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1 Problem

Find the co-ordinates of the foci, the vertices, the length of major axis, the minor axis, the eccentricity and the length of latus rectum of the ellipse $4x^2 + 9y^2 = 36$.

2 Solution

1) Given ellipse equation:

$$\mathbf{x}^{\mathsf{T}}\mathbf{V}\mathbf{x} + 2\mathbf{u}^{\mathsf{T}}\mathbf{x} + f = 0 \tag{2.0.1}$$

here,
$$\mathbf{V} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{4}{9} & 0\\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$
 (2.0.2)

$$f = -4$$
 (2.0.3)

$$\mathbf{u} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \tag{2.0.4}$$

Vertices lie on major axis, therefore let

$$\mathbf{v} = \mu_i \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \tag{2.0.11}$$

$$m^{\mathsf{T}}\mathbf{V}\mathbf{m} = \frac{4}{9} \tag{2.0.12}$$

$$\mathbf{m}^{top}\left(\mathbf{V}\mathbf{h} + \mathbf{u}\right) = 0 \tag{2.0.13}$$

$$g(h) = -4 (2.0.14)$$

$$\mu_i = \frac{0 \pm \sqrt{0 - (-4)\frac{4}{9}}}{\frac{4}{9}} \quad (2.0.15)$$

$$= \pm 3$$
 (2.0.16)

Vertices are $\begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ and $\begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$

 $\mathbf{m}^{\mathsf{T}} (\mathbf{V}\mathbf{h} + \mathbf{u}) = 0$

g(h) = -4

6) Length of màjor axis

length of major axis = distance between vertices

(2.0.23)

(2.0.24)

(2.0.25)

(2.0.26)

$$= \|\mathbf{v_1} - \mathbf{v_2}\| \tag{2.0.18}$$

$$= 6$$
 (2.0.19)

2) points of intersection of a line $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{h} + \mu \mathbf{m}$ with 7) minor axis ellipse are given by:

$$\mu_{i} = \frac{1}{\mathbf{m}^{\top} \mathbf{V} \mathbf{m}} \left(-m^{\top} \left(\mathbf{V} \mathbf{h} + \mathbf{u} \right) \pm \sqrt{\left(\mathbf{m}^{\top} \left(\mathbf{V} \mathbf{h} + \mathbf{u} \right) \right)^{2} - g \left(\mathbf{h} \right) \left(\mathbf{m}^{\top} \mathbf{V} \mathbf{m} \right)} \right) \mu \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$(2.0.20)$$

$$(2.0.21)$$

$$m^{\mathsf{T}}\mathbf{Vm} = 1 \tag{2.0.22}$$

 $\mu_i = 0 \pm \sqrt{0 - (-4)}$

where,

$$g(\mathbf{h}) = \mathbf{h}^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{V} \mathbf{h} + 2 \mathbf{u}^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{h} + f \qquad (2.0.6)$$

3) Center of the ellipse,

$$\mathbf{C} = -\mathbf{V}^{-1}u\tag{2.0.7}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \tag{2.0.8}$$

4) Major axis

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} = 0 \tag{2.0.9}$$

i.e.,
$$\mathbf{x} = \mu \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$
 (2.0.10)

Points of intersection of minor axis with ellipse be $\mu_i \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

Points of intersection of minor axis with ellipse =
$$\pm \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$$
 (2.0.27)

5) Vertices

8) Length of minor axis

length of minor axis = distance between Points of intersectiom $^{\mathsf{T}}\mathbf{Vm} = 1$

$$(2.0.28) \mathbf{m}^{\top} (\mathbf{V} \mathbf{h} + \mathbf{u}) = 0 (2.0.45)$$

$$=4$$
 (2.0.29)

Normal to directrix,

 \mathbf{n} = direction vector of major axis (2.0.30)

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \tag{2.0.31}$$

$$\mathbf{V} = \|\mathbf{n}\|^2 \mathbf{I} - e^2 \mathbf{n} \mathbf{n}^{\mathsf{T}} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{4}{9} & 0\\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$
 (2.0.32)

$$\mathbf{u} = ce^2\mathbf{n} - ||\mathbf{n}||^2\mathbf{F} = \begin{pmatrix} 0\\0 \end{pmatrix}$$
 (2.0.33)

$$f = ||\mathbf{n}||^2 ||\mathbf{F}||^2 - c^2 e^2 = -4$$
 (2.0.34)

9) Eccentricity Substituing value of \mathbf{n} in (2.0.32),

$$e = \frac{\sqrt{5}}{3} \tag{2.0.35}$$

substituing (2.0.35) in (2.0.33) and (2.0.34),

$$\mathbf{F} = \frac{5c}{9} \begin{pmatrix} 1\\0 \end{pmatrix} \tag{2.0.36}$$

$$\|\mathbf{F}\|^2 = c^2 e^2 - 4 = \frac{25c^2}{81}$$
 (2.0.37)

upon substituting (2.0.35) in (2.0.37),

$$c = \pm \frac{9}{\sqrt{5}} \tag{2.0.38}$$

10) Foci substitung (2.0.38) in (2.0.36),

$$\mathbf{F} = \begin{pmatrix} \pm \sqrt{5} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \tag{2.0.39}$$

11) equation of Latus Recta

$$\mathbf{n}^{\mathsf{T}} \left(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{F} \right) = 0 \tag{2.0.40}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} = 3 \tag{2.0.41}$$

$$i.e., \mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \mu \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \tag{2.0.42}$$

Let points of intersection of latus rectum and curve be,

$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{F} + \mu_i \mathbf{m} \tag{2.0.43}$$

(2.0.44)

$$\mathbf{m}^{\mathsf{T}} \left(\mathbf{V} \mathbf{h} + \mathbf{u} \right) = 0 \tag{2.0.45}$$

$$g(h) = -\frac{16}{9} \tag{2.0.46}$$

$$\mu_i = 0 \pm \sqrt{0 - (-1)\frac{16}{9}}$$
 (2.0.47)

$$= \pm \frac{4}{3} \tag{2.0.48}$$

12) Length of latus recta

here,

length of latus recta = distance between points of interse (2.0.49)

$$=\frac{8}{3}$$
 (2.0.50)

| Parameter | Value | Description |
|-----------|--|---------------------------------------|
| V | $ \begin{pmatrix} \frac{4}{9} & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} $ | matrix Vfrom ellipse equation |
| u | $\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ | vector u from ellipse equation |
| f | -4 | constant f from ellipse equation |

TABLE 12: Table 1

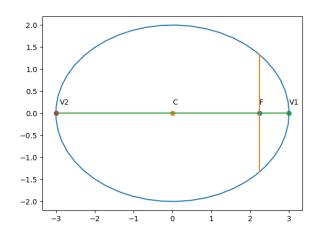


Fig. 12: Figure 1