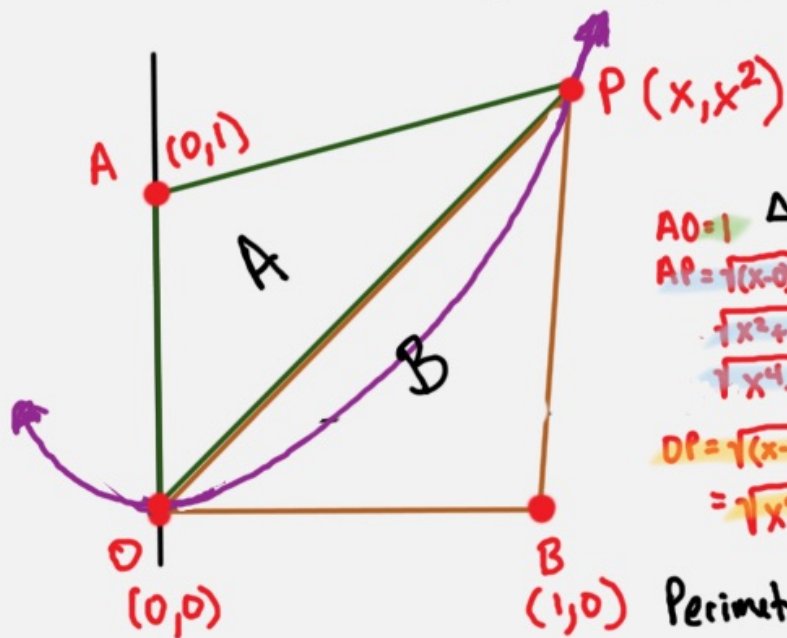


Let $P(x, y)$ be a point on the parabola $y = x^2$ in the 1st quad.
 Consider the ΔPAO and ΔPBO as seen below



ΔPAO

$AO = 1$

$$AP = \sqrt{(x-0)^2 + (x^2-1)^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{x^2 + x^4 - 2x^2 + 1}$$

$$= \sqrt{x^4 - x^2 + 1}$$

$$OP = \sqrt{(x-0)^2 + (x^2-0)^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{x^4 + x^2}$$

Perimeter of ΔPAO
 with respect to x .

$$P_A(x) = 1 + \sqrt{x^4 - x^2 + 1} + \sqrt{x^4 + x^2}$$

ΔPBO

$OB = 1$

$$BP = \sqrt{(x-1)^2 + (x^2-0)^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{x^2 - 2x + 1 + x^4}$$

$$= \sqrt{x^4 + x^2 - 2x + 1}$$

$$OP = \sqrt{x^4 + x^2}$$

Perimeter of ΔPBO
 with respect to x .

$$P_B(x) = 1 + \sqrt{x^4 + x^2 - 2x + 1} + \sqrt{x^4 + x^2}$$