

Cut a wire into 2 pieces. Make one piece a square. The other an equilateral triangle. Find the 2 lengths that maximize the area.

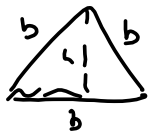
Let x = length of wire used for the square (in m)

y = " " " " " " " " triangle (in m)

Let A = area of the two figures as a function of x .

Notice $y = 12 - x$

Wheeler re-invention for triangle



$$\frac{1}{2}bh = \frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{1}{3}y\right)\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{6}y\right)$$

$$\frac{h}{b} = \sin(60^\circ) = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

$$\frac{\frac{1}{2}b}{b} = \cos 60^\circ \text{ duh!}$$

$$h = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}b = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\left(\frac{1}{3}y\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2}bh = \frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{1}{3}y\right)\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\left(\frac{1}{3}y\right)\right) = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{36}y^2 = \text{Area of } \Delta$$

$$\text{Area of square} = \left(\frac{x}{4}\right)^2 = \frac{x^2}{16} = \text{area of } \square$$

$$\Rightarrow A = \frac{x^2}{16} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{36}y^2 = \frac{x^2}{16} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{36}(12-x)^2 = A(x)$$

Domain of the problem: $0 \leq x \leq 12$. Check endpoints?

$$A'(x) = \frac{x}{8} + 2(12-x)(-1) \frac{\sqrt{3}}{36} = \frac{x}{8} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{18}(12-x)$$

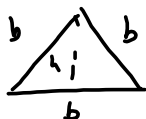
$$= \frac{x}{8} - (24+2x) \frac{\sqrt{3}}{36} = \frac{x}{8} - \frac{24\sqrt{3}}{36} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{18}x \stackrel{\text{set}}{=} 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{x}{8} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{18}x - \frac{2\sqrt{3}}{3} = 0 \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(\frac{1}{8} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{18}\right)x = \frac{2\sqrt{3}}{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{9-4\sqrt{3}}{72}x = \frac{2\sqrt{3}}{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{2\sqrt{3}}{3} \left(\frac{72}{9-4\sqrt{3}}\right) = \frac{48\sqrt{3}}{9-4\sqrt{3}}$$



$$\frac{1}{2}bh = \frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{1}{3}y\right)\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\left(\frac{1}{3}y\right)\right)$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{3}}{36}y^2 = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{36}(12-x)^2$$

$$\frac{h}{b} = \sin 60^\circ$$

$$h = b \sin 60^\circ = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}b$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{3}}{36}(x-12)^2$$

$$\frac{\sqrt{3}}{36}y^2 = \frac{x^2}{16} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{36}(12-x)^2 = A(x)$$

$$\frac{12\sqrt{3}}{3} = 4\sqrt{3}$$

$$\frac{1}{16}x^2 + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{36}(x^2 - 24x + 144)$$

$$= \frac{1}{16}x^2 + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{36}x^2 - \frac{24\sqrt{3}}{36}x + \frac{144\sqrt{3}}{36} = \left(\frac{1}{16} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{36}\right)x^2 - \frac{2\sqrt{3}}{3}x + 4\sqrt{3}$$

$$\approx 0.110612522432x^2 - 1.15470053838x + 6.92820323028$$

$$(5.21957, 3.91468)$$

$$A(5.21957) \approx 3.91468 \text{ MIN.}$$

Max:

$$A(12) \approx 6.92820323028$$

$$\boxed{A(12) = 9 \text{ Max}}$$

$$\left(\frac{1}{16} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{36}\right)x^2 - \frac{2\sqrt{3}}{3}x + 4\sqrt{3} = A(x)$$

$$\text{Vertex: } \left(-\frac{b}{2a}, A\left(-\frac{b}{2a}\right)\right)$$

$$-\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{-\frac{2\sqrt{3}}{3}}{\left(\frac{1}{16} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{36}\right)} \right) = \frac{2\sqrt{3}}{4} \left(\frac{1}{\left(\frac{1}{16} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{36}\right)} \right) = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3} \left(\frac{1}{\frac{9+4\sqrt{3}}{36}} \right)$$

$$2 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 3 = 36$$

$$16 = 2^4$$

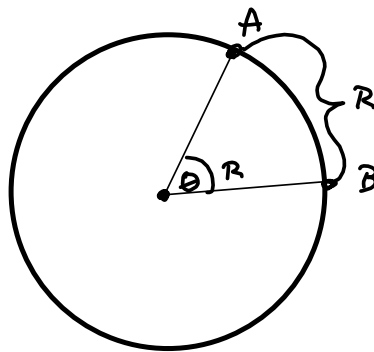
$$\text{LCD} = 2^4 \cdot 3 \cdot 3 =$$

$$\frac{4}{12} = \frac{44}{36}$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3} \left(\frac{36}{9+4\sqrt{3}} \right) = \frac{12\sqrt{3}}{9+4\sqrt{3}} = x$$

Still off
by a factor
of 4, but this
is the idea.

#10 - Conical Paper drinking cup made from a circular disk of paper with radius R .



$$V = \frac{1}{3} \pi r^2 h$$

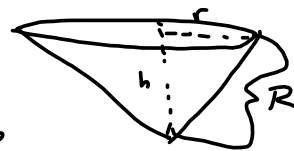
$$R\theta = s$$

r = radius of the base

R = radius of paper disk.

s = circumference of the top of cone.

$$V = \frac{1}{3} \pi r^2 h$$



Circumference around the top

$$\text{is } 2\pi R - R\theta = (2\pi - \theta)R = 2\pi r$$

$$r = \frac{(2\pi - \theta)R}{2\pi} = \left(1 - \frac{\theta}{2\pi}\right)R$$

$$h^2 + r^2 = R^2$$

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

$$= \frac{1}{3} \pi (R^2 h - h^3)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dV}{dh} = \frac{1}{3} \pi (R^2 - 3h^2) \stackrel{\text{set}}{=} 0$$

$$\Rightarrow R^2 = 3h^2 \rightarrow$$

$$h = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} R$$

$$\Rightarrow r^2 = R^2 - h^2 = R^2 - \frac{1}{3} R^2 = \frac{2}{3} R^2$$

$$\Rightarrow r = \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} R$$

$$\text{Max Volume is } V\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} R\right) = \frac{1}{3} \pi \left(R^2 \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} R\right) - \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} R\right)^3 \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{3} \pi \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} R^3 - \frac{1}{3\sqrt{3}} R^3 \right) = \frac{\pi}{3} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} - \frac{1}{3\sqrt{3}} \right) R^3$$

$$= \frac{\pi}{3} \frac{2}{3\sqrt{3}} R^3 = \frac{2\pi\sqrt{3}}{9\sqrt{3}\sqrt{3}} R^3 = \boxed{\frac{2\pi\sqrt{3}}{27} R^3 = V}$$