2-1}(0.8) - 0.8x(\frac{1}{2})(x^2-1)^{-1/2}(2x)}{x^2-1}$

$$L' = 1 + \frac{(x^2-1)^{-1/2} 0.8 [x^2-1 - x^2]}{(x^2-1)'} = 1 - \frac{0.8}{(x^2-1)^{3/2}}$$

$$0 = 1 - \frac{0.8}{(x^2-1)^{3/2}}$$

$$0 = (x^2-1)^{3/2} - 0.8$$

$$(0.8)^{2/3} = (x^2-1)^{2/3}$$

$$\pm \sqrt[3]{0.8^{2/3} + 1} = x$$

$$\pm 1.36 \approx x$$

only $x = 1.36$ in domain

show MAX:

$$L''(x) = -0.8(-3/2)(x^2-1)^{-5/2}$$

$$L''(1.36) = \text{pos CU} \therefore \text{Min}$$

check near pt: $\begin{cases} L(1.34) = 2.5418 \\ L(1.36) = 2.54033... \leftarrow \text{Min} \\ L(1.38) = 2.54088 \end{cases}$

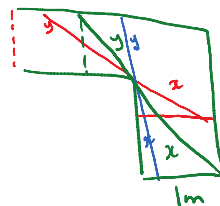
why does it ask for longest then??

answer question:

$$L = x + y$$

$$\approx 1.36 + 1.18$$

$$= 2.54 \text{ m}$$



x can be long, y short
or
 x can be short, y long

ie. Maximizing x
minimizes y
and vice versa

and sum of $x+y$
is concave up for $x > 1$
 $\therefore$ finding minimum

$$y > 0.8$$

$$x > 1$$

$$x+y > 1.8$$