

OPTIMIZATION

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Assignment

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1 Problem

show that the height of the cylinder of maximum volume that can be inscribed in a cone of height h is $1/3 h$.

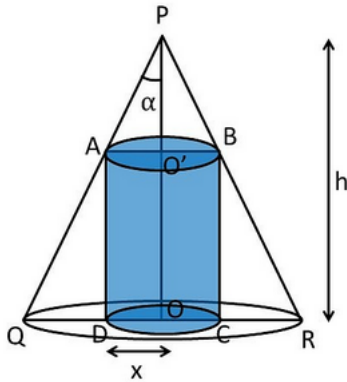


Figure.1

2 Solution

Given, Height of cone is 'h'.

$$\Rightarrow h = \|\mathbf{P} - \mathbf{O}\|$$

Let ,radius of cylinder be 'x'

$$\Rightarrow x = \|\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{O}'\| = \|\mathbf{O}' - \mathbf{B}\|$$

From figure,

$$\tan \alpha = \frac{\|\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{O}'\|}{\|\mathbf{P} - \mathbf{O}'\|}$$

$$\Rightarrow \|\mathbf{P} - \mathbf{O}'\| = x \cot \alpha$$

Height of cylinder say 'H' can be written as,

$$H = \|\mathbf{O}' - \mathbf{O}\| = \|\mathbf{P} - \mathbf{O}\| - \|\mathbf{P} - \mathbf{O}'\| \quad (5)$$

$$\Rightarrow H = h - x \cot \alpha \quad (6)$$

Volume of cylinder = (Area of base)x(Height of cylinder)

$$V(x) = (\pi x^2)(h - x \cot \alpha) \quad (7)$$

$$(8)$$

objective function:

$$V = \max_x \pi x^2 (h - x \cot \alpha) \quad (9)$$

$$(10)$$

constraints:

$$x > 0$$

$$h > 0$$

$$0 < \alpha < 90$$

h, α are constants.

$$\frac{dV(x)}{dx} = (2\pi x h) - (3\pi x^2 \cot \alpha) \quad (11)$$

$$(12)$$

Equating $\frac{dV(x)}{dx}$ to 0,

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{2h}{3 \cot \alpha} \quad (13)$$

Derivating equation (8) results,

$$\frac{d^2V(x)}{dx^2} = 2\pi h - 6\pi x \cot \alpha \quad (14)$$

putting (9) in (10) results,

$$\frac{d^2V(x)}{dx^2} = -2\pi h < 0 \quad (15)$$

$\therefore V(x)$ is maximum at $x = \frac{2h}{3 \cot \alpha}$.

$$(1) \quad \text{Equation (6)} \Rightarrow \text{Height of cylinder} = h - x \cot \alpha.$$

$$= h - \frac{2h}{3 \cot \alpha} \cot \alpha \quad (16)$$

$$\Rightarrow H = \frac{h}{3} \quad (17)$$

(3) \therefore The height of the cylinder of maximum volume that can be inscribed in a cone of height h is $\frac{h}{3}$.

$$(4) \quad \text{Volume of cylinder:-} V(x) = \pi x^2 (h - x \cot \alpha)$$

substitute equation (9) in above gives,

$$V(x) = \pi \left(\frac{2h}{3 \cot \alpha} \right)^2 \left(h - \frac{2h}{3 \cot \alpha} \cot \alpha \right) \quad (18)$$

$$\Rightarrow V(x) = \frac{4}{27} \pi h^3 \tan^2 \alpha. \quad (19)$$

Let $\alpha = 45^\circ$ and 'h'=9.

$$\Rightarrow V(x) = \pi x^2(9 - x) \quad (20)$$

$$\frac{dV(x)}{dx} = 18\pi x - 3\pi x^2 \quad (21)$$

$$\frac{dV(x)}{dx} = 0 \Rightarrow x = 6. \quad (22)$$

$$\frac{d^2V(x)}{dx^2} = 18\pi - 6\pi x \quad (23)$$

$$(24)$$

putting $x = 6$ in above equation gives,

$$\frac{d^2V(x)}{dx^2} = 18\pi - 36\pi = -18\pi < 0. \quad (25)$$

$\therefore V(x)$ is maximum at $x = 6$.

Height of the cylinder (H)= $h - x \cot \alpha$

$$\Rightarrow H = 9 - 6 \cot 45^\circ = 3 = \frac{1}{3} \text{ (Height of cone).} \quad (26)$$

Geometric programming:-

$$f(x) = \sum_{j=1}^N C_j \prod_{i=1}^n x_i^{a_{ij}} \quad (27)$$

$$C_j > 0, x_i \geq 0, a_{ij} \text{ is real.} \quad (28)$$

Any non linear function which obeys the conditions in (28) can be solvable using geometric programming.

But , the function $V(x)$ have negative coefficient for x^3 .

so ,we approximate the function $V(x)$ using the equations below.

$$f(w) \approx f(x) \prod_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{w_i}{x_i} \right)^{a_i} \quad (29)$$

where

$$a_i = \frac{x_i}{f(x)} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i} \quad (30)$$

By keeping the constraints like

$$x \geq \frac{x_k}{1 + error} \quad (31)$$

$$x \leq (1 + error)(x_k) \quad (32)$$

where $x_k = x - 10\delta$,

The above formulation can be iterated till the problem converges at a local maximum. Taking $n = 1000$, $\delta = 0.001$ and $error = 0.005$ the optimal solution obtained using cvxpy is

$$V_{max} = 339.3032173204817$$

$$x = 6.022349936219689$$

For Maxima :

Using gradient ascent method,

$$x_{n+1} = x_n + \alpha \nabla V(x_n) \quad (33)$$

$$\Rightarrow x_{n+1} = x_n + \alpha(3\pi x(6 - x)) \quad (34)$$

In equation (24), α is a variable parameter known as step size. x_{n+1} is the next position. The positive sign refers to the maximization part of gradient ascent. By following the above method, we keep doing iterations until $x_{n+1} - x_n$ becomes less than the value of precision.

Taking $\alpha = 0.001$, $x_0 = 2$ and $precision = 0.00000001$, values obtained using python are :

$$\text{Maxima} = 339.29200658769685 \approx 339$$

$$\text{Maxima Point} = 5.999999834068126 \approx 6$$

\therefore Maxima value of $V(x)$ at $x = 6$ is 339.

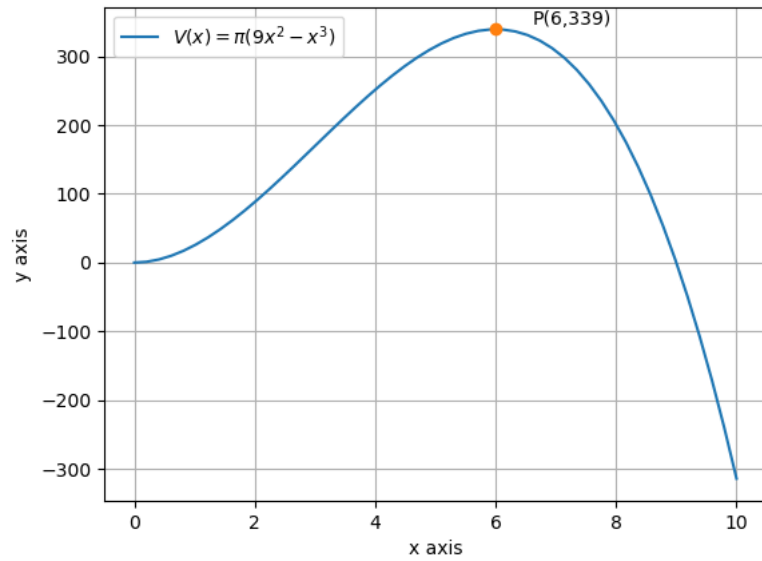


Figure.2: $V(x) = \pi x^2(9 - x)$

Below link shows python code to verify maxima of the function $V(x)$.

https://github.com/FWC_module1/blob/main/optimization/advanced.py