

# 9.8.5

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**Question:** Let  $S$  be the focus of the parabola  $y^2 = 8x$  and let  $PQ$  be the common chord of the circle  $x^2 + y^2 - 2x - 4y = 0$  and the given parabola. The area of the triangle  $PQS$  is

**Solution:**

Given:

Circle:  $x^2 + y^2 - 2x - 4y = 0$

Parabola:  $y^2 = 8x$

Parameters of the Circle:

$$\mathbf{V}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{u}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}, f_1 = 0 \quad (0.1)$$

Parameters of the Parabola:

$$\mathbf{V}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{u}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} -4 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, f_2 = 0, \mathbf{S} = \begin{pmatrix} 2e \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (0.2)$$

Points of Intersection of Circle and Parabola can be given as:

$$\mathbf{X}^\top (\mathbf{V}_1 + \mu \mathbf{V}_2) \mathbf{X} + 2(\mathbf{u}_1 + \mu \mathbf{u}_2)^\top \mathbf{X} + (f_1 + \mu f_2) = 0 \quad (0.3)$$

$$\mathbf{X}^\top \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 + \mu \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{X} - 2(1 + 4\mu) \mathbf{X} = 0 \quad (0.4)$$

To degenerate a conic into a line, we can find values of  $\mu$  by  $\|\mathbf{M}_1 + \mu \mathbf{M}_2\| = 0$  (0.5)

where  $\mathbf{M}_i = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{V}_i & \mathbf{u}_i \\ \mathbf{u}_i^\top & f_i \end{pmatrix}$

From Equation 0.5, we get

$$(4\mu + 1)^2(\mu + 1) = -4 \quad (0.6)$$

$$\Rightarrow \mu = \frac{-5}{4} \text{ (as the only real solution.)} \quad (0.7)$$

Substituting the value of  $\mu$  in Equation 0.4,

$$\mathbf{X}^\top \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1/4 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{X} + (8 - 4) \mathbf{X} = 0 \quad (0.8)$$

$$(2x + y + 16)(2x - y) = 0 \quad (0.9)$$

$$\Rightarrow 2x + y + 16 = 0 \text{ OR } 2x - y = 0 \quad (0.10)$$

From Line  $2x + y + 16 = 0$ , we get no points of intersection with both the conics.  
Thus, Rejected this Case.

From Line  $2x - y = 0$

$$\mathbf{X} = k \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (0.11)$$

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

$$\mathbf{x}_j = \mathbf{h} + k_j \mathbf{m} \quad (0.12)$$

$$\text{where, } \mathbf{h} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \text{ \& } \mathbf{m} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (0.13)$$

$$k_j = \left( \frac{1}{\mathbf{m}^\top \mathbf{V}_i \mathbf{m}} \right) \left( -\mathbf{m}^\top (\mathbf{V}_i \mathbf{h} + \mathbf{u}_i) \pm \sqrt{[\mathbf{m}^\top (\mathbf{V}_i \mathbf{h} + \mathbf{u}_i)]^2 - g(h)(\mathbf{m}^\top \mathbf{V}_i \mathbf{m})} \right) \quad (0.14)$$

After Solving the Equation 0.12 with circle and parabola, We get common points of intersection as:

$$\mathbf{X}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \& \quad \mathbf{X}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} \quad (0.15)$$

Therefore, Let  $\mathbf{P} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{Q} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}$

The Area of Triangle PQS is:

$$Area(\triangle PQS) = \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{SP} \times \mathbf{QP}\| = 4 \quad (0.16)$$

The Area of  $\triangle PQS$  is 4 sq.units.

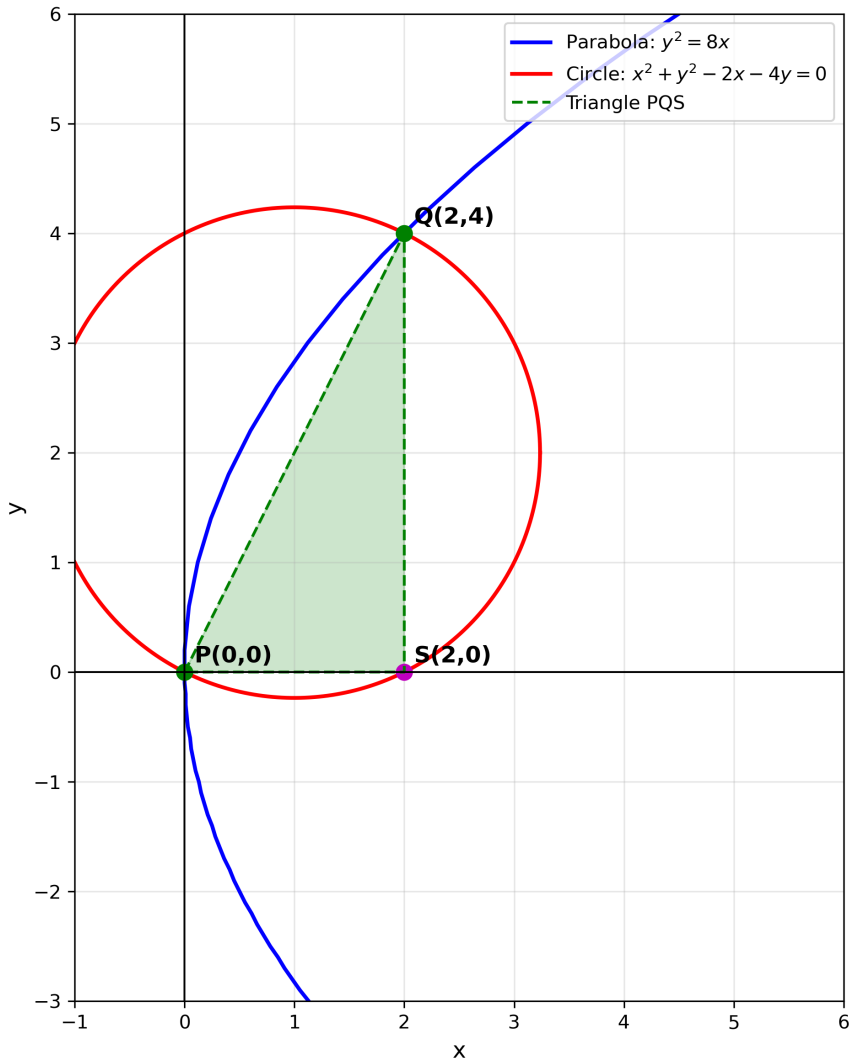


Fig. 0.1: Intersection of Two Conics and Triangle PQS