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## Matrix Theory Assignment 5

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Abstract—This document demonstrates a method to trace a curve with given equation using matrix algebra.

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https://github.com/Ritesh622/ Assignment\_EE5609/tree/master/ Assignment 5

1 Problem Statement

Trace the curve

$$(x - y)^2 = x + y + 1 (1.0.1)$$

2 Solution

We have given equation as:

$$(x - y)^2 = x + y + 1 (2.0.1)$$

$$\implies x^2 - 2xy + y^2 - x - y - 1 = 0 \qquad (2.0.2)$$

The general equation of second degree is given by

$$ax^2 + 2bxy + cy^2 + 2dx + 2ey + f = 0$$
 (2.0.3)

and can be expressed as

$$\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{V} \mathbf{x} + 2\mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{x} + f = 0 \tag{2.0.4}$$

where

$$\mathbf{V} = \mathbf{V}^T = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ b & c \end{pmatrix} \tag{2.0.5}$$

$$\mathbf{u}^T = \begin{pmatrix} d & e \end{pmatrix} \tag{2.0.6}$$

Comparing (2.0.2) with (2.0.3), we get

$$\mathbf{V} = \mathbf{V}^T = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \tag{2.0.7}$$

$$\mathbf{u}^T = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix} \tag{2.0.8}$$

$$f = -1 (2.0.9)$$

Expanding the determinant of V we observe,

$$|V| = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 0 \tag{2.0.10}$$

Also

$$\begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{V} & \mathbf{u} \\ \mathbf{u}^T & f \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -1 & -\frac{1}{2} \\ -1 & 1 & -\frac{1}{2} \\ -\frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} & -1 \end{vmatrix} \neq 0$$
 (2.0.11)

Hence from (2.0.10) and (2.0.11) we conclude that given equation is an parabola. The characteristic equation of V is given as follows,

$$\left| \lambda \mathbf{I} - \mathbf{V} \right| = \begin{vmatrix} \lambda - 1 & -1 \\ -1 & \lambda - 1 \end{vmatrix} = 0 \tag{2.0.12}$$

$$\implies (\lambda - 1)^2 - 1 = 0$$
 (2.0.13)

The eigenvalues are the roots of (2.0.13) given by

$$\lambda_1 = 0, \lambda_2 = 2 \tag{2.0.14}$$

The eigenvector **p** is defined as:

$$\mathbf{Vp} = \lambda \mathbf{p} \tag{2.0.15}$$

$$\implies (\lambda \mathbf{I} - \mathbf{V}) \mathbf{p} = 0 \tag{2.0.16}$$

where  $\lambda$  is the eigenvalue. For  $\lambda_1 = 0$ ,

$$\mathbf{Vp} = 0 \tag{2.0.17}$$

Row reducing V yields,

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_2 \leftarrow R_2 + R_1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \tag{2.0.18}$$

Similarly, the eigenvector corresponding to  $\lambda_2$  can be obtained as

$$(\lambda_2 \mathbf{I} - \mathbf{V}) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \stackrel{R_2 \leftarrow R_2 - R_1}{\longleftrightarrow}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \tag{2.0.19}$$

It is easy to verify that

$$\mathbf{V} = \mathbf{P}\mathbf{D}\mathbf{P}^{-1} = \mathbf{P}\mathbf{D}\mathbf{P}^{T} \quad :: \mathbf{P}^{-1} = \mathbf{P}^{T} \quad (2.0.20)$$

or, 
$$\mathbf{D} = \mathbf{P}^T \mathbf{V} \mathbf{P}$$
 (2.0.21)

From equation (2.0.18) and (2.0.19), we have

$$\mathbf{p_1} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ and, } \mathbf{p_2} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$
 (2.0.22)

Thus, the eigenvector rotation matrix and the eigenvalue matrix are

$$\mathbf{P} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (\mathbf{p_1} \ \mathbf{p_2}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$
 (2.0.23)

$$\mathbf{D} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \tag{2.0.24}$$

(2.0.22) 
$$\begin{pmatrix} -1 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_2 \leftarrow R_2 + R_1} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & -2 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_3 \leftarrow R_3 - R_1}$$
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$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & -2 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_3 \leftarrow R_3 + R_2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & -2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$(2.0.23) \qquad \xrightarrow{R_1 \leftarrow \frac{R_1}{-2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -\frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & 1 & -\frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$(2.0.24) \qquad (2.0.30)$$

So,

$$\mathbf{c} = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{1}{2} \\ -\frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix} \tag{2.0.31}$$

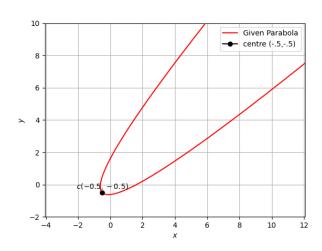


Fig. 1: Parabola with the center c

The focal length of the parabola is given by

$$\frac{\left|2\mathbf{u}^T\mathbf{p_1}\right|}{\lambda_2} = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} = \sqrt{2} \tag{2.0.25}$$

and its equation is

$$\mathbf{y}^T \mathbf{D} \mathbf{y} = -2\eta \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{y} \tag{2.0.26}$$

where,

$$\eta = \mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{p_1} = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \tag{2.0.27}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{u}^T + \eta \mathbf{p_1}^T \\ \mathbf{V} \end{pmatrix} c = \begin{pmatrix} -f \\ \eta \mathbf{p_1} - \mathbf{u} \end{pmatrix}$$
 (2.0.28)

$$\Longrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} -1 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} c = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \tag{2.0.29}$$

Forming the augmented matrix and row reducing it: