

# Assignment-7

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**Abstract**—In this document, we present the procedure to obtain the equation of all lines having slope  $m$  that are tangents to the given curve  $f$ .

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## 1 PROBLEM STATEMENT

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

## 2 SOLUTION

The given curve

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

can be expressed as

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

Hence, we have

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

Since  $|\mathbf{V}| < 0$ , the equation (2.0.2) represents hyperbola. To find the values of  $\lambda_1$  and  $\lambda_2$ , consider the characteristic equation,

$$|\lambda \mathbf{I} - \mathbf{V}| = 0 \quad (2.0.4)$$

$$\Rightarrow \left| \begin{pmatrix} \lambda & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right| = 0 \quad (2.0.5)$$

$$\Rightarrow \left| \begin{pmatrix} \lambda & -\frac{1}{2} \\ -\frac{1}{2} & \lambda \end{pmatrix} \right| = 0 \quad (2.0.6)$$

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

In addition, given the slope -1, the direction and normal vectors are given by

$$\mathbf{m} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.0.8)$$

$$\mathbf{n} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.0.9)$$

The parameters of hyperbola are as follows:

$$\mathbf{c} = -\mathbf{V}^{-1}\mathbf{u} \quad (2.0.10)$$

$$= -\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ 2 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -\frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.0.11)$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.0.12)$$

$$axes = \begin{cases} \sqrt{\frac{\mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{V}^{-1} \mathbf{u} - f}{\lambda_1}} = \sqrt{2} \\ \sqrt{\frac{f - \mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{V}^{-1} \mathbf{u}}{\lambda_2}} = \sqrt{2} \end{cases} \quad (2.0.13)$$

which represents the standard hyperbola equation,

$$\frac{x^2}{2} - \frac{y^2}{2} = 1 \quad (2.0.14)$$

The points of contact are given by

$$K = \pm \sqrt{\frac{\mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{V}^{-1} \mathbf{u} - f}{\mathbf{n}^T \mathbf{V}^{-1} \mathbf{n}}} = \pm \frac{1}{2} \quad (2.0.15)$$

$$\mathbf{q} = \mathbf{V}^{-1}(K\mathbf{n} - \mathbf{u}) \quad (2.0.16)$$

$$\mathbf{q}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ 2 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \left[ \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -\frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix} \right] \quad (2.0.17)$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.0.18)$$

$$\mathbf{q}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ 2 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \left[ \frac{-1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -\frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix} \right] \quad (2.0.19)$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.0.20)$$

∴ The tangents are given by

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \left( \mathbf{x} - \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right) = 0 \quad (2.0.21)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \left( \mathbf{x} - \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \right) = 0 \quad (2.0.22)$$

The desired equations of all lines having slope -1 that are tangents to the curve  $\frac{1}{x-1}, x \neq 1$  are given by

$$x + y - 3 = 0 \quad (2.0.23)$$

$$x + y + 1 = 0 \quad (2.0.24)$$

The above results are verified in the following figure.

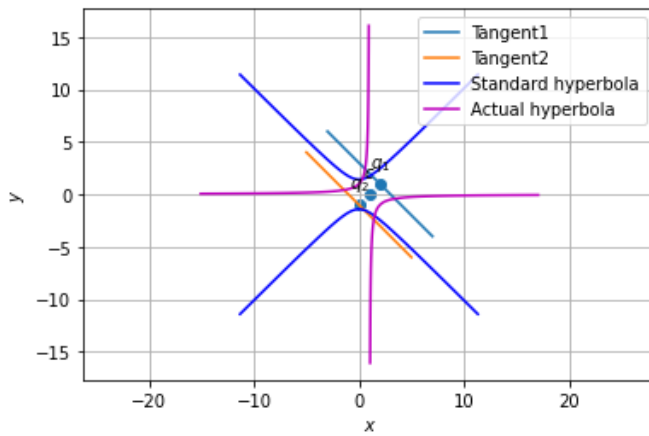


Fig. 0: The standard and actual hyperbola.