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Problem: 11.11.3.9

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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 $\begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$

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

7) minor axis

length of major axis = distance between vertices

(2.0.20)

(2.0.21)

(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 $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{A} + \mu \mathbf{h}$ with ellipse are given by:

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

$$\binom{(2.0.5)^{17}}{m^{1}}$$
 Vm = 1 (2.0.22)

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

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

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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

where,

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

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

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

g(h) = -4

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

5) Vertices

(2.0.46)

(2.0.47)

(2.0.48)

8) Length of minor axis

here,

length of minor axis = distance between Points of intersectiom
$$^{\mathsf{T}}\mathbf{Vm} = 1$$
 (2.0.43)

$$\mathbf{m}^{\mathsf{T}} \left(\mathbf{V} \mathbf{h} + \mathbf{u} \right) = 0 \tag{2.0.44}$$

 $=\pm\frac{4}{2}$

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

$$= 4$$
 (2.0.29)

$$g(h) = -\frac{16}{9} \tag{2.0.45}$$

Normal to directrix,

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

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

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

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

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

length of latus recta = distance between points of interse

$$=\frac{8}{3}$$
 (2.0.49)

9) Eccentricity

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

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

$$c = \pm \frac{9}{\sqrt{5}} \tag{2.0.37}$$

ParameterValueDescriptionV
$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{4}{9} & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$
matrix V from ellipse equationu $\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ vector u from ellipse equationf-4constant f from ellipse equation

TABLE 12: Table 1

10) Foci

$$\mathbf{F} = \begin{pmatrix} \pm \sqrt{5} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \tag{2.0.38}$$

11) equation of Latus Recta

$$\mathbf{n}^{\mathsf{T}} \left(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{F} \right) = 0 \tag{2.0.39}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} = 3 \tag{2.0.40}$$

$$i.e., \mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \mu \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \tag{2.0.41}$$

Let points of intersection of latus rectum and curve be,

$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{F} + \mu_i \mathbf{m} \tag{2.0.42}$$

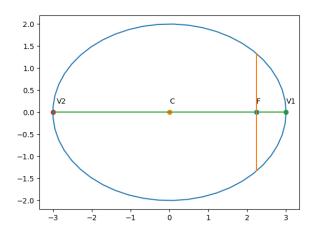


Fig. 12: Figure 1