CONIC SECTIONS

Excercise 8.2

Q2. Find the area bounded by the curves $(x-1)^2 + y^2 = 1$ and $x^2 + y^2 = 1$. **Solution:** The general equation of a conic is given as

$$g(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{x}^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{V} \mathbf{x} + 2\mathbf{u}^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{x} + f = 0 \tag{1}$$

The first curve equation can be rearranged as

$$x^2 + y^2 - 2x = 0 (2)$$

Comparing (1) and (2) we get

$$\mathbf{V} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \tag{3}$$

$$\mathbf{u} = \begin{pmatrix} -1\\0 \end{pmatrix} \tag{4}$$

$$f = 0 (5)$$

The second curve equation can be rearranged as

$$x^2 + y^2 - 1 = 0 ag{6}$$

Comparing (1) and (6) we get

$$\mathbf{V} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \tag{7}$$

$$\mathbf{u} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \tag{8}$$

$$f = -1 \tag{9}$$

The intersection of conics is obtained as

$$\mathbf{x}^{\top} \left(\mathbf{V}_1 + \mu \mathbf{V}_2 \right) \mathbf{x} + 2 \left(\mathbf{u}_1 + \mu \mathbf{u}_2 \right)^{\top} \mathbf{x} + \left(f_1 + \mu f_2 \right) = 0$$
 (10)

The locus of the intersection is a pair of straight lines if

$$\begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{V}_1 + \mu \mathbf{V}_2 & \mathbf{u}_1 + \mu \mathbf{u}_2 \\ (\mathbf{u}_1 + \mu \mathbf{u}_2) & f_1 + \mu f_2 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$
 (11)

On substituting values we get

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1+\mu & 0 & -1\\ 0 & 1+\mu & 0\\ -1 & 0 & -\mu \end{vmatrix} = 0 \tag{12}$$

solving the determinant we get

$$\mu^3 + 2\mu^2 + 2\mu + 1 = 0 \tag{13}$$

$$\implies \mu = -1 \tag{14}$$

Thus, the parameters for straight line cann be expressed as

$$\mathbf{V} = \mathbf{V}_1 + \mu \mathbf{V}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \tag{15}$$

$$\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{u}_1 + \mu \mathbf{u}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} -1\\0 \end{pmatrix} \tag{16}$$

$$f = 1 \tag{17}$$

Substituting these values we get

$$\mathbf{x}^{\top} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} + 2 \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} + 1 = 0 \tag{18}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} -2 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} = -1 \tag{19}$$

Therefore

$$\mathbf{m} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } \mathbf{h} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \tag{20}$$

Now intersection of line with a conic is given by

$$\mathbf{x}_i = \mathbf{h} + \mu_i \mathbf{m} \tag{21}$$

where

$$\mu_{i} = \frac{1}{\mathbf{m}^{\top} \mathbf{V} \mathbf{m}} \left(-\mathbf{m}^{\top} \left(\mathbf{V} \mathbf{h} + \mathbf{u} \right) \pm \sqrt{\left[\mathbf{m}^{\top} \left(\mathbf{V} \mathbf{h} + \mathbf{u} \right) \right]^{2} - g\left(\mathbf{h} \right) \left(\mathbf{m}^{\top} \mathbf{V} \mathbf{m} \right)} \right)$$
(22)

Now

$$g(\mathbf{h}) = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + 2 \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} - 1 \tag{23}$$

$$= -\frac{3}{4} \tag{24}$$

$$\mathbf{m}^{\top} \mathbf{V} \mathbf{m} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = 1 \tag{25}$$

$$\mathbf{m}^{\top} \left(\mathbf{V} \mathbf{h} + \mathbf{u} \right) = 0 \tag{26}$$

substituting in (22) we get

$$\mu_i = \pm \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \tag{27}$$

Hence the point of intersection are

$$\mathbf{a}_0 = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{a}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} \\ -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \end{pmatrix} \tag{28}$$

The desired area of region is given as

$$=2\left(\int_{0}^{\frac{1}{2}}\sqrt{1-(x-1)^{2}}dx+\int_{\frac{1}{2}}^{1}\sqrt{1-x^{2}}dx\right)$$
(29)

$$= 2\left[\frac{1}{2}(x-1)\sqrt{1-(x-1)^2} + \frac{1}{2}\sin^{-1}(x-1)\right]_0^{\frac{1}{2}} + 2\left[\frac{x}{2}\sqrt{1-x^2} + \frac{1}{2}\sin^{-1}x\right]_{\frac{1}{2}}^1$$
(30)

$$= \frac{2\pi}{3} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \tag{31}$$

See figure 1

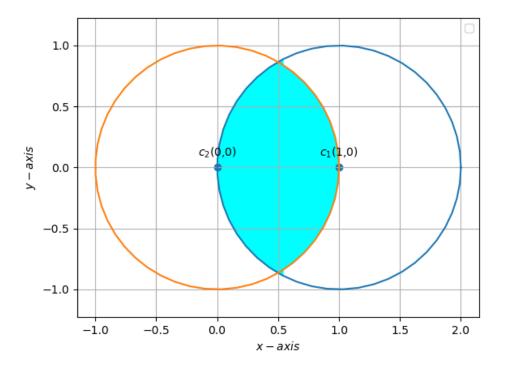


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