

Optimization Assignment

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1 Problem

If the sum of the lengths of the hypotenuse and a side of a right-angled triangle is given, show that the area of the triangle is maximum when the angle between them is $\frac{\pi}{3}$.

2 Solution

Let the hypotenuse of the right triangle be x and the height by y .

Hence its base is $\sqrt{x^2 - y^2}$
Hence its area = $(\sqrt{x^2 - y^2})y/2$
But it is given $x + y = p$
substituting this in the area, we get

$$Area = \sqrt{((p - y)^2 - y^2)}y/2 \quad (1)$$

squaring on both sides, we get

$$A = p^2y^2/4 - py^3/2 \quad (2)$$

For Maximum or minimum area

$$\frac{dy}{dA} = 0 \quad (3)$$

Here the area of the triangle is maximum when

$$x = 2p/3, y = p/3 \quad (4)$$

$$\cos\theta = y/x \quad (5)$$

$$\cos\theta = \frac{p/3}{2p/3} \quad (6)$$

$$\cos\theta = 1/2 \quad (7)$$

$$\theta = \frac{\pi}{3} \text{ (or) } 60^\circ \quad (8)$$

Hence, the area is maximum if the angle between the hypotenuse and side is 60° .

3 Execution

Verify the above proofs in the following code.

<https://github.com/soundaryanaru/FWC-assignments/blob/main/Optimization/Advance/code/op2.py>