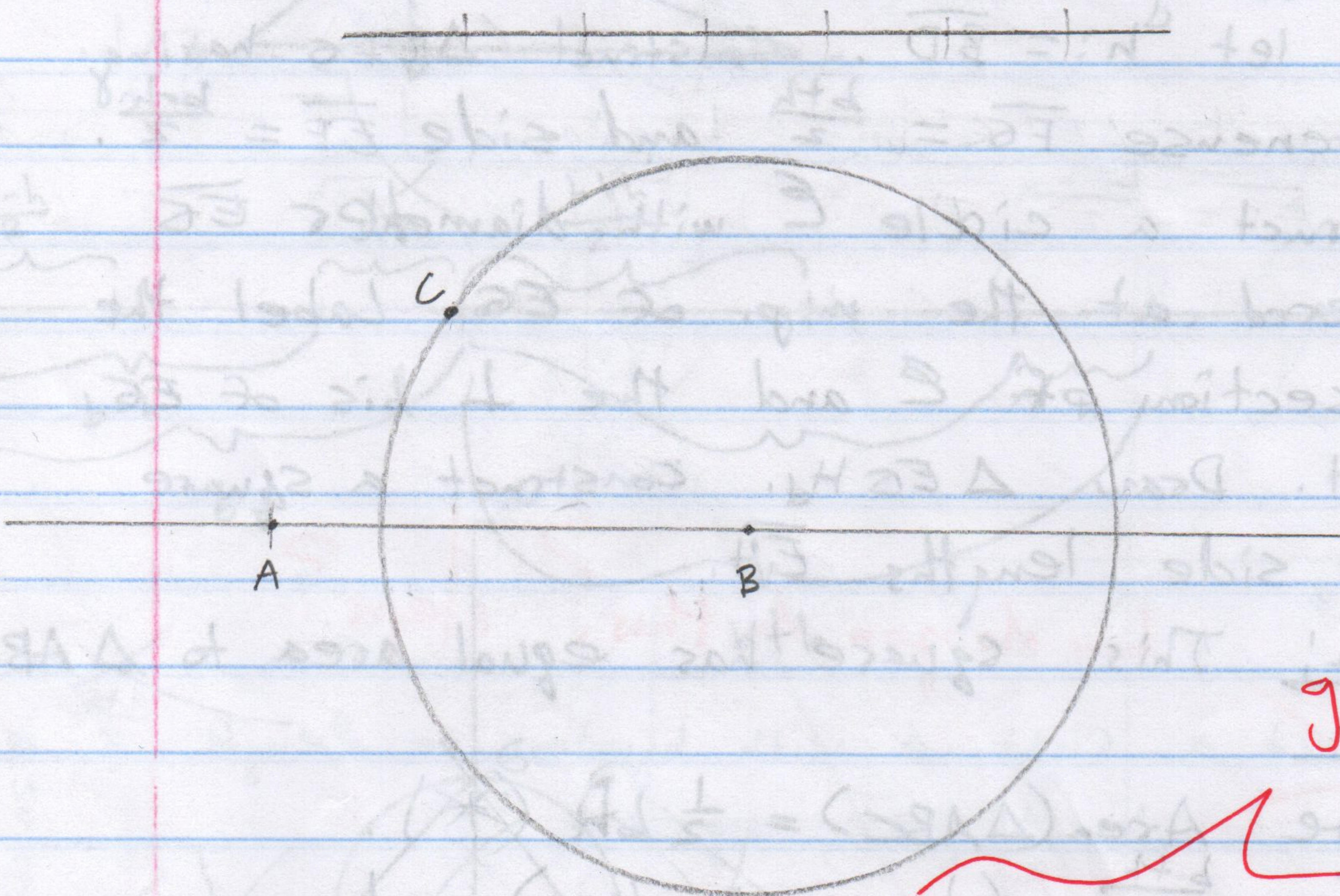


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Lemma: The  $\Delta$  of maximum area with side lengths 3 and 4 units is the 3-4-5  $\Delta$ .

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good!

Consider the above diagram.  $\overline{AB} = 4$ , and the distance from B to C is the radius of the circle is 3 by construction. As C moves around the circle,  $\overline{BC}$  remains equal to 3 and  $\Delta ABC$  remains a 3-4-x  $\Delta$ . C moving along the upper half of the circle exhausts all possible 3-4-x  $\Delta$ s. Letting the base of all these  $\Delta$ s equal AB, the Area of these  $\Delta$ s depends only on the height of these  $\Delta$ s which takes on its maximum value at  $\angle ABC = 90^\circ$ . Thus the 3-4-x  $\Delta$  of maximum area is indeed a 3-4-5  $\Delta$ .  $\square$