

Circoscrivere a una data circonferenza il triangolo isoscele di area minima.

Soluzione 1

Posto $\overline{CO} = x$ con $x \in]r, +\infty[$ si ha: $\overline{CH} = x + r$ $\overline{CD} = \sqrt{x^2 - r^2}$.

Dai triangoli rettangoli simili $\triangle BCH$ e $\triangle CDO$ si ha: $\overline{CH} : \overline{BH} = \overline{CD} : \overline{DO}$;

$$(x+r) : \overline{BH} = \sqrt{x^2 - r^2} : r ; \quad \overline{BH} = \frac{(x+r) \cdot r}{\sqrt{x^2 - r^2}}$$

La funzione da rendere minima è:

$$S(x) = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \overline{AB} \cdot \overline{CH} = \overline{BH} \cdot \overline{CH} = \frac{(x+r) \cdot r}{\sqrt{x^2 - r^2}} \cdot (x+r); \quad S(x) = r \cdot \frac{(x+r)^2}{\sqrt{x^2 - r^2}}$$

Agli estremi $x = 0$ e $x = +\infty$ il triangolo degenera

in un rettangolo indefinito di area infinita.

$$S'(x) = r \cdot \frac{2 \cdot (x+r) \cdot \sqrt{x^2 - r^2} - (x+r)^2 \cdot \frac{2x}{2 \cdot \sqrt{x^2 - r^2}}}{(\sqrt{x^2 - r^2})^2} =$$

$$= r \cdot \frac{2 \cdot (x+r) \cdot \sqrt{x^2 - r^2} - \frac{(x+r)^2 \cdot x}{\sqrt{x^2 - r^2}}}{x^2 - r^2} = r \cdot \frac{2 \cdot (x+r) \cdot (x^2 - r^2) - (x+r)^2 \cdot x}{x^2 - r^2} =$$

$$= r \cdot \frac{(x+r) \cdot [2 \cdot (x^2 - r^2) - (x+r) \cdot x]}{(x^2 - r^2) \cdot \sqrt{x^2 - r^2}} = r \cdot \frac{(x+r) \cdot (2x^2 - 2r^2 - x^2 - rx)}{(x+r) \cdot (x-r) \cdot \sqrt{x^2 - r^2}} = r \cdot \frac{(x^2 - rx - 2r^2)}{(x-r) \cdot \sqrt{x^2 - r^2}}.$$

La derivata prima $S'(x) = 0$ per:

$$r \cdot \frac{(x^2 - rx - 2r^2)}{(x-r) \cdot \sqrt{x^2 - r^2}} = 0; \quad x^2 - rx - 2r^2 = 0; \quad x_{1,2} = \frac{r \mp \sqrt{r^2 + 8r^2}}{2} = \frac{r \mp 3r}{2} = \begin{cases} \frac{r-3r}{2} = -r \\ \frac{r+3r}{2} = 2r \end{cases}$$

La soluzione $x = -r$ non è accettabile perché non appartiene all'intervallo $]r, +\infty[$.

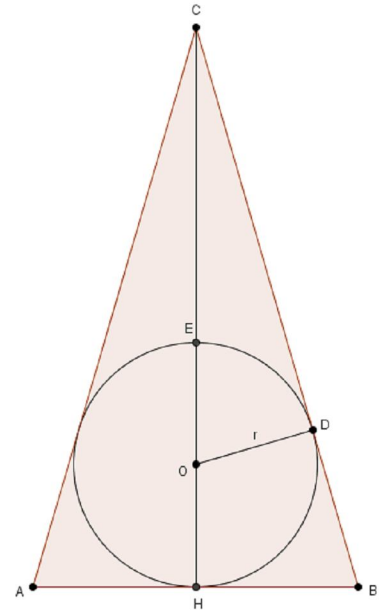
Essendo:

$S(2r) = r \cdot \frac{(2r+r)^2}{\sqrt{(2r)^2 - r^2}} = r \cdot \frac{9r^2}{\sqrt{3}r} = \frac{9}{\sqrt{3}}r^2 = 3\sqrt{3}r^2$	⇒	Il minimo assoluto è $m = 3\sqrt{3}r^2$ assunto nel punto $x = 2r$
$\lim_{x \rightarrow r^+} r \cdot \frac{(x+r)^2}{\sqrt{x^2 - r^2}} = +\infty$		
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Per $x = 2r$ si ha: $\overline{CH} = x + r = 2r + r = 3r$ $\overline{BH} = \frac{(x+r) \cdot r}{\sqrt{x^2 - r^2}} = \frac{(2r+r) \cdot r}{\sqrt{(2r)^2 - r^2}} = \frac{3r^2}{\sqrt{3}r} = \sqrt{3}r.$

$$\overline{AB} = 2\sqrt{3}r \quad \overline{BC} = \sqrt{\overline{CH}^2 + \overline{BH}^2} = \sqrt{(3r)^2 + (\sqrt{3}r)^2} = \sqrt{9r^2 + 3r^2} = \sqrt{12r^2} = 2\sqrt{3}r.$$

Essendo $\overline{AB} = \overline{BC} = \overline{AC} = 2\sqrt{3}r \Rightarrow$ il triangolo di area minima è equilatero.



Soluzione 2

Posto $\overline{CE} = x$ con $x \in]0, +\infty[$ si ha: $\overline{CH} = x + 2r$ e

$$\overline{CD} = \sqrt{(x+r)^2 - r^2} = \sqrt{x^2 + r^2 + 2rx - r^2} = \sqrt{x^2 + 2rx}$$

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$$(x+2r) : \overline{BH} = \sqrt{x^2 + 2rx} : r ; \quad \overline{BH} = \frac{(x+2r) \cdot r}{\sqrt{x^2 + 2rx}}$$

La funzione da rendere minima è:

$$S(x) = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \overline{AB} \cdot \overline{CH} = \frac{(x+2r) \cdot r}{\sqrt{x^2 + 2rx}} \cdot (x+2r) \Rightarrow S(x) = r \cdot \frac{(x+2r)^2}{\sqrt{x \cdot (x+2r)}}$$

Agli estremi $x=0$ e $x=+\infty$ il triangolo degenera in un rettangolo indefinito.

$$\begin{aligned} S'(x) &= r \cdot \frac{2 \cdot (x+2r) \cdot \sqrt{x \cdot (x+2r)} - (x+2r)^2 \cdot \frac{2x+2r}{2 \cdot \sqrt{x \cdot (x+2r)}}}{x \cdot (x+2r)} = \\ &= r \cdot \frac{2 \cdot (x+2r) \cdot \sqrt{x \cdot (x+2r)} - \frac{(x+2r)^2 \cdot (x+r)}{\sqrt{x \cdot (x+2r)}}}{x \cdot (x+2r)} = r \cdot \frac{2 \cdot (x+2r) \cdot x \cdot (x+2r) - (x+2r)^2 \cdot (x+r)}{\sqrt{x \cdot (x+2r)} \cdot x \cdot (x+2r)} = \\ &= r \cdot \frac{2x \cdot (x+2r)^2 - (x+2r)^2 \cdot (x+r)}{x(x+2r) \cdot \sqrt{x \cdot (x+2r)}} = r \cdot \frac{(x+2r)^2 \cdot (2x - x - r)}{x(x+2r) \cdot \sqrt{x \cdot (x+2r)}} = r \cdot \frac{(x+2r) \cdot (x-r)}{x \cdot \sqrt{x \cdot (x+2r)}} = \\ &= r \cdot \frac{(x+2r) \cdot (x-r)}{x \cdot \sqrt{x \cdot (x+2r)}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{x \cdot (x+2r)}}{\sqrt{x \cdot (x+2r)}} = r \cdot \frac{(x+2r) \cdot (x-r) \cdot \sqrt{x \cdot (x+2r)}}{x \cdot x \cdot (x+2r)} = r \cdot \frac{(x-r) \cdot \sqrt{x \cdot (x+2r)}}{x^2} \end{aligned}$$

$$S'(x) = 0 ; \quad r \cdot \frac{(x-r) \cdot \sqrt{x \cdot (x+2r)}}{x^2} = 0 ; \quad (x-r) \cdot \sqrt{x \cdot (x+2r)} = 0 ; \quad \begin{array}{ll} x-r=0 & x=r \\ x=0 & x=0 \notin D_{S(x)} \\ x+2r=0 & x=-2r \notin D_{S(x)} \end{array}$$

Essendo:

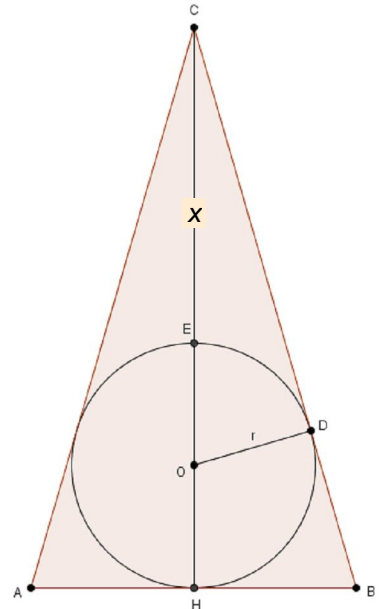
$$\left. \begin{array}{l} S(r) = r \cdot \frac{(x+2r)^2}{\sqrt{x \cdot (x+2r)}} \cdot r \cdot \frac{(r+2r)^2}{\sqrt{r \cdot (r+2r)}} = r \cdot \frac{9r^2}{\sqrt{3}r} = 3\sqrt{3}r^2 \\ \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} r \cdot \frac{(x+2r)^2}{\sqrt{x \cdot (x+2r)}} = +\infty \\ \lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} r \cdot \frac{(x+2r)^2}{\sqrt{x \cdot (x+2r)}} = +\infty \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow \left. \begin{array}{l} \text{Il minimo assoluto è } m = 3\sqrt{3}r^2 \\ \text{assunto nel punto } x = r \end{array} \right\}$$

$$\text{Pertanto: } \overline{CE} = r ; \quad \overline{CH} = 3r ; \quad \overline{AB} = 2 \cdot \overline{BH} = 2 \cdot \frac{(2r+r) \cdot r}{\sqrt{r^2 + 2r \cdot r}} = 2 \cdot \frac{3r^2}{\sqrt{3r^2}} = 2 \cdot \frac{3r}{\sqrt{3}} = 2\sqrt{3}r .$$

$$\overline{BC} = \sqrt{\overline{CH}^2 + \overline{BH}^2} = \sqrt{(3r)^2 + (\sqrt{3}r)^2} = \sqrt{9r^2 + 3r^2} = \sqrt{12r^2} = 2\sqrt{3}r .$$

Avendo dimostrato che $\overline{AB} = \overline{BC} = \overline{AC} = 2\sqrt{3}r$, si può quindi concludere che:

"fra tutti i triangoli isosceli circoscritti a una data circonferenza, il triangolo di area minima è quello equilatero".



Soluzione 3

Posto $\hat{BCH} = x$ con $x \in \left] 0, \frac{\pi}{2} \right[$ si ha: $\overline{CO} = \frac{r}{\sin x}$

$$\overline{CH} = r + \frac{r}{\sin x} = r \cdot \frac{1 + \sin x}{\sin x}; \quad \overline{CD} = \frac{r}{\tan x} = r \cdot \frac{\cos x}{\sin x}$$

Dai triangoli simili $\triangle BCH$ e $\triangle CDO$ si ha: $\overline{CH} : \overline{BH} = \overline{CD} : \overline{DO}$;

$$r \cdot \frac{1 + \sin x}{\sin x} : \overline{BH} = r \cdot \frac{\cos x}{\sin x} : r \quad \text{da cui:}$$

$$\overline{BH} = \frac{r \cdot \frac{1 + \sin x}{\sin x} \cdot r}{r \cdot \frac{\cos x}{\sin x}} = r \cdot \frac{1 + \sin x}{\sin x} \cdot \frac{\sin x}{\cos x} = r \cdot \frac{1 + \sin x}{\cos x}$$

La funzione da rendere minima è:

$$S(x) = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \overline{AB} \cdot \overline{CH} = \overline{BH} \cdot \overline{CH} = r \cdot \frac{1 + \sin x}{\cos x} \cdot r \cdot \frac{1 + \sin x}{\sin x}$$

$$S(x) = r^2 \cdot \frac{(1 + \sin x)^2}{\sin x \cdot \cos x}$$

Agli estremi $x = 0$ e $x = +\infty$ il triangolo degenera in un rettangolo indefinito.

$$S'(x) = r^2 \cdot \frac{2 \cdot (1 + \sin x) \cdot \cos x \cdot \sin x \cdot \cos x - (1 + \sin x)^2 \cdot (\cos^2 x - \sin^2 x)}{\sin^2 x \cdot \cos^2 x} = \quad \text{Raccogliendo } (1 + \sin x) \text{ si ha:}$$

$$= r^2 \cdot \frac{(1 + \sin x) \cdot [2 \cdot \sin x \cdot \cos^2 x - (1 + \sin x) \cdot (\cos^2 x - \sin^2 x)]}{\sin^2 x \cdot \cos^2 x} = \quad \text{Trasformando in } \sin x \text{ si ha:}$$

$$= r^2 \cdot \frac{(1 + \sin x) \cdot [2 \cdot \sin x \cdot (1 - \sin^2 x) - (1 + \sin x) \cdot (1 - \sin^2 x - \sin^2 x)]}{\sin^2 x \cdot (1 - \sin^2 x)}$$

$$= r^2 \cdot \frac{(1 + \sin x) \cdot [2 \sin x - 2 \sin^3 x - (1 + \sin x) \cdot (1 - 2 \sin^2 x)]}{\sin^2 x \cdot (1 + \sin x) \cdot (1 - \sin x)}$$

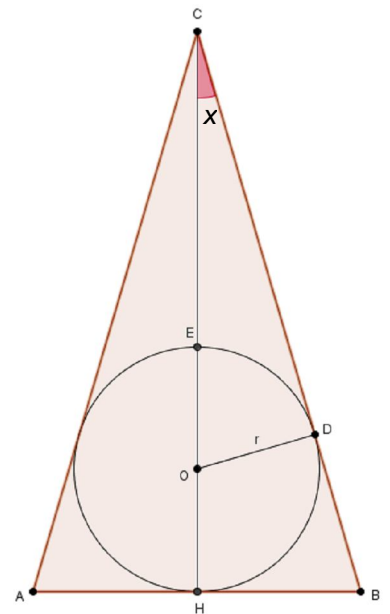
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$$S'(x) = 0; \quad r^2 \cdot \frac{2 \sin^2 x + \sin x - 1}{\sin^2 x \cdot (1 - \sin x)} = 0; \quad 2 \sin^2 x + \sin x - 1 = 0; \quad \begin{cases} \sin x = -1 & x = \frac{3}{2}\pi \notin D_{S(x)} \\ \sin x = \frac{1}{2} & x = \frac{\pi}{6} \end{cases}$$

Essendo:

$$\left| \begin{array}{l} S\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right) = r^2 \cdot \frac{\left(1 + \sin \frac{\pi}{6}\right)^2}{\sin \frac{\pi}{6} \cdot \cos \frac{\pi}{6}} = r^2 \cdot \frac{\left(1 + \frac{1}{2}\right)^2}{\frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}} = r^2 \cdot \frac{\frac{9}{4}}{\frac{\sqrt{3}}{4}} = 3\sqrt{3}r^2 \\ \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} r^2 \cdot \frac{(1 + \sin x)^2}{\sin x \cdot \cos x} = +\infty \\ \lim_{x \rightarrow \left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right)^-} r^2 \cdot \frac{(1 + \sin x)^2}{\sin x \cdot \cos x} = +\infty \end{array} \right| \Rightarrow \left| \begin{array}{l} \text{Il min assoluto è } m = 3\sqrt{3}r^2 \\ \text{assunto nel punto } x = \frac{\pi}{6} \end{array} \right|$$

Pertanto $\hat{A} = \hat{B} = \hat{C} = \frac{\pi}{3} \Rightarrow$ il triangolo di area minima è equilatero.



Soluzione 4

Posto $\overline{CE} = x$ con $x \in (0, +\infty)$ si ha: $\overline{CH} = x + 2r$ e

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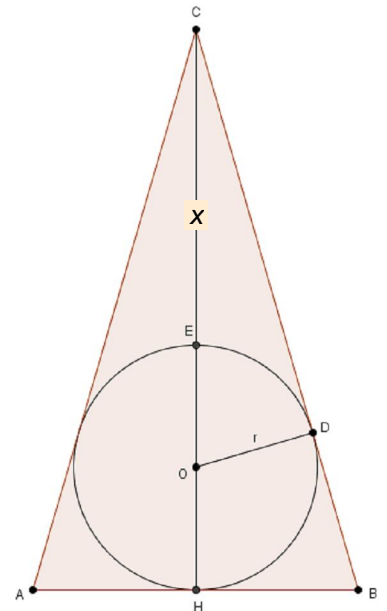
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Agli estremi $x = 0$ e $x = +\infty$ il triangolo degenera in un rettangolo indefinito.

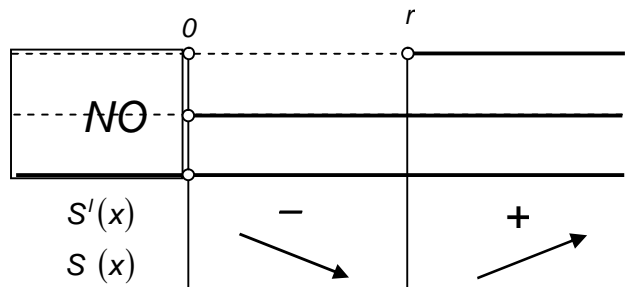
$$\begin{aligned} S'(x) &= r \cdot \frac{2 \cdot (x+2r) \cdot \sqrt{x \cdot (x+2r)} - (x+2r)^2 \cdot \frac{2x+2r}{2 \cdot \sqrt{x \cdot (x+2r)}}}{x \cdot (x+2r)} = \\ &= r \cdot \frac{2 \cdot (x+2r) \cdot \sqrt{x \cdot (x+2r)} - \frac{(x+2r)^2 \cdot (x+r)}{\sqrt{x \cdot (x+2r)}}}{x \cdot (x+2r)} = r \cdot \frac{2 \cdot (x+2r) \cdot x \cdot (x+2r) - (x+2r)^2 \cdot (x+r)}{x \cdot (x+2r)} = \\ &= r \cdot \frac{2x \cdot (x+2r)^2 - (x+2r)^2 \cdot (x+r)}{x(x+2r) \cdot \sqrt{x \cdot (x+2r)}} = r \cdot \frac{(x+2r)^2 \cdot (2x - x - r)}{x(x+2r) \cdot \sqrt{x \cdot (x+2r)}} = r \cdot \frac{(x+2r) \cdot (x-r)}{x \cdot \sqrt{x \cdot (x+2r)}} = \\ &= r \cdot \frac{(x+2r) \cdot (x-r)}{x \cdot \sqrt{x \cdot (x+2r)}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{x \cdot (x+2r)}}{\sqrt{x \cdot (x+2r)}} = r \cdot \frac{(x+2r) \cdot (x-r) \cdot \sqrt{x \cdot (x+2r)}}{x \cdot x \cdot (x+2r)} = r \cdot \frac{(x-r) \cdot \sqrt{x \cdot (x+2r)}}{x^2} \end{aligned}$$



$$S'(x) = 0 ; \quad r \cdot \frac{(x-r) \cdot \sqrt{x \cdot (x+2r)}}{x^2} = 0 ; \quad (x-r) \cdot \sqrt{x \cdot (x+2r)} = 0 ; \quad \begin{array}{ll} x-r=0 & x=r \\ x=0 & x=0 \notin D_{S(x)} \\ x+2r=0 & x=-2r \notin D_{S(x)} \end{array}$$

$$S'(x) > 0 ; \quad r \cdot \frac{(x-r) \cdot \sqrt{x \cdot (x+2r)}}{x^2} > 0 ;$$

$$\begin{array}{ll} x-r > 0 & x > r \\ x \cdot (x+2r) > 0 & x < -2r ; x > 0 \\ x^2 > 0 & x \neq 0 \end{array}$$



Il punto di minimo si ha per: $x = r$.

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Soluzione 5

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Dai triangoli simili $\triangle BCH$ e $\triangle CDO$ si ha: $\overline{CH} : \overline{BH} = \overline{CD} : \overline{DO}$;

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$$\overline{BH} = \frac{r \cdot \frac{1 + \sin x}{\sin x} \cdot r}{r \cdot \frac{\cos x}{\sin x}} = r \cdot \frac{1 + \sin x}{\sin x} \cdot \frac{\sin x}{\cos x} = r \cdot \frac{1 + \sin x}{\cos x}$$

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Agli estremi $x = 0$ e $x = +\infty$ il triangolo degenera in un rettangolo indefinito.

$$S'(x) = r^2 \cdot \frac{2 \cdot (1 + \sin x) \cdot \cos x \cdot \sin x \cdot \cos x - (1 + \sin x)^2 \cdot (\cos^2 x - \sin^2 x)}{\sin^2 x \cdot \cos^2 x} = \text{Raccogliendo } (1 + \sin x) \text{ si ha:}$$

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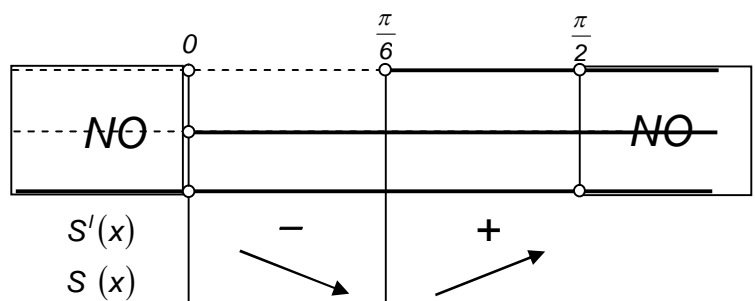
$$2 \sin^2 x + \sin x - 1 > 0 \quad \frac{\pi}{6} < x < \frac{5}{6}\pi$$

$$\sin^2 x > 0$$

$$0 < x < \pi$$

$$1 - \sin x > 0$$

$$x \neq \frac{\pi}{2}$$



Il punto di minimo si ha per: $x = \frac{\pi}{6} = 30^\circ \Rightarrow \widehat{BCH} = 30^\circ \Rightarrow \widehat{ACB} = 60^\circ$

Pertanto, fra tutti i triangoli isosceli circoscritti a una data circonferenza, il triangolo di area minima è quello equilatero.

