

Example. Obtain the standard form of the equation

$$(1) \quad 2x^2 + 3xy - 2y^2 + 8 = 0$$

and compute H , D and T before and after the rotation.

Solution. The angle of the rotation is obtained from

$$\tan 20 = \frac{B}{A - C} = \frac{3}{2 + 2} = \frac{3}{4}$$

which gives

$$\begin{aligned} \cos 20 &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + \tan^2 20}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + 9/16}} = 4/5 \\ \cos 0 &= \sqrt{\frac{1 + \cos 20}{2}} = \sqrt{\frac{1 + 4/5}{2}} = 3/\sqrt{10} \\ \sin 0 &= \sqrt{\frac{1 - \cos 20}{2}} = \sqrt{\frac{1 - 4/5}{2}} = 1/\sqrt{10} \end{aligned}$$

Then substituting

$$\begin{aligned} x &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{10}}(3x' - y') \\ y &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{10}}(x' + 3y') \end{aligned}$$

into (1) we have

$$2(3x' - y')^2 + \frac{3}{10}(3x' - y')(x' + 3y') - \frac{2}{10}(x' + 3y')^2 + 8 = 0$$

or

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{2}{10}(3x' - y')^2 + 3(3x' - y')(x' + 3y') - 2(x' + 3y')^2 + 80 = 0 \\ \Rightarrow &(18 + 9 - 2)x'^2 + (2 - 9 - 18)y'^2 + 80 = 0 \\ \Rightarrow &25x'^2 - 25y'^2 + 80 = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{y'^2}{80/25} - \frac{x'^2}{80/25} = 1 \Rightarrow a = b = \frac{4}{5}\sqrt{5} \end{aligned}$$

Note that

$$H = A + C = 0, \quad H' = A' + C' = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} \delta = B^2 - 4AC &= 25, \quad \delta' = B'^2 - 4A'C' = -4\left(\frac{25}{10}\right)\left(-\frac{25}{10}\right) = 25 \\ &\text{(Since } F = F' = 8 \text{ for a rotation)} \end{aligned}$$