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Question: Find the area enclosed by the parabola $4y = 3x^2$ and the line $2y = 3x + 12$.
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,

$$\begin{pmatrix} x & y \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} + 2 \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -\frac{2}{3} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} + 0 = 0 \quad (1)$$

Line equation is,

$$\mathbf{x} = \kappa \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix} \quad (2)$$

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, $\mathbf{V} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$, $\mathbf{u} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -\frac{2}{3} \end{pmatrix}$, $f = 0$. For the given line, $\mathbf{h} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix}$, $\mathbf{m} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$

$$\Rightarrow \kappa_i = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 12 \end{pmatrix} \quad (4)$$

The 2 curves meet at the points $\begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$ and $\begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 12 \end{pmatrix}$. So, the area between the curves is given by,

$$\int \left(\frac{3}{2}x + 6 \right) - \left(\frac{3}{4}x^2 \right) \quad (5)$$

Theoretical Solution:

$$\int \left(\frac{3}{2}x + 6 \right) - \left(\frac{3}{4}x^2 \right) \quad (6)$$

$$= \left[\frac{3}{2} \left(\frac{x^2}{2} \right) + 6x \right]_{-2}^4 - \left[\frac{3}{4} \left(\frac{x^3}{3} \right) \right]_{-2}^4 \quad (7)$$

$$= (24 + 12 - 16) - (2 + 3 - 12) \quad (8)$$

$$= 27sq.units \quad (9)$$

Simulated Solution:

First, we divide the interval $b - a$ into n intervals of equal sizes, each of size $\frac{b-a}{n}$. We shall call each of the x values at the boundaries as $x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_{n+1}$, where $x_1 = a, x_{n+1} = b$ and the step size as h . Individual areas are in the shape of a trapezoid. So, we sum the values of the areas of the individual trapezoids to get the value of the definite integral between a and b . For the n_{th} trapezoid, the area is given by,

$$A_n = \frac{1}{2} (h) (y(x_n) + y(x_{n+1})) \quad (10)$$

Also,

$$A_{n+1} = A_n + \frac{1}{2} h (y_n + y_{n+1}) \quad (11)$$

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

$$A = \frac{1}{2} h (y(x_1) + y(x_0)) + \frac{1}{2} h (y(x_2) + y(x_1)) + \dots + \frac{1}{2} h (y(x_n) + y(x_{n-1})) \quad (12)$$

$$= h \left[\frac{1}{2} (y(x_0) + y(x_n)) + y(x_1) + \dots + y(x_{n-1}) \right] \quad (13)$$

By the first principle of derivatives,

$$y(x+h) = y(x) + hy'(x) \quad (14)$$

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,

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{3x}{2} \quad (15)$$

For the line,

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{3}{2} \quad (16)$$

The general area element in this case is given by,

$$A_n = \frac{1}{2} h (y(x_n) + (y(x_n) + hy'(x_n))) \text{ (for line)} - \frac{1}{2} h (y(x_n) + (y(x_n) + hy'(x_n))) \text{ (for parabola)} \quad (17)$$

$$A_n = \frac{1}{2} h \left(3x_n + 12 + h \frac{3}{2} - \frac{3}{2} x_n^2 - h \frac{3x_n}{2} \right) \quad (18)$$

$$(19)$$

The general difference equation is given by,

$$A_{n+1} = A_n + \frac{1}{2}h \left(3x_n + 12 + h\frac{3}{2} - \frac{3}{2}x_n^2 - h\frac{3x_n}{2} \right) \quad (20)$$

$$x_{n+1} = x_n + h \quad (21)$$

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

Theoretical area = 27 sq.units

Calculated area through trapezoidal rule = 26.9815636 sq.units

Below is the plot for line and the parabola

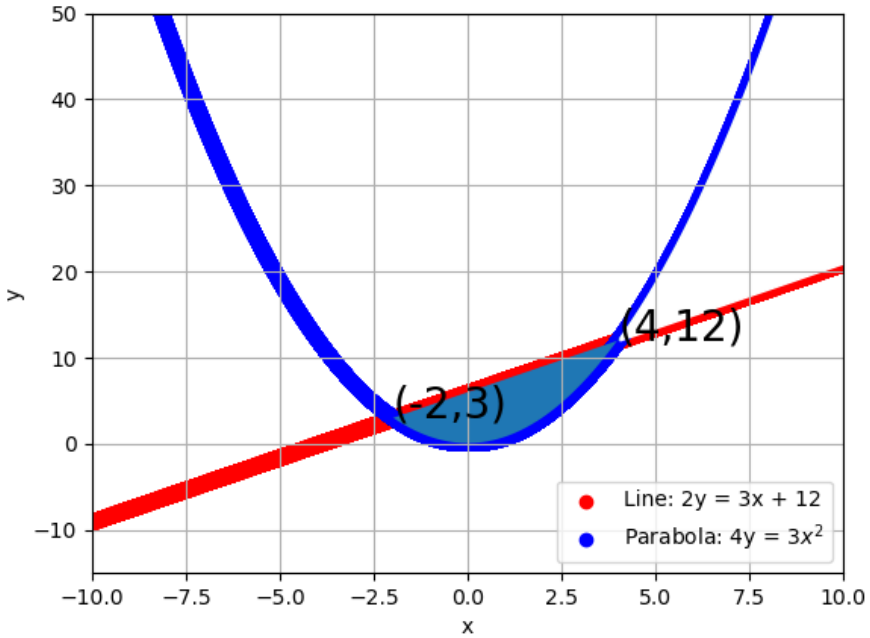


Fig. 1: Plot of the line $2y = 3x + 12$ and the parabola $4y = 3x^2$