

## Step-1

Given the quadratic form  $f(x, y) = x^2 + 4xy + 3y^2$ .

We need to show that  $f$  does not have a minimum at  $(0, 0)$  even though it has positive coefficients, need to write  $f$  as a difference of squares and find a point  $(x, y)$  where  $f$  is negative.

## Step-2

The matrix of the quadratic is,

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \\ = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ b & c \end{pmatrix}$$

Comparing above two matrices,

So,  $a = 1$ ,  $b = 2$ , and  $c = 3$ .

Now,

$$ac - b^2 = -1 < 0.$$

Therefore,  $f(x, y)$  is not positive definite, so  $f$  does not have a minimum at  $(0, 0)$  even though it has positive coefficients,

## Step-3

$$f(x, y) = x^2 + 4xy + 3y^2 \\ = x^2 + 2 \cdot x \cdot (2y) + 4y^2 - y^2 \\ = (x + 2y)^2 - y^2$$

Therefore,  $f(x, y)$  is a difference of squares.

## Step-4

For  $(x, y) = (2, -1)$ ,

$$f(x, y) = f(2, -1) \\ = 0 - 1$$

$$= -1 < 0$$

Thus at  $(2, -1)$ ,  $f(x, y)$  is negative.

Therefore, the point is  $\boxed{(2, -1)}$ .  $f(x, y)$  is negative.