

# Assignment 6

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**Abstract**—This document finds the equation of lines which are tangent to the curve.

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## 1 PROBLEM

Find the equation of all lines having slope  $-2$  which are tangents to the curve  $\frac{1}{x-3}$ ,  $x \neq 3$ .

## 2 SOLUTION

Given the curve,

$$y = \frac{1}{x-3} \quad (2.0.1)$$

$$\Rightarrow xy - 3y - 1 = 0 \quad (2.0.2)$$

From (2.0.2) we get,

$$\mathbf{V} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{u} = \frac{-3}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, f = -1 \quad (2.0.3)$$

Now,

$$\because |V| = \begin{vmatrix} 0 & \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} & 0 \end{vmatrix} = \frac{-1}{2} < 0 \quad (2.0.4)$$

(2.0.1) is equation of hyperbola. Now,

$$|\lambda \mathbf{I} - \mathbf{V}| = \begin{vmatrix} \lambda & \frac{-1}{2} \\ \frac{-1}{2} & \lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0 \quad (2.0.5)$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda^2 - \frac{1}{4} = 0 \quad (2.0.6)$$

Thus the eigen values are,

$$\lambda_1 = \frac{1}{2}, \lambda_2 = \frac{-1}{2} \quad (2.0.7)$$

The eigen vector  $\mathbf{p}$  is given by,

$$(\lambda \mathbf{I} - \mathbf{V})\mathbf{p} = 0 \quad (2.0.8)$$

For  $\lambda_1 = \frac{1}{2}$ ,

$$(\lambda_1 \mathbf{I} - \mathbf{V}) = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow[R_1 \leftarrow 2R_1]{R_2 \leftarrow R_2 + R_1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.0.9)$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{p}_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.0.10)$$

Similarly for  $\lambda_2$ ,

$$(\lambda_2 \mathbf{I} - \mathbf{V}) = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{-1}{2} & \frac{-1}{2} \\ \frac{-1}{2} & \frac{-1}{2} \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow[R_1 \leftarrow -2R_1]{R_2 \leftarrow -R_2 - R_1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.0.11)$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{p}_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.0.12)$$

Now,

$$\mathbf{P} = (\mathbf{p}_1 \quad \mathbf{p}_2) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.0.13)$$

$$\mathbf{D} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{-1}{2} \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.0.14)$$

$$\mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{V}^{-1} \mathbf{u} - f = 1 \quad (2.0.15)$$

$\because \mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{V}^{-1} \mathbf{u} - f = 1 > 0$ , there is no need to swap the axes. The hyperbola parameters are,

$$\mathbf{c} = -\mathbf{V}^{-1} \mathbf{u} = 3 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.0.16)$$

$$\sqrt{\frac{\mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{V}^{-1} \mathbf{u} - f}{\lambda_1}} = \sqrt{2} \quad (2.0.17)$$

$$\sqrt{\frac{f - \mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{V}^{-1} \mathbf{u}}{\lambda_1}} = \sqrt{2} \quad (2.0.18)$$

with the standard hyperbola becoming,

$$\frac{x^2}{2} - \frac{y^2}{2} = 1 \quad (2.0.19)$$

The direction and normal vectors of the tangent with slope  $-2$  are given as,

$$\mathbf{m} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{n} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.0.20)$$

Now considering the equations to find the point of

contact,

$$\mathbf{q} = \mathbf{V}^{-1}(k\mathbf{n} - \mathbf{u}) \quad (2.0.21)$$

$$k = \pm \sqrt{\frac{\mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{V}^{-1} \mathbf{u} - f}{\mathbf{n}^T \mathbf{V}^{-1} \mathbf{n}}} \quad (2.0.22)$$

Thus,

$$\mathbf{n}^T \mathbf{V}^{-1} \mathbf{n} = 8 \quad (2.0.23)$$

$$k = \pm \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} \quad (2.0.24)$$

$$\mathbf{q}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1+3\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \sqrt{2} \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.0.25)$$

$$\mathbf{q}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{-1+3\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{2}} \\ -\sqrt{2} \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.0.26)$$

The desired tangents are,

$$(2 \ 1) \left\{ \mathbf{x} - \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1+3\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \sqrt{2} \end{pmatrix} \right\} = 0 \quad (2.0.27)$$

$$\Rightarrow (2 \ 1) \mathbf{x} = 6 + 2\sqrt{2} \quad (2.0.28)$$

$$(2 \ 1) \left\{ \mathbf{x} - \begin{pmatrix} \frac{-1+3\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{2}} \\ -\sqrt{2} \end{pmatrix} \right\} = 0 \quad (2.0.29)$$

$$\Rightarrow (2 \ 1) \mathbf{x} = 6 - 2\sqrt{2} \quad (2.0.30)$$

Below figure corresponds to the tangents on the hyperbola, represented by (2.0.28) and (2.0.30) each having slope of  $-2$ .

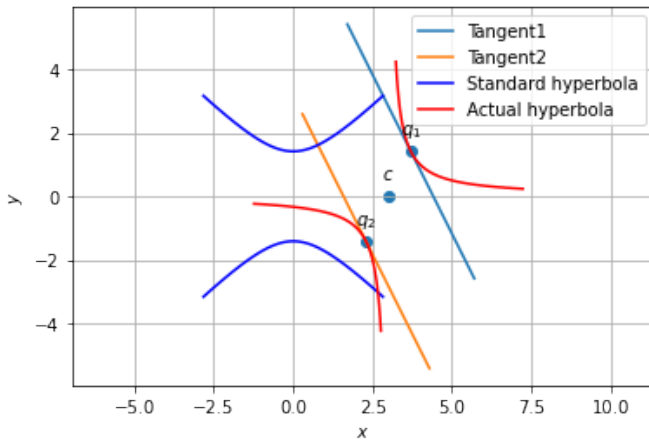


Fig. 1: Tangents to the hyperbola