



By the cosine rule, $CK^2 = PC^2 + PK^2 - 2 PC PK \cos(\theta) \Rightarrow$

$$3^2 + 3^2 = 2^2 + (3-y)^2 + y^2 + 5^2$$

$$- 2 \sqrt{4 + (3-y)^2} \sqrt{25 + y^2} \cos(\theta) \Rightarrow \cos(\theta) = u, \text{ where}$$

$$u = \frac{10 - 3y + y^2}{\sqrt{4 + (3-y)^2} \sqrt{25 + y^2}} \quad (\text{after simplification})$$

Now, by the quotient rule, but also the product rule,

$$\frac{du}{dy} = \frac{\left\{ (2y-3) \sqrt{4+(3-y)^2} \sqrt{5^2+y^2} - (10-3y+y^2) \times \left(\frac{1}{2} \{4+(3-y)^2\}^{-1/2} 2(3-y)(-1) \sqrt{5^2+y^2} + \sqrt{4+(3-y)^2} \times \frac{1}{2} (5^2+y^2)^{-1/2} 2y \right) \right\}}{\text{denominator}^2}$$

$$= \frac{-9(5-y)(5-10y+y^2)}{(25+y^2)^{3/2} (13-6y+y^2)^{3/2}}$$

after much simplification. So for $0 < y < 3$ we have $\frac{du}{dy}$

$$= 0 \text{ where } y^2 - 10y + 5 = 0 \quad (\text{because } 5 \notin (0, 3))$$

$$\Rightarrow y = \frac{10 \pm \sqrt{10^2 - 4 \cdot 5}}{2}$$

$$= 5 - \sqrt{20} \quad (\text{because } 5 + \sqrt{20} \notin (0, 3))$$

At $y = 5 - \sqrt{20}$, $\frac{du}{dy}$ changes sign from $-$ to $+$

\therefore u has a minimum where $y = 5 - \sqrt{20}$

But θ is greatest where $\cos(\theta)$ is least. Therefore, the minimum of u corresponds to a maximum for θ , as required.