

Matgeo Presentation - Problem 9.6.5

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Problem Statement

Solve

$$\frac{1}{3x+y} + \frac{1}{3x-y} = \frac{3}{4}, \quad \frac{1}{2(3x+y)} - \frac{1}{2(3x-y)} = -\frac{1}{8}.$$

Conic	Value
Hyperbola 1	$\mathbf{x}^\top \begin{pmatrix} 9 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} + 2 \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix}^\top \mathbf{x} = 0$
Hyperbola 2	$\mathbf{x}^\top \begin{pmatrix} 9 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} + 2 \begin{pmatrix} -4 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}^\top \mathbf{x} = 0$

Table : Hyperbola

Solution

By rearranging the two equations we get the equation of two hyperbolas as :

$$9x^2 - y^2 - 8y = 0 \quad (0.1)$$

$$9x^2 - y^2 - 8x = 0 \quad (0.2)$$

The conic parameters for the two hyperbolas can be expressed as :

$$\mathbf{V}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 9 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \mathbf{u}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix} \quad f1 = 0 \quad (0.3)$$

$$\mathbf{V}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 9 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \mathbf{u}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} -4 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad f2 = 0 \quad (0.4)$$

The intersection of two conics is defined as :

$$\mathbf{x}^\top (\mathbf{V}_1 + \mu \mathbf{V}_2) \mathbf{x} + 2(\mathbf{u}_1 + \mu \mathbf{u}_2)^\top \mathbf{x} + (f1 + \mu f2) = 0 \quad (0.5)$$

Solution

The above equation represents a pair of straight lines if :

$$\begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{V}_1 + \mu \mathbf{V}_2 & \mathbf{u}_1 + \mu \mathbf{u}_2 \\ (\mathbf{u}_1 + \mu \mathbf{u}_2)^\top & f_1 + \mu f_2 \end{vmatrix} = 0 \quad (0.6)$$

Substituting the values in the above equation :

$$\begin{vmatrix} 9 + 9\mu & 0 & -4\mu \\ 0 & -1 - \mu & -4 \\ -4\mu & -4 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = 0 \quad (0.7)$$

Solution

Apply row reduction to find determinant:

$$\begin{vmatrix} 9+9\mu & 0 & -4\mu \\ 0 & -1-\mu & -4 \\ -4\mu & -4 & 0 \end{vmatrix} \xleftrightarrow{R_3 \rightarrow R_3 + \frac{4\mu}{9+9\mu} R_1} \begin{vmatrix} 9+9\mu & 0 & -4\mu \\ 0 & -1-\mu & -4 \\ 0 & -4 & -\frac{16\mu^2}{9+9\mu} \end{vmatrix} \quad (0.8)$$

$$\xleftrightarrow{R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - \frac{4}{1+\mu} R_2} \begin{vmatrix} 9+9\mu & 0 & -4\mu \\ 0 & -1-\mu & -4 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{-16\mu^2+144}{9+9\mu} \end{vmatrix} \quad (0.9)$$

By finding the determinant we get

$$(1+\mu)(-16\mu^2+144)=0 \quad (0.10)$$

$$\mu = -1, \mu = \pm 3 \quad (0.11)$$

Solution

Substituting $\mu = -1$ in (0.5) we get equation of line as :

$$2 \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix}^{\top} \mathbf{x} = 0 \quad (0.12)$$

$$(-1 \quad 1) \mathbf{x} = 0 \quad (0.13)$$

The parameters of the line are :

$$\mathbf{h} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \mathbf{m} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (0.14)$$

Substituting the parameters of line and the first hyperbola in the below equation :

$$\kappa_i = \frac{1}{\mathbf{m}^{\top} \mathbf{V}_1 \mathbf{m}} \left(-\mathbf{m}^{\top} (\mathbf{V}_1 \mathbf{h} + \mathbf{u}_1) \pm \sqrt{[\mathbf{m}^{\top} (\mathbf{V}_1 \mathbf{h} + \mathbf{u}_1)]^2 - g(\mathbf{h}) (\mathbf{m}^{\top} \mathbf{V}_1 \mathbf{m})} \right) \quad (0.15)$$

$$\kappa_i = 0, 1 \quad (0.16)$$

Solution

Therefore the points of intersections of the line and first hyperbola are :

$$\mathbf{P}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \qquad \mathbf{P}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \qquad (0.17)$$

But if we substitute \mathbf{P}_2 in the original equation we get 0 in the denominator , which is undefined.

Therefore the solution for the given equations is :

$$\mathbf{P} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \qquad (0.18)$$

Plot

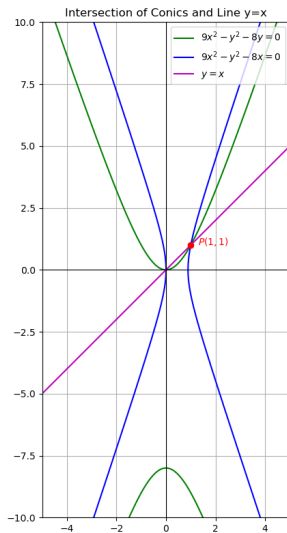


Fig : Hyperbola and Line