

Rotation of axis example

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Given the central conics: $Ax^2 + Bxy + Cy^2 = D$, $A \neq C$, $B \neq 0$, $D \neq 0$

Perform the rotation of axes: $\begin{cases} x = x_1 \cos \theta - y_1 \sin \theta \\ y = x_1 \sin \theta + y_1 \cos \theta \end{cases}$, where $\theta = \frac{1}{2} \tan^{-1} \frac{B}{A - C}$.

Prove that after the transformation, the equation is in the form $ax_1^2 + by_1^2 = D$.

Proof:

$$\tan 2\theta = \frac{B}{A - C}$$

$$A(x_1 \cos \theta - y_1 \sin \theta)^2 + B(x_1 \cos \theta - y_1 \sin \theta)(x_1 \sin \theta + y_1 \cos \theta) + C(x_1 \sin \theta + y_1 \cos \theta)^2 = D$$

$$(A \cos^2 \theta + B \sin \theta \cos \theta + C \sin^2 \theta)x_1^2 + [-2A \sin \theta \cos \theta + B(\cos^2 \theta - \sin^2 \theta) + 2C \sin \theta \cos \theta]x_1 y_1 + (A \sin^2 \theta - B \sin \theta \cos \theta + C \cos^2 \theta)y_1^2 = D$$

$$\left(A \frac{1 + \cos 2\theta}{2} + \frac{B \sin 2\theta}{2} + C \frac{1 - \cos 2\theta}{2} \right) x_1^2 + [(C - A) \sin 2\theta + B \cos 2\theta] x_1 y_1 + \left(A \frac{1 - \cos 2\theta}{2} - \frac{B \sin 2\theta}{2} + C \frac{1 + \cos 2\theta}{2} \right) y_1^2 = D$$

$$[A + C + B \sin 2\theta + (A - C) \cos 2\theta] x_1^2 + 2[(C - A) \sin 2\theta + B \cos 2\theta] x_1 y_1 + [A + C - B \sin 2\theta + (C - A) \cos 2\theta] y_1^2 = 2D$$

$$\left[A + C + \frac{B^2}{\sqrt{(A - C)^2 + B^2}} + \frac{(A - C)^2}{\sqrt{(A - C)^2 + B^2}} \right] x_1^2 + 2 \left[\frac{B(C - A)}{\sqrt{(A - C)^2 + B^2}} + \frac{B(A - C)}{\sqrt{(A - C)^2 + B^2}} \right] x_1 y_1 + \left[A + C - \frac{B^2}{\sqrt{(A - C)^2 + B^2}} - \frac{(A - C)^2}{\sqrt{(A - C)^2 + B^2}} \right] y_1^2 = 2D$$

$$\left[A + C + \sqrt{(A - C)^2 + B^2} \right] x_1^2 + \left[A + C - \sqrt{(A - C)^2 + B^2} \right] y_1^2 = 2D$$

$$\left[\frac{A + C + \sqrt{(A - C)^2 + B^2}}{2} \right] x_1^2 + \left[\frac{A + C - \sqrt{(A - C)^2 + B^2}}{2} \right] y_1^2 = D$$

It is in the form $ax_1^2 + by_1^2 = D$.