

(i) If  $C \neq 0$ , then the equation becomes

$$B \left( y + \frac{D}{2B} \right)^2 = -C \left( x - \frac{E}{C} + \frac{D^2}{4BC} \right),$$

which is a parabola.

(ii) If  $C = 0$ , then the equation is

$$\left( y + \frac{D}{2B} \right)^2 = N,$$

where  $N = \frac{-E}{B} + \frac{D^2}{4B^2}$ .

(a) If  $N$  is positive, the graph is two lines.

(b) If  $N$  is zero, the graph is a point.

(c) If  $N$  is negative, there is no graph.

(3) ( $A \neq 0$  and  $B = 0$ ) This is similar to case (2) and we leave the analysis as an exercise.

(4) ( $A = 0$  and  $B = 0$ ) Equation (4.1) in this case reduces to

$$Cx + Dy + E = 0,$$

which is a line or all of  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .

The code for this procedure then would be the following:

#### Code for Classifying Conic Sections

*→ generate el, f's*

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conics:=proc(A,B,C,D,E)
  local N,M,ans;
  (1) if A<>0 and B<>0 then
    M:=evalf((B*C^2+A*D^2-4*E*A*B)/(4*A*B));
    (2) if M=0 then
      {
        if A*B>0 then ans:= "point"
        else ans:="two lines"
      }
    end if;
    (3) elif M<>0 then
      if (M/A)>0 and (M/B)>0 then ans:="ellipse"
      elif (M/A)<0 and (M/B)<0 then ans:="no graph"
      else ans:="hyperbola"
    end if;
  end if;
end proc;

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