

Final - Part I

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My approach to the problem was to find the simplest/naive way to calculate the answer for the specific parameters (x_1 and x_2) provided in the question prompt. The reason I chose simplicity over robustness is because the computation of the integrals of ellipses is not simple and usually requires double or triple integration, which I found unnecessary for finding a solution for the provided equations.

$$e_1 := (x - 0.2324)^2 + 2y^2 = 1$$

$$e_2 := (x - 0.4314)^2 + 4y^2 = 1$$

1. Through visual inspection, I could see that the area of intersection, A , was bounded by $e_1 \leq x_A$ and $e_2 > x_A$ where $x_A := e_1 = e_2 = 1.0722$. The domain of integration was then calculated to be:

$$x_{min} = -0.5686$$

$$x_{max} = 1.2324$$

2. I then derived e_1 and e_2 in terms of y and created two functions, **e_1** and **e_2**. These functions represent the ellipses in the positive y -axis only.
3. To find A , I used the **trapezoid** function to integrate **e_1** from $x_{min} \leq x_i \leq x_A$ and **e_2** from $x_A < x_i < x_{max}$ with $n = 5000$.
4. Finally, I multiplied the result by 2 (to account for the area of the ellipse in the negative y -axis) and calculated the area to be:

$$A = 1.4626$$

The area of e_1 is ≈ 2.2212 .

The area of e_2 is ≈ 1.5706 .

The functions **closed** and **integrate** were used to derive the sums for the closed form proof.

Proof in Closed Form

We solve for e_2 in terms of y_2 (in the positive y -axis) and integrate y_2 from $a = -0.5686$ to $b = 1.0722$.

$$\begin{aligned}
y_2 &= (.25)^{\frac{1}{2}}(1 - (x - .4314)^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\
\int y_2 dx &= \int (.25)^{\frac{1}{2}}(1 - (x - .4314)^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} dx \\
&= (.25)^{\frac{1}{2}} \int (1 - (x - .4314)^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} dx \\
u &= (x - .4314) \text{ and } du = dx \\
&= \frac{1}{2} \int (1 - (u)^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} du \\
u &= \sin(\theta) \text{ and } du = \cos(\theta)d\theta \\
&= \frac{1}{2} \int (1 - \sin^2(\theta))^{\frac{1}{2}} \cos(\theta)d\theta \\
&= \frac{1}{2} \int (\cos^2(\theta))^{\frac{1}{2}} \cos(\theta)d\theta \\
&= \frac{1}{2} \int \cos^2(\theta)d\theta \\
\cos^2(\theta) &= \frac{1 + \cos(2\theta)}{2} \\
&= \frac{1}{4} \int 1 + \cos(2\theta)d\theta \\
&= \frac{1}{4} \left(\theta + \frac{1}{2} \sin(2\theta) \right) \\
&= \frac{1}{4} \sin^{-1}(u) + \frac{1}{4} u \sqrt{1 - u^2} \\
&= \left[\frac{1}{4} \sin^{-1}(x - .4314) + \frac{1}{4} (x - .4314) \sqrt{1 - (x - .4314)^2} \right]_{-0.5686}^{1.0722} \\
&\approx 0.6896
\end{aligned}$$

Then, we solve for e_1 in terms of y_1 (in the positive y -axis) and integrate y from $a = 1.0722$ to $b = 1.2324$.

$$\begin{aligned}
y_2 &= \sqrt{.5}(1 - (x - .2324)^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\
\int y_2 dx &= \sqrt{.5} \int (1 - (x - .2324)^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} dx \\
&\vdots \\
&= \left[\frac{\sqrt{.5}}{2} \sin^{-1}(x - .2324) + \frac{\sqrt{.5}}{2} (x - .2324) \sqrt{1 - (x - .2324)^2} \right]_{1.0722}^{1.2324} \\
&\approx 0.0417
\end{aligned}$$

We add the sums and multiply by two (to account for the area in the negative y -axis), which results in the answer:

$$A = 1.4626$$