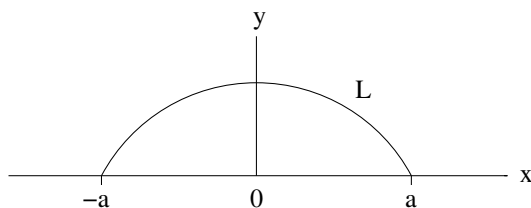


[mex28] Isoperimetric problem

Consider a fence of length L constructed in such a manner as to connect two points of a wall that are a distance $2a$ apart.

- (a) Use the calculus of variation with an auxiliary integral constraint to show that the shape of the fence must be part of a circle.
- (b) For the specifications $L = 100\text{m}$, $a = 40\text{m}$, what is the radius of that circle?
- (c) What is the area A between wall and fence?



Solution: