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Corbettmaths

Simplify fully $\frac{20 - \sqrt{50}}{3\sqrt{2} - 5}$

Give your answer in the form $a + b\sqrt{2}$

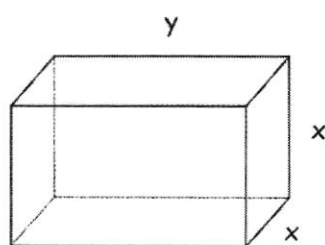
$$\begin{aligned} \sqrt{50} &= 5\sqrt{2} \\ \frac{20 - 5\sqrt{2}}{3\sqrt{2} - 5} &\times \frac{3\sqrt{2} + 5}{3\sqrt{2} + 5} \\ &= \frac{60\sqrt{2} + 100 - 30 - 25\sqrt{2}}{18 - 25} = \frac{35\sqrt{2} + 70}{-7} \\ &= \underline{\underline{-10 - 5\sqrt{2}}} \end{aligned}$$

Angle θ is reflex and $\cos\theta = \frac{3}{4}$

Work out the value of $\sin\theta$

$$\begin{aligned} 270^\circ < \theta < 360^\circ &\Rightarrow \sin\theta < 0 \\ \cos^2\theta + \sin^2\theta &= 1 \\ \frac{9}{16} + \sin^2\theta &= 1 \\ \sin^2\theta &= \frac{7}{16} \\ \Rightarrow \sin\theta &= \underline{\underline{-\frac{\sqrt{7}}{4}}} \end{aligned}$$

Shown below is a metal box in the shape of a cuboid.



The volume of the box is 80cm^3

Show that $y = \frac{80}{x^2}$

$$\begin{aligned} V &= x^2y = 80 \\ \Rightarrow y &= \underline{\underline{\frac{80}{x^2}}} \end{aligned}$$

Show that the area of metal to make the box is given by

$$A = 2x^2 + \frac{320}{x}$$

$$\begin{aligned} A &= 2x^2 + 4xy = 2x^2 + 4x \times \frac{80}{x^2} \\ &= \underline{\underline{2x^2 + \frac{320}{x}}} \end{aligned}$$

Use differentiation to find the value of x for which A is a minimum

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dA}{dx} &= 4x - \frac{320}{x^2} = 0 \text{ at min} \\ \Rightarrow 4x &= \frac{320}{x^2} \\ \Rightarrow x^3 &= 80 \\ \Rightarrow x &= \underline{\underline{4.31 \text{ cm}}} \end{aligned}$$