1.11.14 Matgeo

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Question

Find the equation of the conic, that satisfies the given conditions.
focus (-1,-2) and directrix x - 2y + 3 = 0.

Solution

Let :

$$\mathbf{F} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} \tag{1}$$

$$directrix \quad equation \quad is : \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}^T \mathbf{x} = -3 \tag{2}$$

The equation of a conic with directrix $\mathbf{n}^T\mathbf{x} = \mathrm{c}$, eccentricity e and focus $\mathbf{F}$ is given by:

$$g(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{x}^T\mathbf{V}\mathbf{x} + 2\mathbf{u}^T\mathbf{x} + f = 0 \tag{3}$$

Solution

where :

$$\mathbf{V} = \|\mathbf{n}\|^2\mathbf{I} - e^2\mathbf{n}\mathbf{n}^T,$$
$$\mathbf{u} = ce^2\mathbf{n} - \|\mathbf{n}\|^2\mathbf{F},$$
$$f = \|\mathbf{n}\|^2\|\mathbf{F}\|^2 - c^2e^2$$

Solution

From the question we can say that the conic is a parabola that is e $= 1$;
Calculating $\mathbf{V}$,$\mathbf{u}$ and f by using the above equations we get :

$$\mathbf{V} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \tag{4}$$

$$\mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 16 \end{bmatrix} \tag{5}$$

$$f = 16 \tag{6}$$

Solution

Substituting in the equation 0.3 we get :

$$\mathbf{x}^T \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x} + 2 \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 16 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x} + 16 = 0 \tag{7}$$

Solving it we get :

$$4x^2 + 4xy + y^2 + 4x + 32y + 16 = 0 \tag{8}$$

Graphical Representation