ASSIGNMENT 5

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1 QUESTION No 2.51

Find the intervals in which the function

$$f(x) = x^2 - 4x + 6 \qquad (1.0.1)$$

is

1) increasing
2) decreasing

2 SOLUTION

Given equation can be written as

$$y = x^2 - 4x + 6 \qquad (2.0.1)$$

$$\implies x^2 - 4x - y + 6 = 0 \qquad (2.0.2)$$

$$\mathbf{x}^T \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} + 2 \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ \frac{-1}{2} \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} + f = 0 \qquad (2.0.3)$$

Here,

$$\mathbf{V} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{u} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ \frac{-1}{2} \end{pmatrix}, f = 6 \qquad (2.0.4)$$

Using eigen decomposition on $\mathbf{V}$,

$$\mathbf{V} = \mathbf{PDP}^T \qquad (2.0.5)$$

$$where, \mathbf{D} = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \qquad (2.0.6)$$

$$\mathbf{P} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{p_1} & \mathbf{p_2} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \qquad (2.0.7)$$

The vertex of parabola $\mathbf{c}$ is given by

$$\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{u}^T + \eta \mathbf{p_1}^T \\ \mathbf{V} \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{c} = \begin{pmatrix} -f \\ \eta \mathbf{p_1} - \mathbf{u} \end{pmatrix} \qquad (2.0.8)$$

$$where, \eta = \mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{p_1} = \frac{-1}{2} \qquad (2.0.9)$$

Substituting values from (2.0.4),(2.0.7) and (2.0.9) in (2.0.8)

$$\begin{pmatrix} -2 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{c} = \begin{pmatrix} -6 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \qquad (2.0.10)$$

Removing last row and representing (2.0.10) as augmented matrix and then converting the matrix to echelon form,

$$\begin{pmatrix} -2 & -1 & -6 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \xleftrightarrow{R_1 \leftarrow \frac{R_1}{-2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \frac{1}{2} & 2 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \qquad (2.0.11)$$

$$\xleftrightarrow{R_2 \leftarrow R_2 - R_1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \frac{1}{2} & 3 \\ 0 & \frac{-1}{2} & -1 \end{pmatrix} \qquad (2.0.12)$$

$$\xleftrightarrow{R_2 \leftarrow (-2R_2)} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \frac{1}{2} & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \qquad (2.0.13)$$

$$\xleftrightarrow{R_1 \leftarrow R_1 - \frac{R_2}{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \qquad (2.0.14)$$

From (2.0.14) it can be observed that,

$$\mathbf{c} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \qquad (2.0.15)$$

$\therefore$ From $-\infty$ to $\mathbf{e_1}^T \mathbf{c}$ the function is decreasing and from $\mathbf{e_1}^T \mathbf{c}$ to ∞ the function is increasing.

1) f is increasing in interval (2,∞)
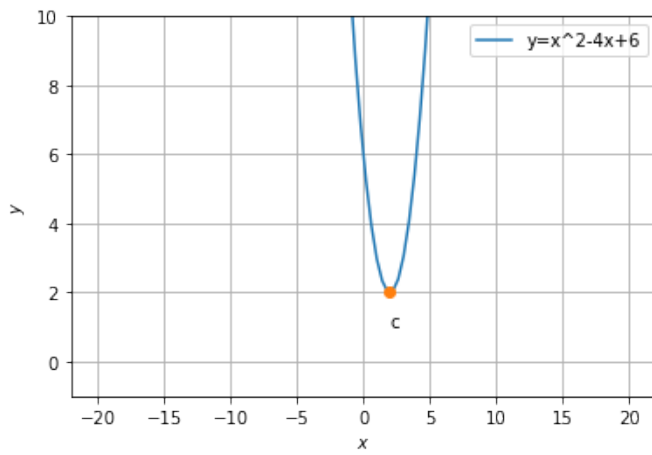2) f is decreasing in interval (-∞,2)

Plot of Parabola-

Fig. 2.1: Parabola