

CONIC SECTIONS

Exercise 8.2

Q2. Find the area bounded by the curves $(x - 1)^2 + y^2 = 1$ and $x^2 + y^2 = 1$.

Solution: The general equation of a conic is given as

$$g(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{x}^\top \mathbf{V} \mathbf{x} + 2\mathbf{u}^\top \mathbf{x} + f = 0 \quad (1)$$

The first curve equation can be rearranged as

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

Comparing (1) and (2) we get

$$\mathbf{V} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (3)$$

$$\mathbf{u} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (4)$$

$$f = 0 \quad (5)$$

The second curve equation can be rearranged as

$$x^2 + y^2 - 1 = 0 \quad (6)$$

Comparing (1) and (6) we get

$$\mathbf{V} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (7)$$

$$\mathbf{u} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (8)$$

$$f = -1 \quad (9)$$

The intersection of conics is obtained as

$$\mathbf{x}^\top (\mathbf{V}_1 + \mu \mathbf{V}_2) \mathbf{x} + 2(\mathbf{u}_1 + \mu \mathbf{u}_2)^\top \mathbf{x} + (f_1 + \mu f_2) = 0 \quad (10)$$

The locus of the intersection is a pair of straight lines if

$$\begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{V}_1 + \mu \mathbf{V}_2 & \mathbf{u}_1 + \mu \mathbf{u}_2 \\ (\mathbf{u}_1 + \mu \mathbf{u}_2)^\top & f_1 + \mu f_2 \end{vmatrix} = 0 \quad (11)$$

On substituting values we get

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1+\mu & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1+\mu & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & -\mu \end{vmatrix} = 0 \quad (12)$$

solving the determinant we get

$$\mu^3 + 2\mu^2 + 2\mu + 1 = 0 \quad (13)$$

$$\implies \mu = -1 \quad (14)$$

Thus, the parametrs for straight line cann be expressed as

$$\mathbf{V} = \mathbf{V}_1 + \mu \mathbf{V}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (15)$$

$$\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{u}_1 + \mu \mathbf{u}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (16)$$

$$f = 1 \quad (17)$$

Substituting these values we get

$$\mathbf{x}^\top \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} + 2 \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} + 1 = 0 \quad (18)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} -2 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} = -1 \quad (19)$$

Therefore

$$\mathbf{m} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } \mathbf{h} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (20)$$

Now intersection of line with a conic is given by

$$\mathbf{x}_i = \mathbf{h} + \mu_i \mathbf{m} \quad (21)$$

where

$$\mu_i = \frac{1}{\mathbf{m}^\top \mathbf{V} \mathbf{m}} \left(-\mathbf{m}^\top (\mathbf{V} \mathbf{h} + \mathbf{u}) \pm \sqrt{[\mathbf{m}^\top (\mathbf{V} \mathbf{h} + \mathbf{u})]^2 - g(\mathbf{h}) (\mathbf{m}^\top \mathbf{V} \mathbf{m})} \right) \quad (22)$$

Now

$$g(\mathbf{h}) = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + 2 \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} - 1 \quad (23)$$

$$= -\frac{3}{4} \quad (24)$$

$$\mathbf{m}^\top \mathbf{V} \mathbf{m} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = 1 \quad (25)$$

$$\mathbf{m}^\top (\mathbf{V} \mathbf{h} + \mathbf{u}) = 0 \quad (26)$$

substituting in (22) we get

$$\mu_i = \pm \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \quad (27)$$

Hence the point of intersection are

$$\mathbf{a}_0 = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{a}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} \\ -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \end{pmatrix} \quad (28)$$

The desired area of region is given as

$$= 2 \left(\int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} \sqrt{1 - (x - 1)^2} dx + \int_{\frac{1}{2}}^1 \sqrt{1 - x^2} dx \right) \quad (29)$$

$$= 2 \left[\frac{1}{2} (x - 1) \sqrt{1 - (x - 1)^2} + \frac{1}{2} \sin^{-1}(x - 1) \right]_0^{\frac{1}{2}} \quad (30)$$

$$+ 2 \left[\frac{x}{2} \sqrt{1 - x^2} + \frac{1}{2} \sin^{-1} x \right]_{\frac{1}{2}}^1 = \frac{2\pi}{3} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \quad (31)$$

See figure 1

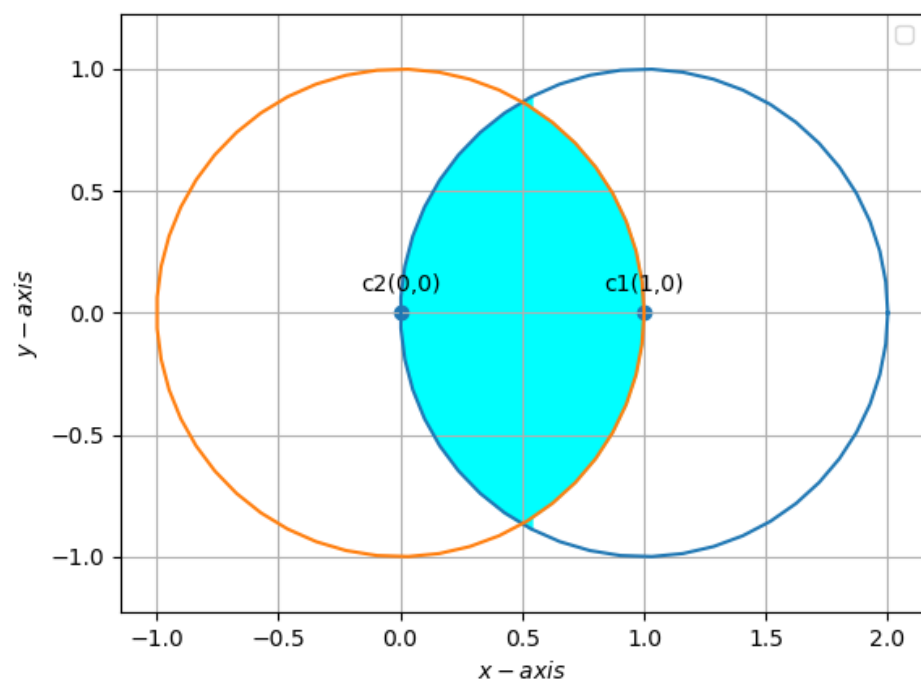


Figure 1: