

Problem Statement:

Find the maximum area of a triangle which can be inscribed in a given circle

0.1 Solution

Given function is,

$$f(x) = 2x^3r - x^4 \quad (1)$$

Objective function:

$$f(x) = \max_x 2x^3r - x^4 \quad (2)$$

constraints:

$$x > 0 \quad (3)$$

0.1.1 Calculation using normal differentiation

Differentiating (1) yields,

$$\nabla f(x) = 6x^2r - 4x^3 \quad (4)$$

0.1.2 Calculation of Maxima using gradient ascent algorithm

Maxima of the above equation (1), can be calculated from the following expression,

$$x_{n+1} = x_n + \alpha \nabla f(x_n) \quad (5)$$

0.1.3 Calculation of Maxima using gradient ascent algorithm

$$f(x) = 2x^3r - x^4 \quad (6)$$

$$f'(x) = 6x^2r - 4x^3 \quad (7)$$

we have to attain the maximum value of area of triangle. This can be seen in Figure. Using gradient ascent method we can find its maxima.

$$\Rightarrow x_{n+1} = x_n + \alpha(6x^2r - 4x^3) \quad (8)$$

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

$$\boxed{\text{Maxima} = 0.923176} \quad (9)$$

$$\boxed{\text{Maxima Point} = 1.2900} \quad (10)$$

0.2 Theoretical proof

$$\text{area of the triangle} = \frac{1}{2} * b * h \quad (11)$$

where b, base of a triangle is $2*R$
h is the height

$$\text{so area of triangle is } R * h \quad (12)$$

$$\text{where } R = \sqrt{r^2 - (h - r)^2} \quad (13)$$

r=radius of the circle

area being the positive quantity, A will be maximum if A^2 is maximum

$$A^2 = R^2 h^2 \quad (14)$$

$$Z = R^2 h^2 \quad (15)$$

$$\text{where } R^2 = 2hr - h^2 \quad (16)$$

$$Z' = 6h^2r - h^4 \quad (17)$$

for maximum value $Z' = 0$

by solving the above equation we get

$$h = \frac{3}{2} * r \quad (18)$$

z'' at $h = \frac{3}{2} * r$ is negative

so area is maximum when $h = \frac{3}{2} * r$
by substituting the h value we get

$$R = \sqrt{3} * \frac{r}{2} \quad (19)$$

the maximum area of a triangle is obtained at

$$A = \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{4} r^2 \quad (20)$$

0.3 Conclusion

1. At first, the given function has been differentiated and it is solved by setting $f'(x)$ equal to zero. By using x values, $f(x)$ values are calculated.

2. Later, the given function $f(x)$ is solved by gradient ascent algorithm to find maxima and the point at which $f(x)$ is maximum.

3. Then, the given function $f(x)$ is solved by gradient descent algorithm to find minima and the point at which $f(x)$ is minimum.

Download the code
<https://github.com/ballepu1994>

