MATRICES USING PYTHON

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Problem statement:

The focus of an ellipse is at origin .The directrix is the line x=4 and eccentricity is 1/2. Then the length of the semi major axis is.

Construction

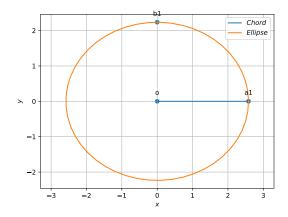


Figure of construction

The input parameters for this construction are

Symbol	Value	Description
F	$\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$	focus point
d	x=4	line of directrix
e	1/2	value of eccntricity

Solution

Statement: The equation of a conic with directrix $\mathbf{n}^{\top}\mathbf{x}=c$, eccentricity e and focus \mathbf{F} is given by

$$\mathbf{x}^{\top}\mathbf{V}\mathbf{x} + 2\mathbf{u}^{\top}\mathbf{x} + f = 0 \tag{1}$$

where

$$\mathbf{V} = \|\mathbf{n}\|^2 \mathbf{I} - e^2 \mathbf{n} \mathbf{n}^\top, \tag{2}$$

$$\mathbf{u} = ce^2 \mathbf{n} - \|\mathbf{n}\|^2 \mathbf{F},\tag{3}$$

$$f = \|\mathbf{n}\|^2 \|\mathbf{F}\|^2 - c^2 e^2 \tag{4}$$

$$\mathbf{n} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, c = 4,\tag{5}$$

$$\mathbf{F} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \tag{6}$$

By substituting the values in above ,we get

$$\mathbf{V} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{3}{4} & 0\\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \tag{7}$$

$$\mathbf{u} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \tag{8}$$

$$f = -4 \tag{9}$$

since diagnoal elements of \boldsymbol{V} are eigen values

$$\lambda_2 = \left\| \mathbf{n} \right\|^2 = 1 \tag{10}$$

$$\lambda_1 = (1 - e^2)\lambda_2 = \frac{3}{4} \tag{11}$$

Now,

$$f_0 = \mathbf{u}^\top \mathbf{V}^{-1} \mathbf{u} - f \neq 0 \tag{12}$$

$$a = \sqrt{\frac{|f_0|}{|\lambda_1|}} \tag{13}$$

$$b = \sqrt{\frac{|f_0|}{|\lambda_2|}}\tag{14}$$

By substituting the values in above ,we get

$$f_0 = 5 \tag{15}$$

$$a = 2.58$$
 (16)

$$b = 2.23$$
 (17)

so, the length of semi major axis is $2.58\,$