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QUESTION:

Find the area of the region $\{(x,y): y^2 \le 4x, 4x^2 + 4y^2 \le 9\}$, using integration. **SOLUTION:**

| Variable | Description |
|-------------------|-------------|
| $y^2 = 4x$ | Parabola |
| $4x^2 + 4y^2 = 9$ | Circle |

The general equation of a parabola with directrix $\mathbf{n}^{\mathsf{T}}\mathbf{x} = c$ is given by,

$$g(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{x}^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{V} \mathbf{x} + 2\mathbf{u}^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{x} + f = 0$$

$$\mathbf{V} = ||\mathbf{n}||^2 \mathbf{I} - e^2 \mathbf{n} \mathbf{n}^{\mathsf{T}}$$

$$\mathbf{u} = ce^2 \mathbf{n} - ||\mathbf{n}||^2 \mathbf{F}$$

$$f = ||\mathbf{n}||^2 ||\mathbf{F}||^2 - c^2 e^2$$

for the parabola $y^2 = 4x$, equation of directrix is, $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} = -1$

$$\mathbf{V} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$
$$\mathbf{u} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$
$$f = 0$$

The given circle can be expressed as conics with parameters

$$\mathbf{V} = \frac{1}{4} \begin{pmatrix} 9 & 0 \\ 0 & 9 \end{pmatrix}$$
$$\mathbf{u} = 0$$
$$f = -\frac{81}{16}$$

The intersection of two conics with parameters V_i , \mathbf{u}_i , f_i , i = 1, 2 is defined as,

$$\mathbf{x}^{\top} (\mathbf{V_1} + \mu \mathbf{V_2}) \mathbf{x} + 2 (\mathbf{u_1} + \mu \mathbf{u_2})^{\top} \mathbf{x} + (f_1 + \mu f_2) = 0$$
$$\mu = -\frac{4}{9}$$

On solving we get the points of intersection to be $\begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} \\ \sqrt{2} \end{pmatrix}$, $\begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} \\ -\sqrt{2} \end{pmatrix}$

The desired area of region is given as

$$= 2 \left[\int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} 2\sqrt{x} \, dx + \int_{\frac{1}{2}}^{\frac{3}{2}} \sqrt{\frac{9}{4} - x^2} \, dx \right]$$

$$= 2 \left[\frac{4}{3} \sqrt{x^3} \right]_0^{\frac{1}{2}} + 2 \left[\frac{x}{2} \sqrt{\frac{9}{4} - x^2} + \frac{9}{8} \sin^{-1} \left(\frac{2x}{3} \right) \right]_{\frac{1}{2}}^{\frac{3}{2}}$$

$$= \frac{9\pi}{16} - \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} - \frac{9}{8} \sin^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{3} \right)$$

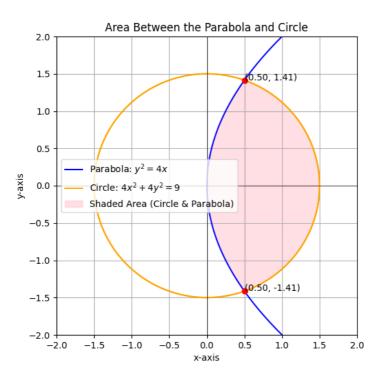


Fig. 0.1: A plot of the given question.