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Question

Find the area of the region

$$\{(x,y): 0 \le y \le x^2, 0 \le y \le x+2, -1 \le x \le 3\}.$$

Theoretical Solution

Solution:

The parabola $y = x^2$ can be written as

$$y-x^2=0$$

or, in conic matrix form:

$$\mathbf{x}^T V \mathbf{x} + 2 \mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{x} + f = 0, \tag{1}$$

$$\mathbf{V} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{u} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix}, \quad f = 0.$$
 (2)

The line y = x + 2 can be written as

$$x - y + 2 = 0$$
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Theoretical Solution

The General Equation of a Line:

$$\mathbf{x} = k\mathbf{m} + \mathbf{h} \tag{3}$$

On comparing, we get:

$$\mathbf{m} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \, \mathbf{h} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \tag{4}$$

The Intersection of the given conic with the given line can be written as:

$$\mathbf{x}_i = \mathbf{h} + k_i \mathbf{m} \tag{5}$$

where,
$$k_i = \left(\frac{1}{\mathbf{m}^{\top}\mathbf{V}\mathbf{m}}\right) \left(-\mathbf{m}^{\top}(\mathbf{V}\mathbf{h} + \mathbf{u}) \pm \sqrt{[\mathbf{m}^{\top}(\mathbf{V}\mathbf{h} + \mathbf{u})]^2 - g(h)(\mathbf{m}^{\top}\mathbf{V}\mathbf{m})}\right)$$
(6)

Let
$$\mathbf{K} = \begin{pmatrix} k_1 \\ k_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Theoretical Solution

The Solution Matrix can be expressed as:

$$\mathbf{X} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{h} & \mathbf{m} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{1} & \mathbf{k} \end{pmatrix}^{\mathsf{T}} \tag{7}$$

Therefore, The points of intersection are:

$$\mathbf{x}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} -1\\1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \& \quad \mathbf{x}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 2\\4 \end{pmatrix} \tag{8}$$

From Fig.0.1, the required area is given by:

$$\int_{-1}^{2} [(x+2) - (x^2)] dx = \int_{-1}^{2} [2 + x - x^2] dx$$
 (9)

$$\int_{-1}^{2} [x^2] dx + \int_{2}^{3} [x+2] dx = \frac{15}{2} = 7.5 \text{ sq. units}$$
 (10)

Therefore, the required area is 7.5 sq.units.

Plot

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