Affine Transformations

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Question: Plot the ellipse whose focus is $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$, directrix x - y - 3 = 0, and $e = \frac{1}{2}$. Plot the corresponding standard ellipse in the same graph using Affine Transformation.

Solution:

Variable	Description	Value
$\mathbf{n}^{\top}x = c$	Directrix Equation	$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} x = 3$
e	Eccentricity of conic	$\frac{1}{2}$
F	Focus of conic	$\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$
I	Identity matrix	$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$
f	A variable in the conic equation	$ \mathbf{n} ^2 \mathbf{F} ^2 - c^2 e^2$

TABLE 0: Variables Used

First we find the V, u, f for the actual ellipse using the following formulas:

$$\mathbf{V} = \|\mathbf{n}\|^2 \mathbf{I} - e^2 \mathbf{n} \mathbf{n}^{\mathsf{T}},\tag{1.1}$$

$$\mathbf{u} = ce^2 \mathbf{n} - ||\mathbf{n}||^2 \mathbf{F},\tag{1.2}$$

$$f = \|\mathbf{n}\|^2 \|\mathbf{F}\|^2 - c^2 e^2 \tag{1.3}$$

Upon solving, we get:

$$\mathbf{V} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{7}{4} & \frac{1}{4} \\ \frac{1}{4} & \frac{7}{4} \end{pmatrix},\tag{1.4}$$

$$\mathbf{u} = \frac{5}{4} \begin{pmatrix} -1\\1 \end{pmatrix} \tag{1.5}$$

$$f = \frac{7}{4} \tag{1.6}$$

For Affine Transformation, we have to spectral / eigen decompose the matrix V.

$$\mathbf{V} = \mathbf{P}\mathbf{D}\mathbf{P}^{\mathsf{T}} \tag{1.7}$$

To find D, we will have to find the eigen values of the matrx V.

$$|\mathbf{V} - \lambda \mathbf{I}| = 0, \tag{1.8}$$

$$|\mathbf{V} - \lambda \mathbf{I}| = \begin{vmatrix} \frac{7}{4} - \lambda & \frac{1}{4} \\ \frac{1}{4} & \frac{7}{4} - \lambda \end{vmatrix}$$
 (1.9)

$$\lambda_1, \lambda_2 = \frac{3}{2}, 2 \tag{1.10}$$

$$\therefore \mathbf{D} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{3}{2} & 0\\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix},\tag{1.11}$$

Note: In (??), the order of the eigen values that I have chosen is from smallest to biggest due to eccentricity calculation

Now, to find **P** which is the matrix containing the normalized eigen vectors. So we have to find the eigen-values.

$$\mathbf{V}\mathbf{p}_{1}' = \lambda_{1}\mathbf{p}_{1}' \tag{1.12}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{7}{4} & \frac{1}{4} \\ \frac{1}{4} & \frac{7}{4} \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{p}_{1}' = \frac{3}{2} \mathbf{p}_{2}'$$
 (1.13)

(1.14)

Taking an augmented matrix,

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{7}{4} - \lambda_1 & \frac{1}{4} & 0 \\ \frac{1}{4} & \frac{7}{4} - \lambda_1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{p_1'} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$(1.15)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix}
\frac{1}{4} & \frac{1}{4} & \frac{1}{3} \\
\frac{1}{4} & \frac{1}{4} & \frac{3}{2}
\end{pmatrix}
\xrightarrow{R_1 \leftarrow 4R_1} \xrightarrow{R_2 \leftarrow R_2 - \frac{1}{4}R_1} \begin{pmatrix}
1 & 1 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 0
\end{pmatrix}$$
(1.16)

If we take $\mathbf{p}_1' = \begin{pmatrix} p_{11}' \\ p_{12}' \end{pmatrix}$, and put in the above equation, we get,

$$\mathbf{p}_{1}' = p_{11}' \begin{pmatrix} -1\\1 \end{pmatrix} \Longrightarrow \frac{3}{2} \mathbf{1}_{2}' = \begin{pmatrix} -1\\1 \end{pmatrix} \tag{1.17}$$

$$\therefore \mathbf{p}_{1}' = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \implies \mathbf{p}_{1} = \frac{\mathbf{p}_{1}'}{\|\mathbf{p}_{1}'\|} = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}$$
Similarly solving for \mathbf{p}' , we get

Similarly solving for \mathbf{p}_2' , we get

$$\mathbf{p_2'} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \tag{1.18}$$

(1.19)

$$\therefore \mathbf{p_2'} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \implies \mathbf{p_2} = \frac{\mathbf{p_2'}}{\|\mathbf{p_2'}\|} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}$$

By definition $P = [p_1 \ p_2]$

$$\mathbf{P} = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix} \tag{1.20}$$

Now, we will use Affine Transformations to get the standard ellipse equation.

$$\mathbf{y}^{\mathrm{T}} \left(\frac{\mathbf{D}}{f_0} \right) \mathbf{y} = 1 \tag{1.21}$$

$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{P}\mathbf{y} + \mathbf{c} \tag{1.22}$$

(1.23)

Where

$$f_0 = \mathbf{u}^{\mathrm{T}} \mathbf{V}^{-1} \mathbf{u} - f = \frac{25}{4} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{7}{12} & \frac{-1}{12} \\ \frac{-1}{12} & \frac{7}{12} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} - \frac{7}{4} = \frac{25}{12} - \frac{7}{4} = \frac{1}{3}$$
 (1.24)

$$\mathbf{c} = -\mathbf{V}^{-1}\mathbf{u} = -\frac{5}{4} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{7}{12} & \frac{-1}{12} \\ \frac{-1}{12} & \frac{7}{12} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{5}{6} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$
(1.25)

Finally, we get the standard form of the ellipse.

$$\mathbf{y}^{\mathrm{T}} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{3}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{y} = \frac{1}{3} \tag{1.26}$$

Plotting the standard and the actual ellipse using python,

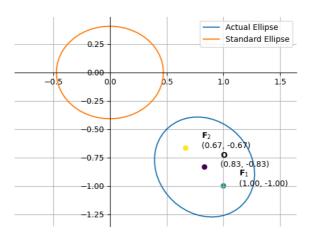


Fig. 1.1

Code for Figure ?? can be found at:

codes/misc.py