

Matgeo Presentation - 8.2.31

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Question

Find the equation of conic if ends of the major axis are $(\pm 3, 0)$ and ends of the minor axis are $(0, \pm 2)$

Solution

The equation of conic is represented as

$$\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{V} \mathbf{x} + 2\mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{x} + f = 0 \quad (0.1)$$

$$\mathbf{V} = \|\mathbf{n}\|^2 \mathbf{I} - e^2 \mathbf{n} \mathbf{n}^T \quad (0.2)$$

As the major axis is along the X-axis

$$\mathbf{n} = \mathbf{e}_1 \quad (0.3)$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{V} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 - e^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (0.4)$$

as the centre of ellipse is $\mathbf{c} = \mathbf{0}$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{u} = \mathbf{0} \quad (0.5)$$

let

$$\mathbf{P} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \quad (0.6)$$

\mathbf{P} satisfy (1)

Solution

$$\mathbf{P}^T \mathbf{V} \mathbf{P} + 2\mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{P} + f = 0 \quad (0.7)$$

$$(0 \quad 2) \begin{pmatrix} 1 - e^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} + f = 0 \quad (0.8)$$

$$4 + f = 0 \quad (0.9)$$

$$\implies f = -4 \quad (0.10)$$

End of the ellipse $\begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ also satisfy (1)

$$(3 \quad 0) \begin{pmatrix} 1 - e^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + f = 0 \quad (0.11)$$

$$\implies 9(1 - e^2) + f = 0 \quad (0.12)$$

from (10)

Conclusion

$$1 - e^2 = \frac{4}{9} \quad (0.13)$$

$$\implies e^2 = \frac{5}{9} \quad (0.14)$$

$$\implies \mathbf{V} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{4}{9} & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (0.15)$$

Equation of conic is

$$\mathbf{x}^\top \begin{pmatrix} \frac{4}{9} & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} - 4 = 0 \quad (0.16)$$

Plot

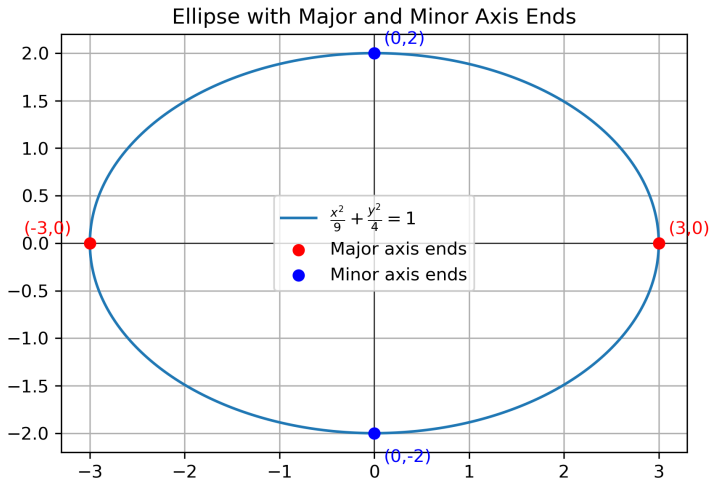


Figure: Caption

C Code: ellipse.c

```
#include <stdio.h>

int main() {
    FILE *fp;

    // Open file ellipse.dat for writing
    fp = fopen("ellipse.dat", "w");
    if (fp == NULL) {
        printf("Error opening file!\n");
        return 1;
    }

    // Write the equation of ellipse into the file
    fprintf(fp, "Equation of the ellipse:\n");
    fprintf(fp, "(x^2)/9 + (y^2)/4 = 1\n");

    // Optionally write the matrix form as well
    fprintf(fp, "\nMatrix form:\n");
    fprintf(fp, "[x y] * [[1/9 0]\n");
    fprintf(fp, "[0 1/4]] * [x y]^T = 1\n");

    fclose(fp);
    printf("Equation successfully written to ellipse.dat\n");

    return 0;
}
```

Python: plot.py

```
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

# Parameters of the ellipse
a = 3 # semi-major axis
b = 2 # semi-minor axis

# Generate theta values
theta = np.linspace(0, 2*np.pi, 400)

# Parametric equations of ellipse
x = a * np.cos(theta)
y = b * np.sin(theta)

# Plot ellipse
plt.plot(x, y, label=r"$\frac{x^2}{9}+\frac{y^2}{4}=1$")

# Mark ends of major axis (3,0)
plt.scatter([3, -3], [0, 0], color="red", zorder=5, label="Major_axis_ends")

# Mark ends of minor axis (0,2)
plt.scatter([0, 0], [2, -2], color="blue", zorder=5, label="Minor_axis_ends")

# Add annotations
plt.text(3.1, 0.1, "(3,0)", color="red")
plt.text(-3.7, 0.1, "(-3,0)", color="red")
plt.text(0.1, 2.1, "(0,2)", color="blue")
plt.text(0.1, -2.3, "(0,-2)", color="blue")

# Axes setup
plt.axhline(0, color="black", linewidth=0.5)
plt.axvline(0, color="black", linewidth=0.5)
plt.gca().set_aspect('equal') # keep aspect ratio equal
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```
plt.legend()
plt.title("Ellipse with Major and Minor Axis Ends")
plt.grid(True)
plt.savefig("ellipse.png", dpi=300, bbox_inches="tight")
plt.show()
```