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Lecture 26: Quadratic Forms

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Aims and Objectives

By the end of this lecture, you will

- have seen the classification of quadratic forms
- have seen how to relate them to conic sections

Recap: Symmetric Matrices

Definition

Symmetric: $A^T = A$

Theorem

Symmetric \iff orthogonal basis of eigenvectors

$$f(x + h) \simeq f(x) + \nabla f \bullet h + h \bullet Hfh$$

Typical Exam Question

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- Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 24 \\ 24 & -7 \end{bmatrix}$. Find the eigenvalues of A and eigenvectors v_1 and v_2 such that the matrix P with column vectors v_1 and v_2 is an orthogonal matrix with determinant 1.
- The equation $7x^2 + 48xy - 7y^2 - 40x - 30y = 0$ describes a conic section in the xy -plane. Find a rotated coordinate system (x', y') where the equation of the conic section is in the form $\lambda_1(x')^2 + \lambda_2(y')^2 + dx' + ey' = 0$. Which type of conic section is it? Draw the new coordinates and the conic section in the xy -plane.

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General Quadratic Form (2D):

$$ax^2 + 2bxy + cy^2 + dx + ey + f = g$$

Matrix Reformulation:

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ b & c \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} d \\ e \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = g$$

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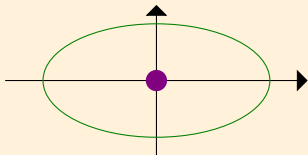
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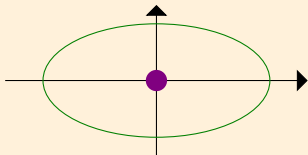


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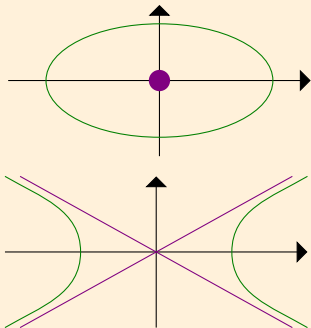
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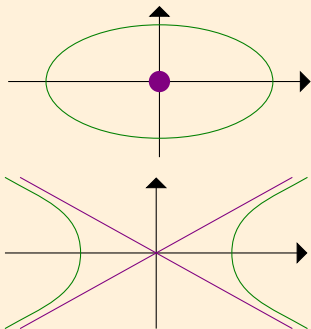
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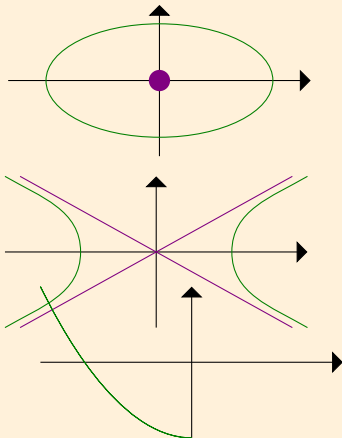
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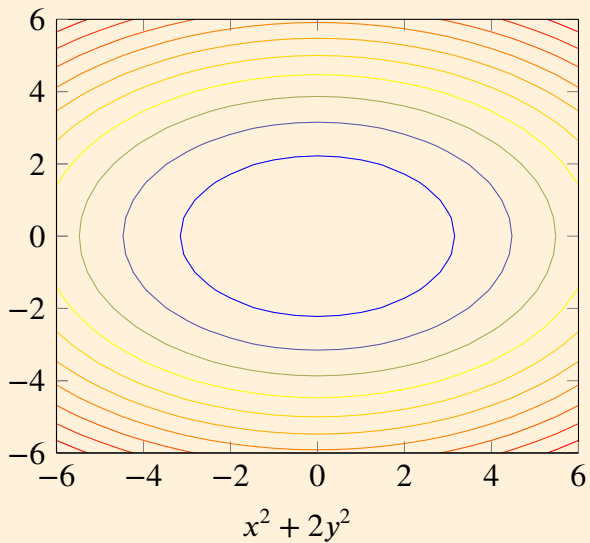
Classification

Possibilities:

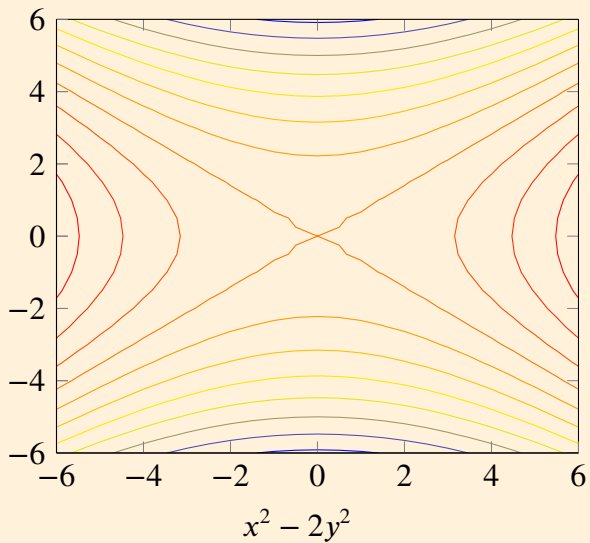
- 1 $x^2 + 2y^2 = 1$ Ellipse
- 2 $x^2 + 2y^2 = 0$ Point
- 3 $x^2 + 2y^2 = -1$ No Solutions
- 4 $x^2 - 2y^2 = 1$ Hyperbola
- 5 $x^2 - 2y^2 = 0$ Lines
- 6 $x^2 - 2y = 1$ Parabola



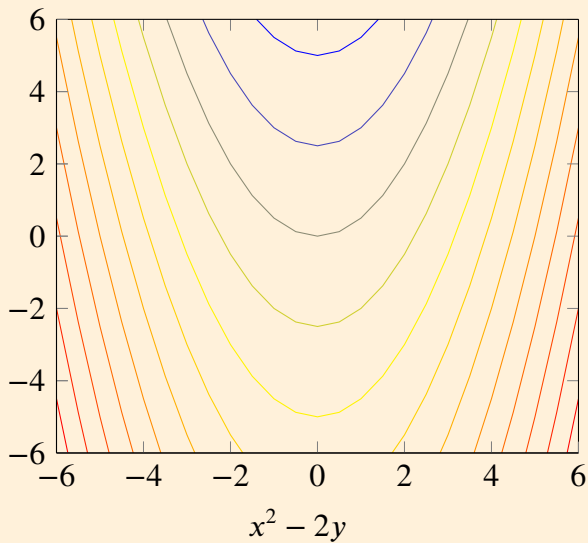
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Typical Exam Question: Second Part

- The equation

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describes a conic section in the xy -plane. Find a rotated coordinate system (x', y') where the equation of the conic section is in the form

$$\lambda_1(x')^2 + \lambda_2(y')^2 + dx' + ey' = 0.$$

Which type of conic section is it? Draw the new coordinates and the conic section in the xy -plane.

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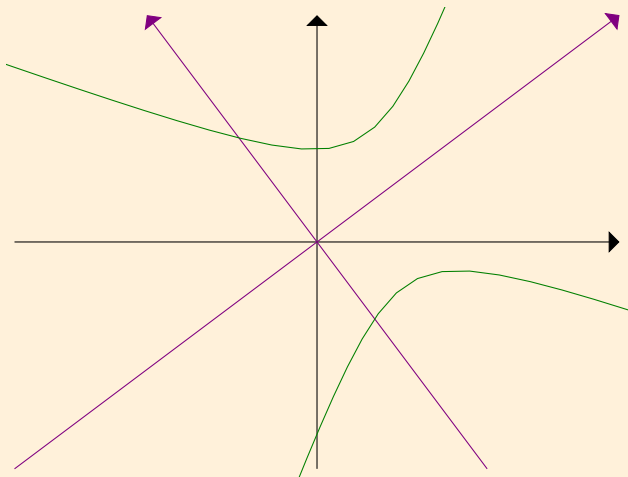
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Summary

- Quadratic forms occur as “level sets” or “trajectories”
- Classification is into: ellipse, hyperbola, parabola
- Classification depends on eigenvalues