Answer on Question #47669 - Math - Calculus

1. There are 3 parcels, X, Y and Z, at the post office. The average mass of Parcel X, Parcel Y and Parcel Z is 27.4 kg. The mass of Parcel Y is trice that of Parcel Z. Parcel X is 3.2 kg lighter than Parcel Y. Find the average mass of Parcel Y and Parcel Z.

Solution.

To solve this problem, we must construct an equation. Let mass of parcel Z is m, then mass of parcel Y will be 3m and mass of parcel X will be (3m-3.2). Now we can write an equation:

$$\frac{(3m-3.2)+3m+m}{3}=27.4,$$

$$7m - 3.2 = 82.2$$
,

$$m = 12.2.$$

Hence, the mass of parcel Z is 12.2 kg, then the mass of parcel of Y is $3\cdot12.2=36.6$ kg. And now we can find the average mass of parcel Y and parcel Z:

$$\frac{12.2+36.6}{2} = 24.4.$$

Answer:

The average mass of parcel Y and parcel Z is 24.4 kg.