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Question:

Find the area enclosed by the parabola $x^2 = y$ and the line $y = x + 2$ and the x-axis.

Solution:

The equation of parabola is $g(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{V} \mathbf{x} + 2\mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{x} + f = 0$. In matrix form, it is given by,

$$\begin{pmatrix} x & y \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} + 2 \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -\frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} + 0 = 0 \quad (1)$$

Line equation is,

$$\mathbf{x} = \kappa \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \quad (2)$$

Intersection of a line and a conic is given by,

$$\kappa_i = \frac{-\mathbf{m}^T (\mathbf{V} \mathbf{h} + \mathbf{u}) \pm \sqrt{[\mathbf{m}^T (\mathbf{V} \mathbf{h} + \mathbf{u})]^2 - g(h) (\mathbf{m}^T \mathbf{V} \mathbf{m})}}{\mathbf{m}^T \mathbf{V} \mathbf{m}} \quad (3)$$

For the given conic, $\mathbf{V} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$, $\mathbf{u} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -\frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix}$, $f = 0$. For the given line, $\mathbf{h} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$, $\mathbf{m} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

$$\begin{aligned} \kappa_i = \frac{1}{\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}} & \left(-\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \left(\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -\frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix} \right) \right) \pm \\ & \sqrt{\left[\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \left(\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -\frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix} \right) \right]^2 - g(h) \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}} \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

by the solving the equation we get

$$\Rightarrow \kappa_i = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (5)$$

The 2 curves meet at the points $\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}$ and $\begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$. So, the area between the curves is given by,

Theoretical Solution:

$$\int (x+2) - (x^2) \quad (6)$$

$$\int (x+2) - (x^2) \quad (7)$$

$$= \left[\frac{x^2}{2} + 2x \right]_{-1}^2 - \left[\frac{x^3}{3} \right]_{-1}^2 \quad (8)$$

$$= \left(\frac{15}{2} \right) - (3) \quad (9)$$

$$= \frac{9}{2} \text{sq.units} \quad (10)$$

Simulated Solution:

Using the Trapezoidal rule which approximates the integral of a function $f(x)$ over an interval $[a, b]$ by dividing the interval into n subintervals and approximating the area under the curve as a series of trapezoids

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx \approx \frac{h}{2} \left[f(x_0) + 2 \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} (f(x_i) + f(x_n)) \right] \quad (11)$$

Where x_0 is semi-major axis of ellipse and x_n is semi-minor axis of the ellipse and h is the width of each subinterval.

$$x_n = x_0 + n \cdot h \quad (12)$$

$$\implies h = \frac{x_n - x_0}{n} \quad (13)$$

Using this equation we can get the total area under the cuve by taking the sum of A_1 to A_n .

$$A = \frac{1}{2}h(y(x_1) + y(x_0)) + \frac{1}{2}h(y(x_2) + y(x_1)) + \cdots + \frac{1}{2}h(y(x_n) + y(x_{n-1})) \quad (14)$$

$$= h \left[\frac{1}{2} (y(x_0) + y(x_n)) + y(x_1) + \cdots + y(x_{n-1}) \right] \quad (15)$$

By the first principle of derivatives,

$$y(x+h) = y(x) + hy'(x) \quad (16)$$

In this case, to calculate the area enclosed between the line and the parabola, we subtract the y coordinate of the parabola from the y coordinate of the line and then apply the trapezoidal rule on that function.

For the parabola,

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 2x \quad (17)$$

For the line,

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 1 \quad (18)$$

The general area element in this case is given by,

$$A_n = \frac{1}{2}h(y(x_n) + (y(x_n) + hy'(x_n))) - \frac{1}{2}h(y(x_n) + (y(x_n) + hy'(x_n))) \quad (19)$$

$$A_n = \frac{1}{2}h(x_n + 2 + h - x_n^2 - h2x) \quad (20)$$

$$(21)$$

The general difference equation is given by,

$$A_{n+1} = A_n + \frac{1}{2}h(x_n + 2 + h - x_n^2 - h2x) \quad (22)$$

$$x_{n+1} = x_n + h \quad (23)$$

By iterating through the required value of n , we get the area enclosed between the line and the parabola.

Theoretical area = $\frac{9}{2}$ sq.units

Calculated area through trapezoidal rule = 4.21875 sq.units

Below is the plot for line and the parabola

