

PROOF. Let $A \neq 0$. Multiplying (1) by $4A$ and completing to (perfect) square:

$$(2Ax + By + D)^2 - (By + D)^2 + 4A(y^2 + 4AEy) + 4AF = 0$$

$$(2Ax + By + D)^2 - \left((B^2 - 4AC)y^2 + 2(BD - AE)y + (D^2 - 4AF) \right) = 0$$

To be factorable iff the bracket square. Then

$$\delta = (BD - 2AE)^2 - (B^2 - 4AC)(D^2 - 4AF) = 0$$

$$\delta = -4A(4ACF + BDE - AE^2 - CD^2 - FB^2) = -2AT \Rightarrow T = 0$$

When $A = 0$, T becomes: $2(BDE - CD^2 - FB^2)$: and (1) reduces to

$$Bxy + Cy^2 + Dx + Ey + F = 0$$

Multiplying it by $4C$ and completing to square we have:

$$(2Cy + Bx + E)^2 - \left((Bx + E)^2 - 4CDx - 4CF \right) = 0$$

where bracket is to be a perfect square implying $T = 0$.

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The proof can be done considering the coefficient C instead of A , in a similar manner.

The following theorem states the cases where the second degree curve is real or imaginary.

THEOREM 0.1. *A second degree curve given by*

$$Ax^2 + Bxy + Cy^2 + Dx + Ey + F = 0 (A^2 + B^2 + C^2 \neq 0) \quad (1)$$

is imaginary (has no graph) iff

- (1) *(Elliptic Case) $\Delta < 0$ and $HT > 0$ ($H = A + C$)*
- (2) *(Parabolic Case) $\Delta = 0$ and $\psi < 0$ ($\psi = \Delta' + \Delta'' = D^2 - 4AF + E^2 - 4CF$)*

PROOF. If the curve is real it contains at least one point in \mathbb{R}^2 . Therefore the family $y = k$ ($k \in \mathbb{R}$) intersects it at one or more point. Setting $y = k$ in (1) one obtains the equation. □