

# Assignment 6

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## 1 QUESTION No. 2.29

Find the coordinates of the focus, axis, the equation of the directrix and latus rectum of the parabola  $y^2 = 8x$ .

## 2 APPENDIX

All parameters of parabola  $y^2 = 8x$  can be summarised in table 2.1.

Note : Given general formula is valid only when parabola is in standard form i.e.  $|\mathbf{V}| = 0$  and  $\lambda_1 = 0$ .

<sup>1</sup> Procedure to find axis :

- 1) Calculate vertex  $\mathbf{c}$  and focus  $\mathbf{F}$ .
- 2) Find equation of line joining  $\mathbf{c}$  and  $\mathbf{F}$  using  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{F} + k\mathbf{m}$  where  $\mathbf{m} = \mathbf{F} - \mathbf{c}$  and  $k \in \mathbb{R}$ .

<sup>2</sup> Procedure to find directrix :

- 1) Calculate its direction vector  $\mathbf{v}_1$  by using  $\mathbf{v}^T \mathbf{v}_1 = 0$ .
- 2) Equate  $\mathbf{v}_1^T \mathbf{x}$  to  $-\beta$  to get final equation.

<sup>3</sup> Procedure to find latus rectum :

- 1) Calculate its direction vector  $\mathbf{v}_2$  by using  $\mathbf{v}^T \mathbf{v}_2 = 0$ .
- 2) Equate  $\mathbf{v}_2^T \mathbf{x}$  to  $\beta$  to get final equation.

\* $y_1$  and  $y_2$  are the values of  $y$  which we get upon substituting  $x = \beta$  in the equation of parabola.

Parameter	Symbol	Value	General Formula
Vertex	$\mathbf{c}$	$\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$	$\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{u}^T + \eta \mathbf{p}_1^T \\ \mathbf{V} \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{c} = \begin{pmatrix} -f \\ \eta \mathbf{p}_1 - \mathbf{u} \end{pmatrix}$
Focal Length	$\beta$	2	$\frac{1}{4} \left  \frac{2\eta}{\lambda_2} \right $
Focus	$\mathbf{F}$	$\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$	$\mathbf{F} = \mathbf{c} + \mathbf{a}^T$
Axis <sup>1</sup>		$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} = 0$	$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{F} + k\mathbf{m}$
Axis direction vector	$\mathbf{v}$	$\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$	$\mathbf{v}^T \mathbf{x} = 0$
Directrix direction vector	$\mathbf{v}_1$	$\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$	$\mathbf{v}^T \mathbf{v}_1 = 0$
Directrix <sup>2</sup>		$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} = -2$	$\mathbf{v}_1^T \mathbf{x} = -\beta$
Latus rectum direction vector	$\mathbf{v}_2$	$\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$	$\mathbf{v}^T \mathbf{v}_2 = 0$
Latus rectum <sup>3</sup>		$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} = 2$	$\mathbf{v}_2^T \mathbf{x} = \beta$
End points of latus rectum*	$\mathbf{M}, \mathbf{N}$	$\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix}$	$\begin{pmatrix} \beta \\ y_1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} \beta \\ y_2 \end{pmatrix}$
Length of latus rectum	$l$	8	$\ \mathbf{M} - \mathbf{N}\ $

TABLE 2.1: Parameters of parabola  $y^2 = 8x$

**Lemma 2.1.** General equation of a conic is given by

$$ax^2 + 2bxy + cy^2 + 2dx + 2ey + f = 0 \quad (2.0.1)$$

and can be expressed as

$$\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{V} \mathbf{x} + 2\mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{x} + f = 0 \quad (2.0.2)$$

where

$$\mathbf{V} = \mathbf{V}^T = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ b & c \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.0.3)$$

$$\mathbf{u} = \begin{pmatrix} d & e \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.0.4)$$

**Lemma 2.2.** (2.0.2) can be expressed as

$$\mathbf{y}^T \mathbf{D} \mathbf{y} + 2(\mathbf{V} \mathbf{c} + \mathbf{u})^T \mathbf{P} \mathbf{y} + \mathbf{c}^T \mathbf{V} \mathbf{c} + 2\mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{c} + f = 0 \quad (2.0.5)$$

**Lemma 2.3.** When  $|\mathbf{V}| = 0, \lambda_1 = 0$  and

$$\mathbf{V} \mathbf{p}_1 = 0, \mathbf{V} \mathbf{p}_2 = \lambda_2 \mathbf{p}_2 \quad (2.0.6)$$

Then, (2.0.5) can be expressed as

$$\mathbf{y}^T \mathbf{D} \mathbf{y} = -2\eta \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{y} \quad (2.0.7)$$

**Lemma 2.4.** Focal length of a parabola is given by

$$\beta = \frac{1}{4} \left| \frac{2\mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{p}_1}{\lambda_2} \right| \quad (2.0.8)$$

**Lemma 2.5.** Vertex of a parabola when it is in standard form is given by

$$\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{u}^T + \eta \mathbf{p}_1^T \\ \mathbf{V} \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{c} = \begin{pmatrix} -f \\ \eta \mathbf{p}_1 - \mathbf{u} \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.0.9)$$

**Lemma 2.6.** Focus of a parabola when it is in standard form is given by

$$\mathbf{a} = \frac{-2\eta \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}}{4} \quad (2.0.10)$$

$$\mathbf{F} = \mathbf{c} + \mathbf{a}^T \quad (2.0.11)$$

*Proof.* From (2.0.7), parameter  $\mathbf{a}$  of parabola can be

calculated as

$$\mathbf{a} = \frac{-2\eta \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}}{4} \quad (2.0.12)$$

$\therefore$  Focus  $\mathbf{F}$  is given by

$$\mathbf{F} = \mathbf{c} + \mathbf{a}^T \quad (2.0.13)$$

□

**Definition 1.** Axis of a parabola always passes through both vertex and focus

**Lemma 2.7.** Axis of a parabola when it is standard form is given by

$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{F} + k\mathbf{m} \quad (k \in \mathbb{R}) \quad (2.0.14)$$

*Proof.* Using definition 1, axis can be calculated by finding equation of line joining vertex and focus.

Using  $\mathbf{c}$  from (2.0.9) and  $\mathbf{F}$  from (2.0.11), axis can be calculated as

$$\mathbf{m} = \mathbf{F} - \mathbf{c} \quad (\mathbf{m} \text{ is direction vector}) \quad (2.0.15)$$

$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{F} + k\mathbf{m} \quad (k \in \mathbb{R}) \quad (2.0.16)$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{v}^T \mathbf{x} = 0 \quad (\mathbf{v} \text{ is direction vector of } \mathbf{x}) \quad (2.0.17)$$

□

**Definition 2.** Vertex of parabola is at equal distance from focus and directrix and directrix is perpendicular to axis.

**Lemma 2.8.** Directrix of a parabola when it is in standard form is given by

$$\mathbf{v}_1^T \mathbf{x} = -\beta \quad (2.0.18)$$

*Proof.* Using definition 2, directrix is always perpendicular to axis such that

$$\mathbf{v}^T \mathbf{v}_1 = 0 \quad (\mathbf{v}_1 \text{ is direction vector of directrix}) \quad (2.0.19)$$

Using (2.0.8) and (2.0.19), directrix can be expressed as

$$\mathbf{v}_1^T \mathbf{x} = -\beta \quad (2.0.20)$$

□

**Definition 3.** Latus rectum of parabola passes through focus and is perpendicular to axis.

**Lemma 2.9.** Latus rectum of a parabola when it is

in standard form is given by

$$\mathbf{v}_2^T \mathbf{x} = \beta \quad (2.0.21)$$

*Proof.* Using definition 3, latus rectum is always perpendicular to axis such that

$$\mathbf{v}^T \mathbf{v}_2 = 0 \quad (\mathbf{v}_2 \text{ is direction vector of latus rectum}) \quad (2.0.22)$$

Using (2.0.8) and (2.0.22), latus rectum can be expressed as

$$\mathbf{v}_2^T \mathbf{x} = \beta \quad (2.0.23)$$

□

**Lemma 2.10.** End points of latus rectum of a parabola when it is in standard form is given by

$$\mathbf{M} = \begin{pmatrix} \beta \\ y_1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.0.24)$$

$$\mathbf{N} = \begin{pmatrix} \beta \\ y_2 \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.0.25)$$

*Proof.* Substituting  $x = \beta$  in (2.0.1), we get two values of  $y$

$$y_1, y_2 \quad (2.0.26)$$

Using (2.0.26), end points of latus rectum can be calculated as

$$\mathbf{M} = \begin{pmatrix} \beta \\ y_1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.0.27)$$

$$\mathbf{N} = \begin{pmatrix} \beta \\ y_2 \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.0.28)$$

□

**Lemma 2.11.** Length of latus rectum is given by

$$l = \|\mathbf{M} - \mathbf{N}\| \quad (2.0.29)$$

*Proof.* Using (2.0.27) and (2.0.28), length of latus rectum can be expressed as

$$l = \|\mathbf{M} - \mathbf{N}\| \quad (2.0.30)$$

□

### 3 SOLUTION

Given parabola is

$$y^2 = 8x \quad (3.0.1)$$

$$\Rightarrow y^2 - 8x = 0 \quad (3.0.2)$$

Vector form of given parabola is

$$\mathbf{x}^T \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} + 2 \begin{pmatrix} -4 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} + 0 = 0 \quad (3.0.3)$$

∴

$$\mathbf{V} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{u} = \begin{pmatrix} -4 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, f = 0 \quad (3.0.4)$$

∴  $|\mathbf{V}| = 0$  and  $\lambda_1 = 0$  i.e. it is in standard form

∴

$$\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{I} \Rightarrow \mathbf{p}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (3.0.5)$$

$$\eta = \mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{p}_1 = -4 \quad (3.0.6)$$

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

$$\begin{pmatrix} -8 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{c} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (3.0.7)$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{c} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (3.0.8)$$

The focal length  $\beta$  is given by

$$\beta = \frac{1}{4} \left| \frac{2\eta}{\lambda_2} \right| = \frac{1}{4} \left| \frac{-8}{1} \right| = 2 \quad (3.0.9)$$

The focus  $\mathbf{F}$  is given by

$$\mathbf{a} = \frac{-2\eta \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}}{4} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (3.0.10)$$

$$\mathbf{F} = \mathbf{c} + \mathbf{a}^T = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (3.0.11)$$

∴ Axis of parabola passes through both vertex and focus .

∴ Axis of parabola is given by

$$\mathbf{m} = \mathbf{F} - \mathbf{c} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (3.0.12)$$

$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{F} + k\mathbf{m} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 + 2k \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (3.0.13)$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} = 0 \quad (3.0.14)$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (3.0.15)$$

∴ Vertex of parabola is at equal distance from focus and directrix and directrix is perpendicular to axis.

$\therefore$  Directrix of parabola is given by

$$\mathbf{v}^T \mathbf{v}_1 = 0 \quad (3.0.16)$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (3.0.17)$$

So ,

$$\mathbf{v}_1^T \mathbf{x} = -\beta \quad (3.0.18)$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} = -2 \quad (3.0.19)$$

$\therefore$  Latus rectum of parabola passes through focus and is perpendicular to axis.

$\therefore$  Latus rectum of parabola is given by

$$\mathbf{v}^T \mathbf{v}_2 = 0 \quad (3.0.20)$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (3.0.21)$$

So ,

$$\mathbf{v}_2^T \mathbf{x} = \beta \quad (3.0.22)$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} = 2 \quad (3.0.23)$$

End points of latus rectum are

$$\mathbf{M} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} \quad (3.0.24)$$

$$\mathbf{N} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix} \quad (3.0.25)$$

So, the length of latus rectum  $l$  is

$$l = \|\mathbf{M} - \mathbf{N}\| = 8 \quad (3.0.26)$$

Plot of given parabola

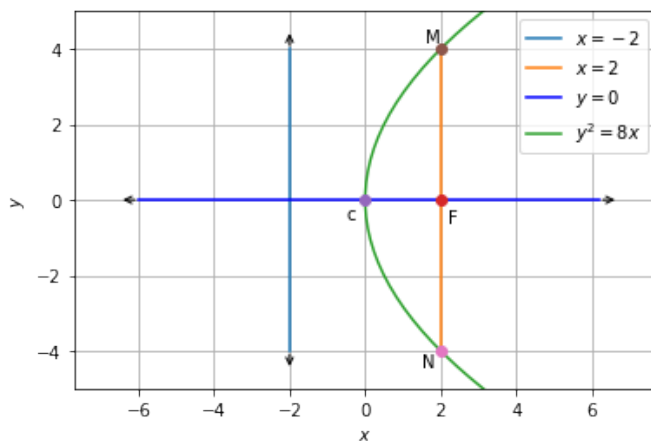


Fig. 3.1: Parabola  $y^2 = 8x$