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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
n	Normal of Directrix	$\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$
с	c of Directrix	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 second order equation of the actual ellipse using the eccentricity definition.

Let $P \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$ be any point on the ellipse and PM be the perpendicular from P on the directrix. Then,

$$FP = e \times PM \tag{1.1}$$

$$FP = \frac{1}{2} \times PM \tag{1.2}$$

$$2FP = PM \tag{1.3}$$

$$4(FP)^2 = PM^2 \tag{1.4}$$

$$4\left[(x+1)^2 + (y-1)^2\right] = \left(\frac{x-y+3}{\sqrt{1^2 + (-1)^2}}\right)^2 \tag{1.5}$$

$$4\left[(x+1)^2 + (y-1)^2\right] = \left(\frac{x-y+3}{\sqrt{2}}\right)^2 \tag{1.6}$$

Upon simplification, we get the second order two variable conic equation to be,

$$\frac{7}{4}(x^2+y^2) + \frac{1}{2}xy + \frac{5}{2}(-x+y) + \frac{7}{4} = 0$$
 (1.7)

Comparing (??) with $x^{\mathsf{T}}\mathbf{V}x + 2\mathbf{u}^{\mathsf{T}}x + f = 0$, we get:

$$\mathbf{V} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{7}{4} & \frac{1}{4} \\ \frac{1}{4} & \frac{7}{4} \end{pmatrix},\tag{1.8}$$

$$\mathbf{u} = \frac{5}{4} \begin{pmatrix} -1\\1 \end{pmatrix} \tag{1.9}$$

$$f = \frac{7}{4} \tag{1.10}$$

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

$$\mathbf{V} = \mathbf{P}\mathbf{D}\mathbf{P}^{\mathsf{T}} \tag{1.11}$$

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

$$|\mathbf{V} - \lambda \mathbf{I}| = 0, \tag{1.12}$$

$$|\mathbf{V} - \lambda \mathbf{I}| = \begin{vmatrix} \frac{7}{4} - \lambda & \frac{1}{4} \\ \frac{1}{4} & \frac{7}{4} - \lambda \end{vmatrix}$$
 (1.13)

$$\lambda_1, \lambda_2 = \frac{3}{2}, 2 \tag{1.14}$$

$$\therefore \mathbf{D} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{3}{2} & 0\\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix},\tag{1.15}$$

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.

$$\mathbf{V}\mathbf{p}_{1}' = \lambda_{1}\mathbf{p}_{1}' \tag{1.16}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{7}{4} & \frac{1}{4} \\ \frac{1}{4} & \frac{7}{4} \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{p}_1' = \frac{3}{2} \mathbf{p}_2' \tag{1.17}$$

(1.18)

Taking an augmented matrix,

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{7}{4} - \lambda_1 & \frac{1}{4} & 0\\ \frac{1}{4} & \frac{7}{4} - \lambda_1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{p}_{\mathbf{1}}' = \begin{pmatrix} 0\\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$
 (1.19)

$$\begin{pmatrix}
\frac{1}{4} & \frac{1}{4} & \frac{1}{3} \\
\frac{1}{4} & \frac{1}{4} & \frac{3}{2}
\end{pmatrix}
\xrightarrow{R_1 \leftarrow 4R_1} \xrightarrow{R_2 \leftarrow R_2 - \frac{1}{4}R_1} \begin{pmatrix}
1 & 1 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 0
\end{pmatrix}$$
(1.20)

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

$$\mathbf{p}_{\mathbf{1}}' = p_{11}' \begin{pmatrix} -1\\1 \end{pmatrix} \implies \frac{3}{2} \mathbf{1}_{\mathbf{2}}' = \begin{pmatrix} -1\\1 \end{pmatrix} \tag{1.21}$$

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

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

$$\mathbf{p_2'} = \begin{pmatrix} 1\\1 \end{pmatrix} \tag{1.22}$$

(1.23)

$$\therefore \mathbf{p}_{2}' = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \implies \mathbf{p}_{2} = \frac{\mathbf{p}_{2}'}{\|\mathbf{p}_{2}'\|} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}$$
By definition $\mathbf{P} = [\mathbf{p}_{1} \ \mathbf{p}_{2}]$

$$\mathbf{P} = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix} \tag{1.24}$$

By comparing **P** with a standard rotation matrix, $\begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix}$ the angle of rotation of **P** is $\arccos\left(-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)$ or $\frac{3\pi}{4}$.

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

$$\mathbf{y}^{\mathrm{T}} \left(\frac{\mathbf{D}}{f_0} \right) \mathbf{y} = 1 \tag{1.25}$$

$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{P}\mathbf{y} + \mathbf{c} \tag{1.26}$$

(1.27)

Where

$$f_0 = \mathbf{u}^{\mathrm{T}} \mathbf{V}^{-1} \mathbf{u} - f = \frac{25}{4} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{7}{12} & \frac{-1}{12} \\ \frac{-1}{12} & \frac{7}{12} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} - \frac{7}{4} = \frac{25}{12} - \frac{7}{4} = \frac{1}{3}$$
 (1.28)

$$\mathbf{c} = -\mathbf{V}^{-1}\mathbf{u} = -\frac{5}{4} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{7}{12} & \frac{-1}{12} \\ \frac{-1}{12} & \frac{7}{12} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{5}{6} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$
(1.29)

Finally, we get the standard form of the ellipse.

$$\mathbf{y}^{\mathrm{T}} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{3}{2} & 0\\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{y} = \frac{1}{3} \tag{1.30}$$

Plotting the standard and the actual ellipse using python,

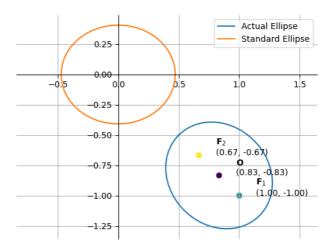


Fig. 1.1

To find the lengths of the semi-major and semi-minor axis,

$$a = \sqrt{\left(\frac{f_0}{\lambda_1}\right)} = \sqrt{\frac{2}{9}} \tag{1.31}$$

$$b = \sqrt{\left(\frac{f_0}{\lambda_2}\right)} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{6}} \tag{1.32}$$

Equations of the minor and major axis of the actual ellispe can be found with $p_i(x-c) = 0$, i = 1, 2 respectively

Minor Axis
$$\equiv \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix} x = 0$$
 (1.33)

Major Axis
$$\equiv \left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{2}} - \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{2}}\right) x = 0$$
 (1.34)

The Latus rectum of the ellipse can be found with,

$$l = 2\frac{\sqrt{|f_0\lambda_1|}}{\lambda_2} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$
 (1.35)

Code for Figure ?? can be found at:

codes/misc.py