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Question:

Prove that the area between $x = y^2$ and $x = 4$ is divided into two equal parts by the line $x = \frac{8}{3}$

Solution:

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

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

Line equation is,

$$\mathbf{x} = \kappa \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (2)$$

Intersection of a line and a conic is given by,

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

For the given conic, $\mathbf{V} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$, $\mathbf{u} = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{1}{2} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$, $f = 0$. For the given line, $\mathbf{h} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$, $\mathbf{m} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

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

by the solving the equation we get

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

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,

By using the above formula for the line $x = \frac{8}{3}$ we get

$$\Rightarrow \kappa = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{8}{3} \\ \frac{2\sqrt{6}}{3} \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} \frac{8}{3} \\ -\frac{2\sqrt{6}}{3} \end{pmatrix} \quad (6)$$

Theoretical Solution:

Area between $x = 4$ and $x = y^2$

$$\int (4 - y^2) dy \Rightarrow [4y]_{-2}^2 - \left[\frac{y^3}{3} \right]_{-2}^2 \quad (7)$$

$$\Rightarrow (16) - \left(\frac{16}{3} \right) \quad (8)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{32}{3} \text{ sq.units} \quad (9)$$

Area between $x = \frac{8}{3}$ and $x = y^2$

$$\int \left(\frac{8}{3} - y^2 \right) dy \quad (10)$$

$$\Rightarrow \left[\frac{8}{3}y \right]_{-\frac{2\sqrt{6}}{3}}^{\frac{2\sqrt{6}}{3}} - \left[\frac{y^3}{3} \right]_{-\frac{2\sqrt{6}}{3}}^{\frac{2\sqrt{6}}{3}} \quad (11)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{16}{3} \text{ sq.units} \quad (12)$$

The first area is twice than the second area. Thus, the line $x = \frac{8}{3}$ divides the area into two equal parts.

Simulated Solution:

Using the Trapezoidal rule which approximates the ntegral 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

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx \approx \frac{h}{2} \left[f(x_0) + 2 \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} (f(x_i) + f(x_n)) \right] \quad (13)$$

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.

$$x_n = x_0 + n \cdot h \quad (14)$$

$$\Rightarrow h = \frac{x_n - x_0}{n} \quad (15)$$

Let $A(x_n)$ be the area enclosed by the curve $y(x)$ from $x = x_0$ to $x = x_n$, (x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n) be equidistant points with step-size h . Then,

$$A(x_n + h) = A(x_n) + \frac{1}{2}h(y(x_n + h) + y(x_n)) \quad (16)$$

where $\frac{1}{2}h(y(x_n + h) + y(x_n))$ is area of difference trapezium We can repeat this till we get the required area.

Let $A(x_n) = A_n$ and $y(x_n) = y_n$

$$A_{n+1} = A_n + \frac{1}{2}h(y_{n+1} + y_n) \quad (17)$$

We can write y_{n+1} in terms of y_n using first principle of derivative. $y_{n+1} = y_n + hy'_n$

$$A_{n+1} = A_n + \frac{1}{2}h((y_n + hy'_n) + y_n) \quad (18)$$

$$A_{n+1} = A_n + \frac{1}{2}h(2y_n + hy'_n) \quad (19)$$

$$A_{n+1} = A_n + hy_n + \frac{1}{2}h^2y'_n \quad (20)$$

$$(21)$$

In the given question, $y^2 = x$ and $y' = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}}$

General Difference Equation is given by, from 20

$$A_{n+1} = A_n + hy_n + \frac{1}{2}h^2y'_n \quad (22)$$

$$= A_n + h\left(\sqrt{x_n}\right) + \frac{1}{2}h^2\left(\frac{1}{2\sqrt{x_n}}\right) \quad (23)$$

$$x_{n+1} = x_n + h \quad (24)$$

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

Theoretical area = $\frac{32}{3}$ sq.units

Calculated area through trapezoidal rule = 10.6667 sq.units

Below is the plot for line and the parabola

