

Step-1

Given the quadratic form $f(x, y) = x^2 + 4xy + 3y^2$.

We need to show that f does not have a minimum at $(0, 0)$ even though it has positive coefficients, need to write f as a difference of squares and find a point (x, y) where f is negative.

Step-2

The matrix of the quadratic is,

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \\ = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ b & c \end{pmatrix}$$

Comparing above two matrices,

So, $a = 1$, $b = 2$, and $c = 3$.

Now,

$$ac - b^2 = -1 < 0.$$

Therefore, $f(x, y)$ is not positive definite, so f does not have a minimum at $(0, 0)$ even though it has positive coefficients,

Step-3

$$f(x, y) = x^2 + 4xy + 3y^2 \\ = x^2 + 2 \cdot x \cdot (2y) + 4y^2 - y^2 \\ = (x + 2y)^2 - y^2$$

Therefore, $f(x, y)$ is a difference of squares.

Step-4

For $(x, y) = (2, -1)$,

$$f(x, y) = f(2, -1) \\ = 0 - 1$$

$$= -1 < 0$$

Thus at $(2, -1)$, $f(x, y)$ is negative.

Therefore, the point is $\boxed{(2, -1)}$. $f(x, y)$ is negative.