

Assignment 4+5

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Questions

Q. 4) A point moves so that it's distance from the y-axis is equal to the distance from the point $\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$. Find the equation of the locus.

Q. 5) Find the normal at the point $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ on the curve $2y + x^2 = 3$.

Equation of line

If m is the vector perpendicular to a given line and q is a point on the line, then the equation of the line is given by

$$m^T(x - q) = 0 \quad (1)$$

Equation of conic section

Equation 2 represents a conic section in 2D. Here V and u are 2×2 and 2×1 matrices respectively and f is a scalar.

$$x^T V x + 2u^T x + f = 0 \quad (2)$$

Equation 2 represents a parabola when $|V| = 0$

Affine transform

$$x = Py + c \quad (3)$$

Here P is the eigenvector matrix of V . For a parabola, c is given by equation 4.

$$\begin{pmatrix} u^T + \eta p_1^T \\ V \end{pmatrix} c = \begin{pmatrix} -f \\ \eta p_1 - u \end{pmatrix} \quad (4)$$

For a parabola, since $|V| = 0$, one eigenvalue must be 0. p_1 is the eigenvector corresponding to that eigenvalue. η is given by equation 5.

$$\eta = u^T p_1 \quad (5)$$

Under such a transformation, the equation of a parabola is given by

$$y^T D y = -2\eta \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} y \quad (6)$$

where D is the eigenvalue matrix of V .

Equation of normal

If q is a point on a conic, the direction (n) of the normal at q is given by

$$n = Vq + u \quad (7)$$

Therefore the direction (m) perpendicular to the normal is given by

$$m^T(Vq + u) = 0 \quad (8)$$

Therefore, the equation of the normal is given by

$$m^T(x - q) = 0 \quad (9)$$

Question 4 solution

Let $x = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$ be the point. The equation of y-axis is given by

$$R = \lambda \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (10)$$

xR is perpendicular to y-axis.

$$\implies (R - x)^T R = 0 \quad (11)$$

$$\implies x^T R = \|R\|^2 \quad (12)$$

$$\implies x^T \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \|R\| = \|R\|^2 \quad (13)$$

$$\implies \|R\| = x^T \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (14)$$

Solution Contd.

Let $C = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$. Then

$$xC = \|x - C\| \quad (15)$$

$$xR = \|x - R\| \quad (16)$$

We are given $xR = xC$.

$$\implies \|x - C\|^2 = \|x - R\|^2 \quad (17)$$

$$\implies \|x\|^2 + \|C\|^2 - 2x^T C = \|x\|^2 + \|R\|^2 - 2x^T R \quad (18)$$

Solution Contd.

Subtracting $\|x\|^2$ on both sides and using 12,

$$\|C\|^2 - 2x^T C = \|R\|^2 - 2\|R\|^2 \quad (19)$$

$$\implies 2x^T C = \|C\|^2 + \|R\|^2 \quad (20)$$

$$\implies 2C^T x = \|C\|^2 + \left(x^T \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}\right)^2 \quad (21)$$

$$\implies x^T \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} (0 \quad 1) x - 2C^T x + \|C\|^2 = 0 \quad (22)$$

$$\implies x^T \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} x + 2(-C)^T x + \|C\|^2 = 0 \quad (23)$$

$$\implies x^T \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} x + 2 \begin{pmatrix} -2 & -1 \end{pmatrix} x + 5 = 0 \quad (24)$$

$$\implies V = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, u = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}, f = 5 \quad (25)$$

Solution Contd.

For obtaining the affine transformation, we use

$$x = Py + c \quad (26)$$

The corresponding eigenvalues of V are

$$\lambda_1 = 0, \lambda_2 = 1 \quad (27)$$

$$\Rightarrow D = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (28)$$

The corresponding eigenvectors are

$$p_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, p_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (29)$$

$$\Rightarrow P = (p_1 \ p_2) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (30)$$

Solution Contd.

Since $|V| = 0$,

$$\begin{pmatrix} u^\top + \eta p_1^\top \\ v \end{pmatrix} c = \begin{pmatrix} -f \\ \eta p_1 - u \end{pmatrix} \quad (31)$$

$$\eta = u^\top p_1 \quad (32)$$

$$\Rightarrow \eta = -2 \quad (33)$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} -4 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} c = \begin{pmatrix} -5 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (34)$$

$$\Rightarrow c = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (35)$$

Therefore, the locus of x is given by

$$y^\top \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} y = 4 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} y \quad (36)$$

Solution Contd.

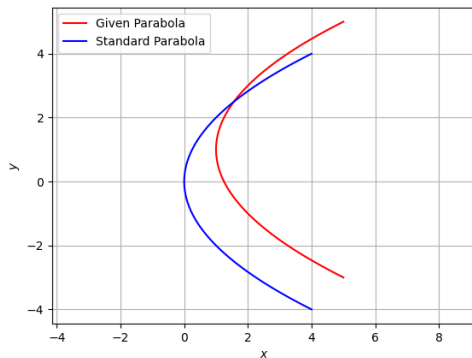


Figure: Plot of the locus

Question 5 solution

The given curve can be expressed as

$$x^2 + 2y - 3 = 0 \quad (37)$$

$$\Rightarrow V = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, u = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, f = -3 \quad (38)$$

Since $|V| = 0$, the given curve represents a parabola. To evaluate the direction vector m ,

$$m^T (Vq + u) = 0 \quad (39)$$

$$\Rightarrow m^T \left(\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right) = 0 \quad (40)$$

$$\Rightarrow m^T \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = 0 \quad (41)$$

$$\Rightarrow m = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (42)$$

Solution Contd.

The normal is obtained as

$$m^T(x - q) = 0 \quad (43)$$

$$\Rightarrow (-1 \quad 1) \left(x - \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right) = 0 \quad (44)$$

$$\Rightarrow (-1 \quad 1) x = 0 \quad (45)$$

Solution Contd.

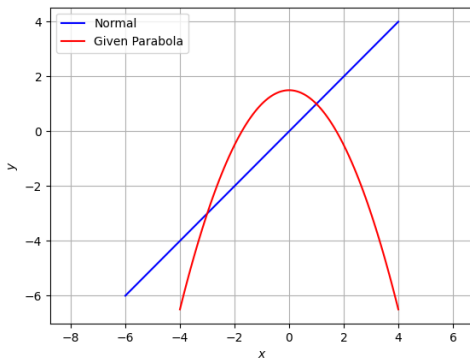


Figure: Plot of the normal