

Optimization Assignment - 2

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Problem Statement -Show that the altitude of the right circular cone of maximum volume that can be inscribed in a sphere of radius R is $4R/3$

Solution

Let $r=5$

volume of cone is given $V = \frac{1}{3}\pi R^2 h$

$h=r+\sqrt{r^2 - R^2}$

$$V = \frac{1}{3}\pi R^2 r + \frac{1}{3}\pi R^2 \sqrt{r^2 - R^2} \quad (1)$$

$$V' = \frac{2}{3}\pi Rr + \frac{2\pi Rr^2 - 3\pi R^3}{3\sqrt{r^2 - R^2}} \quad (2)$$

Gradient descent

$$\Rightarrow V = \frac{1}{3}\pi R^2 r + \frac{1}{3}\pi R^2 \sqrt{r^2 - R^2} \quad (3)$$

$$x_{n+1} = x_n + \alpha \nabla V \quad (4)$$

$$\Rightarrow x_{n+1} = x_n + \alpha \left(\frac{2}{3}\pi Rr + \frac{2\pi Rr^2 - 3\pi R^3}{3\sqrt{r^2 - R^2}} \right) \quad (5)$$

Taking $x_0 = r - 1, \alpha = 0.001$ and precision = 0.00000001, values obtained using python are:

$$\boxed{\text{Maxima} = 155.14037795505135} \quad (6)$$

$$\boxed{\text{Maxima Point} = 4.71404516335876} \quad (7)$$

Ploting

