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Question

Let **S** be the focus of the parabola $y^2 = 8x$ and let PQ be the common chord of the circle $x^2 + y^2 - 2x - 4y = 0$ and the given parabola. The area of the triangle PQS is

Theoretical Solution

Given:

Circle: $x^2 + y^2 - 2x - 4y = 0$

Parabola: $y^2 = 8x$

Parameters of the Circle:

$$\mathbf{V}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \, \mathbf{u}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}, \, f_1 = 0 \tag{1}$$

Parameters of the Parabola:

$$\mathbf{V}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \ \mathbf{u}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} -4 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \ f_2 = 0, \ \mathbf{S} = \begin{pmatrix} 2e \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$
 (2)

Points of Intersection of Circle and Parabola can be given as:

$$\mathbf{X}^{\top}(\mathbf{V}_1 + \mu \mathbf{V}_2)\mathbf{X} + 2(\mathbf{u}_1 + \mu \mathbf{u}_2)^{\top}\mathbf{X} + (f_1 + \mu f_2)$$
 (3)

Theoretical Solution

$$\mathbf{X}^{\top} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1+\mu \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{X} - 2 \begin{pmatrix} 1+4\mu & 2 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{X} = 0$$
 (4)

From Equation 4, We get

$$\mathbf{X} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 + 4\mu \\ \frac{2}{1+\mu} \end{pmatrix} \tag{5}$$

Putting Value of **X** in Equation 4, We get points of intersection as:

$$\mathbf{X}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \qquad \& \qquad \mathbf{X}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} \tag{6}$$

Therefore, Let
$$\mathbf{P} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$
 and $\mathbf{Q} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}$

Theoretical Solution

The Area of Triangle PQS is:

$$Area(\triangle PQS) = \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{SP} \times \mathbf{QP}\| = 4 \tag{7}$$

The Area of $\triangle PQS$ is 4 sq.units.

Intersection of Two Conics and Triangle PQS

