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Question

Find the area of the region bounded by the curve $y^2=4x$ and $x^2=4y$

Solution:

Variable	Name
$\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2$	points of intersection
A	vector Area of the desired region

TABLE 0: Variables Used

The equation of a parabola in Matrix form is

$$\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{V} \mathbf{x} + 2\mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{x} + f = 0 \quad (1)$$

For $y^2=4x$

$$\mathbf{V}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (2)$$

$$\mathbf{u}_1 = -2\mathbf{e}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (3)$$

$$f_1 = 0 \quad (4)$$

For $x^2=4y$

$$\mathbf{V}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (5)$$

$$\mathbf{u}_2 = -2\mathbf{e}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} \quad (6)$$

$$f_2 = 0 \quad (7)$$

The intersection of two conics with parameters $\mathbf{v}_i, \mathbf{u}_i, f_i$ is defined as

$$\mathbf{X}^T (\mathbf{V}_1 + \mu \mathbf{V}_2) \mathbf{X} + 2(\mathbf{u}_1 + \mu \mathbf{u}_2)^T \mathbf{X} + (f_1 + \mu f_2) = 0 \quad (8)$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{V}_1 + \mu \mathbf{V}_2 & \mathbf{u}_1 + \mu \mathbf{u}_2 \\ (\mathbf{u}_1 + \mu \mathbf{u}_2)^T & f_1 + \mu f_2 \end{vmatrix} = 0 \quad (9)$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{vmatrix} \mu & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & -2\mu \\ -2 & -2\mu & 0 \end{vmatrix} = 0 \quad (10)$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{vmatrix} \mu & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & -2\mu \\ -2 & -2\mu & 0 \end{vmatrix} \xleftrightarrow{R_3 \leftrightarrow R_3 + \frac{2}{\mu} \times R_1} \begin{vmatrix} \mu & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & -2\mu \\ 0 & -2\mu & -\frac{4}{\mu} \end{vmatrix} \quad (11)$$

$$\xleftrightarrow{R_3 \leftrightarrow R_3 + 2\mu \times R_2} \begin{vmatrix} \mu & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & -2\mu \\ 0 & 0 & -(\frac{4}{\mu} + 4\mu^2) \end{vmatrix} = 0 \quad (12)$$

$$\Rightarrow -(4 + 4\mu^3) = 0 \quad (13)$$

$$\Rightarrow \mu = -1 \quad (14)$$

substituting the value of $\mu=-1$ in (8) we get points of intersection as

$$\mathbf{x}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (15)$$

$$\mathbf{x}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} \quad (16)$$

Area of the desired region is given by

$$A = \int_0^4 2\sqrt{x} - \frac{x^2}{4} dx \quad (17)$$

$$A = \frac{32}{3} - \frac{16}{3} \quad (18)$$

$$A = \frac{16}{3} \quad (19)$$

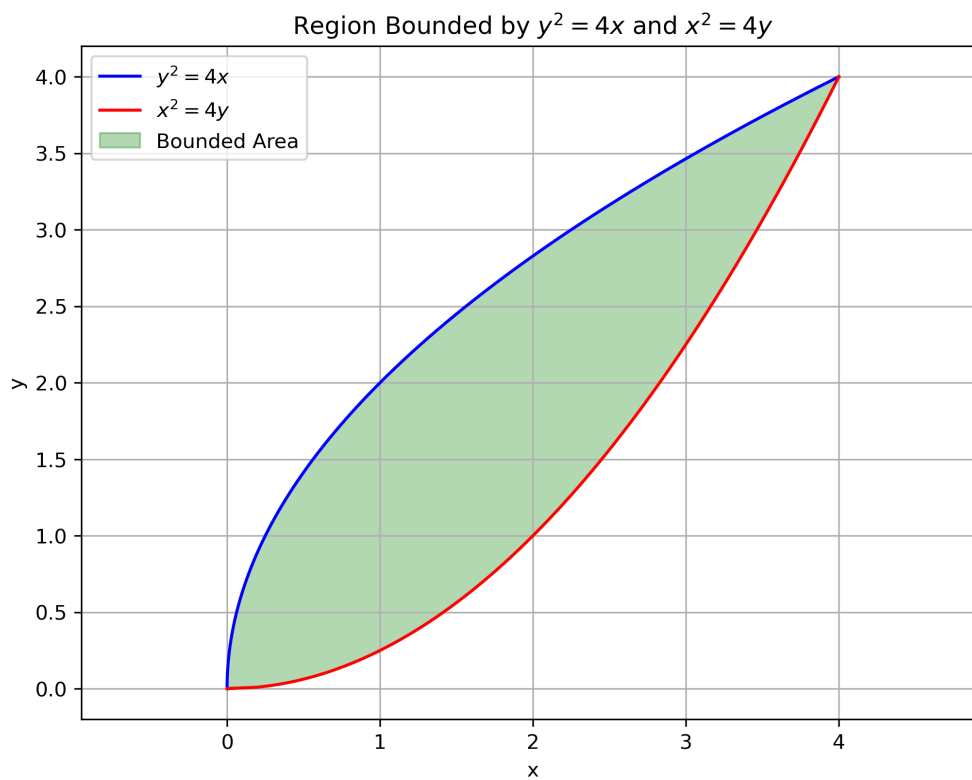


Fig. 0: Area