

## 8.2.52

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# Problem

Given:

- Eccentricity  $e = \frac{2}{3}$
- Latus rectum  $l = 5$
- Centre at origin  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$

Find the equation of the conic in matrix form using matrix algebra.

# Ellipse Setup

Let the conic be:

$$\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{V} \mathbf{x} = 1 \quad \text{where} \quad \mathbf{V} = \begin{pmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & b \end{pmatrix}$$

Choose two points:

$$\mathbf{P}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{P}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Substitute:

$$\mathbf{P}_1^T \mathbf{V} \mathbf{P}_1 = 1, \quad \mathbf{P}_2^T \mathbf{V} \mathbf{P}_2 = 1$$

# Matrix System

From substitution:

$$16a + 9b = 1, \quad 36a + 4b = 1$$

Write as matrix equation:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 16 & 9 \\ 36 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

# Row Reduction

Augmented matrix:

$$\left( \begin{array}{cc|c} 16 & 9 & 1 \\ 36 & 4 & 1 \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow{R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - \frac{9}{4}R_1} \left( \begin{array}{cc|c} 16 & 9 & 1 \\ 0 & -\frac{61}{4} & -\frac{5}{4} \end{array} \right)$$

# Solution

Choose  $a = \frac{4}{81} \Rightarrow 16a = \frac{64}{81}$

Then:

$$\frac{64}{81} + 9b = 1 \Rightarrow b = \frac{17}{81}$$

So:

$$\mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{4}{81} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{17}{81} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{x}^T \begin{pmatrix} \frac{4}{81} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{17}{81} \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} = 1$$
 is the equation of the ellipse

```
from sympy import Rational, symbols, solve, Eq

e = Rational(2, 3)
l = 5
a = symbols('a')

b2 = a**2 * (1 - e**2)
eq = Eq(2 * b2 / a, l)
a_val = solve(eq, a)[0]
b2_val = a_val**2 * (1 - e**2)

print("a_=", a_val)
print("b_=", b2_val)
print("V_=_[[{:.6f},_0],_0,[_{:.6f}]]".format(
    1 / a_val**2, 1 / b2_val))
```



```
#include <math.h>
#include <stdio.h>

void solve_matrix(float* V) {
    float e = 2.0 / 3.0;
    float l = 5.0;

    float a = 9.0 / 2.0;
    float b2 = a * a * (1 - e * e);

    V[0] = 1 / (a * a);
    V[1] = 1 / b2;
}
```

# Python Wrapper Code

```
import ctypes

lib = ctypes.CDLL('./libellipse.so')
lib.solve_matrix.argtypes = [ctypes.POINTER(ctypes.c_float)]
lib.solve_matrix.restype = None

V = (ctypes.c_float * 2)()
lib.solve_matrix(V)

print("Ellipse equation:  $x^2 + Vx + 1 = 0$ ")
print(f"V = [{V[0]:.6f}, {V[1]:.6f}]")
```

# Diagram

