

Problem Statement:

Consider a circle with its centre lying on the focus of parabola $y^2 = 2px$ such that it touches the directrix of the parabola. The point of intersection of the circle and parabola is ?

SOLUTION:**Given:**

Equation of Parabola is

$$y^2 = 2px \quad (1)$$

From (1) we can say that Parabola is concave towards positive x axis.

For the given equation of parabola,

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

The eigenvalue decomposition of a symmetric matrix \mathbf{V} is given by

$$\mathbf{P}^T \mathbf{V} \mathbf{P} = \mathbf{D} \quad \mathbf{P} = (\mathbf{P}_1 \quad \mathbf{P}_2) \quad (3)$$

$$\mathbf{D} = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 \end{pmatrix} \quad (4)$$

On solving (3) with

$$\mathbf{P}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \& \quad \mathbf{P}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \text{we get}$$

$$\mathbf{D} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (5)$$

where,

$$\lambda_1 = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \lambda_2 = 1 \quad (6)$$

We have,

$$\text{eccentricity, } e = \sqrt{1 - \frac{\lambda_1}{\lambda_2}} \quad (7)$$

from (6),

$$e = 1 \quad (8)$$

Normal vector of directrix \mathbf{n} is given by

$$\mathbf{n} = \sqrt{\lambda_2} \mathbf{P}_1 \quad (9)$$

This gives,

$$\mathbf{n} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (10)$$

For $e=1$, we have

$$c = \frac{\|\mathbf{u}\|^2 - \lambda_2 f}{2\mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{n}} \quad (11)$$

On solving we get,

$$c = -p/2 \quad (12)$$

Focii of a conic is given by the equation,

$$\mathbf{F} = \frac{ce^2 \mathbf{n} - \mathbf{u}}{\lambda_2} \quad (13)$$

$$\mathbf{F} = \begin{pmatrix} p/2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (14)$$

The directrix of the parabola is

$$\mathbf{n}^T \mathbf{X} = \mathbf{c} \quad (15)$$

$$(1 \ 0) \mathbf{X} = \mathbf{c} \quad (16)$$

To Find

To find the intersection points of the circle and parabola

STEP-1

The given circle and parabola can be expressed as conics with parameters,

For circle,

$$\mathbf{V}_1 = \mathbf{I} \quad (17)$$

$$\mathbf{V}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (18)$$

$$\mathbf{u}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} -p/2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (19)$$

$$f_1 = -3p^2/4 \quad (20)$$

For Parabola,

$$\mathbf{V}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (21)$$

$$\mathbf{u}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} -p \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (22)$$

$$f_2 = 0 \quad (23)$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & -p/2 - \mu p \\ 0 & 1 + \mu & 0 \\ -p/2 - \mu p & 0 & -3p^2/4 \end{vmatrix} = 0 \quad (31)$$

Solving the above equation we get,
gives,

$$\mu = -1 \quad (32)$$

Thus, the parameters for a straight line can be expressed as

STEP-2

The intersection of the given conics is obtained as

$$\mathbf{x}^\top (\mathbf{V}_1 + \mu \mathbf{V}_2) \mathbf{x} + 2 (\mathbf{u}_1 + \mu \mathbf{u}_2)^\top \mathbf{x} \quad (24)$$

$$+ (f_1 + \mu f_2) = 0 \quad (25)$$

$$\mathbf{V} = \mathbf{V}_1 + \mu \mathbf{V}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (33)$$

$$\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{u}_1 + \mu \mathbf{u}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} p/2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (34)$$

$$f = -3p^2/4, \quad (35)$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{D} = \mathbf{V}, \mathbf{P} = \mathbf{I} \quad (36)$$

Thus, the desired pair of straight lines are

$$\mathbf{V}_1 + \mu \mathbf{V}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \mu + 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (26)$$

$$\mathbf{u}_1 + \mu \mathbf{u}_2 = - \begin{pmatrix} p/2 + \mu p \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (27)$$

$$f_1 + \mu f_2 = -3p^2/4 \quad (28)$$

$$(\sqrt{|\lambda_1|} \pm \sqrt{|\lambda_2|}) \mathbf{P}^\top (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{c}) = 0 \quad (37)$$

$$\Rightarrow (0 \pm 1) \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{c} = 0 \quad (38)$$

$$\text{or, } \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{c} + \kappa \begin{pmatrix} \pm 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (39)$$

This conic is a single straight line if and only if,

The points of intersection of the line is given by,

$$\begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{V}_1 + \mu \mathbf{V}_2 & \mathbf{u}_1 + \mu \mathbf{u}_2 \\ (\mathbf{u}_1 + \mu \mathbf{u}_2)^\top & f_1 + \mu f_2 \end{vmatrix} = 0 \quad (29)$$

$$L: \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{q} + \kappa \mathbf{m} \quad \kappa \in \mathbb{R} \quad (40)$$

with the conic section,

And,

$$\mathbf{x}^\top \mathbf{V} \mathbf{x} + 2 \mathbf{u}^\top \mathbf{x} + f = 0 \quad (41)$$

(30) are given by

Substituting equation (25),(26) and (27) in equation (28)

$$\mathbf{x}_i = \mathbf{q} + \kappa_i \mathbf{m} \quad (42)$$

We get,

where,

$$\kappa_i = \frac{1}{\mathbf{m}^T \mathbf{V} \mathbf{m}} \left(-\mathbf{m}^T (\mathbf{V} \mathbf{q} + \mathbf{u}) \pm \sqrt{[\mathbf{m}^T (\mathbf{V} \mathbf{q} + \mathbf{u})]^2 - (\mathbf{q}^T \mathbf{V} \mathbf{q} + 2\mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{q} + f)(\mathbf{m}^T \mathbf{V} \mathbf{m})} \right) \quad (43)$$

On substituting

$$\mathbf{q} = \begin{pmatrix} p/2 \\ -3p/2 \end{pmatrix} \quad (44)$$

$$\mathbf{m} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (45)$$

With the given circle

$$\mathbf{V} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (46)$$

$$\mathbf{u} = \begin{pmatrix} -p/2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (47)$$

$$f = -3p^2/4 \quad (48)$$

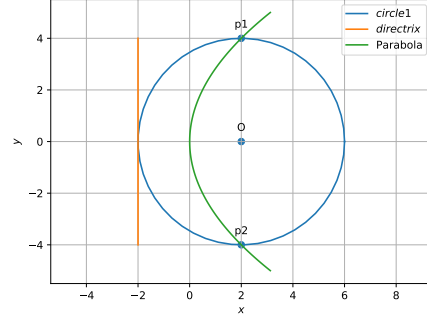
The value of κ_i

$$\kappa_i = 5p/2, p/2 \quad (49)$$

The points of intersection with Parabola along circle are

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} p/2 \\ p \end{pmatrix} \quad (50)$$

$$\mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} p/2 \\ -p \end{pmatrix} \quad (51)$$



Construction

| Points | coordinates |
|----------|---|
| A | $\begin{pmatrix} p/2 \\ p \end{pmatrix}$ |
| B | $\begin{pmatrix} p/2 \\ -p \end{pmatrix}$ |

*Verify the above proofs in the following code.

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