

Assignment-4

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1 QUESTION No. 2.30

Find the equation of the parabola with focus $\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ and directrix $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} = -2$.

2 EXPLANATION

Definition 1. A parabola is a curve where any point is at an equal distance from: a fixed point (the focus \mathbf{F}), and, a fixed straight line (the directrix $\mathbf{n}^T \mathbf{x} = c$).

Theorem 2.1. Let \mathbf{x} lie on the parabola and \mathbf{P} lie on the directrix. From definition 1 we can easily write:

$$\|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{F}\|^2 = \frac{((\mathbf{P} - \mathbf{x})^T \mathbf{n})^2}{\|\mathbf{n}\|^2} \quad (2.0.1)$$

Here,

$$\mathbf{F} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{n} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, c = -2 \quad (2.0.2)$$

Let $\lambda = \|\mathbf{n}\|^2$. Now using Theorem 2.1:

$$\lambda \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{F}\|^2 = (\mathbf{P}^T \mathbf{n} - \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{n})^2 \quad (2.0.3)$$

$$\lambda \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{F}\|^2 = (c - \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{n})^2 \quad (\because \mathbf{n}^T \mathbf{P} = c) \quad (2.0.4)$$

$$\lambda (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{F})^T (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{F}) = (c - \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{n})^2 \quad (2.0.5)$$

$$\lambda (\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{x} - 2\mathbf{F}^T \mathbf{x} + \|\mathbf{F}\|^2) = c^2 + (\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{n})^2 - 2c\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{n} \quad (2.0.6)$$

$$\lambda \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{x} - (\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{n})^2 - 2\lambda \mathbf{F}^T \mathbf{x} + 2c\mathbf{n}^T \mathbf{x} = c^2 - \lambda \|\mathbf{F}\|^2 \quad (2.0.7)$$

$$\lambda \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{I} \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{n} \mathbf{n}^T \mathbf{x} + 2(c\mathbf{n} - \lambda \mathbf{F})^T \mathbf{x} = c^2 - \lambda \|\mathbf{F}\|^2 \quad (2.0.8)$$

$$\mathbf{x}^T (\lambda \mathbf{I} - \mathbf{n} \mathbf{n}^T) \mathbf{x} + 2(c\mathbf{n} - \lambda \mathbf{F})^T \mathbf{x} + \lambda \|\mathbf{F}\|^2 - c^2 = 0 \quad (2.0.9)$$

So the general equation of parabola based on the known values is given by (2.0.9). Substituting values of \mathbf{F} , \mathbf{n} and c from (2.0.2) and using $\lambda = \|\mathbf{n}\|^2$:

$$\mathbf{x}^T \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} - \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} + 2 \begin{pmatrix} -4 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} = 0 \quad (2.0.10)$$

$$\mathbf{x}^T \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} + 2 \begin{pmatrix} -4 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} + 0 = 0 \quad (2.0.11)$$

Replacing \mathbf{x} by $\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$ in (2.0.11) gives:

$$y^2 = 8x \quad (2.0.12)$$

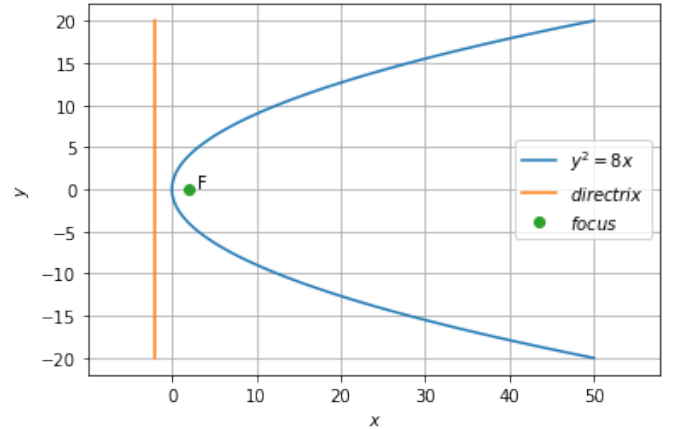


Fig. 2.1: Parabola $y^2 = 8x$