

Assignment 6

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Abstract—This is a simple document explaining how to determine a conic section from a given second degree equation.

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svn co <https://github.com/gadepall/school/trunk/ncert/geometry/figs>

1 PROBLEM

What conics do the following equation represents? When possible, find the center and the equation referred to the center.

$$55x^2 - 120xy + 20y^2 + 64x - 48y = 0 \quad (1.0.1)$$

2 EXPLANATION

The general equation of second degree can be represented as:

$$\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{V} \mathbf{X} + 2\mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{X} + f = 0 \quad (2.0.1)$$

The above 1.0.1 can also be written as:

$$\mathbf{X}^T \begin{pmatrix} 55 & -60 \\ -60 & 20 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{X} + 2 \begin{pmatrix} 32 & -24 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{X} + 0 = 0 \quad (2.0.2)$$

So,

$$\mathbf{V} = \begin{pmatrix} 55 & -60 \\ -60 & 20 \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.0.3)$$

and

$$\mathbf{u} = \begin{pmatrix} 32 \\ -24 \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.0.4)$$

$$f = 0 \quad (2.0.5)$$

Now,

$$\det \mathbf{V} = \begin{vmatrix} 55 & -60 \\ -60 & 20 \end{vmatrix} \quad (2.0.6)$$

$$\Rightarrow \det \mathbf{V} = -2500 < 0 \quad (2.0.7)$$

As $\det \mathbf{V} < 0$, so we can say that the above conic section 1.0.1 is hyperbola. Now,

$$\mathbf{V}^{-1} = \frac{1}{-2500} \begin{pmatrix} 20 & 60 \\ 60 & 55 \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.0.8)$$

The center of this hyperbola will be:

$$\mathbf{c} = -\mathbf{V}^{-1} \mathbf{u} \quad (2.0.9)$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{c} = \frac{1}{2500} \begin{pmatrix} 20 & 60 \\ 60 & 55 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 32 \\ -24 \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.0.10)$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{c} = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{8}{25} \\ \frac{6}{25} \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.0.11)$$

$$(2.0.12)$$

Now the characteristic equation of \mathbf{V} is obtained as:

$$|\mathbf{V} - \lambda \mathbf{I}| = 0 \quad (2.0.13)$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{vmatrix} 55 - \lambda & -60 \\ -60 & 20 - \lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0 \quad (2.0.14)$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda^2 - 75\lambda - 2500 = 0 \quad (2.0.15)$$

The eigen values are given by:

$$\lambda_1 = 100 \quad (2.0.16)$$

$$\lambda_2 = -25 \quad (2.0.17)$$

The eigen vector \mathbf{P} is defined as:

$$\mathbf{V} \mathbf{P} = \lambda \mathbf{P} \quad (2.0.18)$$

$$\Rightarrow (\mathbf{V} - \lambda \mathbf{I}) \mathbf{P} = \mathbf{0} \quad (2.0.19)$$

For $\lambda_1 = 100$,

$$(\mathbf{V} - \lambda_1 \mathbf{I}) = \begin{pmatrix} -45 & -60 \\ -60 & -80 \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.0.20)$$

By row reduction,

$$\begin{pmatrix} -45 & -60 \\ -60 & -80 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow[R_1 \leftarrow R_1 / (-5)]{R_2 \leftarrow R_2 / (-5)} \quad (2.0.21)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 9 & 12 \\ 12 & 16 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow[R_1 \leftarrow R_1 / 3]{R_2 \leftarrow R_2 / 4} \quad (2.0.22)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 3 & 4 \\ 3 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_2 \leftarrow R_2 - R_1} \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.0.23)$$

So,

$$(\mathbf{V} - \lambda_1 \mathbf{I})\mathbf{P}_1 = \mathbf{0} \quad (2.0.24)$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.0.25)$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{P}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{4}{3} \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.0.26)$$

Similarly, For $\lambda_2=100$,

$$(\mathbf{V} - \lambda_2 \mathbf{I}) = \begin{pmatrix} 80 & -60 \\ -60 & 45 \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.0.27)$$

By row reduction,

$$\begin{pmatrix} 80 & -60 \\ -60 & 45 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow[R_1 \leftarrow R_1/5]{R_2 \leftarrow R_2/5} \quad (2.0.28)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 16 & -12 \\ -12 & 9 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow[R_1 \leftarrow R_1/4]{R_2 \leftarrow R_2/(-3)} \quad (2.0.29)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 4 & -3 \\ 4 & -3 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_2 \leftarrow R_2 - R_1} \begin{pmatrix} 4 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.0.30)$$

So,

$$(\mathbf{V} - \lambda_2 \mathbf{I})\mathbf{P}_2 = \mathbf{0} \quad (2.0.31)$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 4 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.0.32)$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{P}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ \frac{4}{3} \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.0.33)$$

By eigen decomposition \mathbf{V} can also be written as:

$$\mathbf{V} = \mathbf{P}\mathbf{D}\mathbf{P}^T \quad (2.0.34)$$

where

$$\mathbf{P} = (\mathbf{P}_1 \quad \mathbf{P}_2) \quad (2.0.35)$$

$$\mathbf{D} = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.0.36)$$

So,

$$\mathbf{P} = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{4}{3} & 1 \\ 1 & \frac{4}{3} \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.0.37)$$

$$\mathbf{D} = \begin{pmatrix} 100 & 0 \\ 0 & -25 \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.0.38)$$

and

$$\mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{V}^{-1} \mathbf{u} - f = 16 > 0 \quad (2.0.39)$$

So, the axes are:

$$a = \sqrt{\frac{\mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{V}^{-1} \mathbf{u} - f}{\lambda_1}} = \frac{2}{5} \quad (2.0.40)$$

$$b = \sqrt{\frac{f - \mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{V}^{-1} \mathbf{u}}{\lambda_2}} = \frac{4}{5} \quad (2.0.41)$$

Now, the equation 1.0.1 can be written as:

$$\mathbf{y}^T \mathbf{D} \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{V}^{-1} \mathbf{u} - f \quad (2.0.42)$$

where,

$$\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{P}^T (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{c}) \quad (2.0.43)$$

So,

$$\mathbf{y}^T \begin{pmatrix} 100 & 0 \\ 0 & -25 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{y} = 16 \quad (2.0.44)$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{y}^T \begin{pmatrix} 100 & 0 \\ 0 & -25 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{y} - 16 = 0 \quad (2.0.45)$$

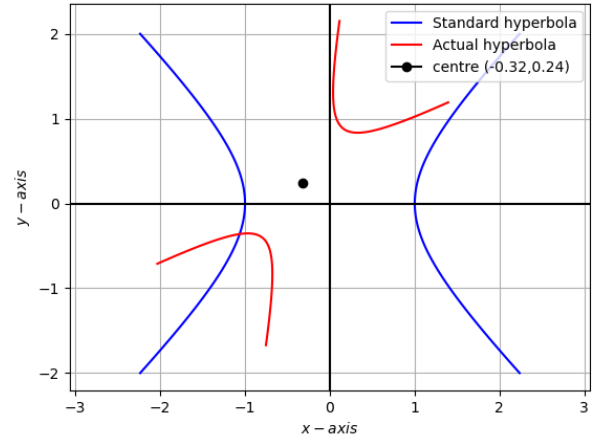


Fig. 0: Comparison of the Standard and Actual Hyperbola

2.1. Verification of the above problem using python code.

Solution: The following Python code generates Fig. 0

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