

# Assignment 6

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**Abstract**—This document explains the properties of conic sections and to trace the given curve.

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## 1 PROBLEM

Trace the following central conics:

$$40x^2 + 36xy + 25y^2 - 196x - 122y + 205 = 0 \quad (1.0.1)$$

## 2 EXPLANATION

The general equation of a second degree can be expressed as:

$$ax^2 + 2bxy + cy^2 + 2dx + 2ey + f = 0 \quad (2.0.1)$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{V} \mathbf{x} + 2\mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{x} + f = 0 \quad (2.0.2)$$

where

$$\mathbf{V} = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ b & c \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{u} = \begin{pmatrix} d \\ e \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.0.3)$$

The given equation of the curve can be expressed as:

$$40x^2 + 2(18)xy + 25y^2 + 2(-98)x + 2(-61)y + 205 = 0 \quad (2.0.4)$$

Comparing (2.0.1), (2.0.3) and (2.0.4):

$$\mathbf{V} = \begin{pmatrix} 40 & \sqrt{18} \\ \sqrt{18} & 25 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{u} = \begin{pmatrix} -98 \\ -61 \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } f = 205 \quad (2.0.5)$$

$$\Rightarrow |\mathbf{V}| = 982 \quad \text{and} \quad b^2 - ac = 18 - 40 \cdot 25 = -982 \quad (2.0.6)$$

Since  $|\mathbf{V}| > 0$  and  $b^2 < ac$ , (2.0.4) represent an ellipse.

The characteristic equation of  $\mathbf{V}$  is given as follows,

$$|\lambda \mathbf{I} - \mathbf{V}| = \begin{vmatrix} \lambda - 40 & \sqrt{18} \\ \sqrt{18} & \lambda - 25 \end{vmatrix} = 0 \quad (2.0.7)$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda^2 - 65\lambda + 982 = 0 \quad (2.0.8)$$

Hence the characteristic equation of  $\mathbf{V}$  is given by (2.0.8). The roots of (2.0.8) i.e the eigenvalues are given by

$$\lambda_1 = \frac{65 + \sqrt{297}}{2}, \lambda_2 = \frac{65 - \sqrt{297}}{2} \quad (2.0.9)$$

The eigen vector  $\mathbf{p}$  is defined as,

$$\mathbf{V}\mathbf{p} = \lambda\mathbf{p} \quad (2.0.10)$$

$$\Rightarrow (\lambda \mathbf{I} - \mathbf{V})\mathbf{p} = 0 \quad (2.0.11)$$

for  $\lambda_1 = \frac{65 + \sqrt{297}}{2}$ ,

$$(\lambda_1 \mathbf{I} - \mathbf{V}) = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\sqrt{297}-15}{2} & -\sqrt{18} \\ -\sqrt{18} & \frac{\sqrt{297}+15}{2} \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.0.12)$$

$$\xrightarrow{R_2=R_2 + \frac{2\sqrt{18}}{\sqrt{297}-15}R_1} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\sqrt{297}-15}{2} & -\sqrt{18} \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.0.13)$$

From (2.0.11) and (2.0.16)

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{p}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{18} \\ \frac{\sqrt{297}-15}{2} \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.0.14)$$

For  $\lambda_2 = \frac{65 - \sqrt{297}}{2}$

$$(\lambda_2 \mathbf{I} - \mathbf{V}) = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{-\sqrt{297}-15}{2} & -\sqrt{18} \\ -\sqrt{18} & \frac{15-\sqrt{297}}{2} \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.0.15)$$

$$\xrightarrow[R_1=-R_1]{R_2=R_2 + \frac{2\sqrt{18}}{\sqrt{297}+15}R_1} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\sqrt{297}+15}{2} & \sqrt{18} \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.0.16)$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{p}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} -\sqrt{18} \\ \frac{\sqrt{297}+15}{2} \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.0.17)$$

using the affine transformation

$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{P}\mathbf{y} + \mathbf{c}' \quad (2.0.18)$$

such that

$$\mathbf{P}^T \mathbf{V} \mathbf{P} = \mathbf{D} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{P} = (\mathbf{p}_1 \quad \mathbf{p}_2), \quad \mathbf{P}^T = \mathbf{P}^{-1} \quad (2.0.19)$$

Where  $\mathbf{D}$  is a diagonal matrix, we get

$$\mathbf{D} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{65 + \sqrt{297}}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{65 - \sqrt{297}}{2} \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.0.20)$$

Now (2.0.2) can be written as,

$$\mathbf{y}^T \mathbf{D} \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{V}^{-1} \mathbf{u} - f \quad |\mathbf{V}| \neq 0 \quad (2.0.21)$$

And,

$$\mathbf{c}' = -\mathbf{V}^{-1} \mathbf{u} \quad |\mathbf{V}| \neq 0 \quad (2.0.22)$$

$$\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{P}^T (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{c}) \quad (2.0.23)$$

The centre of the conic section in (2.0.4) is given by  $\mathbf{c}'$  in (2.0.22). We compute  $\mathbf{V}^{-1}$  as follows,

$$\begin{pmatrix} 40 & \sqrt{18} & 1 & 0 \\ \sqrt{18} & 25 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow[R_1 = \frac{1}{40} R_1]{R_2 = R_2 - \frac{\sqrt{18}}{40} R_1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \frac{\sqrt{18}}{40} & \frac{1}{40} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{982}{40} & -\frac{\sqrt{18}}{40} & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.0.24)$$

$$\xrightarrow[R_1 = R_1 - \frac{\sqrt{18}}{40} R_2]{R_2 = \frac{40}{982} R_2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & \frac{25}{982} & -\frac{\sqrt{18}}{982} \\ 0 & 1 & -\frac{\sqrt{18}}{982} & \frac{40}{982} \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.0.25)$$

Hence  $\mathbf{V}^{-1}$  is given by,

$$\mathbf{V}^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{25}{982} & -\frac{\sqrt{18}}{982} \\ -\frac{\sqrt{18}}{982} & \frac{40}{982} \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.0.26)$$

Now  $\mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{V}^{-1} \mathbf{u}$  is given by,

$$\mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{V}^{-1} \mathbf{u} = \frac{1}{982} \begin{pmatrix} -98 & -61 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 25 & -\sqrt{18} \\ -\sqrt{18} & 40 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -98 \\ -61 \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.0.27)$$

$$= 344.4203 \quad (2.0.28)$$

And,  $\mathbf{V}^{-1} \mathbf{u}$  is given by,

$$\mathbf{V}^{-1} \mathbf{u} = \frac{1}{982} \begin{pmatrix} 25 & -\sqrt{18} \\ -\sqrt{18} & 40 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -98 \\ -61 \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.0.29)$$

$$(2.0.30)$$

By putting the value of (2.0.29), the center of the ellipse is given by (2.0.22) as follows,

$$\mathbf{c}' = \begin{pmatrix} 2.231 \\ 2.061 \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.0.31)$$

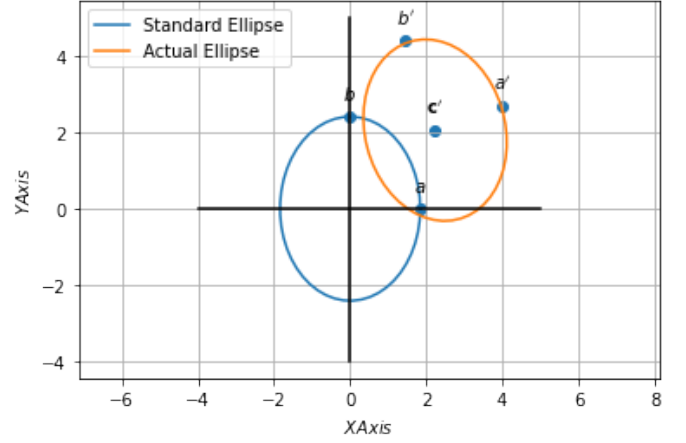


Fig. 1: Graphical representation of the actual curve  $40x^2 + 36xy + 25y^2 - 196x - 122y + 205 = 0$ , which represent an ellipse.

Also the semi-major axis ( $a$ ) and semi-minor axis ( $b$ ) of the ellipse are given by,

$$a = \sqrt{\frac{\mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{V}^{-1} \mathbf{u} - f}{\lambda_1}} = 1.8414 \quad (2.0.32)$$

$$b = \sqrt{\frac{\mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{V}^{-1} \mathbf{u} - f}{\lambda_2}} = 2.416 \quad (2.0.33)$$

Finally from (2.0.21), the equation of ellipse is given by,

$$\mathbf{y}^T \begin{pmatrix} 41.116 & 0 \\ 0 & 23.883 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{y} = 139.4203 \quad (2.0.34)$$