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Question:

Find the area of the smaller region bounded by the ellipse $\frac{x^2}{25} + \frac{y^2}{9} = 1$ and the line $\frac{x}{5} + \frac{y}{3} = 1$

Theoretical Solution:

The point of intersection of the line with the ellipse is $x_i = h + k_i m$,
where, k_i is a constant and is calculated as follows:-

$$k_i = \frac{1}{m^T V m} \left(-m^T (V h + u) \pm \sqrt{[m^T (V h + u)]^2 - g(h) (m^T V m)} \right)$$

Substituting the input parameters in k_i ,

$$k_i = \frac{1}{\begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{b} & \frac{-1}{a} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} b^2 & 0 \\ 0 & a^2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{b} \\ \frac{-1}{a} \end{pmatrix}} \left(-\begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{b} & \frac{-1}{a} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} b^2 & 0 \\ 0 & a^2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right) \pm \sqrt{\left[\begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{b} & \frac{-1}{a} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} b^2 & 0 \\ 0 & a^2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right]^2 - g(h) \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{b} & \frac{-1}{a} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} b^2 & 0 \\ 0 & a^2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{b} \\ \frac{-1}{a} \end{pmatrix}} \quad (0.1)$$

We get,

$$k_i = 0, -ab$$

Substituting k_i in $x_i = h + k_i m$ we get,

$$x_1 = \begin{pmatrix} a \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + (0) \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{b} \\ \frac{-1}{a} \end{pmatrix} \quad (0.2)$$

$$\Rightarrow x_1 = \begin{pmatrix} a \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (0.3)$$

$$x_2 = \begin{pmatrix} a \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + (-ab) \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{b} \\ \frac{-1}{a} \end{pmatrix} \quad (0.4)$$

$$\Rightarrow x_2 = \begin{pmatrix} a \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} -a \\ b \end{pmatrix} \quad (0.5)$$

$$\Rightarrow x_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ b \end{pmatrix} \quad (0.6)$$

The area of the smaller region bounded by the ellipse $\frac{x^2}{25} + \frac{y^2}{9} = 1$ and the line $\frac{x}{5} + \frac{y}{3} = 1$

is

$$= \int_0^a \frac{b}{a} \sqrt{a^2 - x^2} dx - \int_0^a \frac{b}{a} (a - x) dx \quad (0.7)$$

$$= \frac{b}{a} \left(\frac{x}{2} \sqrt{a^2 - x^2} + \frac{a^2}{2} \sin^{-1} \frac{x}{a} - ax + \frac{x^2}{2} \right)_0^a \quad (0.8)$$

$$= \frac{b}{a} \left(\frac{\pi a^2}{4} - \frac{a^2}{2} \right) = \frac{ab}{2} \left(\frac{\pi}{2} - 1 \right) \quad (0.9)$$

The given area is $\frac{ab}{2} \left(\frac{\pi}{2} - 1 \right)$ sq. units

\therefore Upon substituting $a = 5, b = 3$ the given area is $5 \left(\frac{\pi}{2} - 1 \right)$ sq. units ≈ 2.712 sq. units

Computational Solution:

Using the Trapezoidal rule which approximates the integral 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

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx \approx \frac{h}{2} \left[f(x_0) + 2 \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} (f(x_i) + f(x_n)) \right] \quad (0.10)$$

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.

$$x_n = x_0 + n \cdot h \quad (0.11)$$

$$\implies h = \frac{x_n - x_0}{n} \quad (0.12)$$

In the case of our problem of the area between the line and ellipse the area is computed by:

$$A = \int_{x_0}^{x_n} (f_{\text{ellipse}}(x) - f_{\text{line}}(x)) dx \quad (0.13)$$

$$f_{\text{ellipse}}(x) = \sqrt{9 \left(1 - \frac{x^2}{25} \right)} \quad (0.14)$$

$$f_{\text{line}}(x) = 3 - \frac{3x}{5} \quad (0.15)$$

Where $[x_0, x_n]$ are the intersection points. We need to find the area of y_x from x_0 to x_n . Taking trapezoids of small width h and discretizing points on the x axis $x_0, x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$. The sum of the trapezoidal areas will be

$$A = \frac{1}{2}h(y(x_1) + y(x_0)) + \frac{1}{2}h(y(x_2) + y(x_1)) + \dots + \frac{1}{2}h(y(x_n) + y(x_{n-1})) \quad (0.16)$$

$$= h \left[\frac{1}{2} (y(x_0) + y(x_n)) + y(x_1) + \dots + y(x_{n-1}) \right] \quad (0.17)$$

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 .

$$A(x_n + h) = A(x_n) + \frac{1}{2}h(y(x_n + h) + y(x_n)) \quad (0.18)$$

We can repeat this till we get the required area.

Discretizing the steps, making $A(x_n) = A_n, y(x_n) = y_n$ we get,

$$A_{n+1} = A_n + \frac{1}{2}h(y_{n+1} + y_n) \quad (0.19)$$

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

$$A_{n+1} = A_n + \frac{1}{2}h((y_n + hy'_n) + y_n) \quad (0.20)$$

$$A_{n+1} = A_n + \frac{1}{2}h(2y_n + hy'_n) \quad (0.21)$$

$$A_{n+1} = A_n + hy_n + \frac{1}{2}h^2y'_n \quad (0.22)$$

$$x_{n+1} = x_n + h \quad (0.23)$$

In the given question, $y_n = \sqrt{9\left(1 - \frac{x_n^2}{25}\right)} + \frac{3x_n}{5} - 3$ and $y'_n = \frac{3}{5}\left(1 - \frac{x}{\sqrt{25-x^2}}\right)$

General Difference Equation will be given by,

$$A_{n+1} = A_n + hy_n + \frac{1}{2}h^2y'_n \quad (0.24)$$

$$= A_n + h\left(\sqrt{9\left(1 - \frac{x_n^2}{25}\right)} + \frac{3x_n}{5} - 3\right) + \frac{1}{2}h^2\left(\frac{3}{5}\left(1 - \frac{x}{\sqrt{25-x^2}}\right)\right) \quad (0.25)$$

$$x_{n+1} = x_n + h \quad (0.26)$$

Iterating till we reach $x_n = 5$ will return the required area.

Area obtained computationally: 2.7123332003665432 sq. units

Area obtained theoretically: $5\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - 1\right) = 2.71238898038$ sq. units.

As n tends to infinity A_n will be the exact area of the ellipse.

