## **ASSIGNMENT-8**

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## 1 QUESTION No-2.38(B) (QUADRATIC FORMS)

Find the coordinates of the foci and the vertices, the eccentricity, the length of the latus rectum of the hyperbola  $\mathbf{x}^{\top} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -16 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} = 16$ .

## 2 Solution

Given equation of the hyperbola,

$$\mathbf{x}^{\mathsf{T}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -16 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} = 16 \tag{2.0.1}$$

we have,

$$\mathbf{V} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -16 \end{pmatrix} \tag{2.0.2}$$

$$\mathbf{u}^{\mathsf{T}}\mathbf{V}^{-1}\mathbf{u} - f = 16 \tag{2.0.3}$$

$$\mathbf{c} = -\mathbf{V}^{-1}\mathbf{u} = \begin{pmatrix} 0\\0 \end{pmatrix} \tag{2.0.4}$$

$$\lambda_1 = 1, \lambda_2 = -16 \tag{2.0.5}$$

Axes of hyperbola is given by

$$\sqrt{\frac{\mathbf{u}^{\mathsf{T}}\mathbf{V}^{-1}\mathbf{u} - f}{\lambda_1}} = 4 \tag{2.0.6}$$

$$\sqrt{\frac{f - \mathbf{u}^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{V}^{-1} \mathbf{u}}{\lambda_2}} = 1 \tag{2.0.7}$$

The vertices are given as

$$\pm \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \tag{2.0.8}$$

Coordinates of foci are given by,

$$\mathbf{F} = \pm \left( \sqrt{\frac{(\mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{V}^{-1} \mathbf{u} - f)(\lambda_2 - \lambda_1)}{\lambda_1 \lambda_2}} \right) \mathbf{p_1}$$
 (2.0.9)

where,  $\mathbf{p_1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$  since the equation of hyperbola is in standard form. Substituting the values in (2.0.9)

we have,

$$\mathbf{F} = \pm \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{17} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}. \tag{2.0.10}$$

Eccentricity of the hyperbola is given by,

$$e = \frac{\sqrt{\frac{(\mathbf{u}^{\mathsf{T}}\mathbf{V}^{-1}\mathbf{u})(\lambda_2 - \lambda_1)}{\lambda_1 \lambda_2}}}{\sqrt{\frac{\mathbf{u}^{\mathsf{T}}\mathbf{V}^{-1}\mathbf{u} - f}{\lambda_1}}}$$
(2.0.11)

substituting the values in (2.0.11), we have

$$e = \frac{\sqrt{17}}{4}.\tag{2.0.12}$$

Length of the latus rectum is given by,

$$l = \frac{2\left(\sqrt{\frac{f - \mathbf{u}^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{V}^{-1} \mathbf{u}}{\lambda_2}}\right)^2}{\sqrt{\frac{\mathbf{u}^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{V}^{-1} \mathbf{u} - f}{\lambda_1}}}$$
(2.0.13)

substituting the values in (2.0.13), we have

$$l = \frac{1}{2} \tag{2.0.14}$$

The plot of the hyperbola is given below

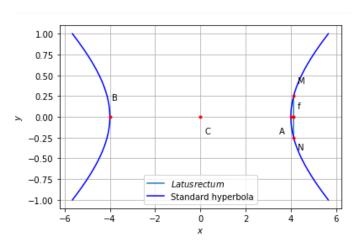


Fig. 2.1: Plot of standard hyperbola