Linear Algebra and Matrices

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***Abstract*—This book provides a simple introduction to linear algebra and matrix analysis. The content and exercises are based on NCERT textbooks from Class 6-12.**

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1 Line

1.1. Any point $\mathbf{P}$ in the 2-D plane can be expressed in terms of its coordinates (p_1, p_2) as the column vector

$$\mathbf{P} = \begin{pmatrix} p_1 \\ p_2 \end{pmatrix} \tag{1.1.1}$$

1.2. The *direction vector* of the line joining $\mathbf{P}, \mathbf{Q}$ is defined as

$$\mathbf{m} = \mathbf{P} - \mathbf{Q} = \begin{pmatrix} p_1 - q_1 \\ p_2 - q_2 \end{pmatrix} \tag{1.2.1}$$

$$= (p_1 - q_1)\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ \frac{p_2-q_2}{p_1-q_1} \end{pmatrix} = (p_1 - q_1)\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ m \end{pmatrix} \tag{1.2.2}$$

where

$$m = \frac{p_2 - q_2}{p_1 - q_1}. \tag{1.2.3}$$

Without loss of generality, $k\mathbf{m}$, for any real scalar k is also a direction vector. In the rest of the paper, $\mathbf{m}$ and $k\mathbf{m}$ are interchanged for computational simplicity. Thus, if m be the slope of the line PQ,

$$\mathbf{m} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ m \end{pmatrix} \tag{1.2.4}$$

1.3. Let $\mathbf{P}, \mathbf{Q}$ be two points on a line. The vector equation of the line is given by

$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{P} + \lambda\mathbf{m}, \quad \lambda \in \mathbb{R} \tag{1.3.1}$$

$$\mathbf{m} = \mathbf{P} - \mathbf{Q} \tag{1.3.2}$$

(1.3.1) can be used in 3D as well.

1.4. The *normal vector* $\mathbf{n}$ to a line is orthogonal to the direction vector $\mathbf{m}$ so that

$$\mathbf{m}^T\mathbf{n} = 0 \tag{1.4.1}$$

If $\mathbf{P}$ be a point on the line, the equation of the line can be expressed as

$$\mathbf{n}^T(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{P}) = 0 \tag{1.4.2}$$

$$\text{or, } \mathbf{n}^T\mathbf{x} = c, \tag{1.4.3}$$

where

$$c = \mathbf{n}^T\mathbf{P} \tag{1.4.4}$$

which is the desired equation of the straight line. By subsuming the c in (1.4.3) within $\mathbf{n}$, the equation of a line can also be expressed as

$$\mathbf{n}^T\mathbf{x} = 1 \tag{1.4.5}$$

Note that in 3D, (1.4.2) and (1.4.3) are used to represent the equation of a plane.

1.5. *Orthogonality:* Show that the points

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -3 \\ -5 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{C} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -4 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix} \tag{1.5.1}$$

are the vertices of a right angled triangle.
Solution: Let

$$\mathbf{v}_1 = \mathbf{A} - \mathbf{C} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 3 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix} \tag{1.5.2}$$

$$\mathbf{v}_2 = \mathbf{B} - \mathbf{C} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \tag{1.5.3}$$

Then

$$\mathbf{v}_1^T\mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 3 & 5 \end{pmatrix}\begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} = 0 \tag{1.5.4}$$

$$\implies AC \perp BC \tag{1.5.5}$$

and $\mathbf{v}_1$ and $\mathbf{v}_2$ are said to be orthogonal.

1.6. Find the equation of the line through $\begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$ with slope - 4

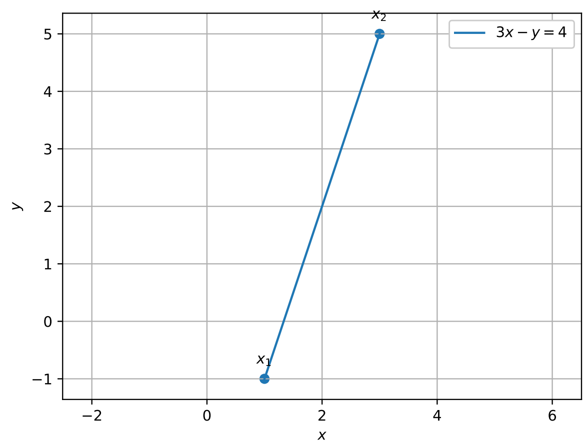

Fig. 1.6: Line obtained in Problem 1.6.

Solution: From (1.2.4), the direction vector is

$$\mathbf{m} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix} \tag{1.6.1}$$

and from (1.4.1), the normal vector is

$$\mathbf{n} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \tag{1.6.2}$$

Using (1.4.2), the equation of the line is

$$\begin{pmatrix} 4 & 1 \end{pmatrix}\left\{\mathbf{x} - \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}\right\} = 0 \tag{1.6.3}$$

$$\implies \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 1 \end{pmatrix}\mathbf{x} = -5 \tag{1.6.4}$$

Fig. 1.6 shows the line passing through the given point.

1.7. Write the equation of the line through the points $\mathbf{x}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$ and $\mathbf{x}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix}$.
Solution: From (1.4.5),

$$\mathbf{n}^T\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} = 1 \tag{1.7.1}$$

$$\mathbf{n}^T\begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix} = 1 \tag{1.7.2}$$

resulting in the the matrix equation

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 3 & 5 \end{pmatrix}\mathbf{n} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \tag{1.7.3}$$

yielding the augmented matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 3 & 5 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \tag{1.7.4}$$

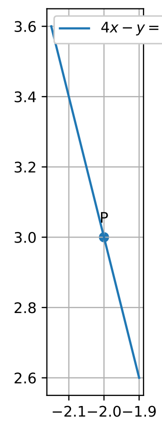

Fig. 1.7: Line obtained in Problem 1.7.

Performing row reduction,

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 3 & 5 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \tag{1.7.5}$$

$$\xleftrightarrow{R_2 \leftarrow R_2 - 3R_1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 8 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \tag{1.7.6}$$

$$\xleftrightarrow{R_2 \leftarrow \frac{R_2}{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 4 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \tag{1.7.7}$$

$$\xleftrightarrow{R_1 \leftarrow 4R_1 + R_2} \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 4 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \tag{1.7.8}$$

$$\xleftrightarrow[R_1 \leftarrow \frac{R_1}{4}]{R_2 \leftarrow \frac{R_2}{4}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & \frac{3}{4} \\ 0 & 1 & -\frac{1}{4} \end{pmatrix} \tag{1.7.9}$$

From (1.7.9),

$$\mathbf{n} = \frac{1}{4} \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \tag{1.7.10}$$

Thus the equation of the desired line is

$$\frac{1}{4} \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} = 1 \tag{1.7.11}$$

$$\text{or, } \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} = 4 \tag{1.7.12}$$

Fig. 1.7 shows the line passing through the given points.

1.8. (*Linear Dependence*) Prove that the three points $\begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 8 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$ are collinear

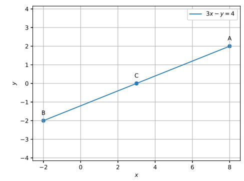

Fig. 1.8: Points on a line and points forming a triangle in Example 1.8.

Solution: Let

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{v}_1 &= \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \\ \mathbf{v}_2 &= \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 8 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -10 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned} \tag{1.8.1}$$

Then, the given points are collinear if

$$x_1 \mathbf{v}_1 + x_2 \mathbf{v}_2 = 0 \tag{1.8.2}$$

has a nontrivial solution as well, i.e.

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} \neq \mathbf{0} \tag{1.8.3}$$

Substituting (1.8.1) in (1.8.2) results in the matrix equation

$$\begin{pmatrix} 5 & -10 \\ 2 & -4 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} = 0 \tag{1.8.4}$$

Performing row operations on the matrix,

$$\begin{pmatrix} 5 & -10 \\ 2 & -4 \end{pmatrix} \xleftrightarrow{R_2 \leftarrow 2R_1 - 5R_2} \begin{pmatrix} 5 & -10 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \tag{1.8.5}$$

which can be expressed as

$$\begin{pmatrix} 5 & -10 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} = 0 \tag{1.8.6}$$

$$\text{or, } \mathbf{x} = x_1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} \tag{1.8.7}$$

Thus, there are infinite solutions. The vectors $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2$ are are linearly dependent and the given points lie on a straight line.

1.9. Alternatively, if the given points are collinear, from (1.4.5),

$$\begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ -2 & -2 \\ 8 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{n} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \tag{1.9.1}$$

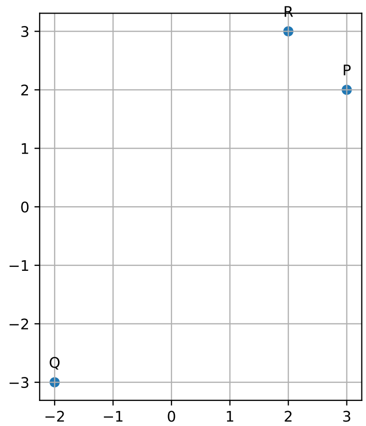

Fig. 1.10: Points on a triangle in Problem 1.10.

Row reducing the augmented matrix,

$$\begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 & 1 \\ -2 & -2 & 1 \\ 8 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \tag{1.9.2}$$

$$\xleftrightarrow[R_2 \leftarrow 3R_2+2R_1]{R_3 \leftarrow 3R_3-8R_1} \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -6 & 5 \\ 0 & 6 & -5 \end{pmatrix} \tag{1.9.3}$$

$$\xleftrightarrow{R_3 \leftarrow R_3+R_2} \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 6 & -5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \tag{1.9.4}$$

The above matrix has a zero row in echelon form, hence (1.9.1) is consistent and the given points are on a straight line. Also,

$$\mathbf{n} = \frac{1}{6}\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -5 \end{pmatrix} \tag{1.9.5}$$

1.10. (*Linear Independence*) Do the points $\begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$ form a triangle?

Solution: In this case

$$\mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix} \tag{1.10.1}$$

$$\mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -4 \\ -6 \end{pmatrix} \tag{1.10.2}$$

Thus,

$$x_1\mathbf{v}_1 + x_2\mathbf{v}_2 = 0 \tag{1.10.3}$$

$$\implies \begin{pmatrix} 5 & -4 \\ 5 & -6 \end{pmatrix}\mathbf{x} = 0 \tag{1.10.4}$$

Using row operations,

$$\begin{pmatrix} 5 & -4 \\ 5 & -6 \end{pmatrix} \xleftrightarrow{R_2 \leftarrow R_1-R_2} \begin{pmatrix} 5 & -4 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \tag{1.10.5}$$

$$\xleftrightarrow{R_1 \leftarrow R_1+2R_2} \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \tag{1.10.6}$$

resulting in a *full rank* matrix. Hence,

$$\mathbf{x} = 0 \tag{1.10.7}$$

and $\mathbf{v}_1$ and $\mathbf{v}_2$ are *linearly independent*. The points lie on a triangle.

1.11. Alternatively, from (1.4.5), row reducing the augmented matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} 3 & 2 & 1 \\ -2 & -3 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \xleftrightarrow{R_3 \leftarrow R_3+R_2} \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 2 & 1 \\ -2 & -3 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \tag{1.11.1}$$

The above matrix has a nonzero row in echelon form, hence the given points do not lie on a straight line. So they lie on a triangle.

1.12. Find the angle between the lines

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -\sqrt{3} \end{pmatrix}\mathbf{x} &= 5 \\ \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{3} & -1 \end{pmatrix}\mathbf{x} &= -6. \end{aligned} \tag{1.12.1}$$

Solution: The angle between the lines can be expressed in terms of the normal vectors

$$\mathbf{n}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -\sqrt{3} \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{n}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{3} \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \tag{1.12.2}$$

as

$$\cos\theta = \frac{\mathbf{n}_1^T\mathbf{n}_2}{\|\mathbf{n}_1\|\,\|\mathbf{n}_2\|} \tag{1.12.3}$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \implies \theta = 30^\circ \tag{1.12.4}$$

1.13. Find the projection of the vector

$$\mathbf{a} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \tag{1.13.1}$$

on the vector

$$\mathbf{b} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}. \tag{1.13.2}$$

Solution: If the angle between the vectors be

θ, the projection is defined as

$$\mathbf{proj_b a} = (\|\mathbf{a}\| \cos\theta) \frac{\mathbf{b}}{\|\mathbf{b}\|} = \frac{\left(\mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{b}\right)}{\|\mathbf{b}\|^2}\mathbf{b} \tag{1.13.3}$$

Substituting the values from (1.13.1) and (1.13.2),

$$\mathbf{proj_b a} = \frac{5}{3}\begin{pmatrix}1\\2\\1\end{pmatrix} \tag{1.13.4}$$

1.14. (*Reflection*) Assuming that straight lines work as a plane mirror for a point, find the image of the point $\mathbf{P} = \begin{pmatrix}1\\2\end{pmatrix}$ in the line

$$L: \quad \begin{pmatrix}1 & -3\end{pmatrix}\mathbf{x} = -4. \tag{1.14.1}$$

Solution: From the given equation, the line parameters are

$$\mathbf{n} = \begin{pmatrix}1\\-3\end{pmatrix}, c = -4, \mathbf{m} = \begin{pmatrix}3\\-1\end{pmatrix} \tag{1.14.2}$$

Let $\mathbf{R}$ be the reflection of $\mathbf{P}$ such that PR bisects the line L at $\mathbf{Q}$. Then $\mathbf{Q}$ bisects PR. This leads to the following equations

$$2\mathbf{Q} = \mathbf{P} + \mathbf{R} \tag{1.14.3}$$

$$\mathbf{n}^T\mathbf{Q} = c \quad \because \mathbf{Q} \text{ lies on the given line} \tag{1.14.4}$$

$$\mathbf{m}^T\mathbf{R} = \mathbf{m}^T\mathbf{P} \quad \because \mathbf{m} \perp \mathbf{P} - \mathbf{R} \tag{1.14.5}$$

From (1.14.3) and (1.14.4),

$$\mathbf{n}^T\mathbf{R} = 2c - \mathbf{n}^T\mathbf{P} \tag{1.14.6}$$

From (1.14.6) and (1.14.5),

$$\begin{pmatrix}\mathbf{m} & \mathbf{n}\end{pmatrix}^T \mathbf{R} = \begin{pmatrix}\mathbf{m} & -\mathbf{n}\end{pmatrix}^T \mathbf{P} + \begin{pmatrix}0\\2c\end{pmatrix} \tag{1.14.7}$$

Letting

$$\mathbf{V} = \begin{pmatrix}\mathbf{m} & \mathbf{n}\end{pmatrix} \tag{1.14.8}$$

with the condition that $\mathbf{m}, \mathbf{n}$ are orthonormal, i.e.

$$\mathbf{V}^T\mathbf{V} = \mathbf{I} \tag{1.14.9}$$

Noting that

$$\begin{pmatrix}\mathbf{m} & -\mathbf{n}\end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix}\mathbf{m} & \mathbf{n}\end{pmatrix}\begin{pmatrix}1 & 0\\0 & -1\end{pmatrix}, \tag{1.14.10}$$

(1.14.7) can be expressed as

$$\mathbf{V}^T\mathbf{R} = \left[\mathbf{V}\begin{pmatrix}1 & 0\\0 & -1\end{pmatrix}\right]^T \mathbf{P} + \begin{pmatrix}0\\2c\end{pmatrix} \tag{1.14.11}$$

$$\implies \mathbf{R} = \left[\mathbf{V}\begin{pmatrix}1 & 0\\0 & -1\end{pmatrix}\mathbf{V}^{-1}\right]^T \mathbf{P} + \mathbf{V}\begin{pmatrix}0\\2c\end{pmatrix} \tag{1.14.12}$$

$$= \mathbf{V}\begin{pmatrix}1 & 0\\0 & -1\end{pmatrix}\mathbf{V}^T\mathbf{P} + 2c\mathbf{n} \tag{1.14.13}$$

upon substituting from (1.14.8) in (1.14.13). It can be verified that the reflection is also given by

$$\mathbf{R} = \begin{pmatrix}\mathbf{m} & \mathbf{n}\end{pmatrix}\begin{pmatrix}1 & 0\\0 & -1\end{pmatrix}\begin{pmatrix}\mathbf{m} & \mathbf{n}\end{pmatrix}^T \mathbf{P} + 2c\mathbf{n} \tag{1.14.14}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix}\mathbf{m} & -\mathbf{n}\end{pmatrix}\begin{pmatrix}\mathbf{m}^T\\\mathbf{n}^T\end{pmatrix}\mathbf{P} + 2c\mathbf{n} \tag{1.14.15}$$

$$\implies \mathbf{R} = \left(\mathbf{m}\mathbf{m}^T - \mathbf{n}\mathbf{n}^T\right)\mathbf{P} + 2c\mathbf{n} \tag{1.14.16}$$

If $\mathbf{m}, \mathbf{n}$ are not orthonormal, (1.14.16) can be expressed as

$$\frac{\mathbf{R}}{2} = \frac{\mathbf{m}\mathbf{m}^T - \mathbf{n}\mathbf{n}^T}{\mathbf{m}^T\mathbf{m} + \mathbf{n}^T\mathbf{n}}\mathbf{P} + c\frac{\mathbf{n}}{\|\mathbf{n}\|^2} \tag{1.14.17}$$

1.15. (*Gram-schmidt orthogonalization*) Let

$$\alpha = \begin{pmatrix}3\\-1\\0\end{pmatrix} \tag{1.15.1}$$

$$\beta = \begin{pmatrix}2\\1\\-3\end{pmatrix} \tag{1.15.2}$$

Find β_1, β_2 such that

$$\beta = \beta_1 + \beta_2, \quad \beta_1 \parallel \alpha, \beta_2 \perp \alpha \tag{1.15.3}$$

Solution: Let $\beta_1 = k\alpha$. Then, $\beta_1 \parallel \alpha$ and

$$\beta = k\alpha + \beta_2 \tag{1.15.4}$$

$$\implies \alpha^T\beta = k\|\alpha\|^2 + k\beta_1^T\beta_2 \tag{1.15.5}$$

$$\text{or, } k = \frac{\alpha^T\beta}{\|\alpha\|^2}, \quad \because \beta_1 \perp \beta_2 \tag{1.15.6}$$

Thus,

$$\beta_1 = \frac{\alpha^T\beta}{\|\alpha\|^2}\alpha = \frac{5}{9}\begin{pmatrix}3\\-1\\0\end{pmatrix} \tag{1.15.7}$$

$$\beta_2 = \beta - \beta_1 = \begin{pmatrix}2\\1\\-3\end{pmatrix} - \frac{5}{9}\begin{pmatrix}3\\-1\\0\end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{9}\begin{pmatrix}3\\14\\-27\end{pmatrix} \tag{1.15.8}$$

Thus, any given set of vectors can be expressed as a linear combination of another set of orthogonal vectors.

2 Plane

2.1. Find the equation of a plane passing through the points $\mathbf{a} = \begin{pmatrix}2\\5\\-3\end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{b} = \begin{pmatrix}-2\\-3\\5\end{pmatrix}$ and $\mathbf{c} = \begin{pmatrix}5\\3\\-3\end{pmatrix}$

Solution: The equation of plane is also given by (1.4.5) in 3D. Following the approach in the previous example results in the matrix equation,

$$\begin{pmatrix}2 & 5 & -3\\-2 & -3 & 5\\5 & 3 & -3\end{pmatrix}\mathbf{n} = \begin{pmatrix}1\\1\\1\end{pmatrix} \tag{2.1.1}$$

Row reducing the augmented matrix,

$$\begin{pmatrix}2 & 5 & -3 & 1\\-2 & -3 & 5 & 1\\5 & 3 & -3 & 1\end{pmatrix} \tag{2.1.2}$$

$$\xleftrightarrow[R_3\leftarrow 2R_3-5R_1]{R_2\leftarrow\frac{R_2+R_1}{2}} \begin{pmatrix}2 & 5 & -3 & 1\\0 & 1 & 1 & 1\\0 & -19 & 9 & -3\end{pmatrix} \tag{2.1.3}$$

$$\xleftrightarrow[R_3\leftarrow\frac{R_3+19R_2}{4}]{R_1\leftarrow R_1-5R_2} \begin{pmatrix}2 & 0 & -8 & -4\\0 & 1 & 1 & 1\\0 & 0 & 7 & 4\end{pmatrix} \tag{2.1.4}$$

$$\xleftrightarrow[R_3\leftarrow 7R2-R_3]{R_1\leftarrow\frac{7R_1+8R_3}{2}} \begin{pmatrix}7 & 0 & 0 & 2\\0 & 7 & 0 & 3\\0 & 0 & 7 & 4\end{pmatrix} \tag{2.1.5}$$

$$\implies \mathbf{n} = \frac{1}{7}\begin{pmatrix}2\\3\\4\end{pmatrix} \tag{2.1.6}$$

Thus, the equation of the plane passing through the given points is

$$\begin{pmatrix}2 & 3 & 4\end{pmatrix}\mathbf{x} = 7 \tag{2.1.7}$$

2.2. Find the angle between the two planes

$$\begin{pmatrix}2 & 1 & -2\end{pmatrix}\mathbf{x} = 5 \tag{2.2.1}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix}3 & -6 & -2\end{pmatrix}\mathbf{x} = 7 \tag{2.2.2}$$

Solution: The angle between two planes is the same as the angle between their normal vectors. For

$$\mathbf{n}_1 = \begin{pmatrix}2\\1\\-2\end{pmatrix}\mathbf{n}_2 = \begin{pmatrix}3\\-6\\-2\end{pmatrix} \tag{2.2.3}$$

using (1.12.3),

$$\cos\theta = \frac{6-6+4}{\sqrt{9}\sqrt{49}} = \frac{4}{21} \tag{2.2.4}$$

3 Quadratic Forms: Conic Sections

3.1. The general equation of second degree is given by

$$ax^2 + 2bxy + cy^2 + 2dx + 2ey + f = 0 \tag{3.1.1}$$

and can be expressed as

$$\mathbf{x}^T\mathbf{V}\mathbf{x} + 2\mathbf{u}^T\mathbf{x} + f = 0 \tag{3.1.2}$$

where

$$\mathbf{V} = \mathbf{V}^T = \begin{pmatrix}a & b\\b & c\end{pmatrix} \tag{3.1.3}$$

$$\mathbf{u} = \begin{pmatrix}d & e\end{pmatrix} \tag{3.1.4}$$

3.2. *Pair of straight lines:* (3.1.2) represents a pair of straight lines if

$$\begin{vmatrix}\mathbf{V} & \mathbf{u}\\\mathbf{u}^T & f\end{vmatrix} = 0 \tag{3.2.1}$$

otherwise, (3.1.2) represents a conic section. Two intersecting lines are obtained if

$$|\mathbf{V}| < 0 \tag{3.2.2}$$

3.3. *(Affine Transformation and Eigenvalue Decompostion)* Using

$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{P}\mathbf{y} + \mathbf{c} \quad \text{(Affine Transformation)} \tag{3.3.1}$$

such that

$$\mathbf{P}^T\mathbf{V}\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{D}. \quad \text{(Eigenvalue Decomposition)} \tag{3.3.2}$$

$$\mathbf{D} = \begin{pmatrix}\lambda_1 & 0\\ 0 & \lambda_2\end{pmatrix}, \tag{3.3.3}$$

$$\mathbf{P} = \begin{pmatrix}\mathbf{p}_1 & \mathbf{p}_2\end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{P}^T = \mathbf{P}^{-1} \tag{3.3.4}$$

(3.1.2) can be expressed as

$$\mathbf{y}^T\mathbf{D}\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{u}^T\mathbf{V}^{-1}\mathbf{u} - f \qquad |V| \neq 0 \tag{3.3.5}$$

$$\mathbf{y}^T\mathbf{D}\mathbf{y} = -\eta\begin{pmatrix}1 & 0\end{pmatrix}\mathbf{y} \qquad |V| = 0 \tag{3.3.6}$$

with

$$\mathbf{c} = -\mathbf{V}^{-1}\mathbf{u} \qquad |V| \neq 0 \tag{3.3.7}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix}\mathbf{u}^T + \eta\mathbf{p}_1^T\\ \mathbf{V}\end{pmatrix}\mathbf{c} = \begin{pmatrix}-f\\ \eta\mathbf{p}_1 - \mathbf{u}\end{pmatrix} \qquad |V| = 0 \tag{3.3.8}$$

$$\text{where } \eta = \mathbf{n}^T\mathbf{p}_1 \tag{3.3.9}$$

Solution: Proofs for (3.3.5), (3.3.6), (3.3.7) and (3.3.8) are available in Appendix A.

3.4. *(Centre/Vertex)* The centre/vertex of the conic section in (3.1.2) is given by $\mathbf{c}$ in (3.3.7) or (3.3.8). This is because from (3.3.1),

$$\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{P}^T(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{c}) \tag{3.4.1}$$

and

$$\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{0} \implies \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{c} \tag{3.4.2}$$

3.5. *(Circle)* For a circle,

$$\mathbf{V} = \mathbf{D} = \mathbf{P} = \mathbf{I} \tag{3.5.1}$$

and the centre is obtained from (3.3.7), (3.4.2) as

$$\mathbf{c} = -\mathbf{u} \tag{3.5.2}$$

(3.3.5) becomes

$$\mathbf{y}^T\mathbf{y} = \|\mathbf{y}\|^2 = \left(\sqrt{\mathbf{u}^T\mathbf{u} - f}\right)^2 \tag{3.5.3}$$

and the radius is

$$\sqrt{\mathbf{u}^T\mathbf{u} - f} \tag{3.5.4}$$

3.6. *(Ellipse)* For

$$|\mathbf{V}| > 0, \quad \text{or, } \lambda_1 > 0, \lambda_2 > 0 \tag{3.6.1}$$

and (3.3.5) becomes

$$\lambda_1 y_1^2 + \lambda_2 y_1^2 = \mathbf{u}^T\mathbf{V}^{-1}\mathbf{u} - f \tag{3.6.2}$$

which is the equation of an ellipse with major and minor axes parameters

$$\sqrt{\frac{\lambda_1}{\mathbf{u}^T\mathbf{V}^{-1}\mathbf{u} - f}}, \sqrt{\frac{\lambda_2}{\mathbf{u}^T\mathbf{V}^{-1}\mathbf{u} - f}}. \tag{3.6.3}$$

The centre is obtained from (3.4.2) as (3.3.7).

3.7. *(Hyperbola)* For

$$|\mathbf{V}| < 0, \quad \text{or, } \lambda_1 > 0, \lambda_2 < 0 \tag{3.7.1}$$

and (3.3.5) becomes

$$\lambda_1 y_1^2 - (-\lambda_2)\, y_1^2 = \mathbf{u}^T\mathbf{V}^{-1}\mathbf{u} - f \tag{3.7.2}$$

with major and minor axes parameters

$$\sqrt{\frac{\lambda_1}{\mathbf{u}^T\mathbf{V}^{-1}\mathbf{u} - f}}, \sqrt{\frac{\lambda_2}{f - \mathbf{u}^T\mathbf{V}^{-1}\mathbf{u}}}, \tag{3.7.3}$$

The centre is obtained from (3.4.2) as (3.3.7).

3.8. *(Parabola)* For

$$|\mathbf{V}| = 0, \quad \text{or, } \lambda_1 = 0. \tag{3.8.1}$$

The vertex of the parabola is obtained using (3.3.8) and the focal length is

$$\left|\frac{2\mathbf{p}_1^T\mathbf{u}}{\lambda_2}\right| \tag{3.8.2}$$

4 Tangents and Normals

4.1. *Secant:* The points of intersection of the line

$$L: \quad \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{q} + \mu\mathbf{m} \quad \mu \in \mathbb{R} \tag{4.1.1}$$

with the conic section in (3.1.2) are given by

$$\mathbf{x}_i = \mathbf{q} + \mu_i\mathbf{m} \tag{4.1.2}$$

where

$$\mu_i = \frac{1}{\mathbf{m}^T\mathbf{V}\mathbf{m}}\Big(-\mathbf{m}^T(\mathbf{V}\mathbf{q} + \mathbf{u}) \pm \sqrt{[\mathbf{m}^T(\mathbf{V}\mathbf{q} + \mathbf{u})]^2 - (\mathbf{q}^T\mathbf{V}\mathbf{q} + 2\mathbf{u}^T\mathbf{q} + f)(\mathbf{m}^T\mathbf{V}\mathbf{m})}\Big) \tag{4.1.3}$$

Solution: Substituting (4.1.1) in (3.1.2),

$$(\mathbf{q} + \mu\mathbf{m})^T\mathbf{V}(\mathbf{q} + \mu\mathbf{m}) + 2\mathbf{u}^T(\mathbf{q} + \mu\mathbf{m}) + f = 0$$
$$\implies \mu^2\mathbf{m}^T\mathbf{V}\mathbf{m} + 2\mu\mathbf{m}^T(\mathbf{V}\mathbf{q} + \mathbf{u}) + \mathbf{q}^T\mathbf{V}\mathbf{q} + 2\mathbf{u}^T\mathbf{q} + f = 0 \tag{4.1.4}$$

Solving the above quadratic in (4.1.4) yields (4.1.3).

4.2. *Tangent:* If L in (4.1.1) touches (3.1.2) at exactly one point $\mathbf{q}$,

$$\mathbf{m}^T(\mathbf{V}\mathbf{q}+\mathbf{u}) = 0 \tag{4.2.1}$$

Solution: In this case, (4.1.4) has exactly one root. Hence, in (4.1.3)

$$\left[\mathbf{m}^T(\mathbf{V}\mathbf{q}+\mathbf{u})\right]^2 - \left(\mathbf{m}^T\mathbf{V}\mathbf{m}\right)\left(\mathbf{q}^T\mathbf{V}\mathbf{q}+2\mathbf{u}^T\mathbf{q}+f\right) = 0 \tag{4.2.2}$$

$\because$ $\mathbf{q}$ is the point of contact, $\mathbf{q}$ satisfies (3.1.2) and

$$\mathbf{q}^T\mathbf{V}\mathbf{q}+2\mathbf{u}^T\mathbf{q}+f = 0 \tag{4.2.3}$$

Substituting (4.2.3) in (4.2.2) and simplifying, we obtain (4.2.1).

4.3. The normal vector is obtained from (4.2.1) and (1.4.1) as

$$\mathbf{n} = \mathbf{V}\mathbf{q}+\mathbf{u} \tag{4.3.1}$$

4.4. Given the point of contact $\mathbf{q}$, the equation of a tangent is

$$(\mathbf{V}\mathbf{q}+\mathbf{u})^T\mathbf{x}+\mathbf{u}^T\mathbf{q}+f = 0 \tag{4.4.1}$$

Solution: From (4.3.1) and (1.4.2), the equation of the tangent is

$$(\mathbf{V}\mathbf{q}+\mathbf{u})^T(\mathbf{x}-\mathbf{q}) = 0 \tag{4.4.2}$$

$$\implies (\mathbf{V}\mathbf{q}+\mathbf{u})^T\mathbf{x}-\mathbf{q}^T\mathbf{V}\mathbf{q}-\mathbf{u}^T\mathbf{q} = 0 \tag{4.4.3}$$

which, upon substituting from (4.2.3) and simplifying yields (4.1.1).

4.5. If $\mathbf{V}^{-1}$ exists, given the normal vector $\mathbf{n}$, the tangent points of contact to (3.1.2) are given by

$$\mathbf{q}_i = \mathbf{V}^{-1}(\kappa_i\mathbf{n}-\mathbf{u}), i = 1,2 \tag{4.5.1}$$

$$\text{where } \kappa_i = \pm\sqrt{\frac{\mathbf{u}^T\mathbf{V}^{-1}\mathbf{u}-f}{\mathbf{n}^T\mathbf{V}^{-1}\mathbf{n}}} \tag{4.5.2}$$

Solution: From (4.3.1),

$$\mathbf{q} = \mathbf{V}^{-1}(\kappa\mathbf{n}-\mathbf{u}), \quad \kappa\in\mathbb{R} \tag{4.5.3}$$

Substituting (4.5.3) in (4.2.3),

$$(\kappa\mathbf{n}-\mathbf{u})^T\mathbf{V}^{-1}(\kappa\mathbf{n}-\mathbf{u}) + 2\mathbf{u}^T\mathbf{V}^{-1}(\kappa\mathbf{n}-\mathbf{u})+f = 0$$

$$\implies \kappa^2\mathbf{n}^T\mathbf{V}^{-1}\mathbf{n}-\mathbf{u}^T\mathbf{V}^{-1}\mathbf{u}+f = 0$$

$$\text{or, } \kappa = \pm\sqrt{\frac{\mathbf{u}^T\mathbf{V}^{-1}\mathbf{u}-f}{\mathbf{n}^T\mathbf{V}^{-1}\mathbf{n}}} \tag{4.5.4}$$

Substituting (4.5.4) in (4.5.3) yields (4.5.2).

4.6. If $\mathbf{V}$ is not invertible, given the normal vector $\mathbf{n}$, the point of contact to (3.1.2) is given by the matrix equation

$$\begin{pmatrix}\mathbf{u}+\kappa\mathbf{n}^T\\ \mathbf{V}\end{pmatrix}\mathbf{q} = \begin{pmatrix}-f\\ \kappa\mathbf{n}-\mathbf{u}\end{pmatrix} \tag{4.6.1}$$

$$\text{where } \kappa = \frac{\mathbf{p}_1^T\mathbf{u}}{\mathbf{p}_1^T\mathbf{n}}, \quad \mathbf{V}\mathbf{p}_1 = 0 \tag{4.6.2}$$

Solution: If $\mathbf{V}$ is non-invertible, it has a zero eigenvalue. If the corresponding eigenvector is $\mathbf{p}_1$, then,

$$\mathbf{V}\mathbf{p}_1 = 0 \tag{4.6.3}$$

From (4.3.1),

$$\kappa\mathbf{n} = \mathbf{V}\mathbf{q}+\mathbf{u}, \quad \kappa\in\mathbb{R} \tag{4.6.4}$$

$$\implies \kappa\mathbf{p}_1^T\mathbf{n} = \mathbf{p}_1^T\mathbf{V}\mathbf{q}+\mathbf{p}_1^T\mathbf{u} \tag{4.6.5}$$

$$\text{or, } \kappa\mathbf{p}_1^T\mathbf{n} = \mathbf{p}_1^T\mathbf{u}, \quad \because \mathbf{p}_1^T\mathbf{V} = 0, \tag{4.6.6}$$

$$\text{from (4.6.3)} \tag{4.6.7}$$

yielding κ in (4.6.2). From (4.6.4),

$$\kappa\mathbf{q}^T\mathbf{n} = \mathbf{q}^T\mathbf{V}\mathbf{q}+\mathbf{q}^T\mathbf{u} \tag{4.6.8}$$

$$\implies \kappa\mathbf{q}^T\mathbf{n} = -f-\mathbf{q}^T\mathbf{u} \quad \text{from (4.2.3),} \tag{4.6.9}$$

$$\text{or, } (\kappa\mathbf{n}+\mathbf{u})\mathbf{q} = -f \tag{4.6.10}$$

(4.6.4) can be expressed as

$$\mathbf{V}\mathbf{q} = \kappa\mathbf{n}-\mathbf{u}. \tag{4.6.11}$$

(4.6.10) and (4.6.11) clubbed together result in (4.6.1).

4.7. All the results related to conics are summarized in Table 4.7.

5 Circle

5.1. Find the centre and radius of the circle

$$x^2+y^2+8x+10y-8 = 0 \tag{5.1.1}$$

Conic	Property	Standard Form	Standard Parameters	Point(s) of Contact
Circle	$\mathbf{V} = \mathbf{I}$	$\frac{\mathbf{y}^T\mathbf{D}\mathbf{y}}{\mathbf{u}^T\mathbf{V}^{-1}\mathbf{u}-f} = 1$ $\mathbf{D} = \begin{pmatrix}\lambda_1 & 0\\ 0 & \lambda_2\end{pmatrix}$ $\mathbf{V} = \mathbf{P}\mathbf{D}\mathbf{P}^T$ $\mathbf{P} = \begin{pmatrix}\mathbf{p}_1 & \mathbf{p}_2\end{pmatrix}$	$\mathbf{c} = -\mathbf{u},$ $r = \sqrt{\mathbf{u}^T\mathbf{u} - f}$	$\mathbf{q} = \mathbf{V}^{-1}\left(\kappa\mathbf{n} - \mathbf{u}\right)$ $\kappa = \pm\sqrt{\frac{\mathbf{u}^T\mathbf{V}^{-1}\mathbf{u} - f}{\mathbf{n}^T\mathbf{V}^{-1}\mathbf{n}}}$
Ellipse	$\lvert\mathbf{V}\rvert > 0$ $\lambda_1 > 0, \lambda_2 < 0$		$\mathbf{c} = -\mathbf{V}^{-1}\mathbf{u},$ $axes = \begin{cases}\sqrt{\frac{\mathbf{u}^T\mathbf{V}^{-1}\mathbf{u}-f}{\lambda_1}}\\ \sqrt{\frac{\mathbf{u}^T\mathbf{V}^{-1}\mathbf{u}-f}{\lambda_2}}\end{cases}$	
Hyperbola	$\lvert\mathbf{V}\rvert < 0$ $\lambda_1 > 0, \lambda_2 < 0$		$\mathbf{c} = -\mathbf{V}^{-1}\mathbf{u},$ $axes = \begin{cases}\sqrt{\frac{\mathbf{u}^T\mathbf{V}^{-1}\mathbf{u}-f}{\lambda_1}}\\ \sqrt{\frac{f-\mathbf{u}^T\mathbf{V}^{-1}\mathbf{u}}{\lambda_2}}\end{cases}$	
Parabola	$\lvert\mathbf{V}\rvert = 0$ $\lambda_1 = 0$	$\mathbf{y}^T\mathbf{D}\mathbf{y} = -\eta\begin{pmatrix}1 & 0\end{pmatrix}\mathbf{y}$	focal length $= \left\lvert\frac{\eta}{\lambda_2}\right\rvert$ $\begin{pmatrix}\mathbf{u}^T + \eta\mathbf{p}_1^T\\ \mathbf{V}\end{pmatrix}\mathbf{c} = \begin{pmatrix}-f\\ \eta\mathbf{p}_1 - \mathbf{u}\end{pmatrix}$ $\eta = 2\mathbf{p}_1^T\mathbf{u}$	$\begin{pmatrix}\mathbf{u} + \kappa\mathbf{n}^T\\ \mathbf{V}\end{pmatrix}\mathbf{q} = \begin{pmatrix}-f\\ \kappa\mathbf{n} - \mathbf{u}\end{pmatrix}$ $\kappa = \frac{\mathbf{p_1}^T\mathbf{u}}{\mathbf{p_1}^T\mathbf{n}}$

TABLE 4.7: $\mathbf{x}^T\mathbf{V}\mathbf{x} + 2\mathbf{u}^T\mathbf{x} + f = 0$ can be expressed in the above standard form for various conics. $\mathbf{c}$ represents the centre/vertex of the conic. $\mathbf{q}$ is/are the point(s) of contact for the tangent(s).

Solution: (5.1.1) can be expressed as

$$\mathbf{x}^T\mathbf{x} + 2\begin{pmatrix}4 & 5\end{pmatrix}\mathbf{x} - 8 = 0 \tag{5.1.2}$$

which is of the form (3.1.2) with

$$\mathbf{u} = \begin{pmatrix}4\\5\end{pmatrix}, f = -8 \tag{5.1.3}$$

From Table 4.7, the center and radius are given by

$$\mathbf{c} = -\mathbf{u} = \begin{pmatrix}-4\\-5\end{pmatrix}, r = \sqrt{\|u\|^2 - f} = 7 \tag{5.1.4}$$

5.2. Find the equation of a circle which passes through the points $\mathbf{P} = \begin{pmatrix}2\\-2\end{pmatrix}$ and $\mathbf{Q} = \begin{pmatrix}3\\4\end{pmatrix}$ and whose centre lies on the line

$$\begin{pmatrix}1 & 1\end{pmatrix}\mathbf{x} = 2 \tag{5.2.1}$$

Solution: From (3.1.2) and Table 4.7, the equation of a circle can be expressed as

$$\mathbf{x}^T\mathbf{x} - 2\mathbf{c}^T\mathbf{x} + f = 0 \tag{5.2.2}$$

where $\mathbf{c}$ is the centre. Substituting the given points in (5.2.2) and using (5.2.1), the following equations are obtained

$$2\begin{pmatrix}2 & -2\end{pmatrix}\mathbf{c} - f = 8 \tag{5.2.3}$$

$$2\begin{pmatrix}3 & 4\end{pmatrix}\mathbf{c} - f = 25 \tag{5.2.4}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix}1 & 1\end{pmatrix}\mathbf{c} = 2 \tag{5.2.5}$$

which can be expressed as the matrix equation

$$\begin{pmatrix}1 & 1 & 0\\ 4 & -4 & -1\\ 6 & 8 & -1\end{pmatrix}\begin{pmatrix}\mathbf{c}\\ f\end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix}2\\8\\25\end{pmatrix} \tag{5.2.6}$$

Row reducing the augmented matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix}1 & 1 & 0 & 2\\ 4 & -4 & -1 & 8\\ 6 & 8 & -1 & 25\end{pmatrix} \tag{5.2.7}$$

$$\xleftrightarrow[R_3 \leftarrow R_3 - 6R_1]{R_2 \leftarrow -R_2 + 4R_1}\begin{pmatrix}1 & 1 & 0 & 2\\ 0 & 8 & 1 & 0\\ 0 & 2 & -1 & 13\end{pmatrix} \tag{5.2.8}$$

$$\xleftrightarrow[R_3 \leftarrow -\frac{4R_3 - R_2}{2}]{R_1 \leftarrow 8R_1 - R_3}\begin{pmatrix}8 & 0 & -1 & 16\\ 0 & 8 & 1 & 0\\ 0 & 0 & 5 & -52\end{pmatrix} \tag{5.2.9}$$

$$\xleftrightarrow[R_2 \leftarrow \frac{5R_2 - R_3}{4}]{R_1 \leftarrow \frac{5R_1 + R_3}{4}}\begin{pmatrix}10 & 0 & 0 & 7\\ 0 & 10 & 0 & 13\\ 0 & 0 & 5 & -52\end{pmatrix} \tag{5.2.10}$$

Thus,

$$\mathbf{c} = \frac{1}{10}\begin{pmatrix} 7 \\ 13 \end{pmatrix} \tag{5.2.11}$$

$$f = -\frac{52}{5} \tag{5.2.12}$$

which give the desired equation of the circle. From Table 4.7,

$$r = \sqrt{\|\mathbf{c}\|^2 - f} = \frac{1}{10}\sqrt{1258} \tag{5.2.13}$$

Fig. 5.2 verifies the above results.

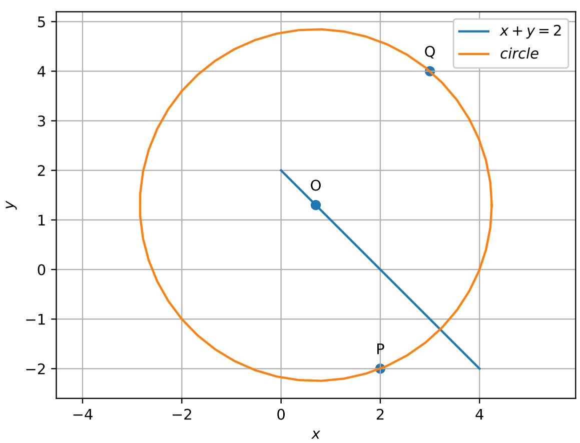

Fig. 5.2: Circle passing through $\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}$. Center is on line $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}\mathbf{x} = 2$.

5.3. Find the points on the curve

$$x^2 + y^2 - 2x - 3 = 0 \tag{5.3.1}$$

at which the tangents are parallel to the x-axis.
Solution: (5.3.1) can be expressed as

$$\mathbf{x}^T\mathbf{x} + \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 0 \end{pmatrix}\mathbf{x} - 3 = 0 \tag{5.3.2}$$

$$\implies \mathbf{V} = \mathbf{I}, \mathbf{u} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, f = -3 \tag{5.3.3}$$

From Table 4.7, the centre and radius are

$$\mathbf{c} = -\mathbf{u} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, r = \sqrt{\|\mathbf{u}\|^2 - f} = 2 \tag{5.3.4}$$

$\because$ the tangents are parallel to the x-axis, their direction and normal vectors are respectively,

$$\mathbf{m} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{n} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}. \tag{5.3.5}$$

From Table 4.7,

$$\kappa = \pm\sqrt{\frac{\mathbf{u}^T\mathbf{u} - f}{\mathbf{n}^T\mathbf{n}}} = \pm\sqrt{\frac{4}{1}} = \pm 2 \tag{5.3.6}$$

and the desired points of contact are

$$\mathbf{q}_1, \mathbf{q}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \pm 2\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} \tag{5.3.7}$$

Fig. 5.2 verifies the above results.

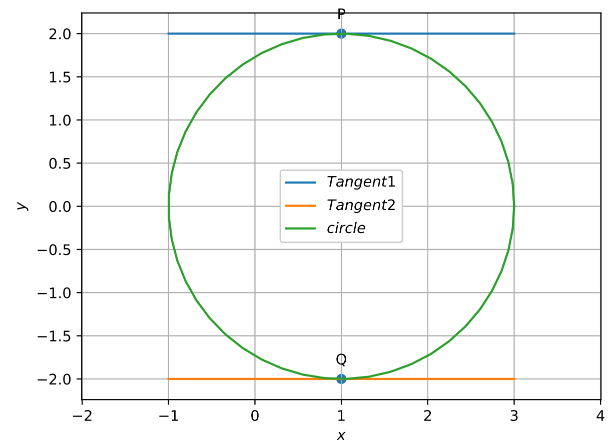

Fig. 5.3: Tangents are parallel to the x-axis.

6 Ellipse

6.1. Find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ if

$$E_1 : x^2 + xy + y^2 = 100 \tag{6.1.1}$$

Solution: Expressing (6.1.1) as (3.1.2),

$$\mathbf{V} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{u} = \mathbf{0}, f = -100. \tag{6.1.2}$$

$$\because |V| = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} & 1 \end{vmatrix} > 0, \tag{6.1.3}$$

(6.1.1) is the equation of an ellipse. To verify that this is indeed the case, we do the following exercise. The characteristic equation of $\mathbf{V}$ is obtained by evaluating the determinant

$$\left|\lambda\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{V}\right| = \begin{vmatrix} \lambda - 1 & \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} & \lambda - 1 \end{vmatrix} = 0 \tag{6.1.4}$$

$$\implies \lambda^2 - 2\lambda + \frac{3}{4} = 0 \tag{6.1.5}$$

The eigenvalues are the roots of (6.1.5) given by

$$\lambda_1 = \frac{1}{2}, \lambda_2 = \frac{3}{2} \tag{6.1.6}$$

The eigenvector $\mathbf{p}$ is defined as

$$\mathbf{V}\mathbf{p} = \lambda\mathbf{p} \tag{6.1.7}$$

$$\implies (\lambda\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{V})\,\mathbf{p} = 0 \tag{6.1.8}$$

where λ is the eigenvalue. For $\lambda_1 = \frac{3}{2}$,

$$(\lambda_1\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{V}) = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} \\ -\frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix} \xleftrightarrow[R_1 \leftarrow 2R_1]{R_2 \leftarrow R_2 - R_1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \tag{6.1.9}$$

$$\implies \mathbf{p}_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \tag{6.1.10}$$

such that $\|\mathbf{p}_1\| = 1$. Similarly, the eigenvector corresponding to λ_2 can be obtained as

$$\mathbf{p}_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \tag{6.1.11}$$

It is easy to verify that

$$\mathbf{V} = \mathbf{P}\mathbf{D}\mathbf{P}^{-1} = \mathbf{P}\mathbf{D}\mathbf{P}^{T} \quad \because \mathbf{P}^{-1} = \mathbf{P}^{T} \tag{6.1.12}$$

$$\text{or, } \mathbf{D} = \mathbf{P}^{T}\mathbf{V}\mathbf{P} \tag{6.1.13}$$

where

$$\mathbf{P} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{p}_1 & \mathbf{p}_2 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \tag{6.1.14}$$

$$\mathbf{D} = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{3}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix} \tag{6.1.15}$$

From Table 4.7, ellipse parameters are given by

$$\mathbf{c} = -\mathbf{V}^{-1}\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{0} \tag{6.1.16}$$

$$\sqrt{\frac{\mathbf{u}^T\mathbf{V}^{-1}\mathbf{u} - f}{\lambda_1}} = 10\sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} \tag{6.1.17}$$

$$\sqrt{\frac{\mathbf{u}^T\mathbf{V}^{-1}\mathbf{u} - f}{\lambda_2}} = 10\sqrt{2} \tag{6.1.18}$$

In Fig. 6.1 the actual ellipse ellipse in (6.1.1) is obtained from (3.3.5) using (3.3.1). The anticlockwise 45°rotation is due to the fact that (6.1.14) can be expressed as

$$\mathbf{P} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos 45^\circ & -\sin 45^\circ \\ \sin 45^\circ & \cos 45^\circ \end{pmatrix} \tag{6.1.19}$$

Coming back to the original question of finding $\frac{dy}{dx}$, if the point of contact

$$\mathbf{q} = \begin{pmatrix} q_1 \\ q_2 \end{pmatrix}, \tag{6.1.20}$$

from (6.1.2), (1.2.4) and (4.2.1),

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & m \end{pmatrix}\begin{pmatrix} 1 & \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} & 1 \end{pmatrix}\begin{pmatrix} q_1 \\ q_2 \end{pmatrix} = 0 \tag{6.1.21}$$

$$\implies \begin{pmatrix} 1 + \frac{m}{2} & \frac{1}{2} + m \end{pmatrix}\begin{pmatrix} q_1 \\ q_2 \end{pmatrix} = 0 \tag{6.1.22}$$

$$\implies \frac{m}{2}(q_1 + 2q_2) + q_1 + \frac{q_2}{2} = 0 \tag{6.1.23}$$

$$\text{or, } m = \frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{2q_1 + q_2}{q_1 + 2q_2} \tag{6.1.24}$$

$\because \frac{dy}{dx}$ is the slope of the tangent. Note that no results from differential calculus were used to obtain (6.1.24).

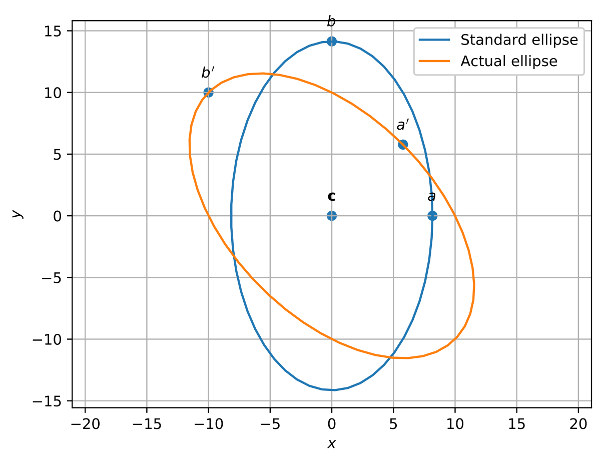

Fig. 6.1: Actual ellipse and transformed ellipse.

6.2. Find the equation of the ellipse, with major axis along the x-axis and passing through the points $\mathbf{a} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$ and $\mathbf{b} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}$

Solution: This is a standard ellipse given by

$$\mathbf{x}^T\mathbf{D}\mathbf{x} = 1, \quad \mathbf{D} = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 \end{pmatrix}, \lambda_1, \lambda_2 > 0 \tag{6.2.1}$$

$\because$ $\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}$ satisfy (6.2.1),

$$\mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{D} \mathbf{a} = 1, \tag{6.2.2}$$
$$\mathbf{b}^T \mathbf{D} \mathbf{b} = 1 \tag{6.2.3}$$

which can be expressed as

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{d} &= 1, \\ \mathbf{b}^T \mathbf{B} \mathbf{d} &= 1 \end{aligned} \tag{6.2.4}$$

where

$$\mathbf{d} = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 \\ \lambda_2 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 \end{pmatrix}. \tag{6.2.5}$$

(6.2.4) can then be expressed as the matrix equation

$$\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{A} \\ \mathbf{b}^T \mathbf{B} \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{d} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \tag{6.2.6}$$

which, after substituing the appropriate values can be expressed as

$$\begin{pmatrix} 16 & 9 \\ 1 & 16 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{d} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \tag{6.2.7}$$

Forming the augmented matrix and performing row reduction,

$$\begin{pmatrix} 16 & 9 & 1 \\ 1 & 16 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \xleftrightarrow[R_2 \leftarrow -R_2]{R_2 \leftarrow R_1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 16 & 1 \\ 0 & 247 & 15 \end{pmatrix} \tag{6.2.8}$$

$$\xleftrightarrow{R_1 \leftarrow 247R_1 - 16R_2} \begin{pmatrix} 247 & 0 & 7 \\ 0 & 247 & 15 \end{pmatrix} \tag{6.2.9}$$

$$\implies \mathbf{d} = \frac{1}{247} \begin{pmatrix} 7 \\ 15 \end{pmatrix}, \text{ or, } \mathbf{D} = \frac{1}{247} \begin{pmatrix} 7 & 0 \\ 0 & 15 \end{pmatrix} \tag{6.2.10}$$

The ellipse parameters are obtained from Table 4.7 as

$$\mathbf{c} = \mathbf{0}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda_1}} = \sqrt{\frac{247}{7}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda_2}} = \sqrt{\frac{247}{15}}. \tag{6.2.11}$$

Fig. 6.2 verifies the above results.

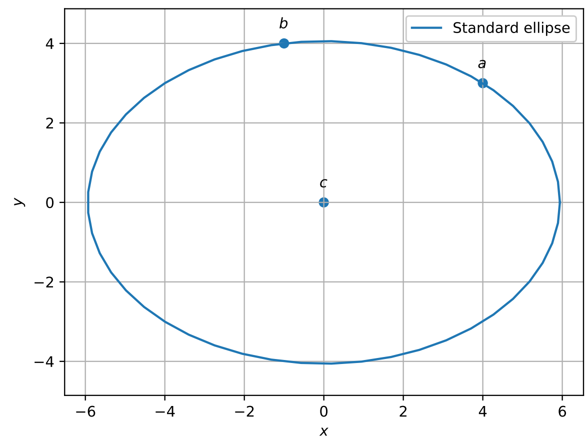

Fig. 6.2: Ellipse through the given points $\mathbf{a} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$ and $\mathbf{b} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}$.

7 Hyperbola

7.1. Find the equation of all lines having slope 2 and being tangent to the curve

$$y + \frac{2}{x-3} = 0 \tag{7.1.1}$$

Solution: (7.1.1) can be expressed as

$$xy - 3y + 2 = 0 \tag{7.1.2}$$

which is of the same form as (3.1.2) with

$$\mathbf{V} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{u} = -\frac{3}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, f = 2 \tag{7.1.3}$$

Using the approach in Example 6.1,

$$\mathbf{D} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & -\frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{P} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \tag{7.1.4}$$

$$\because \mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{V}^{-1} \mathbf{u} - f = -2 < 0, \tag{7.1.5}$$

the major and minor axis are swapped and from Table 4.7 the hyperbola parameters are given by

$$\mathbf{c} = 3 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \sqrt{\frac{\mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{V}^{-1} \mathbf{u} - f}{\lambda_2}} = 2, \tag{7.1.6}$$

$$\sqrt{\frac{f - \mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{V}^{-1} \mathbf{u}}{\lambda_1}} = 2 \tag{7.1.7}$$

with the standard hyperbola equation becoming

$$\frac{y_2^2}{4} - \frac{y_1^2}{4} = 1, \tag{7.1.8}$$

Fig. 7.1 shows the actual hyperbola in (7.1.1) obtained from (7.1.8) using (3.3.1). The direction and normal vectors of the tangent with slope 2 are given by (1.2.4) and (1.4.1) as

$$\mathbf{m} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{n} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \tag{7.1.9}$$

From (4.5.2) and (5.3.3), using (7.1.3),

$$\kappa = \frac{1}{2}, \mathbf{q}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{q}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}. \tag{7.1.10}$$

The desired tangents are

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \left\{ \mathbf{x} - \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \right\} = 0 \implies \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} = 2 \tag{7.1.11}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \left\{ \mathbf{x} - \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} \right\} = 0 \implies \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} = 10 \tag{7.1.12}$$

All the above results are verified in Fig. 7.1. As we can see, the hyperbola in (7.1.1) is obtained by rotating the standard hyperbola by $\mathbf{P}$ and then translating it by $\mathbf{c}$.

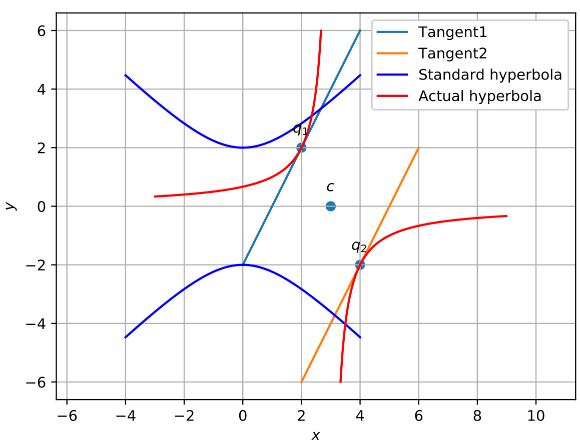

Fig. 7.1: Standard and actual hyperbola.

8 Parabola

8.1. Find the point at which the tangent to the curve

$$y = \sqrt{4x-3} - 1 \tag{8.1.1}$$

has slope $\frac{2}{3}$.

Solution: (8.1.1) can be expressed as

$$(y+1)^2 = 4x - 3 \tag{8.1.2}$$

$$\text{or, } y^2 - 4x + 2y + 4 = 0 \tag{8.1.3}$$

which has the form (3.1.2) with parameters

$$\mathbf{V} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{u} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, f = 4. \tag{8.1.4}$$

Thus, the given curve is a parabola. $\because$ $\mathbf{V}$ is diagonal and in standard form,

$$\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{I} \implies \mathbf{p}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \tag{8.1.5}$$

From Table 4.7, the focus is 4 and the vertex $\mathbf{c}$ is

$$\begin{pmatrix} -4 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{c} = \begin{pmatrix} -4 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \tag{8.1.6}$$

$$\implies \begin{pmatrix} -4 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{c} = \begin{pmatrix} -4 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \tag{8.1.7}$$

$$\text{or, } \mathbf{c} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{3}{4} \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \tag{8.1.8}$$

The direction vector and normal vectors are

$$\mathbf{m} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ \frac{2}{3} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{n} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix}. \tag{8.1.9}$$

Also,

$$\mathbf{V}\mathbf{p} = \mathbf{0} \tag{8.1.10}$$

$$\implies \mathbf{p} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \tag{8.1.11}$$

From (4.6.2), (8.1.9) and (8.1.11),

$$\kappa = -1 \tag{8.1.12}$$

which, upon substitution in (4.6.1) and simplification yields the matrix equation

$$\begin{pmatrix} -4 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{q} = \begin{pmatrix} -4 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \tag{8.1.13}$$

$$\implies \begin{pmatrix} -4 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{q} = \begin{pmatrix} -4 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \tag{8.1.14}$$

$$\text{or, } \mathbf{q} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \tag{8.1.15}$$

Fig. 8.1 verifies the above results.

8.2. Find a point on the curve

$$y = (x-2)^2 \tag{8.2.1}$$

at which the tangent is parallel to the chord joining the points (2, 0) and (4, 4).

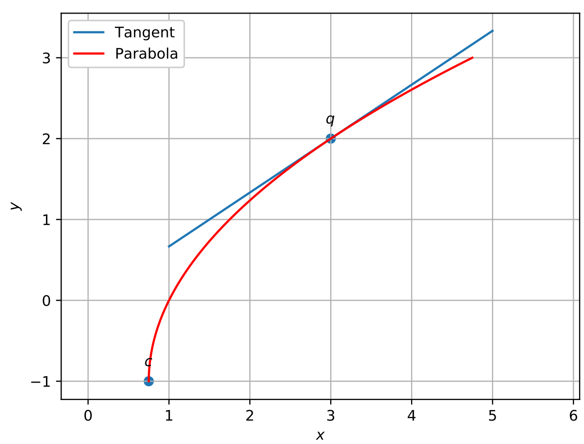

Fig. 8.1: Tangent to parabola in (8.1.1) with slope $\frac{2}{3}$.

Solution: (8.2.1) can be expressed as

$$x^2 - 4x - y + 4 = 0 \tag{8.2.2}$$

which has the form (3.1.2) with parameters

$$\mathbf{V} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{u} = -\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix}, f = 4. \tag{8.2.3}$$

Using eigenvalue decomposition,

$$\mathbf{P} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{D} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \tag{8.2.4}$$

Hence, the eigenvector of $\mathbf{V}$ corresponding to the zero eigenvalue is

$$\mathbf{p}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}. \tag{8.2.5}$$

Substituting the above parameters in the equation for the vertex of the parabola in Table 4.7,

$$\begin{pmatrix} -2 & -\frac{5}{2} \\ 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{c} = \begin{pmatrix} -4 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \tag{8.2.6}$$

$$\implies \begin{pmatrix} -1 & -\frac{5}{2} \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{c} = \begin{pmatrix} -4 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \tag{8.2.7}$$

$$\text{or, } \mathbf{c} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \tag{8.2.8}$$

The direction vector is

$$\mathbf{m} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \tag{8.2.9}$$

and normal vector is

$$\mathbf{n} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \tag{8.2.10}$$

From the equation for the point of contact for the parabola in Table 4.7,

$$\kappa = \frac{1}{2} \tag{8.2.11}$$

resulting in the matrix equation

$$\begin{pmatrix} -1 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{q} = \begin{pmatrix} -4 \\ 3 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \tag{8.2.12}$$

$$\implies \begin{pmatrix} -1 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{q} = \begin{pmatrix} -4 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \tag{8.2.13}$$

$$\text{or, } \mathbf{q} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \tag{8.2.14}$$

Fig. 8.2 verifies the above results. Note that $\mathbf{P}$ rotates the standard parabola by 90°.

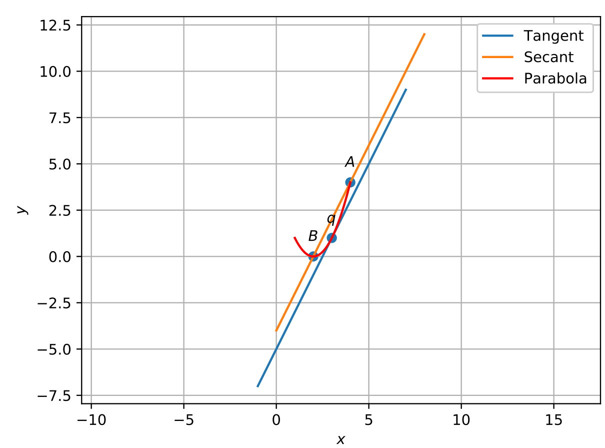

Fig. 8.2: Tangent to parabola in (8.2.1) is parallel to the line joining the points $\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ and $\begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}$.

9 Vector Inequalities

9.1. *(Cauchy-Schwarz Inequality:)* Show that

$$\left|\mathbf{a}^T\mathbf{b}\right| \le \|\mathbf{a}\| \|\mathbf{b}\| \tag{9.1.1}$$

Proof. Using the definition of the inner product,

$$\cos\theta = \frac{\mathbf{a}^T\mathbf{b}}{\|\mathbf{a}\| \|\mathbf{b}\|} \tag{9.1.2}$$

$$\because |\cos\theta| \le 1, \left|\mathbf{a}^T\mathbf{b}\right| \le \|\mathbf{a}\| \|\mathbf{b}\| \tag{9.1.3}$$

(Triangle Inequality:) Show that

$$\|\mathbf{a}+\mathbf{b}\| \le \|\mathbf{a}\| + \|\mathbf{b}\| \tag{9.1.4}$$

Proof. Let $\mathbf{O}$ be the origin. In the triangle formed by $\mathbf{O}, \mathbf{a}$ and $-\mathbf{b}$, the lengths of the sides are

$$\|\mathbf{a}\|, \|\mathbf{b}\|, \|\mathbf{a}+\mathbf{b}\| \tag{9.1.5}$$

$\because$ the sum of two sides of a triangle is always greater than the third side,

$$\|\mathbf{a}+\mathbf{b}\| \le \|\mathbf{a}\| + \|\mathbf{b}\| \tag{9.1.6}$$

Appendix A
Proofs for the Conic Sections

A.1. Substituting (3.3.1) in (3.1.2)

$$(\mathbf{P}\mathbf{y}+\mathbf{c})^T \mathbf{V}(\mathbf{P}\mathbf{y}+\mathbf{c}) + 2\mathbf{u}^T(\mathbf{P}\mathbf{y}+\mathbf{c}) + f = 0, \tag{A.1.1}$$

which can be expressed as

$$\mathbf{y}^T\mathbf{P}^T\mathbf{V}\mathbf{P}\mathbf{y} + 2(\mathbf{V}\mathbf{c}+\mathbf{u})^T\mathbf{P}\mathbf{y} + \mathbf{c}^T\mathbf{V}\mathbf{c} + 2\mathbf{u}^T\mathbf{c} + f = 0 \tag{A.1.2}$$

From (A.1.2) and (3.3.2),

$$\mathbf{y}^T\mathbf{D}\mathbf{y} + 2(\mathbf{V}\mathbf{c}+\mathbf{u})^T\mathbf{P}\mathbf{y} + \mathbf{c}^T(\mathbf{V}\mathbf{c}+\mathbf{u}) + \mathbf{u}^T\mathbf{c} + f = 0 \tag{A.1.3}$$

When $\mathbf{V}^{-1}$ exists,

$$\mathbf{V}\mathbf{c}+\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{0}, \quad \text{or}, \mathbf{c} = -\mathbf{V}^{-1}\mathbf{u}, \tag{A.1.4}$$

and substituting (A.1.4) in (A.1.3) yields (3.3.5).

A.2. When $|\mathbf{V}| = 0, \lambda_1 = 0$ and

$$\mathbf{V}\mathbf{p}_1 = 0, \mathbf{V}\mathbf{p}_2 = \lambda_2\mathbf{p}_2. \tag{A.2.1}$$

where $\mathbf{p}_1, \mathbf{p}_2$ are the eigenvectors of $\mathbf{V}$such that (3.3.2)

$$\mathbf{P} = \begin{pmatrix}\mathbf{p}_1 & \mathbf{p}_2\end{pmatrix}, \tag{A.2.2}$$

Substituting (A.2.2) in (A.1.3),

$$\begin{aligned}
&\mathbf{y}^T\mathbf{D}\mathbf{y} + 2\left(\mathbf{c}^T\mathbf{V}+\mathbf{u}^T\right)\begin{pmatrix}\mathbf{p}_1 & \mathbf{p}_2\end{pmatrix}\mathbf{y} \\
&\qquad + \mathbf{c}^T(\mathbf{V}\mathbf{c}+\mathbf{u}) + \mathbf{u}^T\mathbf{c} + f = 0 \\
&\implies \mathbf{y}^T\mathbf{D}\mathbf{y} \\
&\quad + 2\begin{pmatrix}\left(\mathbf{c}^T\mathbf{V}+\mathbf{u}^T\right)\mathbf{p}_1 & \left(\mathbf{c}^T\mathbf{V}+\mathbf{u}^T\right)\mathbf{p}_2\end{pmatrix}\mathbf{y} \\
&\qquad + \mathbf{c}^T(\mathbf{V}\mathbf{c}+\mathbf{u}) + \mathbf{u}^T\mathbf{c} + f = 0 \\
&\implies \mathbf{y}^T\mathbf{D}\mathbf{y} \\
&\qquad + 2\begin{pmatrix}\mathbf{u}^T\mathbf{p}_1 & \left(\lambda_2\mathbf{c}^T+\mathbf{u}^T\right)\mathbf{p}_2\end{pmatrix}\mathbf{y} \\
&\qquad + \mathbf{c}^T(\mathbf{V}\mathbf{c}+\mathbf{u}) + \mathbf{u}^T\mathbf{c} + f = 0 \\
&\qquad\qquad \text{from (A.2.1)} \\
&\implies \lambda_2 y_2^2 + 2\left(\mathbf{u}^T\mathbf{p}_1\right)y_1 + 2y_2(\lambda_2\mathbf{c}+\mathbf{u})^T\mathbf{p}_2 \\
&\qquad + \mathbf{c}^T(\mathbf{V}\mathbf{c}+\mathbf{u}) + \mathbf{u}^T\mathbf{c} + f = 0
\end{aligned} \tag{A.2.3}$$

which is the equation of a parabola. From (A.2.3), by comparing the coefficients of y_2^2 and y_1, the focal length of the parabola is obtained as

$$\left|\frac{2\mathbf{u}^T\mathbf{p}_1}{\lambda_2}\right|. \tag{A.2.4}$$

Thus, (A.2.3) can be expressed as (3.3.6) by choosing

$$\eta = 2\mathbf{u}^T\mathbf{p}_1 \tag{A.2.5}$$

and $\mathbf{c}$ in (A.1.3) such that

$$\mathbf{P}^T(\mathbf{V}\mathbf{c}+\mathbf{u}) = \eta\begin{pmatrix}1\\0\end{pmatrix} \tag{A.2.6}$$

$$\mathbf{c}^T(\mathbf{V}\mathbf{c}+\mathbf{u}) + \mathbf{u}^T\mathbf{c} + f = 0 \tag{A.2.7}$$

Multiplying (A.2.6) by $\mathbf{P}$ yields

$$(\mathbf{V}\mathbf{c}+\mathbf{u}) = \eta\mathbf{p}_1, \tag{A.2.8}$$

which, upon substituting in (A.2.7) results in

$$\eta\mathbf{c}^T\mathbf{p}_1 + \mathbf{u}^T\mathbf{c} + f = 0 \tag{A.2.9}$$

(A.2.8) and (A.2.9) can be clubbed together to obtain (3.3.8).