Optimization Practice Problems

1. A giant cereal box with an open top is to have a volume of 10 m³. The length of the base is twice the width. Material used for the base costs \$10 per square meter and material for the sides costs \$6 per square meter. Find the cost of materials for the cheapest such container. (Your function is <u>cost</u>, not surface area.)

2. Dwight is trying to save money for Dunder Mifflin by constructing an open paper box from a square piece of cardboard, 24 in. on a side, cutting equal squares from the corners and turning up the sides. Find the largest volume that can be produced by this process.

3. Which point on the graph of $y = \sqrt{x}$ is closest to the point (4,0)?