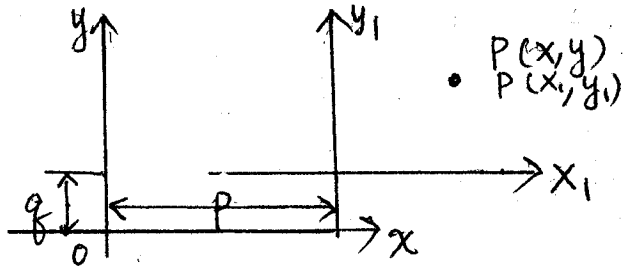


3 General Conics

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Suppose we translate the co-ordinate axes to (p, q)
 then $x = x_1 + p$ $y = y_1 + q$

$$ax^2 + 2hxy + by^2 = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow a(x_1 + p)^2 + 2h(x_1 + p)(y_1 + q) + b(y_1 + q)^2 = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow ax_1^2 + 2hx_1y_1 + by_1^2 + 2(ap + hq)x + 2(hp + bq)y + ap^2 + 2hpq + bq^2 - 1 = 0$$

\therefore In general, a conics has a general equation :

3.1 $ax^2 + 2hxy + by^2 + 2gx + 2fy + c = 0$

3.2 Conversely, given $ax^2 + 2hxy + by^2 + 2gx + 2fy + c = 0$ transform $x = x_1 + p$, $y = y_1 + q$

$$\Rightarrow a(x_1 + p)^2 + 2h(x_1 + p)(y_1 + q) + b(y_1 + q)^2 + 2g(x_1 + p) + 2f(y_1 + q) + c = 0$$

$$(*) \Rightarrow ax_1^2 + 2hx_1y_1 + by_1^2 + ap^2 + 2hpq + bq^2 + 2gp + 2fq + c = 0$$

$$+ 2(ap + hq + g)x_1 + 2(hp + bq + f)y_1$$

make the coefficient of $x_1 = 0$, coefficient of $y_1 = 0$

ie $ap + hq + g = 0$ — (1)

$hp + bq + f = 0$ — (2)

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} p = \frac{fh - bq}{ab - h^2} \\ q = \frac{gh - af}{ab - h^2} \end{cases}$$

provided that $ab - h^2 \neq 0$

This is called the centre of conics.

3.3 let $C_1 =$ constant term of (*) in 3.2

$$= ap^2 + 2hpq + bq^2 + 2gp + 2fq + c$$

$$= ap^2 + hpq + gp$$

$$+ hpq + bq^2 + fq$$

$$+ gp + fq + c$$

$$= p(ap + hq + g) + q(hp + bq + f) + gp + fq + c$$

$$= \overset{0}{\underset{\uparrow \text{by } ①}} + \overset{0}{\underset{\uparrow \text{by } ②}} + gp + fq + c$$

$$= g \frac{fb - bq}{ab - h^2} + f \frac{gh - af}{ab - h^2} + c$$

$$= \frac{fgh - bq^2 + fgh - af^2 + c(ab - h^2)}{ab - h^2}$$

$$C_1 = \frac{\Delta}{ab - h^2}$$

$$\text{where } \Delta = \begin{vmatrix} a & h & g \\ h & b & f \\ g & f & c \end{vmatrix}$$

Example

$$3x^2 + 2xy + 3y^2 + 6x + 10y - 9 = 0$$

$$ab - h^2 = 9 - 1 = 8$$

$$a + b = 6$$

$$\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 1 & 3 \\ 1 & 3 & 5 \\ 3 & 5 & -9 \end{vmatrix} = -81 + 15 + 15 - 27 + 9 - 75 = -144$$

$$(a+b)\Delta = 6 \times (-144) < 0, \quad a+b > 0$$

\therefore It is an ellipse

$$\text{centre} = \left(\frac{5-9}{8}, \frac{3-15}{8} \right) = \left(-\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{3}{2} \right)$$

$$\text{Translated equation: } 3x_1^2 + 2x_1y_1 + 3y_1^2 - \frac{144}{8} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{x_1^2}{6} + \frac{2x_1y_1}{18} + \frac{y_1^2}{6} = 1$$

Let $f(x, y) = ax^2 + 2hxy + by^2 + 2gx + 2fy + C = 0$

If $ab - h^2 \neq 0$ $f(x, y) = 0$ can be transformed to $ax_1^2 + 2hx_1y_1 + by_1^2 + C_1 = 0$, where $C_1 = \frac{\Delta}{ab - h^2}$ which is $\begin{cases} \text{a pair of straight line if } C_1 = 0 \\ \text{a central conics if } C_1 \neq 0 \end{cases}$

In the case $C_1 \neq 0$, $f(x, y) = -C_1$ can be written as

$$\frac{a}{-C_1}x_1^2 + \frac{2h}{-C_1}x_1y_1 + \frac{b}{-C_1}y_1^2 = 1$$

If $\frac{a}{-C_1} \frac{b}{-C_1} - \left(\frac{h}{-C_1}\right)^2 < 0$ then it is a hyperbola.

$$\Leftrightarrow ab - h^2 < 0$$

If $\frac{a}{-C_1} \frac{b}{-C_1} - \left(\frac{h}{-C_1}\right)^2 > 0$ and $\frac{a+b}{-C_1} > 0$ then it is an ellipse (refer to section 2.4)

$$\Leftrightarrow ab - h^2 > 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{a+b}{-C_1} > 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow ab - h^2 > 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{a+b}{\frac{-\Delta}{ab-h^2}} > 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow ab - h^2 > 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{a+b}{-\Delta} > 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow ab - h^2 > 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{a+b}{\Delta} < 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow ab - h^2 > 0 \quad \text{and} \quad (a+b)\Delta < 0$$

| Condition for ellipse | Condition for hyperbola |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| $ab - h^2 > 0$ and $(a+b)\Delta < 0$ | $ab - h^2 < 0$ |

3.4 Suppose $ax^2 + 2hxy + by^2 + 2gx + 2fy + c = 0$ is a hyperbola
ie $ab - h^2 < 0$

we may want to find out the equation of asymptotes
Note that the asymptotes has the same centre as the curve.

(*) Consider $ax^2 + 2hxy + by^2 + 2gx + 2fy + c'' = 0$ a second degree eqn.
which has the same centre as the given conics.
suppose this equation satisfies the condition

$$\begin{vmatrix} a & h & g \\ h & b & f \\ g & f & c'' \end{vmatrix} = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad ab - h^2 < 0$$

then (*) represents a pair of straight lines.

$$\Rightarrow abc'' + 2fgh - af^2 - bg^2 - c''h^2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (ab - h^2)c'' + 2fgh - af^2 - bg^2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (ab - h^2)c + 2fgh - af^2 - bg^2 = (ab - h^2)c - (ab - h^2)c''$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\Delta}{ab - h^2} = c - c''$$

\Rightarrow

$$c'' = c - \frac{\Delta}{ab - h^2}$$

\therefore The asymptotes are given by :

$$ax^2 + 2hxy + by^2 + 2gx + 2fy + c - \frac{\Delta}{ab - h^2} = 0$$

4 Rotated ParabolaGiven $y^2 = 4ax$ Transform the equation by: $x = x_1 \cos \theta - y_1 \sin \theta + p$
 $y = x_1 \sin \theta + y_1 \cos \theta + q$

(rotation then by a translation)

$$\Rightarrow (x_1 \sin \theta + y_1 \cos \theta + q)^2 = 4a(x_1 \cos \theta - y_1 \sin \theta + p)$$

which is a form $a_1 x_1^2 + 2h_1 x_1 y_1 + b_1 y_1^2 + 2g_1 x_1 + 2f_1 y_1 + c_1 = 0$ It can be shown that $x^2 = 4ay$ is also transformed to a second degree general equation (exercise)note that $\boxed{a_1 b_1 - h_1^2 = 0}$

$$\text{proof: } a_1 b_1 - h_1^2 = \sin^2 \theta \cos^2 \theta - (\sin \theta \cos \theta)^2 \\ = 0 \quad \star \text{ QED}$$

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$$\text{let } f(x,y) = ax^2 + 2hxy + by^2 + 2gx + 2fy + c = 0$$

$$\text{Suppose } \Delta \neq 0 \quad \text{and} \quad ab - h^2 = 0$$

$$\text{then } h^2 = ab$$

we may assume that $h \neq 0$ (otherwise it can be done by completing the square)

$$\therefore h^2 = ab > 0$$

WLOG we may also assume that $a > 0, b > 0$

$$\text{we use the rotation: } \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ y_1 \end{pmatrix}$$

then $f(x,y) = 0$ is transformed to:

$$a_1 x_1^2 + 2h_1 x_1 y_1 + b_1 y_1^2 + 2g_1 x_1 + 2f_1 y_1 + c = 0$$

for a suitable choice of θ , we can make $h_1 = 0$

$$\text{in this case } \tan 2\theta = \frac{2h}{a-b} \quad (\text{please read section 2.3})$$

$$\Rightarrow h(\tan \theta)^2 - (a-b)\tan \theta - h = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \tan \theta = \frac{(b-a) \pm \sqrt{a^2 + b^2 + 2h^2}}{2h}, \quad h \neq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \tan \theta = \frac{(b-a) \pm (a+b)}{2h}, \quad h^2 = ab$$

$$= \frac{b}{h} \quad \text{or} \quad -\frac{a}{h}$$

we choose the angle of rotation θ so that $0^\circ < \theta < 90^\circ$

$$\Rightarrow \tan \theta > 0$$

Case 1 $h > 0$

$$\Rightarrow h = \sqrt{ab}$$

$$\tan \theta = \frac{b}{\sqrt{ab}} = \sqrt{\frac{b}{a}} \quad (\text{reject } \tan \theta = -\frac{a}{h})$$

After a little manipulation,

$$a_1 = a \cos^2 \theta + 2h \sin \theta \cos \theta + b \sin^2 \theta$$

$$b_1 = a \sin^2 \theta - 2h \sin \theta \cos \theta + b \cos^2 \theta$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} a_1 = a \cos^2 \theta + 2\sqrt{ab} \sin \theta \cos \theta + b \sin^2 \theta \\ b_1 = a \sin^2 \theta - 2\sqrt{ab} \sin \theta \cos \theta + b \cos^2 \theta \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} a_1 = (\sqrt{a} \cos \theta + \sqrt{b} \sin \theta)^2 \\ b_1 = (\sqrt{a} \sin \theta - \sqrt{b} \cos \theta)^2 \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} a_1 = \left(\sqrt{a} \frac{\sqrt{a}}{\sqrt{a+b}} + \sqrt{b} \frac{\sqrt{b}}{\sqrt{a+b}} \right)^2 \\ b_1 = \left(\sqrt{a} \frac{\sqrt{b}}{\sqrt{a+b}} - \sqrt{b} \frac{\sqrt{a}}{\sqrt{a+b}} \right)^2 \end{cases}, \quad \therefore \tan \theta = \sqrt{\frac{b}{a}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} a_1 = a+b \\ b_1 = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} g_1 = g \cos \theta + f \sin \theta \\ f_1 = f \cos \theta - g \sin \theta \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} g_1 = g \frac{\sqrt{a}}{\sqrt{a+b}} + f \frac{\sqrt{b}}{\sqrt{a+b}} \\ f_1 = f \frac{\sqrt{a}}{\sqrt{a+b}} - g \frac{\sqrt{b}}{\sqrt{a+b}} \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} g_1 = \frac{\sqrt{a}g + \sqrt{b}f}{\sqrt{a+b}} \\ f_1 = \frac{\sqrt{a}f - \sqrt{b}g}{\sqrt{a+b}} \end{cases}$$

Note that $\Delta \neq 0$

$$\Rightarrow abc + 2fgh - af^2 - bg^2 - ch^2 \neq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (fh - bg)^2 - (h^2 - ab)(f^2 - bc) \neq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow fh - bg \neq 0$$

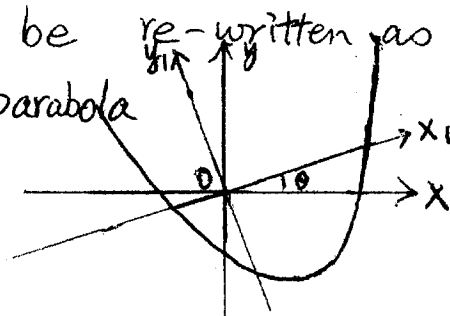
$$\Rightarrow f\sqrt{a} - bg \neq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{a}f - \sqrt{b}g \neq 0$$

Therefore the transformed equation is :

$$(a+b)x_1^2 + 2g_1x_1 + 2f_1y_1 + c = 0$$

which may be re-written as :
a rotated parabola



$$y_1 = Ax_1^2 + Bx_1 + C$$

$$A = \frac{a+b}{-2f_1} \quad C = \frac{c}{-2f_1}$$

$$B = \frac{g_1}{-f_1}$$

case 2 $h < 0$

$$\Rightarrow R = -\sqrt{ab}$$

$$\tan \theta = -\frac{a}{\sqrt{ab}} = -\sqrt{\frac{a}{b}} \quad (\text{reject } \tan \theta = \frac{b}{R})$$

$$a_1 = a \cos^2 \theta + 2h \sin \theta \cos \theta + b \sin^2 \theta$$

$$b_1 = a \sin^2 \theta - 2h \sin \theta \cos \theta + b \cos^2 \theta$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} a_1 = a \cos^2 \theta - 2\sqrt{ab} \sin \theta \cos \theta + b \sin^2 \theta \\ b_1 = a \sin^2 \theta + 2\sqrt{ab} \sin \theta \cos \theta + b \cos^2 \theta \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} a_1 = (\sqrt{a} \cos \theta - \sqrt{b} \sin \theta)^2 \\ b_1 = (\sqrt{a} \sin \theta + \sqrt{b} \cos \theta)^2 \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} a_1 = \left(\sqrt{a} \frac{\sqrt{b}}{\sqrt{a+b}} - \sqrt{b} \frac{\sqrt{a}}{\sqrt{a+b}} \right)^2 = 0 \\ b_1 = \left(\sqrt{a} \frac{\sqrt{a}}{\sqrt{a+b}} + \sqrt{b} \frac{\sqrt{b}}{\sqrt{a+b}} \right)^2 = a+b \end{cases}$$

$$g_1 = g \cos \theta + f \sin \theta$$

$$f_1 = f \cos \theta - g \sin \theta$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} g_1 = g \frac{\sqrt{b}}{\sqrt{a+b}} + f \frac{\sqrt{a}}{\sqrt{a+b}} = \frac{\sqrt{b}g + \sqrt{a}f}{\sqrt{a+b}} \\ f_1 = f \frac{\sqrt{b}}{\sqrt{a+b}} - g \frac{\sqrt{a}}{\sqrt{a+b}} = \frac{f\sqrt{b} - g\sqrt{a}}{\sqrt{a+b}} \end{cases}$$

Note that $\Delta \neq 0$
 $\Rightarrow abc + 2fgh - af^2 - bg^2 - ch^2 \neq 0$

$$\Rightarrow (fh - bg)^2 - (h^2 - ab)(f^2 - bc) \neq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow fh - bg \neq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -\sqrt{ab}f - bg \neq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{a}f + \sqrt{b}g \neq 0 \Rightarrow g_1 \neq 0$$

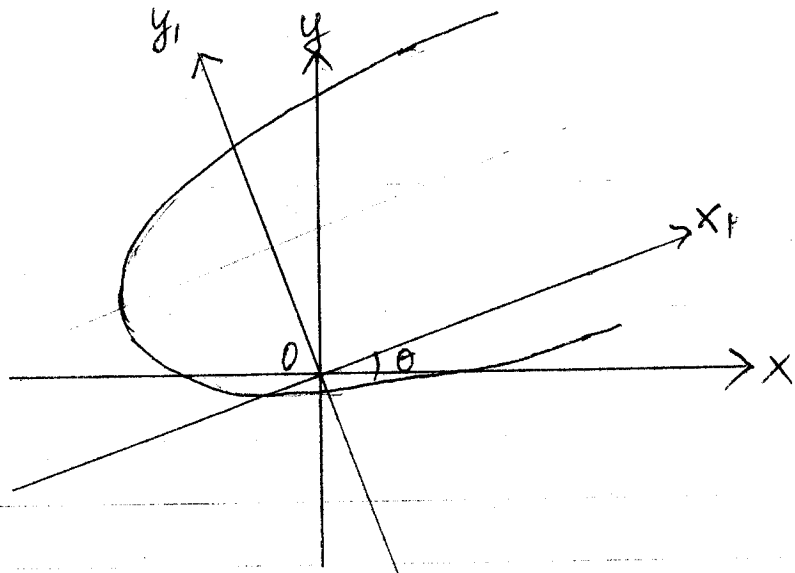
Therefore the transformed equation is:

$$(a+b)y_1^2 + 2g_1x + 2f_1y + c = 0$$

which may be re-written as: $X_1 = Ay_1^2 + By_1 + C$

$$A = \frac{a+b}{-2g_1}, B = \frac{f_1}{g_1}, C = \frac{c}{-2g_1}$$

A rotated parabola:



Example: Consider $16x^2 - 24xy + 9y^2 - 112x - 166y + 721 = 0$. 21

$$a=16 \quad h=-12 \quad b=9 \quad g=-56 \quad f=-83 \quad c=721$$

$$ab-h^2 = 16 \times 9 - 12^2 = 0$$

$$\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} 16 & -12 & -56 \\ -12 & 9 & -83 \\ -56 & -83 & 721 \end{vmatrix} = -26896 \neq 0$$

\therefore It is a parabola, $h < 0$, use the result in case 2

$$\tan \theta = \frac{b}{h} \text{ or } -\frac{a}{h} = \frac{9}{-12} \text{ or } -\frac{16}{-12} = -\frac{3}{4} \text{ or } \frac{4}{3}$$

$$\because \tan \theta > 0 \therefore \tan \theta = \frac{4}{3} \text{ only } \theta = 53.13^\circ$$

The rotated equation is: $(a+b)y_1^2 + 2g_1x_1 + 2f_1y_1 + c = 0$

$$g_1 = \frac{\sqrt{b}g + \sqrt{a}f}{\sqrt{a+b}} = \frac{3 \times (-56) - 4 \times 83}{\sqrt{25}} = -100$$

$$f_1 = \frac{\sqrt{b}f - \sqrt{a}g}{\sqrt{a+b}} = \frac{-3 \times 83 + 4 \times 56}{\sqrt{25}} = -5$$

$$\Rightarrow 25y_1^2 - 200x_1 - 10y_1 + 721 = 0$$

$$25(y_1^2 - \frac{2}{5}y_1 + \frac{1}{25}) + 720 = 200x_1$$

$$(y_1 - \frac{1}{5})^2 = 4 \times 2 \times (x_1 - \frac{18}{5})$$

The graph of
 $16x^2 - 24xy + 9y^2 - 112x - 166y + 721 = 0$
 or equivalently
 $(y_1 - \frac{1}{5})^2 = 4 \times 2 \times (x_1 - \frac{18}{5})$

