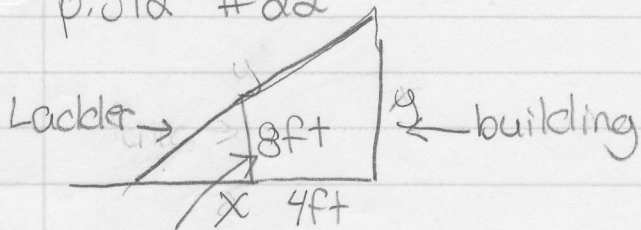


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similar triangles

$$\sqrt{(x+4)^2 + y^2}$$

$$\frac{8}{y} = \frac{x}{4+x} = y = \frac{3+8x}{x}$$

$$f(x) = (x+4)^2 + \left(\frac{32}{x} + 8\right)^2$$

$$f'(x) = 2(x+4) \cdot 1 + 2\left(\frac{32}{x} + 8\right) \cdot \frac{-32}{x^2}$$

$$f'(x) = 2(x+4) \cdot 1 + 2\left(\frac{32}{x} + 8\right) \cdot \frac{-32}{x^2} = 0$$

$$x = -4 \quad x = 4.2^{2/3}$$

$$x = 6.34$$

$$\sqrt{(6.34+4)^2 + y^2}$$

$$(6.34+4) + y$$

$$12.36 = y = \text{building}$$

Ladder is 16.65 ft

$$f(x) = (6.34+4)^2 + \left(\frac{32}{6.34} + 8\right)^2$$

$$= \sqrt{277.148}$$

$$f(x) = 16.65 \text{ ft} = \text{ladder}$$