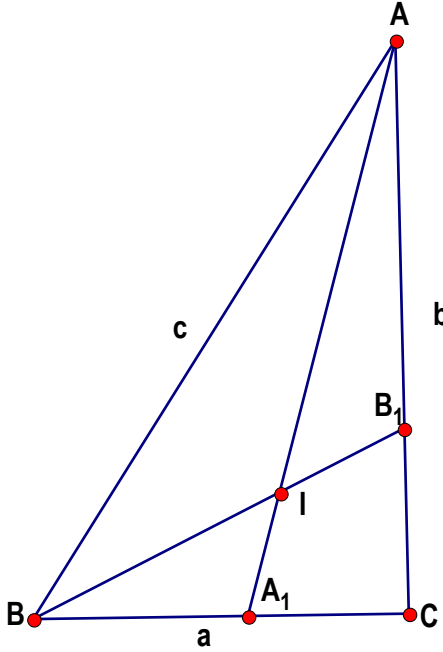


Maximum area of bisectorial quadrilateral in right triangle.

Problem with a solution proposed by Arkady Alt , San Jose , California, USA.

Let $\triangle ABC$ be a right triangle with right angle in C and let I be intersection point of bisectors AA_1, BB_1 of acute angles $\angle A$ and $\angle B$, respectively.

Find the right triangle with greatest value of ratio of the "bisectoria" quadrilateral A_1CB_1I area to the triangle $\triangle ABC$ area.



Solution.

Let $F := [ABC]$. Since $[A_1CB_1I] = [A_1AB] - [IAB_1]$ and

$$\frac{CA_1}{BC} = \frac{b}{b+c}, \frac{AB_1}{AC} = \frac{c}{a+c}, \frac{IB_1}{BB_1} =$$

$$\frac{b}{a+b+c} \text{ then } [A_1AC] = \frac{bF}{b+c}, [ABB_1] = \frac{cF}{a+c}, [IAB_1] = \frac{b[ABB_1]}{a+b+c} = \frac{bcF}{(a+b+c)(a+c)},$$

$$[A_1CB_1I] = \frac{bF}{b+c} - \frac{bcF}{(a+b+c)(a+c)} = \frac{bF((a+c)^2 + ab + bc - bc - c^2)}{(a+b+c)(a+c)(b+c)} =$$

$$\frac{Fab(2c+a+b)}{(a+b+c)(a+c)(b+c)} = \frac{F((a+b)^2 - c^2)(2c+a+b)}{2(a+b+c)(a+c)(b+c)} = \frac{F(a+b-c)(2c+a+b)}{2(a+c)(b+c)}.$$

Thus $\frac{[A_1CB_1I]}{F} = \frac{(a+b-c)(2c+a+b)}{2(a+c)(b+c)}$. Now we will find $\max \frac{(a+b-c)(2c+a+b)}{2(a+c)(b+c)}$.

Due to homogeneity of $\frac{(a+b-c)(2c+a+b)}{(a+c)(b+c)}$ we can assume that $c = 1$.

Since $a^2 + b^2 = 1$ then, denoting $t := a + b$ obtain that $t \leq \sqrt{2}$ ($\Leftrightarrow a + b \leq \sqrt{2(a^2 + b^2)}$),

$$(a+1)(b+1) = 1 + t + \frac{t^2 - 1}{2} = \frac{(t+1)^2}{2}, \frac{(a+b-c)(2c+a+b)}{2(a+c)(b+c)} = \frac{(t-1)(2+t)}{2(a+1)(b+1)} =$$

$$\frac{(t-1)(2+t)}{(t+1)^2} \text{ and, therefore, } \max\left(\frac{(a+b-c)(2c+a+b)}{2(a+c)(b+c)}\right) = \max_{0 < t \leq \sqrt{2}}\left(\frac{(t-1)(t+2)}{(t+1)^2}\right).$$

$$\text{Since } t+1 \leq \sqrt{2} + 1 \Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{t+1} \geq \sqrt{2} - 1 \text{ then } \frac{(t-1)(t+2)}{(t+1)^2} = \frac{t^2+t-2}{(t+1)^2} = 1 - \frac{1}{t+1} -$$

$$\frac{2}{(t+1)^2} \leq 1 - (\sqrt{2} - 1) - 2(\sqrt{2} - 1)^2 = 2 - \sqrt{2} - 6 + 4\sqrt{2} = 3\sqrt{2} - 4 \text{ and equality occurs}$$

iff

$$t = \sqrt{2}. \text{ Thus, } \max \frac{[A_1CB_1I]}{F} = 3\sqrt{2} - 4 \text{ and can be attained only iff}$$

$$a = b = \frac{\sqrt{2}c}{2} \text{ because}$$

$$\begin{cases} a^2 + b^2 = c^2 \\ a + b = \sqrt{2}c \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} a^2 + b^2 = c^2 \\ a = b \end{cases}.$$