

A Nonstandard Generalization of Envelopes

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المخلص

الهدف من هذا البحث هو إعطاء صيغة معممة جديدة لتعريف الغلاف وذلك بإعطاء تعريف غير قياسي للغلاف عائلة من المستقيمات معرفة في إحداثيات الإسقاطية المتجانسة بواسطة : $u(t)x + v(t)y + w(t)z = 0$ وكذلك تم تطبيق التعريف الجديد على منحنيات المخروطية وذلك بالبحث عن معادلة عائلة المنحنيات التي يكون غلافها منحنيًا مخروطيًا معروفًا.

ABSTRACT

The generalized envelopes are studied by a given nonstandard definition of envelope of a family of lines defined in a projective homogenous coordinates **PHC** by: $u(t)x + v(t)y + w(t)z = 0$. The new nonstandard concepts of envelope are applied to conic sections. Our goal in this paper is hat for a given conic section curve $f(x,y)=0$, we search for the family of lines in which f is its envelope.

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1- Introduction:

The following definitions and notations are needed throughout this paper.

Every concept concerning sets or elements defined in the classical mathematics is called **standard** [7].

Any set or formula which does not involve new predicates “standard, infinitesimals, limited, unlimited...etc” is called **internal**, otherwise it is called **external**. [7]

A real number x is called **unlimited** if and only if $|x| > r$ for all positive standard real numbers; otherwise it is called **limited** [4].

A real number x is called **infinitesimal** if and only if $|x| < r$ for all positive standard real numbers r [6], [4].

Two real numbers x and y are said to be **infinitely close** if and only if $x - y$ is infinitesimal and denoted by $x @ y$ [8].

If x is a limited number in $\mathbb{R}$, then it is infinitely close to a unique standard real number, this unique number is called the **standard part** of x or **shadow** of x denoted by $st(x)$ or 0x [6], [8].

Theorem 1.1 : (Extension Principle) [3]

Let X and Y be two standard sets, sX and sY be the subsets constitute of the standard elements of X and Y , respectively. If we can associate with every $x \in {}^sX$ a unique $y = f(x) \in {}^sY$ then there exists a unique standard $y^* \in Y$ such that $\forall {}^stx \in X, y^* = f(x)$

Let α and β be any two infinitesimal numbers and $r \neq 0$ is a limited real number, then:

1. $\alpha \cdot r$ is an infinitesimal.
2. $\alpha \cdot \beta$ is an infinitesimal.
3. $\alpha + r$ is limited.
4. $\alpha + \beta$ is an infinitesimal (in general the sum of any arbitrary finite number of infinitesimal numbers is infinitesimal) [6].

The **projective plane** over $\mathbb{R}$, denoted by $P_{\mathbb{R}}^2$ is the set $P_{\mathbb{R}}^2 = \mathbb{R}^2 \cup \{\text{one point at } \infty \text{ for each equivalence classes of parallel lines}\}$, we denoted it by **(PHP)** [2].

The **projective homogeneous coordinates** of a point $p(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ are $[xa, ya, a]$, where a is any nonzero number, we denoted it by **(PHC)**, in this sense the projective homogeneous coordinates of any point is not unique [2].

A curve n is called **envelope** of a family of curves g_a depending on a parameter a , if at each of its points, it is tangent to at least one curve of the family, and if each of its segments is tangent to an infinite set of these curves [2].

By a **parameterized differentiable curve**, we mean a differentiable map $\gamma: I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ of an open interval $I = (a, b)$ of the real line $\mathbb{R}$ into $\mathbb{R}^3$ such that: $\gamma(t) = (x(t), y(t), z(t)) = x(t)e_1 + y(t)e_2 + z(t)e_3$, and x, y , and z are differentiable at t ; it is also called spherical curve [2].

2. An Envelope of a Family of Lines in a Plane

We consider $\mathbb{R}^2$ as a subset of **PHP**, let $\{L_t\}$ be a family of lines in **PHC** space defined by:

$$u(t)X + v(t)Y + w(t)Z = 0,$$

and suppose that the ordered pairs $(u(t), v(t)), (u(t), w(t)), (v(t), w(t))$, where u, v, w are standard functions defined on an interval sub set of $\mathbb{R}$.

The purpose is to associate a standard curve which is coincident with the envelope to the family $\{L_t\}$.

Suppose that t ranges over the interval $E \subset \mathbb{R}$ so that for every $t \in E$, there exists $\alpha > 0$ such that $\forall s \in [t - \alpha, t + \alpha], L_t \neq L_s$.

This is equivalent to $L_t \neq L_{t+\varepsilon} \forall t \in E$, where ε is an infinitesimal real number.

Also, at each standard t , we can associate two lines L_t and $L_{t+\varepsilon}$ such that $L_t \neq L_{t+\varepsilon}$, where L_t and $L_{t+\varepsilon}$ are taken in *PHP*.

Let $\gamma(t)$ be the envelope curve of the family $\{L_t\}$. By using the **principle of extension** we have:

There exists a unique standard application $a : E \rightarrow P_R^2$ such that $\gamma(t) \approx \alpha(t) \forall t \in E$.

Now, let the families $\{L_t\}$ and $\{L_{t+\varepsilon}\}$ be given as follows:

$$\left. \begin{aligned} L_t &: u(t)X + v(t)Y + w(t)Z = 0 \\ L_{t+\varepsilon} &: u(t+\varepsilon)X + v(t+\varepsilon)Y + w(t+\varepsilon)Z = 0. \end{aligned} \right\} \dots (2.1)$$

Then the intersection point of $\{L_t\}$ and $\{L_{t+\varepsilon}\}$ in *PHC* is given by:

$$\begin{aligned} X_\varepsilon(t) &= v(t+\varepsilon)w(t) - v(t)w(t+\varepsilon) \\ Y_\varepsilon(t) &= w(t+\varepsilon)u(t) - w(t)u(t+\varepsilon) \\ Z_\varepsilon(t) &= u(t+\varepsilon)v(t) - u(t)v(t+\varepsilon) \end{aligned}$$

Suppose that the functions u, v , and w are differentiable functions each of order at least n , then by expanding each of $u(t+\varepsilon)$, $v(t+\varepsilon)$, and $w(t+\varepsilon)$ using Taylor development, we get

$$\left. \begin{aligned} X_\varepsilon(t) &= v(t+\varepsilon)w(t) - v(t)w(t+\varepsilon) \\ &= (v'(t)w(t) - w'(t)v(t))\varepsilon + \dots + (v^{(n)}(t)w(t) - w^{(n)}(t)v(t))\frac{\varepsilon^n}{n!} + \delta_1\varepsilon^n \\ Y_\varepsilon(t) &= w(t+\varepsilon)u(t) - w(t)u(t+\varepsilon) \\ &= (w'(t)u(t) - u'(t)w(t))\varepsilon + \dots + (w^{(n)}(t)u(t) - u^{(n)}(t)w(t))\frac{\varepsilon^n}{n!} + \delta_2\varepsilon^n \\ Z_\varepsilon(t) &= u(t+\varepsilon)v(t) - u(t)v(t+\varepsilon) \\ &= (u'(t)v(t) - v'(t)u(t))\varepsilon + \dots + (u^{(n)}(t)v(t) - v^{(n)}(t)u(t))\frac{\varepsilon^n}{n!} + \delta_3\varepsilon^n \end{aligned} \right\} \dots (2.2)$$

where $\delta_1, \delta_2, \delta_3$ are infinitesimals. In general, put

$$\left. \begin{aligned} p_n(t) &= v^{(n)}(t)w(t) - w^{(n)}(t)v(t) \\ r_n(t) &= w^{(n)}(t)u(t) - u^{(n)}(t)w(t) \\ q_n(t) &= u^{(n)}(t)v(t) - v^{(n)}(t)u(t) \end{aligned} \right\} \dots (2.3)$$

The following cases are related to the last assumption

Case1. If $q_1(t) \neq 0$ and $p_1(t)$ and $r_1(t)$ are not both zero, then the **PHC** points of envelope curve $\gamma(t)$, $(p_1(t), r_1(t), q_1(t))$, are independent on ε , and the triple $(p_1(t), r_1(t), q_1(t))$ represents the classical definition of an envelope curve.

Proof:

Using (2.2), we get:

$$\begin{aligned} X_\varepsilon(t) &= (v'(t)w(t) - w'(t)v(t))\varepsilon + \dots + (v^{(n)}(t)w(t) - w^{(n)}(t)v(t))\frac{\varepsilon^n}{n!} + \delta_1 \varepsilon^n \\ &= \varepsilon (v'(t)w(t) - w'(t)v(t)) + \dots + (v^{(n)}(t)w(t) - w^{(n)}(t)v(t))\frac{\varepsilon^{n-1}}{n!} + \delta_1 \varepsilon^{n-1} \end{aligned}$$

Taking the shadow of the of the last equation we obtain

$${}^oX_\varepsilon(t) = \varepsilon (v'(t)w(t) - w'(t)v(t))$$

In the same way, we have

$${}^oY_\varepsilon(t) = \varepsilon (w'(t)u(t) - u'(t)w(t)),$$

$$\text{and } {}^oZ_\varepsilon(t) = \varepsilon (u'(t)v(t) - v'(t)u(t))$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} (X_\varepsilon(t), Y_\varepsilon(t), Z_\varepsilon(t)) &> ({}^oX_\varepsilon(t), {}^oY_\varepsilon(t), {}^oZ_\varepsilon(t)) \\ &= (\varepsilon (v'(t)w(t) - w'(t)v(t)), \varepsilon (w'(t)u(t) - u'(t)w(t)), \varepsilon (u'(t)v(t) - v'(t)u(t))) \end{aligned}$$

Now, using the properties of the **PHC**, we deduce that any point of the form $(\lambda a, \lambda b, \lambda c)$ is equivalent with the point (a, b, c) for any parameter λ .

Therefore, the **PHC** of $\gamma(t)$ is $(X_\varepsilon(t), Y_\varepsilon(t), Z_\varepsilon(t))$, and it is equal to

$$\begin{aligned} &(v'(t)w(t) - w'(t)v(t), w'(t)u(t) - u'(t)w(t), u'(t)v(t) - v'(t)u(t)) \\ &= (p_1(t), r_1(t), q_1(t)) \end{aligned} \dots (2.4)$$

That is, $(p_1(t), r_1(t), q_1(t))$ represents the classical definition of an envelope curve which does not depend on ε .

Moreover, the Cartesian coordinates of points of γ are given by

$$\begin{aligned} (x(t), y(t)) &= \left(\frac{X_\varepsilon(t)}{Z_\varepsilon(t)}, \frac{Y_\varepsilon(t)}{Z_\varepsilon(t)} \right) \\ &= \left(\frac{v'(t)w(t) - w'(t)v(t)}{u'(t)v(t) - v'(t)u(t)}, \frac{w'(t)u(t) - u'(t)w(t)}{u'(t)v(t) - v'(t)u(t)} \right) \quad \dots (2.5) \end{aligned}$$

This is the classical form of the envelope curve of the family of straight lines.

Case2. If $q_1(t) = 0$, $p_1(t)$, and $r_1(t)$ are not both zeroes, then the **PHC** points of the envelope curve $\gamma(t)$ are infinitely large, and the corresponding tangents $\{L_t\}$ are asymptotes of $\gamma(t)$.

Case3. If $p_1(t) = r_1(t) = q_1(t) = 0$ and $p_2(t) \neq 0, r_2(t) \neq 0 = q_2(t) \neq 0$ then, the **PHC** points of the envelope curve $\gamma(t)$ are $(p_2(t), r_2(t), q_2(t))$, and $(p_1(t), r_1(t), q_1(t))$ is an inflection point of the envelope curve $\gamma(t)$.

Case4. If $p_k(t) = r_k(t) = q_k(t) = 0$ for $1 \leq k < n$ (n standard) and $p_n(t), r_n(t), q_n(t)$ are not all zeros, then the **PHC** points of $\gamma(t)$ are of the form $(p_n(t), r_n(t), q_n(t))$ which does not depend on ε . Thus, we get the generalized nonclassical form of the envelope curve $\gamma(t)$ as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} (x(t), y(t)) &= \left(\frac{X_\varepsilon(t)}{Z_\varepsilon(t)}, \frac{Y_\varepsilon(t)}{Z_\varepsilon(t)} \right) \\ &= \left(\frac{v^{(n)}(t)w(t) - w^{(n)}(t)v(t)}{u^{(n)}(t)v(t) - v^{(n)}(t)u(t)}, \frac{w^{(n)}(t)u(t) - u^{(n)}(t)w(t)}{u^{(n)}(t)v(t) - v^{(n)}(t)u(t)} \right) \end{aligned}$$

Case5. If $p_k(t) = r_k(t) = q_k(t) = 0$ for any value of k , then we can not say any thing about the generalization of the envelope curve. In the following sections, by $\mathbf{p}(t)$, $\mathbf{r}(t)$ and $\mathbf{q}(t)$ we mean $p_1(t)$, $r_1(t)$ and $q_1(t)$ respectively.

3. Applications to Conic Sections

We restrict our study on a family of straight lines only, other studies on envelopes and singularity of envelopes, for example can be found in [1]. Our goal is that for a given conic section curve $f(x, y) = 0$, we search for a family of lines in which f is its envelope.

Lemma 3.1

Consider a standard family of lines $\{L_t\}$ defined by

$$u(t)X + v(t)Y + w(t)Z = 0 \quad \dots (3.1.1)$$

where u , v , and w are standard real polynomials of at most second degree, then the equation of $\{L_t\}$ can be written as follows:

$$A(X, Y, Z)t^2 + B(X, Y, Z)t + C(X, Y, Z) = 0, \quad \dots (3.1.2)$$

in which A , B , and C are linear equations of the variables X and Y and Z belonging to PHP . And **conversely** every equation of the form (3.1.2) represents a family of lines of the form (3.1.1)

Proof:

Obvious

Theorem 3.2

If $\{L_t\}$ is a family of lines defined by:

$$u(t)x + v(t)y + w(t) = 0,$$

where u , v , and w are standard real polynomials of at most second degree, then the envelope of $\{L_t\}$ is a cone of the form:

$$B^2(x, y) - 4A(x, y)C(x, y) = 0, \quad \dots (3.2.1)$$

in which A , B , and C are linear equations of the variables x and y belonging to $\mathbf{R}[x, y]$.

Moreover Equation (3.2.1) represents a general form of a second degree equation of two variables x and y and conversely.

Proof:

Consider the families of lines $\{L_t\}$ and $\{L_{t+\varepsilon}\}$

By using **Lemma 3.1**, we get that:

$$L_t : A(x, y)t^2 + B(x, y)t + C(x, y) = 0$$

$$L_{t+\varepsilon} : A(x, y)(t + \varepsilon)^2 + B(x, y)(t + \varepsilon) + C(x, y) = 0$$

Then solving L_t and $L_{t+\varepsilon}$ as an instantaneous system to omit t^2 we get:

$$2\varepsilon A(x, y)t + A(x, y)\varepsilon^2 + B(x, y)\varepsilon = 0.$$

Therefore,

$$2A(x, y)t + A(x, y)\varepsilon + B(x, y) = 0 \quad \dots (3.2.2)$$

Taking the shadow of (3.2.2), we get $t = \frac{-B(x, y)}{2A(x, y)}$ and then putting

it in L_t we obtain the required result.

For the second part, since A , B , and C are linear equations of the variables x and y belonging to $\mathbf{R}[x, y]$, so Putting

$$A(x, y) = a_1x + a_2y + a_3$$

$$B(x, y) = b_1x + b_2y + b_3$$

$$C(x, y) = c_1x + c_2y + c_3,$$

in Equation (3.2.1), we get the following equation

$$B^2(x,y) - 4A(x,y)C(x,y) = ax^2 + bxy + cy^2 + dx + ey + f = 0,$$

where

$$a = (b_1^2 - 4a_1c_1)$$

$$b = 2(b_1b_2 - 2(a_1c_2 + a_2c_1))$$

$$c = (b_2^2 - 4a_2c_2)$$

$$d = 2(b_1b_3 - 2(a_1c_3 + a_3c_1))$$

$$e = 2(b_2b_3 - 2(a_2c_3 + a_3c_2))$$

$$f = (b_3^2 - 4a_3c_3)$$

This is a general form of second degree equation in two variables x and y .

Conversely, assuming that we have a second degree equation of two variables x and y such as:

$$ax^2 + bxy + cy^2 + dx + ey + f = 0 \quad \dots (3.2.3)$$

By a suitable changing of coordinate's axis; if $b \neq 0$ then a rotation of axis through the angle α determined by the equation $\cot 2\alpha = \frac{A - C}{B}$ will transform Equation (3.2.3) to the following equation

$$a^*x^2 + b^*y^2 + c^*x + d^*y + e^* = 0 \quad \dots (3.2.4)$$

Completing the square for each uncompleted square related to the variables x and y in Equation (3.2.4) and simplifying the result, we get:

$$\left[\frac{x + \frac{c^*}{2a^*}}{\sqrt{\frac{c^{*2}b^* + d^{*2}a^* - 4a^*b^*e^*}{4a^{*2}b^*}}} \right]^2 - 4 \left[\frac{1}{4} - \left(\frac{y + \frac{d^*}{2b^*}}{\sqrt{\frac{c^{*2}b^* + d^{*2}a^* - 4a^*b^*e^*}{a^*b^{*2}}}} \right)^2 \right],$$

Now put $A(x,y) = \left[\frac{1}{2} - \frac{y + \frac{d^*}{2b^*}}{\sqrt{\frac{c^{*2}b^* + d^{*2}a^* - 4a^*b^*e^*}{a^*b^{*2}}}} \right]$

$$B(x,y) = \left[\frac{x + \frac{c^*}{2a^*}}{\sqrt{\frac{c^{*2}b^* + d^{*2}a^* - 4a^*b^*e^*}{4a^{*2}b^*}}} \right]$$

$$C(x,y) = \left[\frac{1}{2} + \frac{y + \frac{d^*}{2b^*}}{\sqrt{\frac{c^{*2}b^* + d^{*2}a^* - 4a^*b^*e^*}{a^*b^{*2}}}} \right],$$

If $a^*, b^* = 0$ or $\frac{c^{*2}b^* + d^{*2}a^* - 4a^*b^*e^*}{4a^{*2}b^*} < 0$ then we obtain undefined or imaginary values which are unacceptable cases in real homogenous projective plane.

Thus we assume that $a^*, b^* \neq 0$ and $\frac{c^{*2}b^* + d^{*2}a^* - 4a^*b^*e^*}{4a^{*2}b^*} \geq 0$.

Hence we get the required result.

Remark 3.3

If the last conditions of the previous theorem are not valid or $a^* = b^*$ we deduce that Equation (3.2.4) represents a standard conic section which can be transferred to the form (3.2.1) as it is shown in the following table:

Conic Section	General Form	Standard Form	A(x,y)	B(x,y)	C(x,y)
Circle	$x^2 + y^2 + ax + by + c = 0$	$x^2 + y^2 = r^2$	$r/2 - x/2$	y	$r/2 + x/2$
Parabola	$y^2 + ax + by + c = 0$	$y^2 = 4ax$	a	y	x
Ellipse	$ax^2 + by^2 + cx + dy + e = 0$	$x^2/a^2 + y^2/b^2 = 1$	$1/2 - x/2a$	y/b	$1/2 + x/2a$
Hyperbolic	$ax^2 + by^2 + cx + dy + e = 0$	$x^2/a^2 - y^2/b^2 = 1$	$x/2a - y/2b$	1	$x/2a + y/2b$

Example 3.4

The circle $x^2 + y^2 = 1$ is an envelope curve of the family of lines $(1-t^2)x + (2t)y + (t^2 + 1) = 0$, such as shown in the **Figure 3.1**
By applying **Theorem 3.2** to the equation of the given circle we get

$$y^2 - 4(1/2 - x/2)(1/2 + x/2) = 0$$

Therefore $(1/2 - x/2)t^2 + yt + 1/2 + x/2 = 0$,
which is an equation of a family of lines.

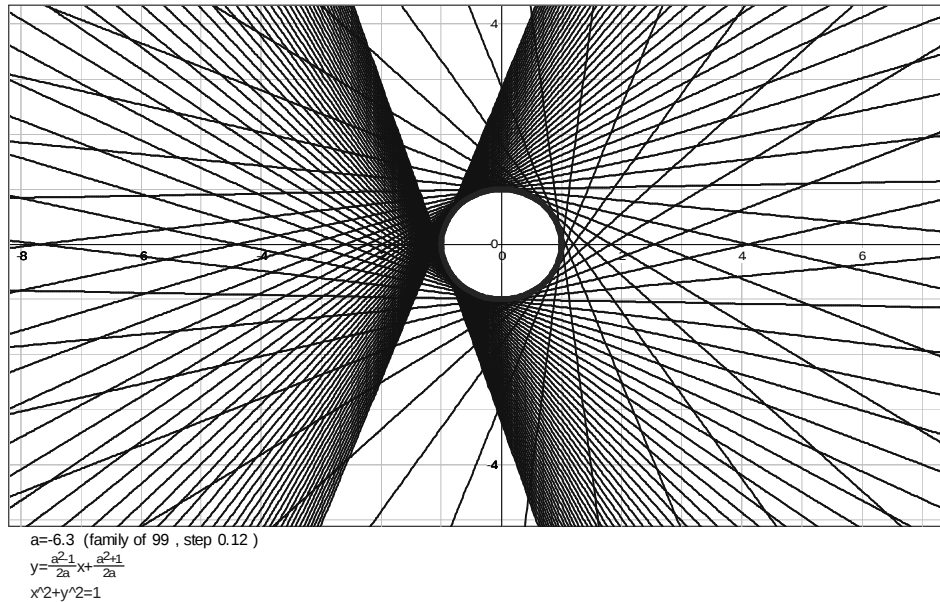


Figure 3.1

Note that we can show that the given circle equation $x^2 + y^2 = 1$ is an envelope equation of the founded family classically or by nonstandard tools. In the following, we give a nonstandard method for such purpose.

$$\left. \begin{aligned} L_t : (1-t^2)x + (2t)y + (t^2+1) &= 0 \\ L_{t+\varepsilon} : (1-(t+\varepsilon)^2)x + 2(t+\varepsilon)y + (t+\varepsilon)^2 + 1 &= 0 \end{aligned} \right\} \dots(3.4.1)$$

Solving equations L_t and $L_{t+\varepsilon}$ instantaneously, we get:

$$2\varepsilon tx + \varepsilon^2 x - 2\varepsilon y - 2\varepsilon t - \varepsilon^2 = 0.$$

Therefore

$$2tx + \varepsilon x - 2y - 2t - \varepsilon = 0.$$

Taking the shadow, we get

$$2tx - 2y - 2t = 0 \dots (3.4.2)$$

Now, remove the variable t form Equations (3.4.1) and (3.4.2), we get the required result.

Example 3.5

Consider the curve $x + y^2 - 1 = 0$

By applying **Theorem 3.2** to the given equation, we get

$$y^2 - 4(1/4)(1-x) = 0,$$

now use **Lemma 3.1** we get

$$1/4t^2 + yt + 1 - x = 0$$

which is a family of lines whose envelope is the given equation, such as shown in the **Figure 3.2**

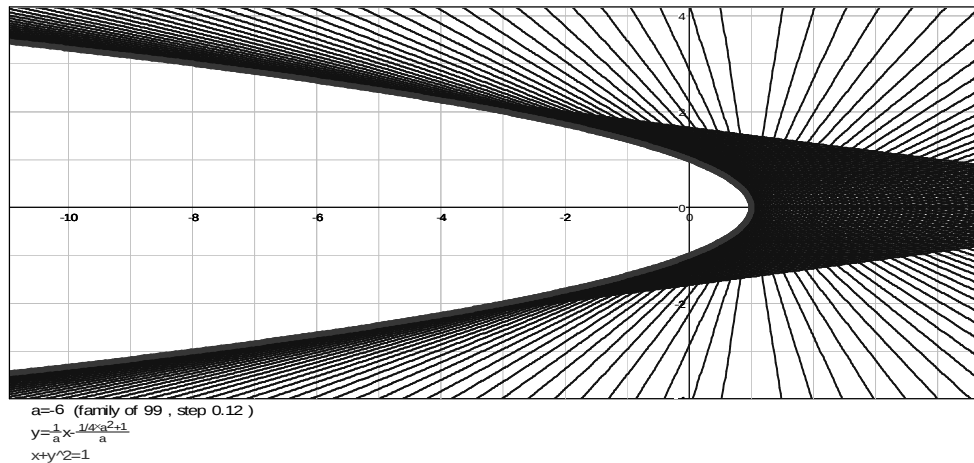


Figure 3.2

Remark: The graphs in Figs 3.1 and 3.2 are plotted with specific softwares: Omnigraph V3.1b-2005, Function Grapher V2.8-2006.

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