

and

$$\begin{aligned}
 y = x^2 &\Rightarrow \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}}(x' + y') = \frac{1}{2}(x' - y')^2 \\
 \Rightarrow x'^2 - 2x'y' + y'^2 - 2x' - 2y' &= 0 \\
 3. \tan 2\theta = \frac{-3}{1-1} = \infty &\Rightarrow 0 = \pi/4, \text{ and } x^2 - 3xy + y^2 - y = 0 \\
 \Rightarrow \frac{1}{2}(x' - y')^2 - \frac{3}{2}(x' - y')(x' + y') + \frac{1}{2}(x' + y')^2 - \frac{1}{2}(x' + y') &= 0 \\
 \Rightarrow x'^2 - 2x'y' + y'^2 - 3(x'^2 - y'^2) + (x'^2 + 2x'y' + y'^2) - 2(x' + y') &= 0 \\
 \Rightarrow -x'^2 + 5y'^2 - \sqrt{2}x' - \sqrt{2}y' &= 0
 \end{aligned}$$

EXAMPLE 0.1. Translate the coordinate axes to eliminate the linear terms in (1) and compute Δ , H , T before and after the translation.

$$(0.1) \quad f(x, y) = x^2 + 4xy + 2y^2 + x - y - 5 = 0$$

Solution.

Setting $x = x' + h$, $y = y' + k$ in (1) we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 x'^2 + 4x'y' + 2y'^2 + (2h + 4k + 1)x' + (4h + 4k - 1)y' + f(h, k) &= 0 \\
 2h + 4k = -1, \quad 4h + 4k = 1 \quad h = 1, \quad k = -3/4
 \end{aligned}$$

Then (1) becomes

$$x'^2 + 4x'y' + 2y'^2 - \frac{33}{8} = 0$$

Now

$$\begin{aligned}
 H = A + C = 3, & & H' = A' + C' = 3 \\
 \Delta = B^2 - 4AC = 8 & & \Delta' = B'^2 - 4A'C' = 8
 \end{aligned}$$

$$T = \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 4 & 1 \\ 4 & 4 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & -10 \end{vmatrix} = 66, \quad T' = \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 4 & 0 \\ 4 & 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -\frac{33}{4} \end{vmatrix} = 66$$

The equalities $H = H'$, $\Delta = \Delta'$ and $T = T'$ observed above are general as proved in the second of the following two theorem