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CONIC SECTIONS

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CIRCLE

Question 1 (***)

A circle is given parametrically by the equations

$$x = 4 + 3\cos\theta, \quad y = 3 + 3\sin\theta, \quad 0 \leq \theta < 2\pi.$$

- Find a Cartesian equation for the circle.
- Find the equations of the two tangents to the circle, which pass through the origin O .

$$(x-4)^2 + (y-3)^2 = 9, \quad y=0 \quad \text{and} \quad y = \frac{24}{7}x$$

$x = 4 + 3\cos\theta$
 $y = 3 + 3\sin\theta$
 $\frac{x-4}{3} = \cos\theta$
 $\frac{y-3}{3} = \sin\theta$
 $\left(\frac{x-4}{3}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{y-3}{3}\right)^2 = 1$
 $(x-4)^2 + (y-3)^2 = 9$

$y = mx$ (line through origin)
 $(x-4)^2 + (mx-3)^2 = 9$
 $\Rightarrow x^2 - 8x + 16 + m^2x^2 - 6mx + 9 = 9$
 $\Rightarrow x^2(1+m^2) - x(8+6m) + 16 = 0$
 For the line to be a tangent, the discriminant must be zero.
 $b^2 - 4ac = 0$
 $(8+6m)^2 - 4(1+m^2)(16) = 0$
 $\Rightarrow 64 + 96m + 36m^2 - 64 - 64m^2 - 64m = 0$
 $\Rightarrow 0 = 7m^2 - 24m$
 $0 = m(7m - 24)$
 $\Rightarrow m = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad m = \frac{24}{7}$
 \therefore TANGENTS
 $y = 0$ (x-axis)
 $y = \frac{24}{7}x$

Question 2 (****+)

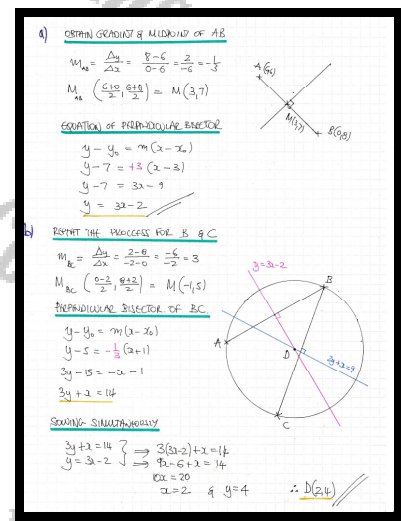
The points A , B and C have coordinates $(6,6)$, $(0,8)$ and $(-2,2)$, respectively.

- a) Find an equation of the perpendicular bisector of AB .

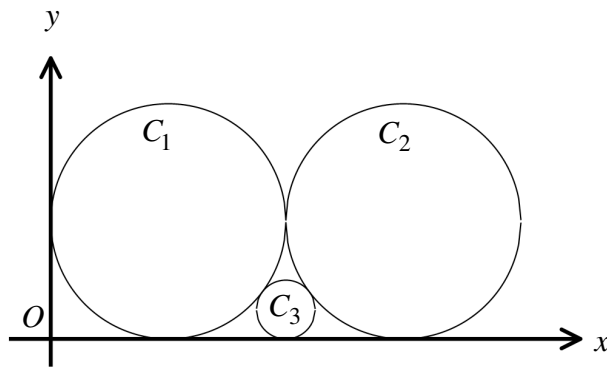
The points A , B and C lie on the circumference of a circle whose centre is located at the point D .

- b) Determine the coordinates of D .

$\boxed{x=2}$, $\boxed{y=3x-2}$, $\boxed{D(2,4)}$



Question 3 (****+)



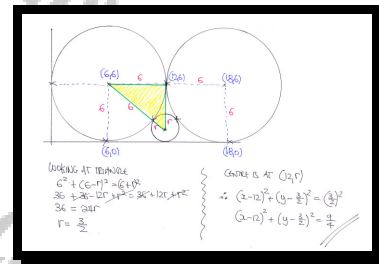
The figure above shows three circles C_1 , C_2 and C_3 .

The coordinates of the centres of all three circles are positive.

- The circle C_1 has centre at $(6,6)$ and **touches** both the x axis and the y axis.
- The circle C_2 has the same size radius as C_1 and **touches** the x axis.
- The circle C_3 **touches** the x axis and **both** C_1 and C_2 .

Determine an equation of C_3 .

, $(x-12)^2 + \left(y - \frac{3}{2}\right)^2 = \frac{9}{4}$



Question 4 (*****)

A circle C has equation

$$x^2 + y^2 + 2x - 4y + 1 = 0$$

The straight line L with equation $y = mx$ is a tangent to C .

Find the possible values of m and hence determine the possible coordinates at which L meets C .

$$\boxed{}, \boxed{m = 0, m = \frac{4}{3}}, \boxed{(-1, 0), \left(\frac{3}{5}, \frac{4}{5}\right)}$$

SOLVE THE TWO EQUATIONS TO FIND INTERSECTIONS

$$y = mx \quad \begin{cases} x^2 + y^2 + 2x - 4y + 1 = 0 \\ x^2 + (mx)^2 + 2x - 4(mx) + 1 = 0 \\ \Rightarrow x^2 + m^2x^2 + 2x - 4mx + 1 = 0 \\ \Rightarrow (1+m^2)x^2 + (2-4m)x + 1 = 0 \end{cases}$$

YOU IF THE LINE IS A TANGENT THIS QUADRATIC MUST HAVE
DISCRIMINANT = 0

$$b^2 - 4ac = 0 \quad \begin{aligned} &\Rightarrow (2-4m)^2 - 4(1+m^2) \times 1 = 0 \\ &\Rightarrow 4(1-2m)^2 - 4(1+m^2) = 0 \\ &\Rightarrow (1-2m)^2 - (1+m^2) = 0 \\ &\Rightarrow 1 - 4m + 4m^2 - 1 - m^2 = 0 \\ &\Rightarrow 3m^2 - 4m = 0 \\ &\Rightarrow m(3m - 4) = 0 \\ &\Rightarrow m = 0 \text{ or } m = \frac{4}{3} \end{aligned}$$

IF $m=0$, $y=0$

$$x^2 + 2x + 1 = 0$$

$$(x+1)^2 = 0$$

$$x = -1$$

IF $m = \frac{4}{3}$, $y = \frac{4}{3}x$

$$x^2 + \left(\frac{4}{3}x\right)^2 + 2x - 4\left(\frac{4}{3}x\right) + 1 = 0$$

$$\frac{17}{9}x^2 - \frac{10}{3}x + 1 = 0$$

$$17x^2 - 30x + 9 = 0$$

$$(5x-3)^2 = 0$$

$$x = \frac{3}{5} \quad y = \frac{4}{5}$$

$\therefore \left(\frac{3}{5}, \frac{4}{5}\right)$

Question 5 (****+)A circle C has equation

$$x^2 + y^2 + 4x - 10y + 9 = 0.$$

- a) Find the coordinates of the centre of C and the size of its radius.

A tangent to the circle T , passes through the point with coordinates $(0, -1)$ and has gradient m , where $m < 0$.

- b) Show that m is a solution of the equation

$$2m^2 - 3m - 2 = 0.$$

The tangent T meets C at the point P .

- c) Determine the coordinates of P .

$$(-2, 5), r = \sqrt{20}, P(-4, 1)$$

(a) $x^2 + y^2 + 4x - 10y + 9 = 0$
 $x^2 + 4x + y^2 - 10y + 9 = 0$
 $(x+2)^2 - 4 + (y-5)^2 - 25 + 9 = 0$
 $(x+2)^2 + (y-5)^2 = 20$
 \therefore centre $(-2, 5)$
 radius $\sqrt{20}$

(b) Let line eqn $y = mx - 1$
 Substitute into circle eqn
 $\Rightarrow (x+2)^2 + (mx-1-5)^2 = 20$
 $\Rightarrow x^2 + 4x + 4 + (mx-6)^2 = 20$
 $\Rightarrow x^2 + 4x + 4 + m^2x^2 - 12mx + 36 = 20$
 $\Rightarrow (1+m^2)x^2 + (4-12m)x + 20 = 0$
 For straight line to be tangent
 $b^2 - 4ac = 0$
 $\Rightarrow (4-12m)^2 - 4(1+m^2)(20) = 0$
 $\Rightarrow 16m^2 - 96m + 16 - 80 - 80m^2 = 0$
 $\Rightarrow -64m^2 - 96m - 64 = 0$
 $\Rightarrow 2m^2 + 3m + 2 = 0$
 As required

(c) Solve
 $2m^2 + 3m + 2 = 0$
 $(2m+1)(m+2) = 0$
 $m = -\frac{1}{2}$ or $m = -2$
 The
 $\Rightarrow (1 + (-\frac{1}{2})^2)x^2 + (4 - 12(-\frac{1}{2}))x + 20 = 0$
 $\Rightarrow \frac{5}{4}x^2 + 10x + 20 = 0$
 $\Rightarrow 5x^2 + 40x + 80 = 0$
 $\Rightarrow x^2 + 8x + 16 = 0$
 $\Rightarrow (x+4)^2 = 0$
 $\Rightarrow x = -4$
 If $y = mx - 1$
 $y = -\frac{1}{2}(-4) - 1$
 $y = 2 - 1$
 $y = 1$
 $\therefore P(-4, 1)$

Question 6 (****+)

A circle has equation

$$x^2 + y^2 - 4x - 2y = 13.$$

- a) Find the coordinates of the centre of the circle and the size of its radius.

The points A and B lie on the circle such that the length of AB is 6 units.

- b) Show that $\angle ACB = 90^\circ$, where C is the centre of the circle.

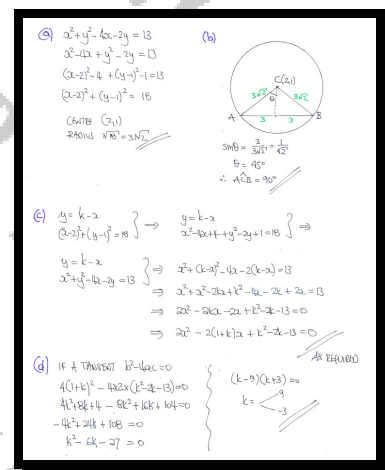
A tangent to the circle has equation $y = k - x$, where k is a constant.

- c) Show clearly that

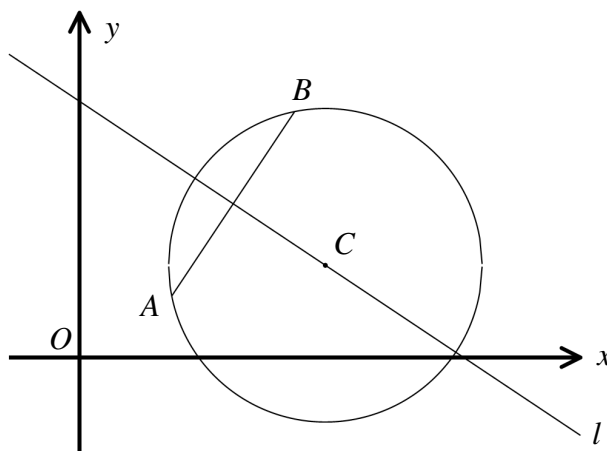
$$2x^2 + 2(1-k)x + k^2 - 2k - 13 = 0.$$

- d) Determine the possible values of k .

$$(2, 1), r = \sqrt{18}, \quad k = -3, 9$$



Question 7 (****+)



The figure above shows a circle whose centre is located at the point $C(k, h)$, where k and h are constants such that $2 < h < 5$.

The points $A(3, 2)$ and $B(7, 8)$ lie on this circle.

The straight line l passes through C and the midpoint of AB .

Given that the radius of the circle is $\sqrt{26}$, find an equation for l , the value of k and the value of h .

, $2x + 3y = 25$, $k = 8$, $h = 3$

THINKING: A POINT ON A LOCUS - LET $C(k, h)$ SO C MUST LIE ON THE PERPENDICULAR BISECTOR OF AB SO EQUIDISTANT FROM A & B

$A(3, 2)$ $B(7, 8)$ $C(k, h)$

- $|AC|^2 = (k-3)^2 + (h-2)^2$
- $|BC|^2 = (k-7)^2 + (h-8)^2$

THIS USES THE

$(k-3)^2 + (h-2)^2 = (k-7)^2 + (h-8)^2$

$k^2 - 6k + 9 + h^2 - 4h + 4 = k^2 - 14k + 49 + h^2 - 16h + 64$

$-6k - 4h + 13 = -14k - 16h + 113$

$8k + 12h = 100$

$2k + 3h = 25$

SOONER SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH $|AC|^2 = 26$

$(k-3)^2 + (h-2)^2 = 26$

$k^2 - 6k + 9 + h^2 - 4h + 4 = 26$

$k^2 - 6k + h^2 - 4h = 13$

$(k-3)^2 + (h-2)^2 = 13$

$k^2 - 6k + 9 + h^2 - 4h + 4 = 13$

$k^2 - 6k + h^2 - 4h = 0$

$k^2 - 6k + 9 + h^2 - 4h + 4 = 13$

$k^2 - 6k + h^2 - 4h = 0$

$(k-3)^2 + (h-2)^2 = 13$

$k = 8$ $(2 < h < 5)$

$h = 3$ $(\text{using } 2k + 3h = 25)$

FIND THE EQUATION OF l IT WILL BE IN THE FORM $ax + by = c$

IE $2k + 3h = 25$

$2(8) + 3(3) = 25$

A GEOMETRIC APPROACH IS ALSO POSSIBLE

E.G. GRAD OF $AB = \frac{8-2}{7-3} = \frac{6}{4} = \frac{3}{2}$

GRAD OF l MUST BE $-\frac{2}{3}$

MIDPOINT OF AB MUST BE $M(\frac{3+7}{2}, \frac{2+8}{2}) = M(5, 5)$

EQUATION OF l MUST BE $\frac{y-5}{x-5} = -\frac{2}{3}$

$y-5 = -\frac{2}{3}(x-5)$

$3y-15 = -2x+10$

$2x+3y = 25$

THIS SOLVES SIMULTANEOUS EQUATIONS

$|AC|$ OR $|BC|$ IS $\sqrt{26}$ IF $2k+3h=25$

Question 8 (***)

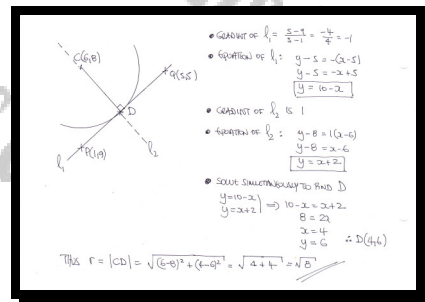
The straight line passing through the points $P(1,9)$ and $Q(5,5)$ is a tangent to a circle with centre at $C(6,8)$.

Determine, in exact surd form, the radius of the circle.

In this question you may **not** use ...

- ... a standard formula which determines the shortest distance of a point from a straight line.
- ... any form of calculus.

$$r = \sqrt{8}$$



Question 9 (****+)

The straight line with equation $y = 2x - 3$ is a tangent to a circle with centre at the point $C(2, -3)$.

Determine, in exact surd form, the radius of the circle.

In this question you may **not** use ...

... a standard formula which determines the shortest distance of a point from a straight line.

... any form of calculus.

$$\boxed{}, \quad r = \frac{4}{5}\sqrt{5}$$

METHOD 1 - BY CO-ORDINATE GEOMETRY

- RADIUS OF THE TANGENT IS 2
- GRADIENT OF T MUST BE $-\frac{1}{2}$
- EQUATION OF LINE THROUGH C & T
 $y - (-3) = -\frac{1}{2}(x - 2)$
 $y + 3 = -\frac{1}{2}x + 1$
 $2y + 6 = -x + 2$
 $2y + x + 4 = 0$
- SLOPING SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH $y = 2x - 3$
 $2(2x - 3) + x + 4 = 0$
 $5x - 2 = 0$
 $x = \frac{2}{5}$
 And $y = 2(\frac{2}{5}) - 3 = \frac{4}{5} - 3 = -\frac{11}{5}$ $\therefore T(\frac{2}{5}, -\frac{11}{5})$
- DISTANCE CT FINALLY, $C(2, -3)$ & $T(\frac{2}{5}, -\frac{11}{5})$
 $d = \sqrt{(\frac{2}{5} - 2)^2 + (-\frac{11}{5} + 3)^2}$
 $|CT| = \sqrt{(-\frac{8}{5})^2 + (\frac{4}{5})^2}$
 $r = \sqrt{(-\frac{8}{5})^2 + (\frac{4}{5})^2} = \sqrt{\frac{64}{25} + \frac{16}{25}} = \sqrt{\frac{80}{25}} = \frac{4}{5}\sqrt{5}$

METHOD 2 - USING DISTANCE FORMULA

- LET THE CIRCLE HAVE EQUATION
 $(x - 2)^2 + (y + 3)^2 = r^2$

- SLOPING SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH $y = 2x - 3$ TO "FIND" T
 $(x - 2)^2 + (2x - 3 + 3)^2 = r^2$
 $\Rightarrow (x - 2)^2 + (2x)^2 = r^2$
 $\Rightarrow x^2 - 4x + 4 + 4x^2 = r^2$
 $\Rightarrow 5x^2 - 4x + (4 - r^2) = 0$
- THIS EQUATION MUST PRODUCE REPEATED ROOTS AS THE POINT T IS A POINT OF TANGENCY
 $b^2 - 4ac = 0 \Rightarrow (-4)^2 - 4 \times 5 \times (4 - r^2) = 0$
 $\Rightarrow 16 - 20(4 - r^2) = 0$
 $\Rightarrow 16 - 80 + 20r^2 = 0$
 $\Rightarrow 20r^2 = 64$
 $\Rightarrow r^2 = \frac{64}{20} = \frac{16}{5}$
 $\Rightarrow r = \frac{4}{\sqrt{5}} = \frac{4\sqrt{5}}{5}$ AS BEFORE

METHOD 3 - BY MINIMIZATION (CALCULATING THE GRADIENT)

- CONSIDER A POINT ON THE LINE $y = 2x - 3$, i.e. $(x, 2x - 3)$
- THE DISTANCE FROM $(x, 2x - 3)$ TO THE CHOSEN $C(2, -3)$ IS GIVEN BY
 $d = \sqrt{(x - 2)^2 + (2x - 3 + 3)^2}$
 $\Rightarrow d = \sqrt{(x - 2)^2 + 4x^2}$
 $\Rightarrow d^2 = x^2 - 4x + 4 + 4x^2$

$$\Rightarrow d^2 = 5x^2 - 4x + 4$$

$$\Rightarrow d^2 = 5\left[x^2 - \frac{4}{5}x + \frac{4}{5}\right]$$

$$\Rightarrow d^2 = 5\left[\left(x - \frac{2}{5}\right)^2 - \frac{4}{25} + \frac{4}{5}\right]$$

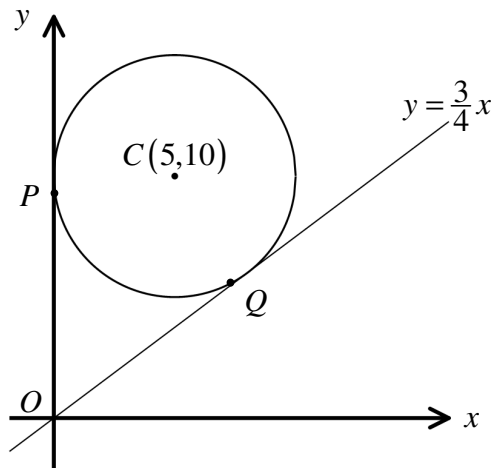
$$\Rightarrow d^2 = 5\left(x - \frac{2}{5}\right)^2 + \frac{16}{5}$$

$$\therefore \text{MINIMUM VALUE OF } d^2 \text{ IS } \frac{16}{5} \text{ (OCCURS AT } x = \frac{2}{5})$$

$$\therefore d_{\min} = r = \sqrt{\frac{16}{5}} = \sqrt{\frac{16 \times 5}{25}} = \frac{4}{5}\sqrt{5}$$

Question 10 (****)

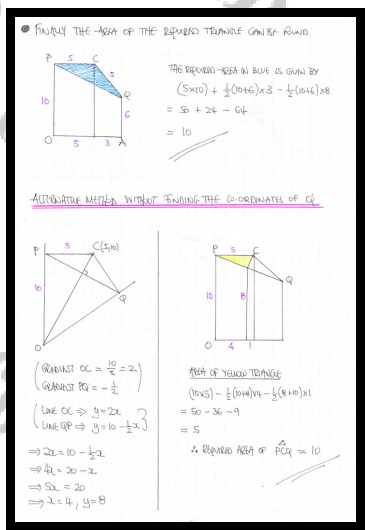
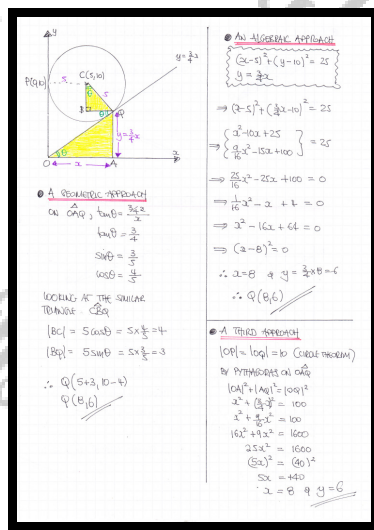
The figure below shows the circle with centre at $C(5,10)$ and radius 5.



The straight lines with equations, $x=0$ and $y=\frac{3}{4}x$ are tangents to the circle at the points P and Q respectively.

Show that the area of the triangle PCQ is 10 square units.

 , proof



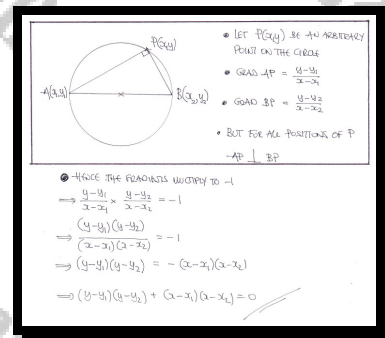
Question 11 (*****)

A circle passes through the points $A(x_1, y_1)$ and $A(x_2, y_2)$.

Given that AB is a diameter of the circle, show that the equation of the circle is

$$(x - x_1)(x - x_2) + (y - y_1)(y - y_2) = 0.$$

, proof

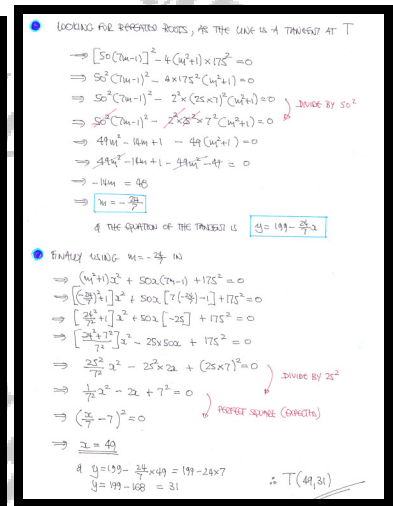
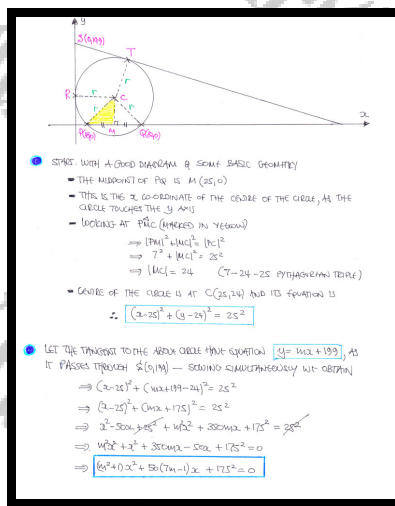


Question 12 (*****)

A circle passes through the points $P(18,0)$ and $Q(32,0)$. A tangent to this circle passes through the point $S(0,199)$ and touches the circle at the point T .

Given that the y axis is a tangent to this circle, determine the coordinates of T

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Question 13 (****)

The circle C_1 has equation

$$x^2 + y^2 - 4x - 4y + 6 = 0.$$

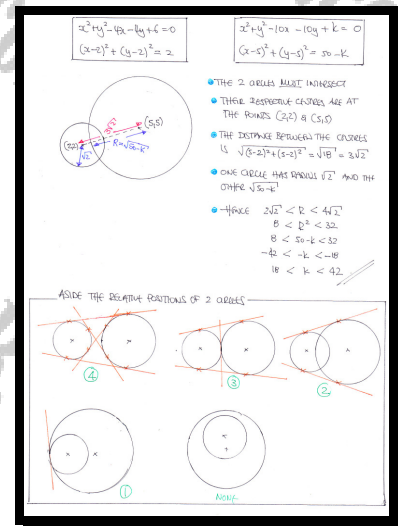
The circle C_2 has equation

$$x^2 + y^2 - 10x - 10y + k = 0,$$

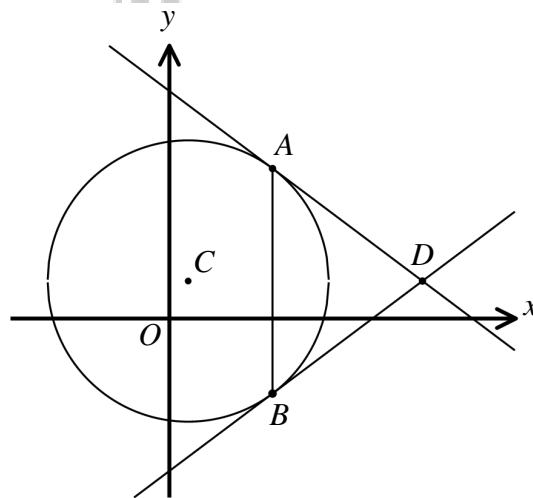
where k is a constant.

Given that C_1 and C_2 have exactly two common tangents, determine the range of possible values of k .

$$\boxed{}, 18 < k < 42$$



Question 14 (*****) non calculator



The figure above shows the circle with equation

$$x^2 + y^2 - 4x - 8y = 205,$$

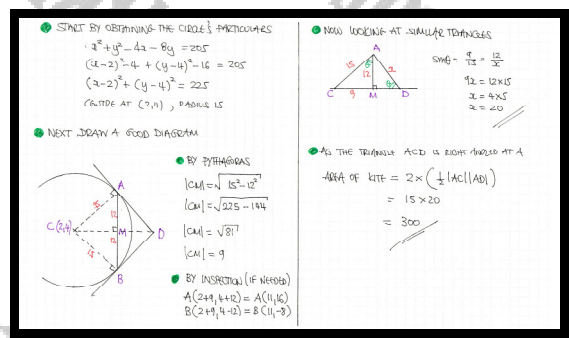
with centre at the point C and radius r .

The straight line AB is parallel to the y axis and has length 24 units.

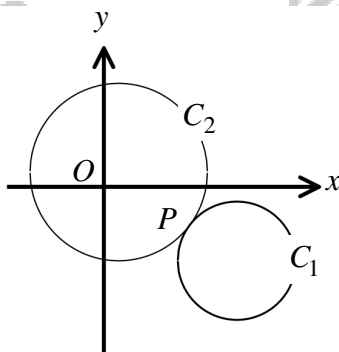
The tangents to the circle at A and B meet at the point D .

Find the length of AD and hence deduce the area of the kite $CADB$.

, $|AD| = 20$, area = 300



Question 15 (****)



The figure above shows a circle C_1 with equation

$$x^2 + y^2 - 18x + ky + 90 = 0,$$

where k is a positive constant.

- a) Determine, in terms of k , the coordinates of the centre of C_1 and the size of its radius.

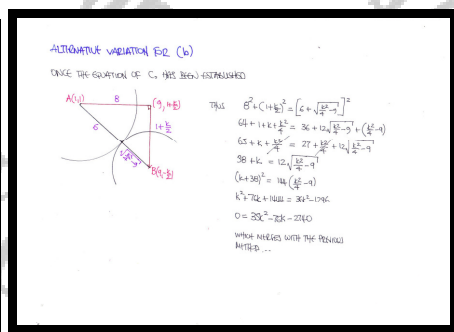
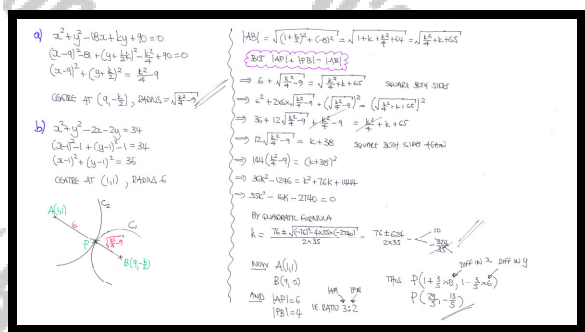
Another circle C_2 has equation

$$x^2 + y^2 - 2x - 2y = 34.$$

- b) Given that C_1 and C_2 are touching externally at the point P , find ...

- ... the value of k .
- ... the coordinates of P .

$$\boxed{}, \left(9, -\frac{1}{2}k\right), r = \sqrt{\frac{k^2}{4} - 9}, \boxed{k=10}, \boxed{P\left(\frac{29}{5}, -\frac{13}{5}\right)}$$



Question 16 (****)

The curve C has equation

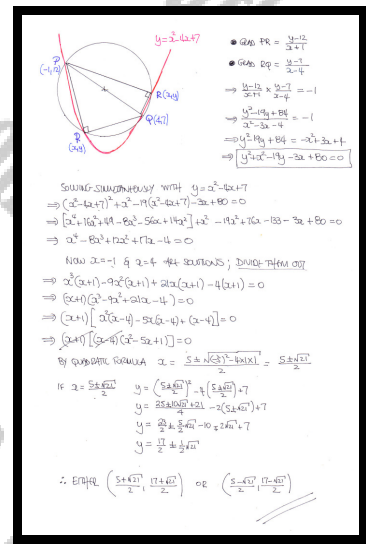
$$y = x^2 - 4x + 7.$$

The points $P(-1, 12)$ and $Q(4, 7)$ lie on C .

The point R also lies on C so that $\angle PRQ = 90^\circ$.

Determine, as exact surds, the possible coordinates of R .

$$\boxed{}, \left(\frac{5+\sqrt{21}}{2}, \frac{17+\sqrt{21}}{2} \right) \text{ or } \left(\frac{5-\sqrt{21}}{2}, \frac{17-\sqrt{21}}{2} \right)$$



Question 17 (****)

A circle C is centred at (a, a) and has radius a , where a is a positive constant.

The straight line L has equation

$$4x - 3y + 4 = 0.$$

Given that L is tangent to C at the point P , determine ...

- ... an equation of C .
- ... the coordinates of P .

You may **not** use a formula which determines the shortest distance of a point from a straight line in this question.

$$\boxed{}, \quad \boxed{(x-1)^2 + (y-1)^2 = 1}, \quad \boxed{P\left(\frac{1}{5}, \frac{8}{5}\right)}$$

EQUATION OF L : $4x - 3y + 4 = 0$
 EQUATION OF C : $(x-a)^2 + (y-a)^2 = a^2$

● SENSING: SIMULTANEOUS!
 $16(x-a)^2 + 16(y-a)^2 = 16a^2$
 $4x = 3y - 4$ \Rightarrow $4(3y-4) + 16(y-a)^2 = 16a^2$
 $4x = 3y - 4$ \Rightarrow $4(3y-4) + 16(y-a)^2 = 16a^2$
 $\Rightarrow (3y-4-4a)^2 + (4y-4a)^2 = 16a^2$

● $(A+B+C)^2 = A^2 + B^2 + C^2 + 2AB + 2BC + 2CA$
 $\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 9y^2 + 16 + 16a^2 - 24y + 32a - 24ay \\ + 16a^2 - 32ay \end{pmatrix} = 16a^2$
 $\Rightarrow 25y^2 - 24y - 56ay + 32a + 16 + 16a^2 = 0$
 $\Rightarrow 25y^2 - (24 + 56a)y + (16a^2 + 32a + 16) = 0$
 $\Rightarrow 25y^2 - 8(3+7a)y + 16(a^2 + 2a + 1) = 0$

● IF L IS A TANGENT THE ABOVE EQUATION MUST HAVE IDENTICAL ROOTS, SO THE DISCRIMINANT MUST BE ZERO
 $\Rightarrow [-8(3+7a)]^2 - 4 \times 25 \times 16(a^2 + 2a + 1) = 0$
 $\Rightarrow 64(7a+3)^2 - 64 \times 25(a^2 + 2a + 1) = 0$
 $\Rightarrow (7a+3)^2 - 25(a^2 + 2a + 1) = 0$
 $\Rightarrow 49a^2 - 62a + 9 - 25a^2 - 50a - 25 = 0$

$\Rightarrow 24a^2 - 62a - 16 = 0$
 $\Rightarrow 3a^2 - a - 2 = 0$
 $\Rightarrow (3a+2)(a-1) = 0$
 $\Rightarrow a = \frac{-2}{3}$ or $a = 1$ \therefore ~~But a is positive~~

\therefore EQUATION OF THE CIRCLE
 $(x-1)^2 + (y-1)^2 = 1$

b) IF $a=1$
 $25y^2 - 8(3+7a)y + 16(1+2a+a^2) = 0$
 $25y^2 - 80y + 64 = 0$

● WE EXPECT A PERFECT SQUARE
 $(5y - 8)^2 = 0$
 $y = \frac{8}{5}$

● $4x = 3y - 4$
 $\Rightarrow 4x = 3\left(\frac{8}{5}\right) - 4$
 $\Rightarrow 4x = \frac{24}{5} - 4$
 $\Rightarrow 20x = 24 - 20$
 $\Rightarrow 20x = 4$
 $\Rightarrow x = \frac{1}{5}$

$\therefore P\left(\frac{1}{5}, \frac{8}{5}\right)$

Question 18 (****)

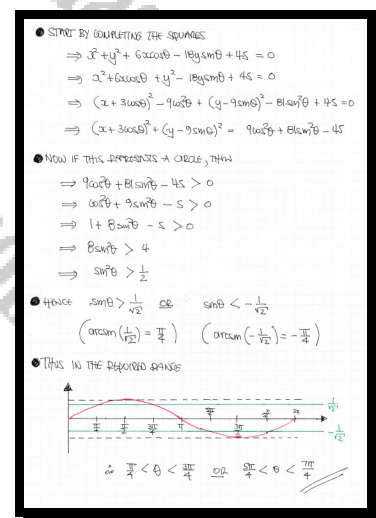
A curve in the x - y plane has equation

$$x^2 + y^2 + 6x \cos \theta - 18y \sin \theta + 45 = 0,$$

where θ is a parameter such that $0 \leq \theta < 2\pi$.

Given that curve represents a circle determine the range of possible values of θ .

$$\boxed{}, \left\{ \frac{1}{4}\pi < \theta < \frac{3}{4}\pi \right\} \cup \left\{ \frac{5}{4}\pi < \theta < \frac{7}{4}\pi \right\}$$



Question 19 (****)

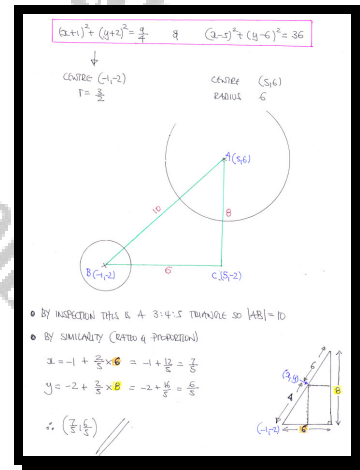
The circles C_1 and C_2 have respective equations

$$(x+1)^2 + (y+2)^2 = \frac{9}{4} \quad \text{and} \quad (x-5)^2 + (y-6)^2 = 36.$$

The point P lies on C_2 so that the distance of P from C_1 is least.

Determine the exact coordinates of P .

, $P\left(\frac{7}{5}, \frac{6}{5}\right)$



Question 20 (*****)

The straight line L and the circle C , have respective equations

$$L : y = \lambda(x-a) + a\sqrt{\lambda^2+1} \quad \text{and} \quad C : x^2 + y^2 = 2ax,$$

where a is a positive constant and λ is a parameter.

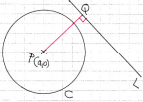
Show that for all values of λ , L is a tangent to C .

, proof

$L : y = \lambda(x-a) + a\sqrt{\lambda^2+1}$ $C : x^2 + y^2 = 2ax$

START BY PROVING THE EQUATION OF THE CIRCLE

$x^2 + y^2 = 2ax$
 $x^2 - 2ax + y^2 = 0$
 $(x-a)^2 - a^2 + y^2 = 0$
 $(x-a)^2 + y^2 = a^2$
 CIRCLE $(a,0)$ RADIUS a



THE GRADIENT OF L IS λ - PERPENDICULAR TO L PASSING THROUGH THE POINT $P(a,0)$ IS GIVEN BY

$y - 0 = -\frac{1}{\lambda}(x-a)$
 $-y\lambda = a - x$
 $x = a - y\lambda$

SUBSTITUTING THE TWO LINES TO FIND THE CO-ORDINATES OF P

$y = \lambda(x-a) + a\sqrt{\lambda^2+1}$
 $y = \lambda(a - y\lambda - a) + a\sqrt{\lambda^2+1}$
 $y = -\lambda^2 y + a\sqrt{\lambda^2+1}$
 $y + \lambda^2 y = a\sqrt{\lambda^2+1}$
 $y(1+\lambda^2) = a\sqrt{\lambda^2+1}$
 $y = \frac{a}{\sqrt{\lambda^2+1}}$

AND TO FIND THE X CO-ORDINATE

$x = a - y\lambda = a - \frac{a\lambda}{\sqrt{\lambda^2+1}}$
 $\therefore Q\left(a - \frac{a\lambda}{\sqrt{\lambda^2+1}}, \frac{a}{\sqrt{\lambda^2+1}}\right)$

FIND THE DISTANCE PQ WHERE $P(a,0)$

$|PQ| = \sqrt{\left[a - \frac{a\lambda}{\sqrt{\lambda^2+1}} - a\right]^2 + \left[0 - \frac{a}{\sqrt{\lambda^2+1}}\right]^2}$
 $|PQ| = \sqrt{\left[-\frac{a\lambda}{\sqrt{\lambda^2+1}}\right]^2 + \left[-\frac{a}{\sqrt{\lambda^2+1}}\right]^2}$
 $|PQ| = \sqrt{\frac{a^2\lambda^2}{\lambda^2+1} + \frac{a^2}{\lambda^2+1}}$
 $|PQ| = \sqrt{\frac{a^2\lambda^2 + a^2}{\lambda^2+1}} = \sqrt{\frac{a^2(\lambda^2+1)}{\lambda^2+1}} = \sqrt{a^2}$
 $|PQ| = a$

$\therefore |PQ| = a$ - RADIUS OF THE CIRCLE AND IS PERPENDICULAR TO L

\therefore THE LINE IS ALWAYS A TANGENT

NOTE THE STRAIGHT FORMULA WHICH FINDS THE DISTANCE OF A LINE FROM THE CENTRE OF THE CIRCLE CAN BE USED TO BE UNSURE IF YOU GOT THE WORK

Question 21 (*****)

The straight line with equation

$$y = t(x - 2),$$

where t is a parameter,

crosses the circle with equation

$$x^2 + y^2 = 1$$

at two distinct points A and B .

- a) Show that the coordinates of the midpoint of AB are given by

$$M\left(\frac{2t^2}{1+t^2}, -\frac{2t}{1+t^2}\right).$$

- b) Hence show that the locus of M as t varies is a circle, stating its radius and the coordinates of its centre.

$$(x-1)^2 + y^2 = 1$$

(a) $x^2 + y^2 = 1$ \Rightarrow circle
 $y = t(x-2)$ \Rightarrow line
 $\Rightarrow x^2 + t^2(x-2)^2 = 1$
 $\Rightarrow x^2 + t^2(x^2 - 4x + 4) = 1$
 $\Rightarrow (1+t^2)x^2 - 4t^2x + 4t^2 - 1 = 0$
 This equation has roots x_1 and x_2
 $\Rightarrow x_1 + x_2 = \frac{4t^2}{1+t^2}$
 $\Rightarrow \frac{x_1 + x_2}{2} = \frac{2t^2}{1+t^2}$
 $\Rightarrow \frac{y_1 + y_2}{2} = -\frac{2t}{1+t^2}$
 $\Rightarrow M\left(\frac{2t^2}{1+t^2}, -\frac{2t}{1+t^2}\right)$ as required

(b) $X = \frac{2t^2}{1+t^2}$ $\Rightarrow \frac{X}{2} = \frac{t^2}{1+t^2}$ or $t^2 = \frac{X}{2-X}$
 $Y = -\frac{2t}{1+t^2}$
 Then $Y = \frac{-2t}{1+t^2} = \frac{-2\left(\frac{X}{2-X}\right)^{1/2}}{1+\frac{X}{2-X}} = \frac{-2\sqrt{X(2-X)}}{2-X+X} = \frac{-2\sqrt{X(2-X)}}{2}$
 $\Rightarrow Y = -\sqrt{X(2-X)}$
 $\Rightarrow 1 = \frac{2X}{X^2 + Y^2}$
 $\Rightarrow X^2 + Y^2 = 2X$
 $\Rightarrow X^2 - 2X + Y^2 = 0$
 $\Rightarrow (X-1)^2 + Y^2 = 1$
 Hence a circle, centre at $(1,0)$ radius 1

Question 22 (****)

Two parallel straight lines, L_1 and L_2 , have respective equations

$$y = 2x + 5 \quad \text{and} \quad y = 2x - 1.$$

L_1 and L_2 , are tangents to a circle centred at the point C .

A third line L_3 is perpendicular to L_1 and L_2 , and meets the circle in two distinct points, A and B .

Given that L_3 passes through the point $(9,0)$, find, in exact simplified surd form, the coordinates of C .

$$\boxed{}, \quad C \left[\frac{1}{10}(5 + \sqrt{61}), \frac{1}{5}(15 + \sqrt{61}) \right]$$

• START BY FINDING THE DISTANCE BETWEEN THE TWO PARALLEL LINES

Gradient 2 $\Rightarrow \tan \theta = 2$

$\sin \theta = \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}}$
 $\cos \theta = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}$

THUS: $d = 6 \cos \theta = 6 \times \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} = \frac{6}{\sqrt{5}}$

THUS THE CIRCLE HAS RADIUS $\frac{3}{\sqrt{5}}$ AND ITS CENTRE LIES ON THE LINE WITH EQUATION $y = 2x + 2$, BY SYMMETRY

• LINE THROUGH A & B MUST HAVE GRADIENT $-\frac{1}{2}$ & PASS THROUGH THE POINT $(9,0)$

$y - 0 = -\frac{1}{2}(x - 9)$
 $y = -\frac{1}{2}(x - 9)$

• SOLVING SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH $y = 2x + 2$ TO FIND THE CO-ORDINATES OF M

$y = -\frac{1}{2}(x - 9)$ \Rightarrow $\frac{1}{2}(9 - x) = 2x + 2$
 $9 - x = 4x + 4$
 $5 = 5x$
 $x = 1$ $\quad y = 4$
 $\therefore M(1, 4)$

• NOW CONSIDER SOME SIMILAR TRIANGLES IN ABOVE DIAGRAM

DISTANCE $|BM|$ WHERE $B(9, 0)$ $M(1, 4)$
 IS $\sqrt{1^2 + 2^2} = \sqrt{5}$

$\triangle BMC \sim \triangle MDC$

$\Rightarrow \frac{|MC|}{|AC|} = \frac{|BC|}{|DC|}$

$\Rightarrow \frac{\frac{3}{\sqrt{5}}}{\sqrt{5}} = \frac{\frac{3}{\sqrt{5}}}{\sqrt{5} + 2}$

$\Rightarrow \frac{3}{5} = \frac{3}{5 + 2\sqrt{5}}$

$\Rightarrow 5 + 2\sqrt{5} = 5$

$\Rightarrow 2\sqrt{5} = 0$

$\Rightarrow 2 = \frac{-5\sqrt{5} + \sqrt{125 - 4 \times 5 \times (-9)}}{10}$ (USING QUADRATIC)

$\Rightarrow 2 = \frac{-5\sqrt{5} + \sqrt{325 + 180}}{10} = \frac{-5\sqrt{5} + \sqrt{505}}{10}$

• HALVE THE DISTANCE $|BC|$ IS FOUND BY

$\sqrt{5} + \frac{-5\sqrt{5} + \sqrt{505}}{10} = \frac{10\sqrt{5} - 5\sqrt{5} + \sqrt{505}}{10}$

I.E. $|BC| = \frac{5\sqrt{5} + \sqrt{505}}{10}$

• FINALLY THE CENTRE MUST LIE ON THE LINE $y = 2x + 2$

$x = |BC| \cos \theta = \frac{5\sqrt{5} + \sqrt{505}}{10} \times \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}$

$= \frac{5\sqrt{5} + \sqrt{505}}{10\sqrt{5}} = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{10}\sqrt{\frac{505}{5}}$

$= \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{10}\sqrt{101} = \frac{1}{10}(5 + \sqrt{101})$

$y + 2 = 2 + |BC| \sin \theta = \frac{5\sqrt{5} + \sqrt{505}}{10} \times \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}} + 2$

$= \dots$ THUS AS ABOVE + 2

$= 1 + \frac{1}{5}\sqrt{101} + 2$

$= 3 + \frac{1}{5}\sqrt{101}$

$= \frac{1}{5}(15 + \sqrt{101})$

$\therefore C \left[\frac{1}{10}(5 + \sqrt{101}), \frac{1}{5}(15 + \sqrt{101}) \right]$

Question 24 (*****)

A family of circles is passing through the points with coordinates $(2,1)$ and $(4,5)$

Show that the equation of every such circle has equation

$$x^2 + y^2 + 2x(2k - 9) + 2ky = 6k - 41,$$

where k is a parameter.

, proof

● LET THE EQUATION OF THE CIRCLE BE

$$(x-A)^2 + (y-B)^2 = R^2$$

$(2,1) \Rightarrow (2-A)^2 + (1-B)^2 = R^2$

$$4 - 4A + 4 + 1 - 2B + B^2 = R^2$$

$$A^2 + B^2 - 4A - 2B = R^2 - 5$$

$(4,5) \Rightarrow (4-A)^2 + (5-B)^2 = R^2$

$$16 - 8A + 16 + 25 - 10B + B^2 = R^2$$

$$A^2 + B^2 - 8A - 10B = R^2 - 41$$

● SUBTRACTING

$$4A + 8B = 36$$

$$A + 2B = 9$$

$$A = 9 - 2B$$

THUS WE HAVE

$$(9-2B)^2 + B^2 - 8(9-2B) - 10B = R^2 - 41$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 4B^2 - 36B + 81 \\ 8^2 + 16B - 72 \\ -10B \end{pmatrix} = R^2 - 41$$

$$5B^2 - 36B + 50 = R^2$$

● HENCE THE EQUATION BECOMES

$$(2-9+2B)^2 + (1-B)^2 = 5B^2 - 36B + 50$$

$$2^2 + 18B^2 + 81 - 18A + 48B - 36B + 1 - 2B + B^2 = 5B^2 - 36B + 50$$

$$2^2 + (18-10)B + 1^2 - 2B = 6B - 41$$

$$2^2 + 2(2k-9)2 + 2k(1) = 6k - 41$$

ALTERNATIVE

● CENTRE = $\frac{2+4}{2}, \frac{1+5}{2} = (3,3)$

● MIDPOINT $\left(\frac{4+2}{2}, \frac{5+1}{2}\right) = (3,3)$

● EQUATION OF THE CIRCLE OF THE FAMILY OF CIRCLES IS GIVEN BY

$$y-3 = -\frac{1}{2}(x-3)$$

$$2y-6 = -x+3$$

$$2x = 9-2y$$

● RADIUS^2 = $(9-2x-2)^2 + (k-1)^2 = (7-2k)^2 + (k-1)^2$

$$= 4k^2 - 28k + 49 + k^2 - 2k + 1 = 5k^2 - 30k + 50$$

● HENCE THE EQUATION OF THE CIRCLE WILL BE

$$(2-(9-2k))^2 + (1-(k-1))^2 = (RADIUS)^2$$

$$(2+2k-9)^2 + (2-k)^2 = 5k^2 - 30k + 50$$

... WORKING ALGEBRA WITH THE PREVIOUS SOLUTION ...

TO OBTAIN THE DESIRED RESULT

$$2^2 + 2(2k-9)2 + 2k(1) = 6k - 41$$

Question 25 (*****)

Three circles, C_1 , C_2 and C_3 , have their centres at A , B and C , respectively, so that $|AB|=5$, $|AC|=4$ and $|BC|=3$.

The positive x and y axis are tangents to C_1 .

The positive x axis is a tangent to C_2 .

C_1 and C_2 touch each other externally at the point M .

Given further that C_3 touches externally both C_1 and C_2 , find, in exact simplified form, an equation of the straight line which passes through M and C .

$$\boxed{}, \quad \boxed{5y - 10\sqrt{6}x + 36 + 30\sqrt{6} = 0}$$

STRETCHING WITH THE DIAGRAM BELOW - LET THE CENTRE OF THE THIRD CIRCLE BE AT C

Given that:
 $|AB|=5$
 $|AC|=4$
 $|BC|=3$

- Let the radii of the three circles be a, b and c , respectively. To simplify, assume $a=1$.
- As all 3 circles touch each other then:
 $a+b=5$
 $a+c=4$
 $b+c=3$
 Adding all 3 we get:
 $2a+2b+2c=12$
 $a+b+c=6$
 $5+c=6$
 $c=1$
 $a=1, b=3, c=1$
- Let M be the point of intersection between the two circles centered at A and B . For $A(1,1)$ and $B(4,2)$
 $A(1,1) \Rightarrow A(1,1)$
 $B(4,2) \Rightarrow B(4,2)$
 $|AB|=5$
 $(b-1)^2 + (2-1)^2 = 5^2$
 $(b-1)^2 + 1 = 25$
 $(b-1)^2 = 24$
 $b-1 = \pm\sqrt{24}$
 $b = 1 \pm 2\sqrt{6}$
 $\therefore A(1,1) \quad B(1 \pm 2\sqrt{6}, 2)$

- Finally the coordinates of M can be found as the midpoint of AB :
 $M\left(\frac{1+1 \pm 2\sqrt{6}}{2}, \frac{1+2}{2}\right) = M\left(\frac{1 \pm \sqrt{6}}{2}, \frac{3}{2}\right)$
- Gradient of AB where $A(1,1)$ and $B(1 \pm 2\sqrt{6}, 2)$
 $m = \frac{2-1}{1 \pm 2\sqrt{6}-1} = \frac{1}{\pm 2\sqrt{6}}$
- Gradient of LM will be $\pm 2\sqrt{6}$
- Thus:
 $y - \frac{3}{2} = \pm 2\sqrt{6}\left(x - \frac{1 \pm \sqrt{6}}{2}\right)$
 $5y - 12 = \pm 10\sqrt{6}\left(x - \frac{1 \pm \sqrt{6}}{2}\right)$
 $5y - 12 = \pm 10\sqrt{6}x - 5\sqrt{6}(1 \pm \sqrt{6})$
 $5y - 12 = \pm 10\sqrt{6}x - 5\sqrt{6} \pm 30$
 $5y - 10\sqrt{6}x + 36 \pm 30\sqrt{6} = 0$

Notes:
 As AB is not a line, C will be the midpoint of AB . The "line" LM may be drawn in the diagram "above" the two circles.

Question 26 (*****)

Two circles, C_1 and C_2 , are touching each other **externally**, and have respective radii of 9 and 4 units.

A third circle C_3 , of radius r , touches C_1 and C_2 **externally**.

Given further that all three circles have a common tangent, determine the value of r .

$$\boxed{}, \quad r = \frac{36}{25} = 1.44$$

START WITH A DIAGRAM - PLACE THE UNKNOWN TANGENT IN A HORIZONTAL OR VERTICAL ORIENTATION FOR SIMPLICITY

PYTHAGORAS ON ACD

$$\begin{aligned} AC &= 9 + r \\ AD &= 9 \\ CD &= 4 + r \\ AC^2 &= AD^2 + CD^2 \\ (9+r)^2 &= 9^2 + (4+r)^2 \\ 81 + 18r + r^2 &= 81 + 16 + 8r + r^2 \\ 18r &= 96 + 8r \\ 10r &= 96 \\ r &= 9.6 \end{aligned}$$

PYTHAGORAS ON BCE

$$\begin{aligned} BE &= 4 + r \\ CE &= 4 \\ BE^2 &= CE^2 + BC^2 \\ (4+r)^2 &= 4^2 + (9+r)^2 \\ 16 + 8r + r^2 &= 16 + 81 + 18r + r^2 \\ 8r &= 65 + 18r \\ -10r &= 65 \\ r &= -6.5 \end{aligned}$$

NEED ANOTHER EQUATION - LOOKING AT THE 'YELLOW' TRIANGLE

$$\begin{aligned} (9+r)^2 + 9^2 &= 18^2 \\ (9+r)^2 &= 18 \\ 9+r &= \sqrt{18} \\ r &= \sqrt{18} - 9 \end{aligned}$$

CONSIDERING EQUATIONS

$$\begin{aligned} x^2 &= 36r \\ x &= 6r^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ y^2 &= 16r \\ y &= 4r^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ x+y &= 12 \\ 6r^{\frac{1}{2}} + 4r^{\frac{1}{2}} &= 12 \\ 10r^{\frac{1}{2}} &= 12 \\ r^{\frac{1}{2}} &= \frac{6}{5} \\ r &= \frac{36}{25} \end{aligned}$$

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Question 1 (**)

The general point $P(9t^2, 18t)$, where t is a parameter, lies on the parabola with Cartesian equation

$$y^2 = 36x.$$

- a) Show that the equation of a tangent at the point P is given by

$$x - ty + 9t^2 = 0.$$

The tangent to the parabola $y^2 = 36x$ at the point $Q(1, 6)$ crosses the directrix of the parabola at the point D .

- b) Find the coordinates of D .

$$\boxed{}, \quad \boxed{D(-9, -24)}$$

a) START BY OBTAINING THE GRABING FUNCTION (GIVEN BY THE TANGENT)

$$y^2 = 36x$$

$$2y \frac{dy}{dx} = 36$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{18}{y}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} \bigg|_{(1,6)} = \frac{18}{6} = 3$$

$$\Rightarrow y - y_1 = m(x - x_1)$$

$$\Rightarrow y - 6 = 3(x - 1)$$

$$\Rightarrow y - 6 = 3x - 3$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 = 3x - y + 3$$

$$\Rightarrow 3x - y + 3 = 0$$

b) AT $Q(1,6)$ WE NEED THE VALUE OF t

$$\Rightarrow 18t = 6$$

$$\Rightarrow t = \frac{1}{3}$$

EQUATION OF THE TANGENT, WHERE $t = \frac{1}{3}$

$$\Rightarrow x - \frac{1}{3}y + 9\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x - \frac{1}{3}y + 1 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 3x - y + 3 = 0$$

THEOREM FIND THE EQUATION OF THE DIRECTRIX

$$y^2 = 36x = 4(9x) \quad \text{I.E. "a=9"} \Rightarrow \text{DIRECTRIX } x = -9$$

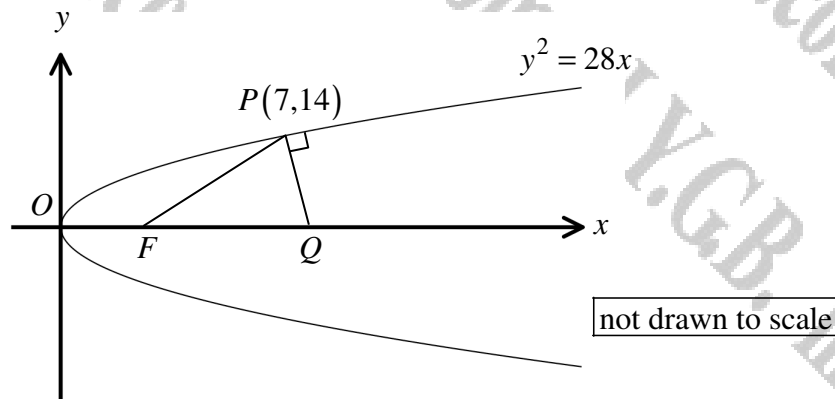
$$\Rightarrow 3x - y + 3 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -27 - y + 3 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -24 = y$$

$\therefore D(-9, -24)$

Question 2 (**)



The figure above shows the graph of the parabola with equation

$$y^2 = 28x, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}, \quad x \geq 0.$$

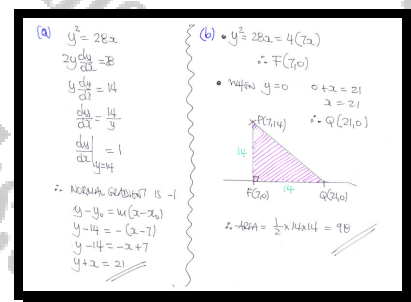
The point $P(7, 14)$ lies on the parabola.

- a) Find an equation of the normal to the parabola at P .

This normal meets the x axis at the point Q and F is the focus of the parabola.

- b) Determine the area of the triangle PQF .

$$x + y = 21, \quad \text{area} = 98$$



Question 3 (**+)

A parabola H has Cartesian equation

$$y^2 = 12x, \quad x \geq 0.$$

The point $P(3t^2, 6t)$, where t is a parameter, lies on H .

- a)** Show that the equation of a tangent to the parabola at P is given by

$$yt = x + 3t^2.$$

The tangent to the parabola at P meets the y axis at the point Q and the point S is the focus of the parabola.

- b)** Show further that ...

- i.** ... PQ is perpendicular to SQ .

- ii.** ... the area of the triangle PQS is $\frac{9}{2}|t|(1+t^2)$.

, proof

i) DIFFERENTIATING IMPLICITLY & FIND GRADIENT AT P
 $y^2 = 12x$
 $2y \frac{dy}{dx} = 12$
 $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{6}{y}$
 $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{6}{6t} = \frac{1}{t}$
 $y = 6t$
Equation of the tangent at the given point P(36, 6t)
 $\Rightarrow y - y_1 = m(x - x_1)$
 $\Rightarrow y - 6t = \frac{1}{t}(x - 36t)$
 $\Rightarrow y - 6t^2 = x - 36t^2$
 $\Rightarrow y - t = x + 36t^2$
 As required

ii) START BY OBTAINING THE COORDINATES OF Q & S
 • WHEN $2 = 0$
 $yt = 0 + 36t^2$
 $y = 36$
 $\therefore Q(36, 36)$
 • GRADIENT $Q = \frac{6t - 36}{36t - 0} = \frac{3t}{36t} = \frac{1}{12}$ (NEVER 0, GRADIENT!)
 • GRADIENT $Q = \frac{3t - 0}{0 - 36} = \frac{t}{-36} = -t$
 AS THE GRADIENTS ARE NEGATIVE RECIPROCALS OF ONE ANOTHER, PQ IS PERPENDICULAR TO SQ

iii) DRAWING A DIAGRAM TO RECORD THE INFO

- $PQ = \sqrt{(0 - 36t)^2 + (36 - 6t)^2} = \sqrt{432t^2 + 144}$
- $SQ = \sqrt{(3 - 0)^2 + (0 - 36)^2} = \sqrt{9 + 1296}$
- AREA = $\frac{1}{2}PQ \cdot SQ = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{432t^2 + 144} \cdot \sqrt{9 + 1296}$
 $= \frac{1}{2} 36t \sqrt{t^2 + 1} \cdot 3\sqrt{1 + t^2}$
 $= \frac{3}{2} 12t (t^2 + 1)$ As required

$x^2 = (x)^2$

iv) ALTERNATIVE FOR B
 AREA OF TRIANGLE WITH VERTICES AT $(x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2), (x_3, y_3)$ IS GIVEN BY

$$\frac{1}{2} \begin{vmatrix} x_1 & y_1 & 1 \\ x_2 & y_2 & 1 \\ x_3 & y_3 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\text{AREA} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 0 & 36 \\ 0 & 36 & 6t \\ 36t & 6t & 1 \end{vmatrix} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{vmatrix} 3 \times 36 & 1 & 0 & t \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \leftarrow \text{EXPANDING BY THE FIRST COLUMN}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} [1(-1)(-1)] = \frac{1}{2} [1(-1)(-1)] = \frac{1}{2} [1(1)(1)]$$

Question 4 (***)

The general point $P(3t^2, 6t)$ lies on a parabola.

- a) Show that the equation of a tangent at P is given by

$$ty = x + 3t^2.$$

The point $Q(-12, 9)$ does not lie on the parabola.

- b) Find the equations of the two tangents to the parabola which pass through Q and deduce the coordinates of their corresponding points of tangency.

$$x + y + 3 = 0, (3, -6), \quad 4y = x + 48, (48, 24)$$

(a) $x = 3t^2 \Rightarrow \frac{dx}{dt} = 6t$
 $y = 6t \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dt} = 6$
 $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{6}{6t} = \frac{1}{t}$ GRADIENT AT POINT WHEN $t = t$
 Hence at $P(3t^2, 6t) \Rightarrow y - 6t = \frac{1}{t}(x - 3t^2)$
 $yt - 6t^2 = x - 3t^2$
 $yt = x + 3t^2$ is required

(b) THE POINT $Q(-12, 9)$ LIES ON THE GENERAL TANGENT
 Thus $9t = -12 + 3t^2$
 $0 = 3t^2 - 9t - 12$
 $0 = t^2 - 3t - 4$
 $0 = (t+1)(t-4)$
 $t = -1$ or $t = 4$
 If $t = -1 \Rightarrow y = 2 + 3$
 $x + y + 3 = 0$ TANGENT AT $(3, -6)$
 If $t = 4 \Rightarrow 4y = x + 48$ TANGENT AT $(48, 24)$

Question 5 (***)

The general point $P(2t^2, 4t)$ lies on a parabola.

- a) Show that the equation of a normal at P is given by

$$y + tx = 4t + 2t^3.$$

- b) Find the equation of each of the three normals to the parabola that meet at the point with coordinates $(12, 0)$.

$$y = 0, \quad y + 2x = 24, \quad y - 2x = -24$$

(a) PARABOLIC EQUATIONS
 $x = 2t^2$
 $y = 4t$
 $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy/dt}{dx/dt} = \frac{4}{4t} = \frac{1}{t}$
 ∴ GRADIENT OF NORMAL AT P IS $-t$
 $y - y_0 = m(x - x_0)$
 $y - 4t = -t(2t^2 - 2t^2)$
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 OR REVERSE
 (b) IF THEY MEET AT $(12, 0)$ ⇒
 $12t = 4t + 2t^3$
 $0 = 2t^3 - 8t$
 $0 = 2t(t^2 - 4)$
 $0 = 2t(t-2)(t+2)$
 $t = 0, 2, -2$
 HAVE N_1 $t=0$ ⇒ $y=0$
 N_2 $t=2$ ⇒ $y+2x=24$
 N_3 $t=-2$ ⇒ $y-2x=-24$

Question 6 (*)**

A parabola is defined parametrically by

$$x = at^2, \quad y = 2at, \quad t \in \mathbb{R},$$

where a is a positive constant and t is a parameter.

- a) Show that an equation of a normal to the parabola at the point P , where $t = p$, $p \neq 0$, is given by

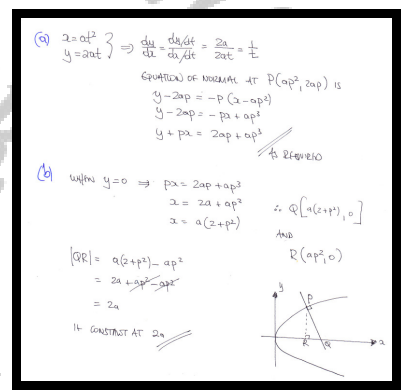
$$y + px = 2ap + ap^3.$$

The normal at P meets the x axis at the point Q .

The point R , lies on the x axis, so that PR is parallel to the y axis.

- b) Show that the distance QR remains constant for all values of the parameter, and state this distance.

$$|QR| = 2a$$



Question 7 (***)

The point $P(4p^2, 8p)$, $p \geq 0$, lies on the parabola with equation

$$y^2 = 16x, \quad x \geq 0.$$

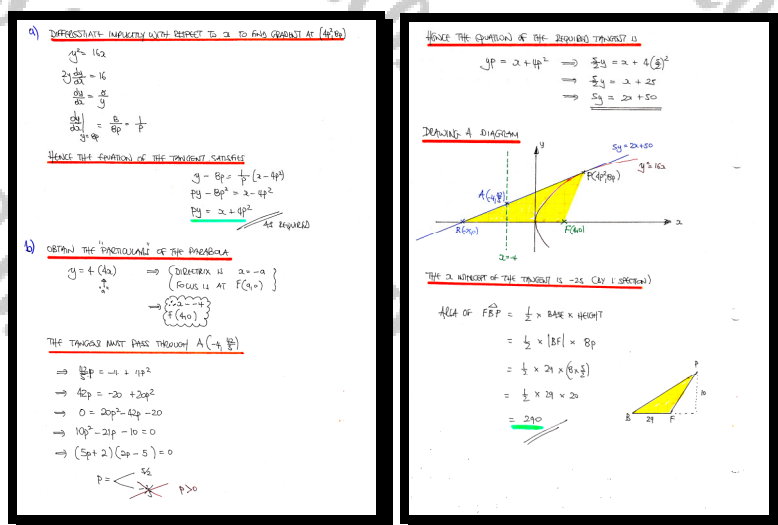
- a) Show that the equation of the tangent to the parabola at P is given by

$$yp = x + 4p^2.$$

The tangent to the parabola at P meets the directrix of the parabola at the point A and the x -axis at the point B . The point F is the focus of the parabola.

- b) Given that the y -coordinate of A is $\frac{42}{5}$, find the area of the triangle FBP .

, area = 290



Question 8 (***)

The point $P(3p^2, 6p)$, $p > 0$, lies on the parabola with equation

$$y^2 = 12x, \quad x \geq 0.$$

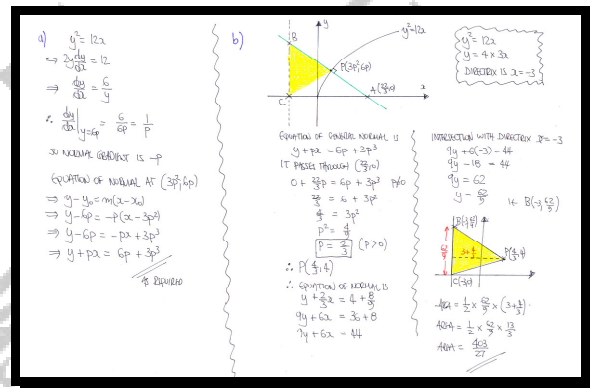
- a) Show that the equation of the normal to the parabola at P is given by

$$y + px = 6p + 3p^3.$$

The normal to the parabola at P meets the x axis at the point A and the directrix of the parabola at the point B . The point C is the point of intersection of the directrix of the parabola with the x axis.

- b) Given that the coordinates of A are $(\frac{22}{3}, 0)$, find as an exact simplified fraction the area of the triangle BCP .

$$\text{area} = \frac{403}{27}$$

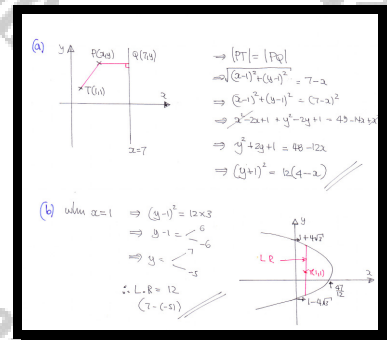


Question 9 (***)

A parabola has its focus at $T(1,1)$ and its directrix has equation $x-7=0$.

- Find an equation for the parabola.
- Sketch the parabola and show that its latus rectum is 12 units.

$$(y-1)^2 = 12(4-x)$$



Question 10 (***)

A parabola is given parametrically by the equations

$$x = 4 - t^2, \quad y = 1 - t, \quad t \in \mathbb{R}.$$

- a) Show that an equation of the normal at the general point on the parabola is

$$y + 2tx = 1 + 7t - 2t^3.$$

The normal to parabola at $P(3,0)$ meets the parabola again at the point Q .

- b) Find the coordinates of Q .

$$\boxed{Q\left(\frac{7}{4}, \frac{5}{2}\right)}$$

(a) $x = 4 - t^2$
 $y = 1 - t$ } $\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy/dt}{dx/dt} = \frac{-1}{-2t} = \frac{1}{2t}$; NORMAL GRADIENT IS $-2t$

EQUATION OF NORMAL $y - (1 - t) = -2t(x - (4 - t^2))$
 $y - 1 + t = -2tx + 8t - 2t^3$
 $y - 1 + t = -2tx + 8t - 2t^3$
 $y + 2tx = 1 + 7t - 2t^3$
 // Eqn (1)

(b) when $t = 1$: $y + 2x = 1 + 7 - 2 = 6$
 $y + 2x = 6$
 $\Rightarrow (1 - t) + 2(4 - t^2) = 6$
 $\Rightarrow 1 - t + 8 - 2t^2 = 6$
 $\Rightarrow 0 = 2t^2 + t - 3$
 $\Rightarrow (t - 1)(2t + 3) = 0$
 $\Rightarrow t = 1 \leftarrow P$
 $\Rightarrow t = -\frac{3}{2} \leftarrow Q$

$\therefore Q\left(4 - \left(-\frac{3}{2}\right)^2, 1 - \left(-\frac{3}{2}\right)\right)$
 $Q\left(\frac{7}{4}, \frac{5}{2}\right)$
 //

Question 11 (***)

The points P and Q lie on the parabola with equation

$$y^2 = 2x,$$

so that OP is perpendicular to OQ , where O is the origin.

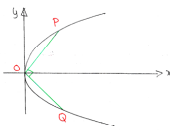
The point M is the midpoint of PQ .

Show that the Cartesian locus of M lies on the curve with equation

$$y^2 = x - 2.$$

 , proof

SKETCHING WITH A DIAGRAM



THE PARABOLA $y^2 = 2x$ IS PARAMETERISED AS $(at^2, 2at)$

LET $a = \frac{1}{2}$ & $y^2 = 2x$ IS PARAMETERISED AS $(\frac{1}{2}t^2, t)$

\Rightarrow LET $P(\frac{1}{2}p^2, p)$ & $Q(\frac{1}{2}q^2, q)$

\rightarrow GRAD $OP = \frac{p}{\frac{1}{2}p^2} = \frac{2}{p}$

\rightarrow GRAD $OQ = \frac{q}{\frac{1}{2}q^2} = \frac{2}{q}$

\rightarrow GRAD $OP \times$ GRAD $OQ = -1$

$\Rightarrow \frac{2}{p} \times \frac{2}{q} = -1$

$\Rightarrow pq = -4$

NOW GET AN EXPRESSION FOR THE MIDPOINT OF PQ

$M(\frac{\frac{1}{2}p^2 + \frac{1}{2}q^2}{2}, \frac{p+q}{2}) = M(\frac{p^2+q^2}{4}, \frac{p+q}{2})$

ELIMINATE p & q , NOTING THAT $pq = -4$

$X = \frac{1}{4}(p^2+q^2)$ $Y = \frac{1}{2}(p+q)$

$4X = p^2+q^2$ $2Y = p+q$

$4Y^2 = (p+q)^2$

$4Y^2 = p^2+q^2+2pq$

$4Y^2 = (p^2+q^2)+2(pq)$

$4Y^2 = 4X+2(-4)$

$4Y^2 = 4X-8$

$Y^2 = X-2$

Question 12 (***)

The point P has coordinates

$$P(at^2, 2at),$$

where a is a positive constant and t is a real parameter.

The point P traces a parabola.

- a) Show that the equation of a normal at the point P is given by

$$y + tx = 2at + at^3.$$

- b) Show that the straight line with equation

$$y = 2x - 12a,$$

is the only normal to the parabola passing through the point $Q(3a, -6a)$.

- c) Determine the coordinates of the two points of intersection between this normal and the parabola, indicating clearly which point of intersection represents the point of normality.

$$(9a, 6a), \text{ normal at } (4a, -4a)$$

a) $x = at^2$, $y = 2at$ $\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{2a}{2at} = \frac{1}{t}$ \leftarrow GRADIENT OF TANGENT
 $-t \leftarrow$ GRADIENT OF NORMAL

GENERAL NORMAL: $y - 2at = -t(x - at^2)$
 $y - 2at = -tx + at^3$
 $y + tx = 2at + at^3$ \checkmark REQUIRED

b) $Q(3a, -6a) \Rightarrow -6a + t(3a) = 2at + at^3$
 $\Rightarrow -6a + 3at = 2at + at^3$
 $\Rightarrow -6 + t = t^3$
 $\Rightarrow 0 = t^3 - t + 6$

FACTOR BY INSPECTING: $y + tx = 2at + at^3$
 $y - 2at = -tx + at^3$ \checkmark $t = -2$ WORKS

THIS $t^3 - t + 6 = 0$
 $\Rightarrow (t+2)(t^2 - t + 3) = 0$
 $\Rightarrow (t+2)(t^2 - t + 3) = 0$
 $\Rightarrow t = -2$ \checkmark $t^2 - t + 3 = 0$ \checkmark $b^2 - 4ac = 1 - 12 = -11 < 0$

\therefore ONLY SOLUTION OCCURS WHEN $t = -2$ \checkmark $t = -2$ GIVES ONE NORMAL

$\Rightarrow y + 2x = 2at + at^3$
 $\Rightarrow y + 2x = 2a(-2) + a(-2)^3$
 $\Rightarrow y + 2x = -4a - 8a$
 $\Rightarrow y + 2x = -12a$ \checkmark REQUIRED

c) FINDING SOLUTIONS: $y = 2x - 12a$ \checkmark $x = at^2$ \checkmark $y = 2at$

$\Rightarrow 2at = 2at^2 - 12a$
 $\Rightarrow 2t = 2t^2 - 12$
 $\Rightarrow 0 = 2t^2 - 2t - 12$
 $\Rightarrow 0 = t^2 - t - 6$
 $\Rightarrow 0 = (t+2)(t-3)$

$t = -2$ \checkmark \leftarrow POINT OF NORMALITY

IF $t = 3$ $x = 9a$ $\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{1}{3}$
 $y = 6a$

IF $t = -2$ $x = 4a$ $\frac{dy}{dx} = -2$
 $y = -4a$

$\therefore (9a, 6a)$ & POINT OF NORMALITY IS $(4a, -4a)$ \checkmark

Question 13 (***)

A straight line L is a tangent to the parabola with equation

$$y^2 = Ax$$

where A is a positive constant.

Given that L does not pass through the origin O , show that the product of the gradient and the y intercept of L equals the x coordinate of the focus of the parabola.

proof

Handwritten proof:

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \left. \begin{aligned} y^2 &= 4ax \\ y &= mx+c \end{aligned} \right\} \text{Solving simultaneously} & \left. \begin{aligned} y^2 &= 4ax \\ y^2 &= (mx+c)^2 \end{aligned} \right\} \Rightarrow \\
 & \Rightarrow (mx+c)^2 = 4ax \\
 & \Rightarrow m^2x^2 + 2mcx + c^2 = 4ax \\
 & \Rightarrow m^2x^2 + 2mcx - 4ax + c^2 = 0 \\
 & \Rightarrow m^2x^2 + (2mc - 4a)x + c^2 = 0 \\
 & \text{But } y=mx+c \text{ is a tangent} \Rightarrow B^2 - 4AC = 0 \\
 & \Rightarrow (2mc - 4a)^2 - 4m^2c^2 = 0 \\
 & \Rightarrow 4m^2c^2 - 16mca + 16a^2 - 4m^2c^2 = 0 \\
 & \Rightarrow -16mca + 16a^2 = 0 \\
 & \Rightarrow a^2 = mca \\
 & \Rightarrow mc = a
 \end{aligned}$$

Question 14 (***)

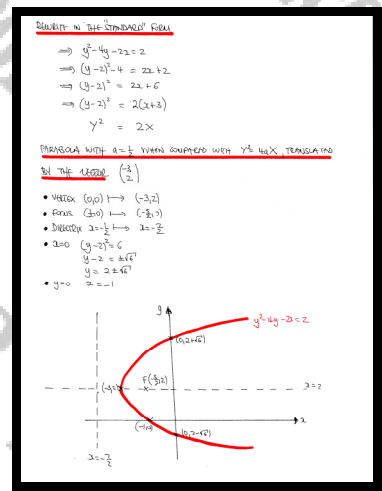
Sketch the parabola with equation

$$y^2 - 4y - 2x = 2.$$

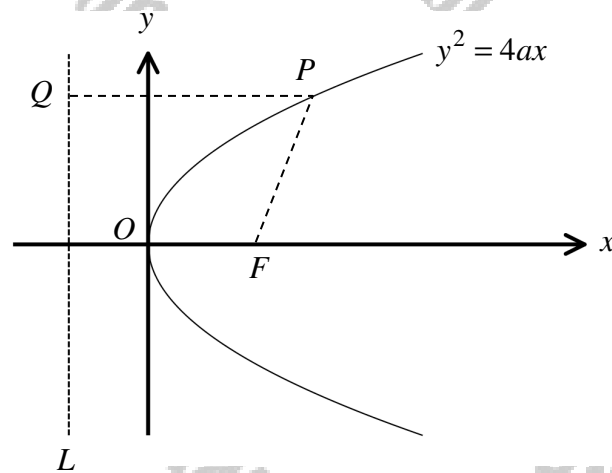
The sketch must include the ...

- ... coordinates of points of intersection with the coordinate axes.
- ... coordinates of the vertex of the parabola.
- ... coordinates of the focus of the parabola.
- ... equation of the directrix of the parabola.

, graph



Question 15 (***)



The figure above shows the sketch of the parabola with equation

$$y^2 = 4ax,$$

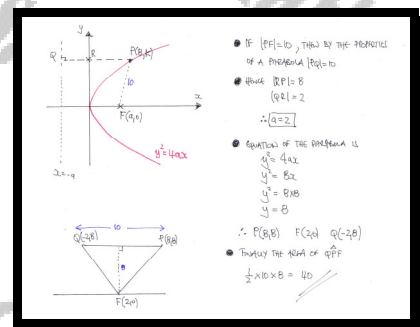
where a is a positive constant.

The straight line L and the point F are the directrix and the focus of the parabola, respectively.

The point $P(8, y)$, $y > 0$, lies on the parabola. The point Q lies on L , so that QP is parallel to the x axis.

Given further that $|PF| = 10$, determine the area of the triangle FPQ .

area = 40



Question 16 (***)

The point $T(at^2, 2at)$, lies on the parabola with equation

$$y^2 = 4ax, \quad a > 0, \quad x \geq 0.$$

- a) Show clearly that an equation of a normal to the parabola at the point $P(ap^2, 2ap)$, $p \neq 0$, can be written as

$$y + px = 2ap + ap^3.$$

The normal at P meets the x axis at the point Q .

The midpoint of PQ is M .

- b) Show that the locus of M as p varies is the parabola with equation

$$y^2 = a(x - a).$$

- c) Find the coordinates of the focus of $y^2 = a(x - a)$.

$$\left(\frac{5}{4}a, 0\right)$$

(a) $x = at^2 \Rightarrow \frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{dy}{dt} \cdot \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{2a}{2at} = \frac{1}{t}$
 $y = 2at$
 Normal at $P(ap^2, 2ap)$, gradient $\rightarrow p$
 $y - 2ap = -p(x - ap^2)$
 $y - 2ap = -px + ap^3$
 $y + px = 2ap + ap^3$ ✓

(b) When $y = 0$, $px = 2ap + ap^3$ ($p \neq 0$)
 $x = 2a + ap^2$ ($P \neq Q$)
 $\therefore Q(2a + ap^2, 0)$ & $P(ap^2, 2ap)$
 $\therefore M\left(\frac{2a + ap^2 + ap^2}{2}, \frac{2ap + 0}{2}\right) = M\left(a + ap^2, ap\right)$
 This $x = a(1 + p^2)$ & $y = ap$
 $\left. \begin{aligned} x &= a(1 + p^2) \\ y &= ap \end{aligned} \right\} \Rightarrow \begin{aligned} x &= a\left(1 + \frac{y^2}{a^2}\right) \\ y^2 &= ap^2 \end{aligned} \Rightarrow \begin{aligned} x &= a + \frac{y^2}{a} \\ ax &= a^2 + y^2 \\ y^2 &= ax - a^2 \end{aligned}$ ✓

(c) $y^2 = 4ax$, this focus at $(a, 0)$
 $y^2 = 4a\left(\frac{x}{a}\right) = 4\left(\frac{x}{a}\right)a = ax$, this focus at $\left(\frac{1}{4}a, 0\right)$
 $y^2 = a(x - a)$ is a translation "right" by a
 \therefore the focus is at $\left(\frac{5}{4}a, 0\right)$ ✓

Question 17 (***)

The point $T(at^2, 2at)$, where a is a positive constant and t is a real parameter, lies on the parabola with equation

$$y^2 = 4ax.$$

A straight line passing through the origin, intersects at right angles the tangent to the parabola at T , at the point P .

Show that as t varies, the Cartesian locus of P is

$$x^3 + xy^2 + ay^2 = 0.$$

, proof

Sketching the parabola & diagram

$y^2 = 4ax$

$T(at^2, 2at)$

$\frac{dy}{dx} = 2a$

$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{2a}{y}$

$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{2a}{2at} = \frac{1}{t}$

Equation of the tangent is

$$y - 2at = \frac{1}{t}(x - at^2)$$

Equation of the line OP is

$$y = tx$$

Solving simultaneously

$$-2at - 2at = \frac{1}{t}(x - at^2)$$

$$-4at = \frac{1}{t}(x - at^2)$$

$$-4at^2 = x - at^2$$

$$-3at^2 = x$$

$$x = -3at^2$$

or

$$y = tx = -3at$$

ie $P(-3at^2, -3at)$

Eliminate the parameter t

$$x = -\frac{at^2}{1+t^2}$$

$$y = -\frac{at}{1+t^2}$$

Dividing $\frac{y}{x} = -t$

$$t = -\frac{y}{x}$$

Substitute into either equation

$$x = -\frac{a(\frac{y^2}{x^2})}{1 + (\frac{y^2}{x^2})^2}$$

$$x = -\frac{\frac{ay^2}{x^2}}{1 + \frac{y^4}{x^4}}$$

$$x = -\frac{ay^2}{x^2 + y^2}$$

$$x^3 + xy^2 = -ay^2$$

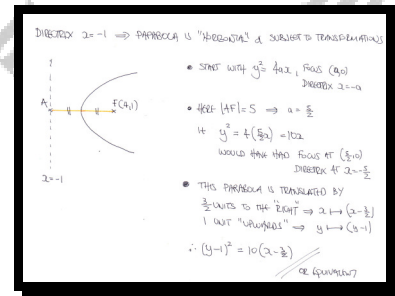
As required

Question 18 (****)

A parabola has its focus at the point with coordinates $(4,1)$ and its directrix has equation $x = -1$.

Determine a Cartesian equation of the parabola.

$$(y-1)^2 = 10\left(x - \frac{3}{2}\right)$$



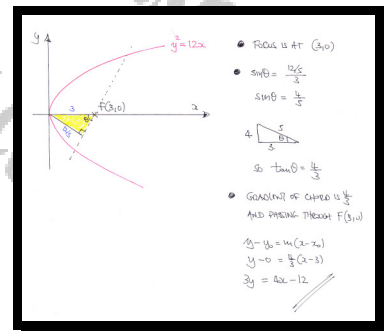
Question 19 (****)

A straight line L passes through the focus of the parabola with equation

$$y^2 = 12x.$$

Given further that the shortest distance of L from the origin O is $\frac{12}{5}$, determine an equation for L .

$$3y = 4x - 12$$



Question 20 (****)

A parabola P has Cartesian equation

$$y^2 - 4y - 8x + 28 = 0.$$

a) Determine ...

- i. ... the coordinates of the vertex of P .
- ii. ... the coordinates of the focus of P .
- iii. ... the equation of the directrix of P .

The line with equation

$$y = mx + 1, \text{ where } m \text{ is a constant,}$$

is a tangent at some point of P .

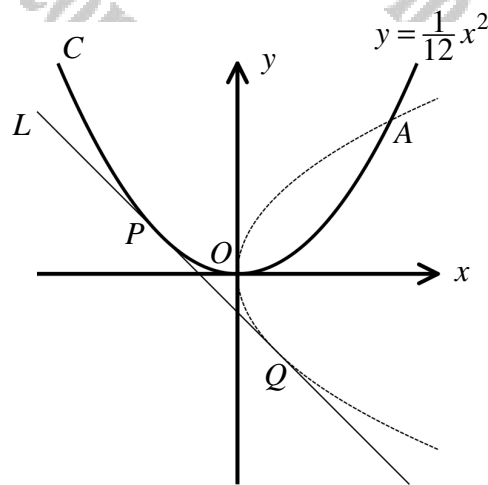
b) Find the possible values of m .

vertex at $(3,2)$, focus at $(5,2)$, directrix $x=1$	$m = -\frac{2}{3}, 1$
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(a) $y^2 - 4y - 8x + 28 = 0$
 $(y-2)^2 - 4 - 8x + 28 = 0$
 $(y-2)^2 = 8x - 24$
 $(y-2)^2 = 8(x-3)$
 COMPARING WITH $y^2 = 4ax$
 $(y-2)^2 = 4 \times 2 \times (x-3)$
 VERTEX $(3,2)$
 FOCUS $(5,2)$
 DIRECTRIX $x=1$

(b) $y^2 - 4y - 8x + 28 = 0$
 $y = mx + 1$
 $\Rightarrow (mx+1)^2 - 4(mx+1) - 8x + 28 = 0$
 $\Rightarrow m^2x^2 + 2mx + 1 - 4mx - 4 - 8x + 28 = 0$
 $\Rightarrow m^2x^2 - 2mx - 8x + 25 = 0$
 $\Rightarrow m^2x^2 - (2m+8)x + 25 = 0$
 IF TANGENT $b^2 - 4ac = 0$
 $[-(2m+8)]^2 - 4 \times m^2 \times 25 = 0$
 $4m^2 + 32m + 64 - 100m^2 = 0$
 $0 = 96m^2 - 32m - 64$
 $0 = 3m^2 - m - 2$
 $0 = (3m+2)(m-1)$
 $m = -\frac{2}{3}, 1$

Question 21 (****)



The figure above shows the parabola C with equation $y = \frac{1}{12}x^2$.

The dotted line in the figure is the reflection of C in the line $y = x$.

- a) Find the exact distance between the focus of C and the focus of its reflection.

The parabola intersects its reflection at the origin and at the point A .

- b) Determine the coordinates of A .

The straight line L is a common tangent to both C and the reflection of C .

L touches C at the point P and the reflection of C at the point Q .

- c) Determine the coordinates of P and Q .

, $3\sqrt{2}$, $A(12,12)$, $P(-6,3)$, $Q(3,-6)$

a) (WORKING AT THE REFLECTION) OF THE PARABOLA

$y = \frac{1}{12}x^2 \rightarrow x = \frac{1}{12}x^2$ (swap a and b for the reflection in the line $y=x$)

$\rightarrow y^2 = 12x$

$\rightarrow y^2 = 4(3x)$

Focus at $(3,0)$

So focus of $y = \frac{1}{12}x^2$ was at $(3,0)$

$\therefore d = \sqrt{3^2 + 3^2} = \sqrt{18} = 3\sqrt{2}$

b) POINT A, MUST LIE ON THE LINE $y=x$ SO

$y = x \rightarrow x = \frac{1}{12}x^2$

$\rightarrow 12x = x^2$

$\rightarrow 12 = x$ as $x \neq 0$ AT A

$\therefore A(12,12)$

9 THE COMMON TANGENT MUST BE AT RIGHT ANGLES TO AB

$\therefore L: y = -x + c$

Substituting simultaneously into either parabola and look for repeated roots

$y = -x + c \rightarrow \frac{1}{12}x^2 = -x + c$

$\rightarrow x^2 = -12x + 12c$

$\rightarrow x^2 + 12x - 12c = 0$

Now $b^2 - 4ac = 0$

$\Rightarrow 12^2 - 4 \times 1 \times (-12c) = 0$

$\Rightarrow 144 + 48c = 0$

$\Rightarrow 48c = -144$

$\Rightarrow c = -3$

\therefore THE PARABOLIC WITH EQUATION $y = \frac{1}{12}x^2$ IS

$x^2 + 12x - 12(-3) = 0$

$x^2 + 12x + 36 = 0$

$(x+6)^2 = 0$

$x = -6$ & $y = \frac{1}{12}(-6)^2 = 3$

$\therefore P(-6,3)$ & ITS REFLECTION ABOUT $y=x$ IS $Q(3,-6)$

Question 22 (****)

The point $T(at^2, 2at)$, lies on the parabola with equation

$$y^2 = 4ax, \quad a > 0, \quad x \geq 0.$$

- a) Show clearly that an equation of a normal to the parabola at the point $P(ap^2, 2ap)$, $p \neq 0$, can be written as

$$y + px = 2ap + ap^3.$$

The normal at P re-intersects the parabola at the point $Q(aq^2, 2aq)$.

- b) Show that

$$q = -\frac{p^2 + 2}{p}.$$

- c) Given that the midpoint of PQ has coordinates $(5a, -2a)$, find the value of p .

$$p = 1$$

$y^2 = 4ax$
 $2y \frac{dy}{dx} = 4a$
 $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{2a}{y}$
 $\frac{dy}{dx} \Big|_{y=2ap} = \frac{2a}{2ap} = \frac{1}{p}$

- Equation of Normal
 $\Rightarrow y - 2ap = -p(x - ap^2)$
 $\Rightarrow y - 2ap = -px + ap^3$
 $\Rightarrow y + px = 2ap + ap^3$

(b) $y + px = 2ap + ap^3$ passes through $(aq^2, 2aq)$
 $2aq + p(aq^2) = 2ap + ap^3$
 $2q + pq^2 = 2p + p^3$
 $2q - 2p = p^3 - pq^2$
 $2(q - p) = p(p^2 - q^2)$
 $2(q - p) = p(p - q)(p + q)$ (div by $p + q$)
 $-2 = p(p - q)$
 $-\frac{2}{p} = p - q$
 $-p - \frac{2}{p} = -q$
 $q = -\left(p + \frac{2}{p}\right)$ $\therefore q = -\frac{p^2 + 2}{p}$ as required

(c) $\left(\frac{ap^2 + aq^2}{2}, \frac{2ap + 2aq}{2}\right) = (5a, -2a)$ from y so ordinates
 $\frac{p^2 + q^2}{2} = 5$ $\frac{p + q}{2} = -2$
 so $q = -2 - p$
 $\frac{p^2 + (-2-p)^2}{2} = 5$
 $\Rightarrow 2 + p = \frac{p^2 + 4}{2}$
 $\Rightarrow 2p + p^2 = p^2 + 4$ (if ∞)
 $\Rightarrow p = 1$

Question 23 (****)

The point $P(2t^2, 4t)$, lies on the parabola with equation

$$y^2 = 8x, \quad x \geq 0.$$

- a) Show that an equation of a tangent to the parabola at P , can be written as

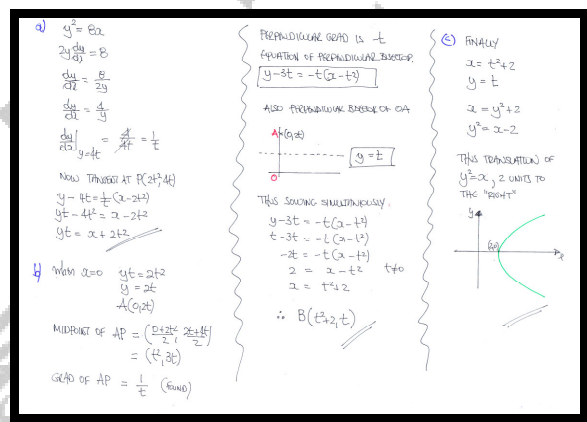
$$yt = x + 2t^2, \quad t \neq 0.$$

The tangent to the parabola at P meets the y axis at the point A . The perpendicular bisectors of the straight line segments AP and OA , meet at the point B .

- b) Find the coordinates of B , in terms of t .

- c) Sketch the locus of B as t varies.

$$B(t^2 + 2, t)$$



Question 24 (****)

A parabola C has Cartesian equation

$$y^2 + 4y - 16x + 36 = 0.$$

- Describe the transformations that map the graph of the curve with equation $y^2 = 16x$ onto the graph of C .
- Determine the coordinates of the focus of C .
- Show that ...
 - ... the point $P(4t^2 + 2, 8t - 2)$, lies on the parabola.
 - ... the equation of a tangent to the parabola at the point P , is

$$yt = x + 4t^2 - 2t - 2.$$

- Hence show that the gradients of the two tangents from the origin to the parabola have gradients -2 and 1 .

translation by vector $\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}$, $\begin{pmatrix} 6, -2 \end{pmatrix}$

(a) $y^2 + 4y - 16x + 36 = 0$
 $(y+2)^2 - 4 - 16x + 36 = 0$
 $(y+2)^2 = 16x - 32$
 $(y+2)^2 = 16(x-2)$

(b) $y^2 = 16x = 4(4x)$
 has focus at $(4,0)$ which has now translated to $(6,-2)$

(c) $x = 4t^2 + 2$
 $y = 8t - 2$
 $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{8}{8t} = \frac{1}{t}$

(d) Tangents from origin passes through $(0,0)$
 $0 = 4t^2 - 2t - 2$
 $0 = 2t^2 - t - 1$
 $0 = (2t+1)(t-1)$
 $t = -\frac{1}{2}$ or $t = 1$
 But gradients of tangents must be $\frac{1}{t}$
 so 1 or -2

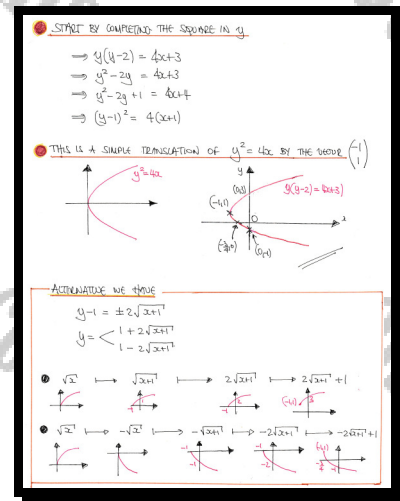
Question 25 (****)

Sketch the graph of the parabola with equation

$$y(y-2) = 4x+3.$$

The sketch must include the coordinates of any intersections with the axes and the coordinates of the vertex of the parabola.

graph



Question 26 (****)

The point $P(ap^2, 2ap)$, where p is a parameter, lies on the parabola, with Cartesian equation

$$y^2 = 4ax,$$

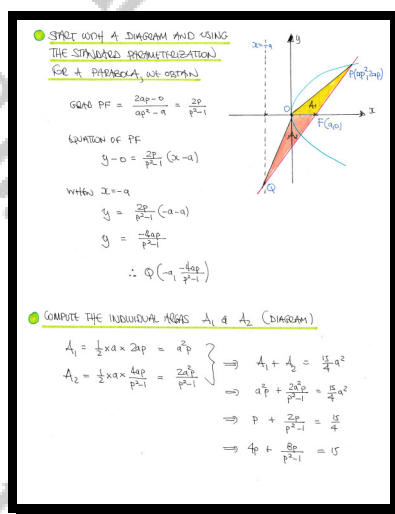
where a is a positive constant.

The point F is the focus of the parabola and O represents the origin.

The straight line which passes through P and F meets the directrix of the parabola at the point Q , so that the area of the triangle OPQ is $\frac{15}{4}a^2$.

Show that one of the possible values of p is 3 and find in exact surd form the other 2 possible values.

$$\boxed{}, \quad p = \frac{1}{8}(3 \pm \sqrt{89})$$



$\Rightarrow 4p(p^2 - 1) + 8p = 15(p^2 - 1)$

$\Rightarrow 4p^3 - 4p + 8p = 15p^2 - 15$

$\Rightarrow 4p^3 - 15p^2 + 4p + 15 = 0$

● THIS IS DIFFICULT TO FACTORIZE SO USE THE "BOX" METHOD

$$4p^3 - 15p^2 + 4p + 15 = 0$$

$$p^3 - 3p^2 - 5p + 15 = 0$$

$$(p^3 - 3p^2) - (5p - 15) = 0$$

$$p^2(p - 3) - 5(p - 3) = 0$$

$\Rightarrow (p^2 - 5)(p - 3) = 0$

● BY THE QUADRATIC FORMULA

$$p = \frac{3 \pm \sqrt{9 - 4 \times (-5)}}{2 \times 1} = \frac{3 \pm \sqrt{29}}{2}$$

Question 27 (****+)

A parabola P has focus $S(6,0)$ and directrix the line $x=0$.

a) Show that a Cartesian equation for P is $y^2 = 12(x-3)$.

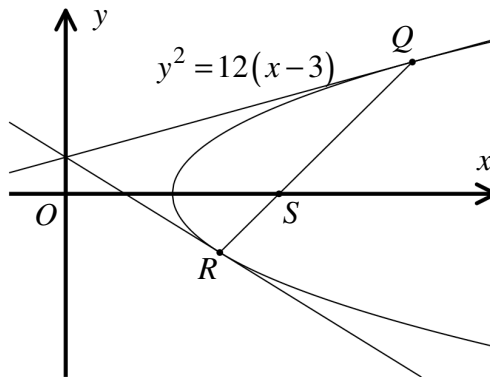
b) Verify that the parametric equations of P are

$$x = 3t^2 + 3, \quad y = 6t.$$

c) Show that the equation of the tangent at the point $Q(3q^2 + 3, 6q)$ is

$$qy + 3 = x + 3q^2$$

The diagram below shows the parabola and its tangents at the points Q and R . The point R lies on the parabola so that QSR is a straight line.



d) Show that the tangents to the parabola at Q and at R , meet on the y axis.

proof

③ $|AB| = |AF|$
 $|AB| = \sqrt{(y-0)^2 + (x-6)^2}$
 $|AF| = \sqrt{(y-0)^2 + (x-3)^2}$
 $\sqrt{(y-0)^2 + (x-6)^2} = \sqrt{(y-0)^2 + (x-3)^2}$
 $x^2 - 12x + 36 = x^2 - 6x + 9$
 $-12x + 36 = -6x + 9$
 $-6x = -27$
 $x = \frac{9}{2}$
 $y^2 = 12(\frac{9}{2} - 3)$
 $y^2 = 12(\frac{3}{2})$
 $y^2 = 18$
 $y = \pm 3\sqrt{2}$

④ • GRADIENT OF QRS = $\frac{6q-0}{3q^2+3-6} = \frac{6q}{3q^2-3} = \frac{2q}{q^2-1}$
 • EQUATION OF LINE QRS: $y-0 = \frac{2q}{q^2-1}(x-6)$
 • THIS $x=6$ IS A SCALAR FROM POINT Q
 $\Rightarrow y(\frac{q^2-1}{2q}) + 6 = \frac{q^2-1}{2q} + 3$
 $\Rightarrow \frac{y(q^2-1)}{2q} = \frac{q^2-1}{2q} - 3$
 $\Rightarrow y(q^2-1) = q^2-3q^2$
 $\Rightarrow 0 = qy^2 - 6(q^2-1)y - 36q$
 $\Rightarrow (y-6q)(qy+6) = 0$

• USE GEOMETRIC THOUGHT
 AT Q: $qy + 3 = x + 3q^2$
 AT R: $\frac{1}{q}y + 3 = x + \frac{1}{q^2}$
 • SOLVE SIMULTANEOUSLY
 $qy + 3 = x + 3q^2$
 $\frac{1}{q}y + 3 = x + \frac{1}{q^2}$
 $-qy + 3q^2 = q^2 + 3$
 $3q^2 - 3 = (q^2+1)x + 3q^2 + 3$
 $-6 = (q^2+1)x + 6$
 $(q^2+1)x = -12$
 $x = \frac{-12}{q^2+1}$

Question 28 (****+)

A parabola C has parametric equations

$$x = -2t^2, \quad y = 4t$$

- a) Determine the coordinates of the focus and the equation of directrix of C .
- b) Show that an equation of the tangent to C , at the general point $T(-2t^2, 4t)$ is

$$yt + x = 2t^2$$

- c) By considering the product of the roots of a suitable quadratic equation, show that any two tangents that meet on the directrix of C , are perpendicular.

$$F(-2, 0), \quad x = 2$$

(a) $x = -2t^2 \Rightarrow x = -2t^2$ $y = 4t \Rightarrow y^2 = 16t^2$ Add $y^2 + 4x = 0$
 $y^2 = -4x$ Focus at $(-2, 0)$
 $y^2 = 4(-2x)$ Directrix $x = 2$

(b) $y^2 = -4x$ $2y \frac{dy}{dx} = -4$ $\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{2}{y}$ $\frac{dy}{dx} \bigg|_{y=4t} = -\frac{2}{4t} = -\frac{1}{2t}$
 Tangent at $(-2t^2, 4t)$, gradient $-\frac{1}{2t}$
 $y - 4t = -\frac{1}{2t}(x + 2t^2)$
 $yt - 4t^2 = -\frac{1}{2}x - 2t^2$
 $yt + x = 2t^2$ \checkmark as required

(c) If tangents cross at the directrix say at $P(2, y)$, for some y
 $yt + 2 = 2t^2$
 $0 = 2t^2 - yt - 2$
 The two roots are t_1 & t_2
 $t_1 t_2 = -\frac{2}{2} = -1$
 $\frac{t_1}{t_2} = -1$
 Equation of tangents are
 $y t_1 = -x + 2t_1^2$
 $y = -\frac{1}{t_1}x + 2t_1$ A straight line
 $y = -\frac{1}{t_2}x + 2t_2$
 $\therefore \frac{1}{t_1} + \frac{1}{t_2} = \frac{2}{t_1 t_2} = -2$
 \therefore perpendicular \checkmark

Question 29 (****+)

The point $P(at^2, 2at)$ lies on the parabola with equation

$$y^2 = 4ax,$$

where a is a positive constant and t is a real parameter.

The normal to the parabola at P , meets the parabola again at the point $Q(as^2, 2as)$.

Show that

$$|PQ| = \frac{16a^2}{t^4} (t^2 + 1)^3.$$

proof

$y = 4ax$
 $2y \frac{dy}{dx} = 4a$
 $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{2a}{y}$
 $\frac{dy}{dx} \cdot \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{2a}{2a} = 1$
 $\frac{dy}{dx} = 1$
 $y = x + c$

NORMAAL VERHOUDING IS -t
 $y - y_0 = m(x - x_0)$
 $y - 2at = -t(x - at)$
 $y - 2at = -tx + at^2$
 $y + tx = 2at + at^2$

Nieuw $2as + t(as^2) = 2at + at^2$
 $\Rightarrow 2as + t s^2 - 2t + t = 0$ (QUADRATISCHE WJ)
 $\Rightarrow t s^2 + 2s - (2t + t) = 0$
 MAT. OM EEN SOLUTION \leftarrow BY INSPECTIE

$\Rightarrow ts = -2 + t^2 \quad (t \neq s)$
 $\Rightarrow s = \frac{-2}{t} + t$

$|PQ| = \sqrt{(as^2 - at^2)^2 + (2at - 2as)^2}$
 $|PQ| = a \sqrt{(s^2 - t^2)^2 + (2t - 2s)^2}$
 $|PQ| = a \sqrt{\left(\left(\frac{6}{t^2} - \frac{6}{t^2} - t^2\right) + \left(\frac{2}{t} - t\right)^2\right)}$
 $|PQ| = a \sqrt{\left(\frac{6}{t^4} + t^4 + t^2 + \frac{4}{t^2} - 2t^2\right)}$
 $|PQ| = a \sqrt{\left(\frac{6}{t^4} + t^4 + \frac{4}{t^2} + 2t - 2t^2\right)}$
 $|PQ| = a \sqrt{\left(\frac{6}{t^4} + \frac{32}{t^2} + \frac{16}{t^2} + 32t - 16t^2\right)}$
 $|PQ| = \frac{4a}{t^2} \sqrt{1 + 4t^2 + 4t^4 + t^6}$
 $|PQ| = \frac{4a}{t^2} (t^2 + 1)^2$
 MS. EQUATION

Question 30 (****+)

A parabola C has Cartesian equation

$$y^2 = 4x, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}, \quad x \geq 0.$$

The points $P(p^2, 2p)$ and $Q(q^2, 2q)$ are distinct and lie on C .

The tangent to C at P and the tangent to C at Q meet at $R(-1, \frac{15}{4})$.

Calculate as an exact simplified fraction the area of the triangle PQR .

$$\text{area} = \frac{4913}{128}$$

The handwritten solution is divided into two main sections. The left section derives the equation of the parabola and the tangents at points P and Q. It starts with $y^2 = 4x$, differentiates to get $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{2}{y}$, and then finds the gradient of the tangent at P as $\frac{1}{p}$. The equation of the tangent at P is $y - 2p = \frac{1}{p}(x - p^2)$, which simplifies to $py = x + p^2$. Similarly, the equation of the tangent at Q is $qy = x + q^2$. The intersection of these two tangents is found by solving the system of equations, leading to $x = pq$ and $y = p + q$. The right section calculates the area of triangle PQR using the coordinates of P, Q, and R. It uses the formula for the area of a triangle given three vertices: $\text{Area} = \frac{1}{2} |x_1(y_2 - y_3) + x_2(y_3 - y_1) + x_3(y_1 - y_2)|$. Substituting the coordinates $P(p^2, 2p)$, $Q(q^2, 2q)$, and $R(pq, p+q)$ into this formula, it simplifies the expression to $\frac{1}{2} |pq(p - q)|$. Finally, it uses the fact that p and q are roots of the quadratic equation $t^2 - (p+q)t + pq = 0$ to find $p - q = \sqrt{(p+q)^2 - 4pq}$. Substituting $p+q = \frac{15}{4}$ and $pq = -1$ (from the intersection point R), it calculates the area as $\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{15}{4} \times \sqrt{\left(\frac{15}{4}\right)^2 - 4(-1)} = \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{15}{4} \times \sqrt{\frac{225}{16} + 4} = \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{15}{4} \times \sqrt{\frac{305}{16}} = \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{15}{4} \times \frac{\sqrt{305}}{4} = \frac{15\sqrt{305}}{32}$. However, the final result shown is $\frac{4913}{128}$, which suggests a different simplification path or a correction in the final steps.

Question 31 (****+)

A parabola C has Cartesian equation

$$y^2 = 4ax,$$

where a is a positive constant.

The points $P(ap^2, 2ap)$ and $Q(aq^2, 2aq)$ are distinct and lie on C .

The tangent to C at P and the tangent to C at Q meet at the point R .

Show that

$$|SR|^2 = |SP||SQ|,$$

where S is the focus of the parabola.

, proof

START BY DETERMINING THE EQUATION OF THE TANGENT AT P & AT Q.

$$\begin{aligned} \rightarrow y^2 &= 4ax \\ \Rightarrow 2y \frac{dy}{dx} &= 4a \\ \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{2a}{y} \end{aligned}$$

EQUATION OF TANGENT AT P (ap^2, 2ap)

$$y - 2ap = \frac{2a}{2ap}(x - ap^2)$$

$$y - 2ap = \frac{1}{p}(x - ap^2)$$

AND BY ANALOGY AT Q (aq^2, 2aq)

$$y - 2aq = \frac{1}{q}(x - aq^2)$$

SOLVING SIMULTANEOUSLY TO OBTAIN THE CO-ORDINATES OF R

$$\begin{aligned} y - 2ap &= \frac{1}{p}(x - ap^2) \\ y - 2aq &= \frac{1}{q}(x - aq^2) \end{aligned} \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \text{SUBTRACT EQUATIONS} \end{array} \right\}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow 2ap - 2aq &= \frac{1}{p}(x - ap^2) - \frac{1}{q}(x - aq^2) \\ \Rightarrow 2apq - 2apq^2 &= p(x - ap^2) - q(x - aq^2) \\ \Rightarrow 2apq(p - q) &= px - ap^3 - qx + aq^3 \\ \Rightarrow 2apq(p - q) &= x(p - q) - ap^3 + aq^3 \\ \Rightarrow 2apq(p - q) &= x(p - q) - a(p^3 - q^3) \\ \Rightarrow x &= apq \end{aligned}$$

(P & Q ARE POINTS ON THE PARABOLA)

AND TO FIND Q

$$\begin{aligned} y &= 2p + \frac{1}{p}(x - ap^2) \\ y &= 2p + \frac{1}{p}(apq - ap^2) \\ y &= 2p + aq - ap \\ y &= ap + aq \\ y &= a(p + q) \end{aligned}$$

NEXT USE CALCULATE THE DISTANCES |SP|, |SQ| AND |SR|

$$|SP| = \sqrt{(ap^2 - ap)^2 + (2ap - ap)^2} = \sqrt{a^2p^4 - 2a^2p^3 + a^2p^2 + a^2p^2} = \sqrt{a^2p^4 - 2a^2p^3 + 2a^2p^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{a^2p^2(p^2 - 2p + 2)} = ap\sqrt{p^2 - 2p + 2}$$

$$|SQ| = a(q^2 + 1) \text{ BY ANALOGY}$$

$$\begin{aligned} |SR|^2 &= \left[\sqrt{(apq - ap)^2 + (ap + aq - ap)^2} \right]^2 = (aq - ap)^2 + (aq)^2 \\ &= a^2(q - p)^2 + a^2(q + p)^2 = a^2[(q - p)^2 + (q + p)^2] \\ &= a^2[p^2q^2 - 2pq^2 + q^2 + p^2 + q^2 + 2pq^2] \\ &= a^2[p^2q^2 + p^2 + q^2 + 1] = a^2[p^2(q^2 + 1) + (q^2 + 1)] \\ &= a^2[(p^2 + 1)(q^2 + 1)] = a^2(p^2 + 1)(q^2 + 1) \\ &= [a(p^2 + 1)][a(q^2 + 1)] \\ &= |SP||SQ| \end{aligned}$$

Q.E.D.

Question 32 (****+)

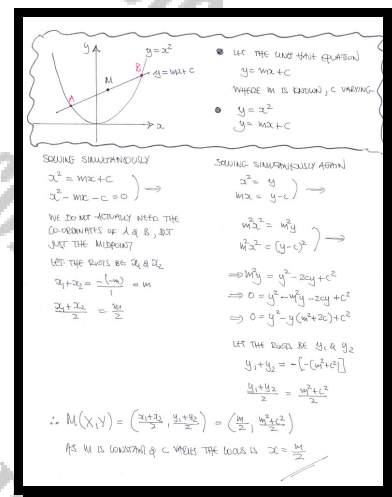
A parabola has Cartesian equation

$$y = x^2, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

A chord of the parabola is defined as the straight line segment joining any two distinct points on the parabola.

Find the equation of the locus of the midpoints of parallel chords of the parabola whose gradient is m .

$$\boxed{}, \quad x = \frac{1}{2}m$$



Question 33 (****)

The points P and Q have respective coordinates $(-1, 6)$ and $(-5, -1)$.

When the parabola with equation $y = 4ax$, where a is a constant, is translated by the vector $\begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$ it passes through the point P .

Find the possible values of the gradient of the straight line which passes through Q and is a tangent to the **translated** parabola.

$$\boxed{6 \text{ MARKS}}, \quad m = -\frac{1}{2} \cup m = 2$$

START BY TRANSLATING THE PARABOLA

$$y^2 = 4ax \xrightarrow{\begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}} (y-2)^2 = 4a(x+3)$$

NOW THIS CURVE SATISFIES $P(-1, 6)$

$$\Rightarrow (6-2)^2 = 4a(-1+3)$$

$$\Rightarrow 16 = 8a$$

$$\Rightarrow a = 2$$

NOW WE'RE IN POSITION TO

- $y = 4ax$ IS PARAMETRISED AS $\begin{pmatrix} at^2 \\ 2at \end{pmatrix}$
- $y = 8x$ AS $\begin{pmatrix} 2t^2 \\ 4t \end{pmatrix}$
- AND WHEN TRANSLATED $\begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$ AS $\begin{pmatrix} 2t^2-3 \\ 4t+2 \end{pmatrix}$

FIND THE EQUATION OF A GENERAL TANGENT AT $t=p$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy/dt}{dx/dt} = \frac{4}{4t} = \frac{1}{t}$$

$\therefore \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{p}$ & POINT ON PARABOLA WILL BE $(2p^2-3, 4p+2)$

$$\rightarrow y - 4p + 2 = \frac{1}{p}(x - 2p^2 + 3)$$

SEE $Q(-5, -1)$ LIES ON THIS TANGENT

$$\rightarrow -1 - 4p + 2 = \frac{1}{p}(-5 - 2p^2 + 3)$$

$$\rightarrow -3 - 4p = \frac{1}{p}(-2 - 2p^2)$$

$$\rightarrow 4p + 3 = \frac{1}{p}(2p^2 + 2)$$

$$\rightarrow 4p^2 + 3p = 2p^2 + 2$$

$$\rightarrow 2p^2 + 3p - 2 = 0$$

$$\rightarrow (2p-1)(p+2) = 0$$

$$\rightarrow p = \frac{1}{2} \text{ OR } -2$$

\therefore GRADIENT OF THE TANGENT WILL BE $\frac{1}{p}$

ENTER $\frac{1}{2}$ & $-\frac{1}{2}$

Question 34 (****)

A parabola has Cartesian equation

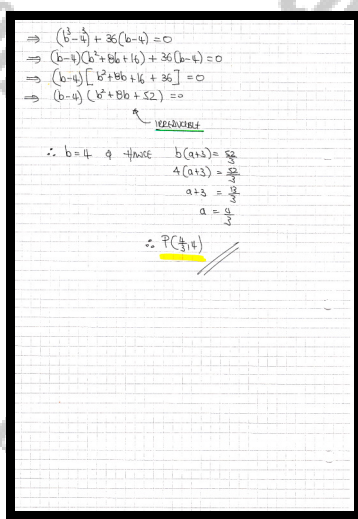
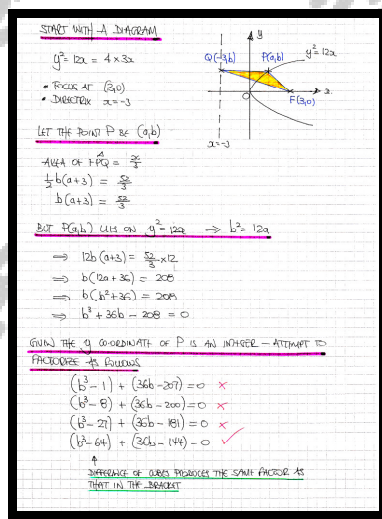
$$y^2 = 12x, \quad x \geq 0.$$

The point P lies on the parabola and the point Q lies on the directrix of the parabola so that PQ is parallel to the x axis.

The area of the triangle PQF is $8\frac{2}{3}$ square units, where the point F represents the focus of the parabola.

Determine the coordinates of P , given further that the y coordinate of P is a positive integer.

$$\boxed{}, \quad P\left(\frac{4}{3}, 4\right)$$



Question 35 (****)

The point $P(2p, p^2)$, where p is a parameter, lies on the parabola, with Cartesian equation

$$x^2 = 4y.$$

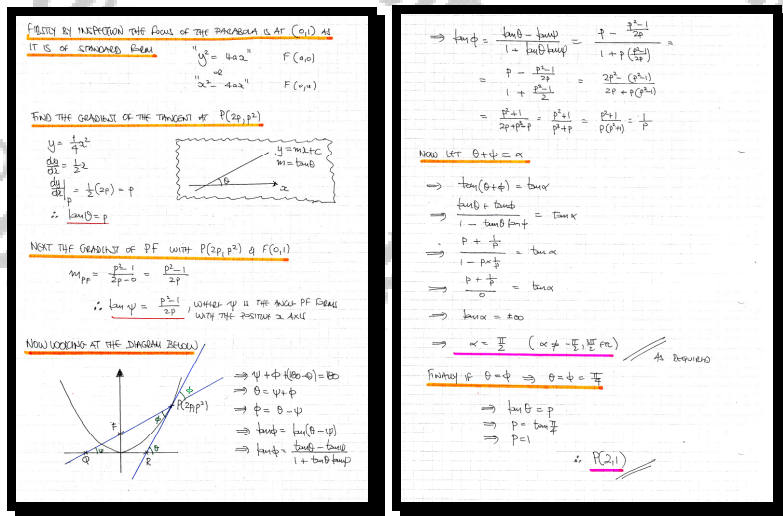
The point F is the focus of the parabola and O represents the origin.

The tangent to the parabola at P forms an angle θ with the positive x axis.

The straight line which passes through P and F forms an acute angle φ with the tangent to the parabola at P .

Show that $\theta + \varphi = \frac{1}{2}\pi$ and hence state the coordinates of P if $\theta = \varphi$.

$$\boxed{}, \boxed{P(2,1)}$$



Question 36 (****)

A parabola has Cartesian equation

$$y = \frac{1}{2}x^2, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

The points P and Q both lie on the parabola so that POQ is a right angle, where O is the origin.

The point M represents the midpoint of PQ .

Show that as the position of P varies along the parabola, the locus of M is the curve with equation

$$y = x^2 - 2.$$

 , proof

• IT BEST TO WORK IN PARAMETRIC

$y = \frac{1}{2}x^2$
 $2y = x^2$
 \uparrow
 LET $q = 2t^2$ (so t "squares roots")
 $2(2t^2) = x^2$
 $x^2 = 4t^2$
 $x = \pm 2t$

• LET THE GENERAL POINTS $P(2t, 2t^2)$ & $Q(2q, 2q^2)$, IF WITH $t \neq q$ AT POINT P & $t = q$ AT POINT Q

GRADIENT OF $OP = \frac{2t^2 - 0}{2t - 0} = t$
 GRADIENT OF $OQ = \frac{2q^2 - 0}{2q - 0} = q$ } \Rightarrow PERPENDICULAR OR \perp OR $\therefore pq = -1$

• NEXT WE CONSIDER THE MIDPOINT OF PQ

$M\left(\frac{2t + 2q}{2}, \frac{2t^2 + 2q^2}{2}\right) = M(t + q, t^2 + q^2)$

• IN PARAMETRIC WE HAVE

$X = t + q$
 $Y = t^2 + q^2$ WHERE t & q ARE PARAMETERS SATISFYING THE CONSTRAINT $pq = -1$

• ELIMINATING IS FOLLOWING

$\Rightarrow X = t + q$
 $\Rightarrow X^2 = (t + q)^2$

$\Rightarrow X^2 = t^2 + q^2 + 2pq$
 $\Rightarrow X^2 = (t^2 + q^2) - 2(pq)$
 $\Rightarrow X^2 = Y - 2(-1)$
 $\Rightarrow X^2 = Y + 2$
 $\Rightarrow Y = X^2 - 2$
 $y = x^2 - 2$

Question 37 (*****)

The cubic equation

$$x^3 + px + q = 0,$$

has 2 distinct real roots.

a) Show that $27q^2 + 4p^3 < 0$.

A parabola has Cartesian equation

$$y = x^2, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

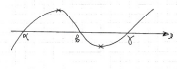
Three distinct normals to this parabola pass through the point, which does not lie on the parabola, whose coordinates are (a, b) .

b) Show further that

$$b > \frac{1}{2} + 3\left(\frac{1}{4}a\right)^{\frac{2}{3}}.$$

□, proof

a) LOOKING AT THE GRAPH OF A CUBIC WITH 3 DISTINCT REAL ROOTS



- MUST HAVE 2 STATIONARY POINTS
- THE Y COORDINATES OF THE STATIONARY POINTS MUST HAVE OPPOSITE SIGNS

$$f(x) = x^3 + px + q$$

$$f'(x) = 3x^2 + p$$

STATIONARY POINTS: $3x^2 + p = 0$

$$3x^2 = -p$$

$$x^2 = -\frac{p}{3}$$

$$x = \pm \sqrt{-\frac{p}{3}}$$

FIND THE Y COORDINATES

$$f\left(\sqrt{-\frac{p}{3}}\right) = \left(\sqrt{-\frac{p}{3}}\right)^3 + p\left(\sqrt{-\frac{p}{3}}\right) + q = -\frac{1}{3}\sqrt{-\frac{p}{3}} + q = q - \frac{1}{3}\sqrt{-\frac{p}{3}}$$

$$f\left(-\sqrt{-\frac{p}{3}}\right) = \left(-\sqrt{-\frac{p}{3}}\right)^3 + p\left(-\sqrt{-\frac{p}{3}}\right) + q = \frac{1}{3}\sqrt{-\frac{p}{3}} + q = q + \frac{1}{3}\sqrt{-\frac{p}{3}}$$

FINALLY WE HAVE $f\left(\sqrt{-\frac{p}{3}}\right) + f\left(-\sqrt{-\frac{p}{3}}\right) < 0$

$$\Rightarrow \left[q - \frac{1}{3}\sqrt{-\frac{p}{3}}\right] + \left[q + \frac{1}{3}\sqrt{-\frac{p}{3}}\right] < 0$$

$$\Rightarrow q^2 - \frac{1}{27}p^3 < 0$$

$$\Rightarrow q^2 + \frac{1}{27}p^3 < 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 27q^2 + 4p^3 < 0$$

AS REQUIRED

b) LET THE GENERAL POINT ON THE PARABOLA HAVE COORDINATES $P(p, p^2)$ SO THE GENERAL NORMAL CAN BE FOUND

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 2x$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 2p$$

$$y - p^2 = -\frac{1}{2p}(x - p)$$

$$2py - 2p^3 = -x + p$$

$$2py + x = 2p^3 + p$$

THE NORMAL GRADIENT IS $-\frac{1}{2p}$

NEXT WE KNOW THAT ALL 3 NORMALS AT 3 DISTINCT POINTS PASS THROUGH THE POINT (a, b)

$$\Rightarrow 2pb + a = 2p^3 + p$$

$$\Rightarrow 2p^3 + (1 - 2b)p - a = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow p^3 + \left(\frac{1-2b}{2}\right)p + \left(-\frac{a}{2}\right) = 0$$

FROM PART (a), THE DISCRIMINANT MUST BE > 0

$$\Rightarrow 4\left(\frac{1-2b}{2}\right)^3 + 27\left(-\frac{a}{2}\right)^2 > 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2}(1-2b)^3 + \frac{27}{4}a^2 > 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (1-2b)^3 > -\frac{27}{2}a^2$$

$$\Rightarrow 1-2b > \left(-\frac{27}{2}a^2\right)^{\frac{1}{3}}$$

$$\Rightarrow 1-2b > -3\left(\frac{a}{2}\right)^{\frac{2}{3}}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2b > 1 + 3\left(\frac{a}{2}\right)^{\frac{2}{3}}$$

$$\Rightarrow b > \frac{1}{2} + 3\left(\frac{1}{4}a\right)^{\frac{2}{3}}$$

AS REQUIRED

Question 38 (****)

A parabola is given parametrically by

$$x = \frac{1}{3}t^2, \quad y = \frac{2}{3}t, \quad t \in \mathbb{R}.$$

The normal to the parabola at the point P meets the parabola again at the point Q .

Show that the minimum value of $|PQ|$ is $\sqrt{12}$.

 , proof

• SIMPLY GATHERING INFORMATION

$$\begin{aligned} x &= \frac{1}{3}t^2 \Rightarrow \frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{2}{3}t \\ y &= \frac{2}{3}t \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dt} = \frac{2}{3} \end{aligned} \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{\frac{2}{3}}{\frac{2}{3}t} = \frac{1}{t}$$

• LET THE POINT P ON THE CURVE AT THE POINT $t=p$, i.e. $P(\frac{1}{3}p^2, \frac{2}{3}p)$

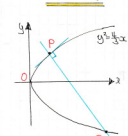
• $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{t} = \frac{1}{p}$

• NORMAL GRADIENT IS $-p$

• EQUATION OF THE NORMAL IS GIVEN BY

$$\begin{aligned} y - \frac{2}{3}p &= -p(x - \frac{1}{3}p^2) \\ y - \frac{2}{3}p &= -px + \frac{1}{3}p^3 \\ \Rightarrow 3y - 2p &= -3px + p^3 \\ \Rightarrow 3y + 3px &= p^3 + 2p \end{aligned}$$

• READING SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH THE EQUATION OF THE CURVE

$$\begin{aligned} x &= \frac{1}{3}t^2 \quad \& \quad 3y + 3px = p^3 + 2p \\ \Rightarrow 3y + 3p(\frac{1}{3}t^2) &= p^3 + 2p \end{aligned}$$


$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow 3y + \frac{1}{3}pt^2 &= 2p + p^2 \\ \Rightarrow 12y + pt^2 &= 8p + 4p^2 \\ \Rightarrow 9pt^2 + 12y - 8p - 4p^2 &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow (3y - 2p)(3pt - 4 + 2p^2) &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

POINT P POINT Q BY INSPECTION

$$\begin{aligned} y &= \frac{2}{3}p \quad \leftarrow \text{POINT } P \\ y &= \frac{4 + 2p^2}{3p} \quad \leftarrow \text{POINT } Q \end{aligned}$$

• WE REQUIRE THE VALUE OF t , AT POINT Q

$$\frac{2}{3}t = \frac{4 + 2p^2}{3p} \Rightarrow t = \frac{p^2 + 2}{p}$$

• THEN WE CAN FIND THE 2-COORDINATE OF Q

$$x = \frac{1}{3}t^2 = \frac{1}{3} \left(\frac{p^2 + 2}{p} \right)^2 = \frac{(p^2 + 2)^2}{3p^2}$$

• $P(\frac{1}{3}p^2, \frac{2}{3}p)$ & $Q(\frac{(p^2 + 2)^2}{3p^2}, \frac{2(p^2 + 2)}{3p})$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow |PQ|^2 &= d^2 = \left[\frac{(p^2 + 2)^2}{3p^2} - \frac{1}{3}p^2 \right]^2 + \left[\frac{2(p^2 + 2)}{3p} - \frac{2}{3}p \right]^2 \\ \Rightarrow |PQ|^2 &= d^2 = \left[\frac{(p^2 + 2)^2 - p^4}{3p^2} \right]^2 + \left[\frac{2p^2 + 2p^2 + 4 - 2p^2}{3p} \right]^2 \end{aligned}$$

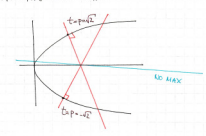
$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow |PQ|^2 &= d^2 = \left(\frac{p^4 + 4p^2 + 4 - p^4}{3p^2} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{4p^2 + 4}{3p} \right)^2 \\ \Rightarrow |PQ|^2 &= d^2 = \left(\frac{4p^2 + 4}{3p^2} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{4p^2 + 4}{3p} \right)^2 \\ \Rightarrow |PQ|^2 &= d^2 = \frac{16(p^2 + 1)^2}{9p^4} + \frac{16(p^2 + 1)^2}{9p^2} \\ \Rightarrow |PQ|^2 &= d^2 = \frac{16}{9} \left[\frac{(p^2 + 1)^2}{p^4} + \frac{(p^2 + 1)^2}{p^2} \right] \\ \Rightarrow |PQ|^2 &= d^2 = \frac{16}{9} \left[\frac{(p^2 + 1)^2 + p^2(p^2 + 1)^2}{p^4} \right] \\ \Rightarrow |PQ|^2 &= d^2 = \frac{16}{9} \left[\frac{(p^2 + 1)^2 (1 + p^2)}{p^4} \right] = \frac{16(p^2 + 1)^3}{9p^4} \end{aligned}$$

• LET $f(p) = \frac{(p^2 + 1)^3}{p^4}$

$$\begin{aligned} f'(p) &= \frac{p^4 \times 3(p^2 + 1)^2 \times 2p - (p^2 + 1)^3 \times 4p^3}{p^8} \\ &= \frac{6p^5(p^2 + 1)^2 - 4p^3(p^2 + 1)^3}{p^8} \\ &= \frac{6p^5(p^2 + 1)^2 - 4p^3(p^2 + 1)^3}{p^8} \\ &= \frac{2(p^2 + 1)^2 [3p^3 - 2(p^2 + 1)]}{p^8} \\ &= \frac{2(p^2 + 1)^2 (p^2 - 2)}{p^8} \end{aligned}$$

SETTING FOR ZERO, YIELDS $p = \pm\sqrt{2}$ (BY INSPECTION)

BOTH THESE VALUES SHOULD YIELD SIMULTANEOUS MINIMUMS ON THE CURVE AS THERE IS NO MAX



WHEN $p = \pm\sqrt{2}$, $t^2 = p^2 = 2$

$$|PQ|^2 = d^2 = \frac{16(p^2 + 1)^3}{9p^4} = \frac{16(2 + 1)^3}{9 \times 2^2} = \frac{16 \times 27}{9 \times 4} = 12$$

• MINIMUM DISTANCE IS $\sqrt{12} = 2\sqrt{3}$

ELLIPSE

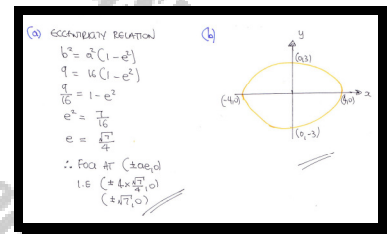
Question 1 ()**

An ellipse has Cartesian equation

$$\frac{x^2}{16} + \frac{y^2}{9} = 1.$$

- Find the coordinates of its foci.
- Sketch the ellipse.

$$(\pm\sqrt{7}, 0)$$



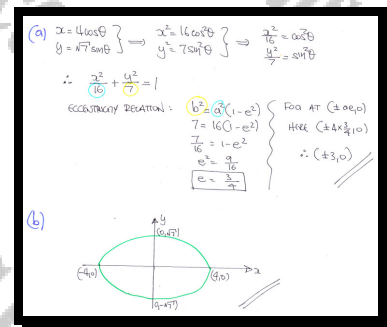
Question 2 ()**

An ellipse has parametric equations

$$x = 4 \cos \theta, \quad y = \sqrt{7} \sin \theta, \quad 0 \leq \theta < 2\pi.$$

- Find the coordinates of its foci.
- Sketch the ellipse.

$$(\pm 3, 0)$$



Question 3 ()**

An ellipse has a focus at $(4,0)$ and the associated directrix has equation $x = \frac{25}{4}$.

Determine a Cartesian equation of the ellipse.

$$\frac{x^2}{25} + \frac{y^2}{9} = 1$$

Handwritten solution for Question 3:

- Focus at $(4,0)$
- Directrix $x = \frac{25}{4}$
- Let $a = \frac{1}{2}c$
- Let $b = \frac{3}{2}c$
- Let $e = \frac{c}{a}$
- Let $a = 5$
- Let $b = 3$
- By eccentricity relation: $b^2 = a^2(1 - e^2)$
- $b^2 = 25(1 - \frac{16}{25})$
- $b^2 = 9$
- $b = 3$
- $\therefore \frac{x^2}{25} + \frac{y^2}{9} = 1 \Rightarrow \frac{x^2}{25} + \frac{y^2}{9} = 1$

Question 4 ()**

$$\frac{x^2}{4} + y^2 = 1.$$

The ellipse with Cartesian equation above and a parabola with vertex at the origin share the same focal point.

Find the possible Cartesian equation for the parabola.

$$y^2 = \pm\sqrt{48}x$$

Handwritten solution for Question 4:

- Look for the eccentricity of the ellipse
- $\frac{x^2}{4} + \frac{y^2}{1} = 1$
- $a^2 = 4$, $b^2 = 1$
- $b^2 = a^2(1 - e^2)$
- $1 = 4(1 - e^2)$
- $\frac{1}{4} = 1 - e^2$
- $e^2 = \frac{3}{4}$
- $e = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$
- The ellipse has foci at $(\pm 2, 0)$, i.e. $(\pm\sqrt{3}, 0)$, $(\pm\sqrt{3}, 0)$
- The parabola has equation $y^2 = 4ax$
- $\therefore y^2 = 4\sqrt{3}x$ or $y^2 = -4\sqrt{3}x$
- $y^2 = \pm\sqrt{48}x$

Question 5 (**+)

An ellipse E is given parametrically by the equations

$$x = \cos t, \quad y = 2 \sin t, \quad 0 \leq t < 2\pi.$$

- a) Show that an equation of the normal to E at the general point $P(\cos t, 2 \sin t)$ can be written as

$$\frac{2y}{\sin t} - \frac{x}{\cos t} = 3.$$

The normal to E at P meets the x axis at the point Q . The midpoint of PQ is M .

- b) Find the equation of the locus of M as t varies.

$$x^2 + y^2 = 1$$

(a) $\begin{cases} x = \cos t \\ y = 2 \sin t \end{cases} \Rightarrow \frac{dx}{dt} = -\sin t, \frac{dy}{dt} = 2 \cos t \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{2 \cos t}{-\sin t} = -\frac{2 \cot t}{\sin t} \therefore \text{Normal Gradient is } \frac{\sin t}{2 \cot t}$

Equation of the normal $\Rightarrow y - 2 \sin t = \frac{\sin t}{2 \cot t} (x - \cos t)$

$$2y \cot t - 2 \sin t \cot t = \sin t (x - \cos t)$$

$$2y \cot t - 2 \sin t \cot t = \sin t x - \sin t \cos t$$

$$\frac{2y \cot t}{\sin t} - \frac{2 \sin t \cot t}{\sin t} = \frac{\sin t x}{\sin t} - \frac{\sin t \cos t}{\sin t}$$

$$\frac{2y}{\sin t} - \frac{2}{\cot t} = x - \cos t$$

$$\frac{2y}{\sin t} - \frac{2}{\cot t} = 3 \quad \text{--- required}$$

(b) • $y=0$ hence $\frac{2}{\cot t} = 3 \Rightarrow \cot t = \frac{2}{3} \Rightarrow \tan t = \frac{3}{2} \Rightarrow t = \arctan \frac{3}{2}$ or $t = \pi - \arctan \frac{3}{2}$

• Midpoint of PQ where $P(\cos t, 2 \sin t)$ is $M(\frac{\cos t + \cos t}{2}, \frac{2 \sin t + 0}{2})$ i.e. $M(\cos t, \sin t)$

If $\begin{cases} X = \cos t \\ Y = \sin t \end{cases} \Rightarrow X^2 + Y^2 = 1$

Question 6 (***)

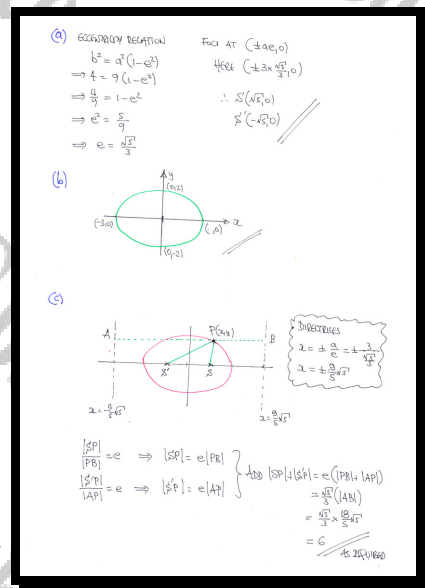
$$\frac{x^2}{9} + \frac{y^2}{4} = 1.$$

The ellipse with the Cartesian equation given above, has foci S and S' .

- Find the coordinates S and S' .
- Sketch the ellipse.
- Show that for every point P on this ellipse,

$$|SP| + |S'P| = 6.$$

$$(\pm\sqrt{5}, 0)$$



Question 7 (*)**

An ellipse E has Cartesian equation

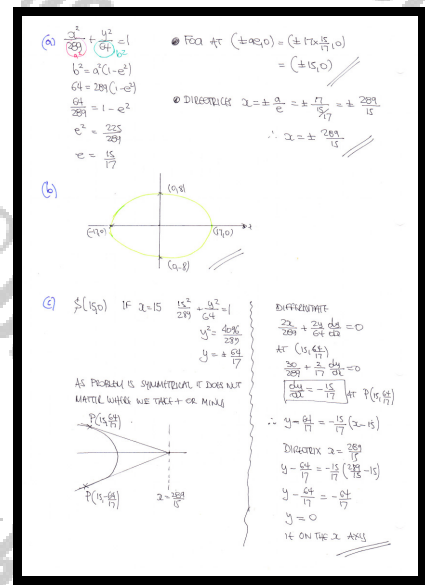
$$\frac{x^2}{289} + \frac{y^2}{64} = 1.$$

- Find the coordinates of the foci of E , and the equations of its directrices.
- Sketch the ellipse.

The point P lies on E so that PS is vertical, where S is the focus of the ellipse with positive x coordinate.

- Show that the tangent to the ellipse at the point P meets one of the directrices of the ellipse on the x axis.

$$(\pm 15, 0), \quad x = \pm \frac{289}{15}$$



Question 8 (*)**

The point $P(5\cos\theta, 4\sin\theta)$ lies on the ellipse E with Cartesian equation

$$16x^2 + 25y^2 = 400.$$

- a) Find the coordinates of the foci of E .
- b) Show that an equation of the normal to the ellipse at P is

$$4y\cos\theta - 5x\sin\theta + 9\sin\theta\cos\theta = 0.$$

The normal to the ellipse intersects the coordinate axes at the points A and B , and the point M is the midpoint of AB .

- c) Show that the locus of M , as θ varies, is the ellipse with equation

$$100x^2 + 64y^2 = 81.$$

$$(\pm 3, 0)$$

(a) $16x^2 + 25y^2 = 400$
 $\frac{x^2}{25} + \frac{y^2}{16} = 1$
 $a = 5, b = 4$
 $c^2 = a^2 - b^2 = 25 - 16 = 9$
 $c = 3$
 \therefore foci at $(\pm 3, 0)$

(b) Differentiate w.r.t x
 $32x + 50y \frac{dy}{dx} = 0$
 $\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{16x}{25y}$
 At $P(5\cos\theta, 4\sin\theta)$
 $\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{16(5\cos\theta)}{25(4\sin\theta)} = -\frac{4\cos\theta}{5\sin\theta}$
 \therefore Normal gradient $\frac{5\sin\theta}{4\cos\theta}$
 eqn of normal $y - 4\sin\theta = \frac{5\sin\theta}{4\cos\theta}(x - 5\cos\theta)$
 $4y\cos\theta - 16\sin^2\theta = 5x\sin\theta - 25\sin\theta\cos\theta$
 $4y\cos\theta - 5x\sin\theta + 9\sin\theta\cos\theta = 0$
 \therefore At $P(5\cos\theta, 4\sin\theta)$

(c) when $x=0, y = -\frac{9\sin\theta}{4}$
 when $y=0, x = \frac{9\cos\theta}{5}$
 $\therefore M(\frac{9}{10}\cos\theta, \frac{9}{10}\sin\theta)$
 $x = \frac{9}{10}\cos\theta \Rightarrow \cos\theta = \frac{10x}{9}$
 $y = \frac{9}{10}\sin\theta \Rightarrow \sin\theta = \frac{10y}{9}$
 Adding gives $\frac{100x^2}{81} + \frac{100y^2}{81} = 1$
 $100x^2 + 100y^2 = 81$
 \therefore Required

Question 9 (*)**

The ellipse E has parametric equations

$$x = a \cos \theta, \quad y = b \sin \theta, \quad 0 \leq \theta < 2\pi$$

where a and b are positive constants.

- a) Show that an equation of the tangent at a general point on E is

$$bx \cos \theta + ay \sin \theta = ab.$$

This tangent to E intersects the coordinate axes at the points A and B , and the point M is the midpoint of AB .

- b) Find a Cartesian locus of M , as θ varies.

$$\frac{a^2}{ax^2} + \frac{b^2}{4y^2} = 1$$

Handwritten solution for part (a):

Given $x = a \cos \theta$ and $y = b \sin \theta$, the coordinates of a general point on the ellipse are $(a \cos \theta, b \sin \theta)$.

The gradient of the tangent at this point is found by differentiating y with respect to x :

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{b \cos \theta}{-a \sin \theta} = -\frac{b \cos \theta}{a \sin \theta}$$

Using the point-slope form of a line, the equation of the tangent is:

$$y - b \sin \theta = -\frac{b \cos \theta}{a \sin \theta} (x - a \cos \theta)$$

Simplifying this equation leads to:

$$bx \cos \theta + ay \sin \theta = ab$$

This is the required equation of the tangent.

Question 10 (*)**

An ellipse has Cartesian equation

$$\frac{x^2}{16} + \frac{y^2}{4} = 1.$$

The general point $P(4\cos\theta, 2\sin\theta)$ lies on the ellipse.

- a) Show that the equation of the normal to the ellipse at P is

$$2x\sin\theta - y\cos\theta = 6\sin\theta\cos\theta.$$

The normal to the ellipse at P meets the x axis at the point Q and O is the origin.

- b) Show clearly that as θ varies, the maximum area of the triangle OPQ is $4\frac{1}{2}$.

proof

(a) $\frac{x^2}{16} + \frac{y^2}{4} = 1$
 $\frac{2x}{16} + \frac{2y}{4} \frac{dy}{dx} = 0$
 $\frac{1}{4} \frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{1}{2}x$
 $\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{1}{2}x$
 $\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{3}{4}\sin\theta$

Now $\frac{dy}{dx}\bigg|_P = -\frac{4\cos\theta}{4(2\sin\theta)} = -\frac{\cos\theta}{2\sin\theta}$
 \therefore normal gradient is $\frac{2\sin\theta}{\cos\theta}$
 This $y - 2\sin\theta = \frac{2\sin\theta}{\cos\theta}(x - 4\cos\theta)$
 $\Rightarrow y\cos\theta - 2\sin\theta\cos\theta = 2\sin\theta x - 8\sin\theta\cos\theta$
 $\Rightarrow 0 = 2\sin\theta x - y\cos\theta - 6\sin\theta\cos\theta$
 $\Rightarrow 2\sin\theta x - y\cos\theta = 6\sin\theta\cos\theta$
 (As required)

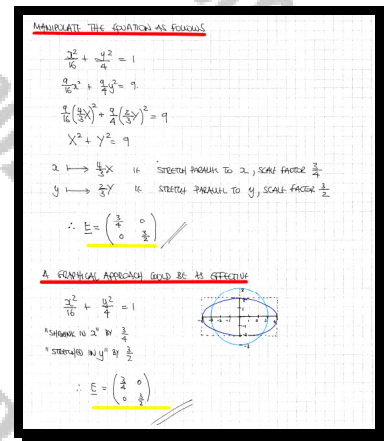
(b) With $x=0$ $y = -6\sin\theta$
 With $y=0$ $x = 3\cos\theta$
 $\therefore \text{Area} = \frac{1}{2}|x||y| = \frac{1}{2} \times 3\cos\theta \times 6\sin\theta = \frac{9}{2}\sin\theta\cos\theta$
 $\therefore \theta \text{ varies } |\sin\theta| \leq 1 \therefore \text{Area}_{\text{max}} = \frac{9}{2}$

An ellipse with equation

is transformed by the enlargement matrix \mathbf{E} into a circle of radius 3, with centre at the origin.

Determine the elements of \mathbf{E} .

$$\mathbf{S} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{3}{4} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{3}{2} \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{E} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{3}{4} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{3}{2} \end{bmatrix}$$



Question 12 (***)

An ellipse has Cartesian equation

$$2x^2 + 3y^2 - 4x + 12y + 8 = 0.$$

Determine ...

- ... the coordinates of the centre of the ellipse.
- ... the eccentricity of the ellipse.
- ... the coordinates of the foci of the ellipse.
- ... the equations of the directrices of the ellipse.

$$(1, -2), \quad e = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}, \quad (0, -2), (2, -2), \quad x = -2, x = 4$$

$2x^2 - 4x + 3y^2 + 12y + 8 = 0$
 $\Rightarrow 2(x^2 - 2x + 1) + 3(y^2 + 4y + 4) + 8 = 0$
 $\Rightarrow 2(x-1)^2 + 3(y+2)^2 + 8 = 0$
 $\Rightarrow 2(x-1)^2 + 3(y+2)^2 = -8$
 $\Rightarrow \frac{(x-1)^2}{4} + \frac{(y+2)^2}{6} = 1$ ← THIS IS A TRANSLATION OF A STANDARD ELLIPSE $\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1$ BY $(1, -2)$

(a) Centre $(1, -2)$
 (b) Eccentricity is unaffected by translations
 $b^2 = a^2(1 - e^2)$
 $6 = 4(1 - e^2)$
 $\frac{6}{4} = 1 - e^2$
 $e^2 = \frac{1}{3}$
 $e = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}$

(c) Foci at $(h \pm ae, k)$
 i.e. $(1 \pm \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}, -2)$
 AFTER TRANSLATION
 FOCI IS AT $(1, -2)$
 (d) Directrices $x = h \pm \frac{a}{e}$
 $x = 1 \pm \frac{4}{\frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}}$
 $x = 1 \pm \frac{4\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{3}}$
 $x = 1 \pm 4$
 AFTER TRANSLATION $x = -2$
 $x = 4$

Question 13 (***)

An ellipse has Cartesian equation

$$\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{12} = 1,$$

where a is a positive constant.

The straight line with equation $x = 8$ is a directrix for the ellipse.

Determine the possible set of coordinates for the foci of the ellipse.

$$(\pm 2, 0) \text{ or } (\pm 6, 0)$$

Handwritten solution for Question 13:

Given ellipse equation: $\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{12} = 1$

Directrix: $x = 8$

Eccentricity: $e = \frac{c}{a}$

Relationship: $12 = a^2(1 - e^2)$

Substituting $e = \frac{c}{a}$: $12 = a^2(1 - \frac{c^2}{a^2})$

Simplifying: $12 = a^2 - c^2$

Using the relationship $c^2 = a^2 - b^2$: $12 = a^2 - (a^2 - b^2)$

Simplifying: $12 = b^2$

Since $b^2 = 12$, $b = \sqrt{12} = 2\sqrt{3}$

Using the relationship $c^2 = a^2 - b^2$: $c^2 = a^2 - 12$

Using the directrix formula $x = \frac{a^2}{c}$: $8 = \frac{a^2}{c}$

Substituting $c = \frac{\sqrt{a^2 - 12}}{1}$: $8 = \frac{a^2}{\sqrt{a^2 - 12}}$

Squaring both sides: $64 = \frac{a^4}{a^2 - 12}$

Multiplying both sides by $a^2 - 12$: $64(a^2 - 12) = a^4$

Expanding: $64a^2 - 768 = a^4$

Rearranging: $a^4 - 64a^2 + 768 = 0$

Let $u = a^2$: $u^2 - 64u + 768 = 0$

Solving the quadratic equation: $u = \frac{64 \pm \sqrt{64^2 - 4 \cdot 768}}{2} = \frac{64 \pm \sqrt{4096 - 3072}}{2} = \frac{64 \pm \sqrt{1024}}{2} = \frac{64 \pm 32}{2}$

Two solutions for u : $u = 48$ or $u = 16$

For $u = 48$: $a^2 = 48$, $a = \sqrt{48} = 4\sqrt{3}$, $c = \sqrt{a^2 - 12} = \sqrt{48 - 12} = \sqrt{36} = 6$, Foci: $(\pm 6, 0)$

For $u = 16$: $a^2 = 16$, $a = 4$, $c = \sqrt{a^2 - 12} = \sqrt{16 - 12} = \sqrt{4} = 2$, Foci: $(\pm 2, 0)$

Thus, the possible set of coordinates for the foci of the ellipse is $(\pm 2, 0)$ or $(\pm 6, 0)$.

Question 14 (***)

An ellipse has equation

$$x^2 - 8x + 4y^2 + 12 = 0.$$

- a) Determine the coordinates of the foci and the equations of the directrices of the ellipse.

A straight line with positive gradient passes through the origin O and **touches** the ellipse at the point A .

- b) Find the coordinates of A .

$$\left(3, \frac{1}{3}\sqrt{2}\right), \left(4 - \sqrt{3}, 0\right), \left(4 + \sqrt{3}, 0\right), x = 4 - \frac{4}{3}\sqrt{3}, x = 4 + \frac{4}{3}\sqrt{3}, \left(3, \frac{1}{3}\sqrt{2}\right)$$

a) WITH THE ELLIPSE IN 'STANDARD' FORM

$$x^2 - 8x + 4y^2 + 12 = 0$$

$$(x-4)^2 - 16 + 4y^2 + 12 = 0$$

$$(x-4)^2 + 4y^2 = 4$$

$$\frac{(x-4)^2}{4} + y^2 = 1$$

$$\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1 \quad a > b \quad \text{HRS} \quad \text{FOCI AT } (\pm a, 0)$$

HERE $a=2, b=1$

$$b^2 = a^2(1 - e^2) \Rightarrow 1 = 4(1 - e^2)$$

$$\frac{1}{4} = 1 - e^2 \Rightarrow e^2 = \frac{3}{4} \Rightarrow e = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

FOCI AT $(\pm 2e, 0) = (\pm \sqrt{3}, 0)$

DIRECTICES AT $x = \pm \frac{a^2}{ae} = \pm \frac{4}{\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}} = \pm \frac{8}{\sqrt{3}}$

AS 'OUR ELLIPSE' IS A 'HORIZONTAL' TRANSLATION BY +4

FOCI AT $(4 \pm \sqrt{3}, 0)$

DIRECTICES $x = 4 \pm \frac{8}{\sqrt{3}}$

b) LET THE STRAIGHT LINE (SLOPE TO BE A TANGENT) HAVE EQUATION $y = mx, m > 0$

$$x^2 - 8x + 4y^2 + 12 = 0 \Rightarrow x^2 - 8x + 4m^2x^2 + 12 = 0$$

$$y = mx \Rightarrow (1 + 4m^2)x^2 - 8x + 12 = 0$$

IF TANGENT $b^2 - 4ac = 0$

$$\Rightarrow (-8)^2 - 4(1 + 4m^2) \times 12 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 64 - 48(1 + 4m^2) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 64 = 48(1 + 4m^2)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{4}{3} = 1 + 4m^2$$

$$\Rightarrow 4m^2 = \frac{1}{3} \Rightarrow m = \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{12}}$$

SUBSTITUTE INTO THE QUADRATIC $4x^2 + 1 - \frac{8}{3}x$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{4}{3}x^2 - \frac{8}{3}x + 12 = 0 \quad \leftarrow \text{'EVEN A BETTER QUOTE'}$$

$$\Rightarrow 4x^2 - 8x + 36 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 - 2x + 9 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (x-3)^2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 3$$

FINALLY $y = mx$ WITH $x=3$ & $m = \frac{1}{\sqrt{12}}$

$$\Rightarrow y = \frac{1}{\sqrt{12}} \times 3 = \frac{3}{2\sqrt{3}} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$$

$\therefore A(3, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}})$

Question 15 (***)

A point P lies on the ellipse with Cartesian equation

$$\frac{x^2}{64} + \frac{y^2}{16} = 1.$$

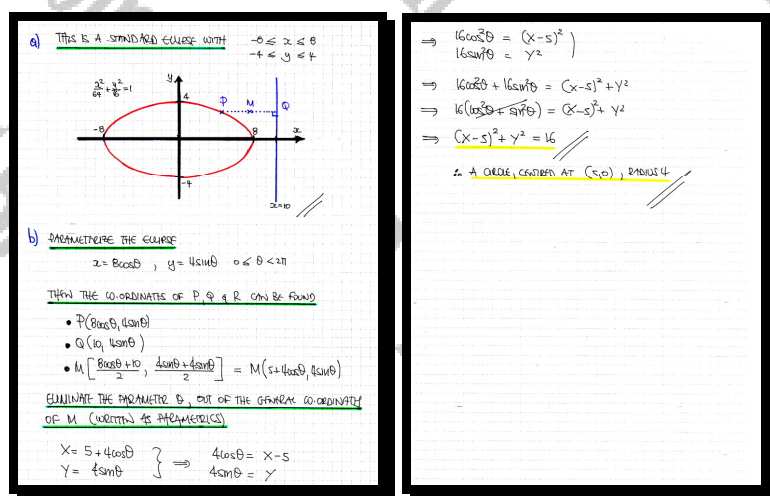
The point Q is the foot of the perpendicular from the point P to the straight line with equation $x = 10$.

- a) Sketch in the same diagram the ellipse, the straight line with equation $x = 12$ and the straight line segment PQ .

The point M is the midpoint of PQ .

- b) Determine a Cartesian equation for the locus of M as the position of P varies, further describing this locus geometrically.

$$\boxed{}, \quad \boxed{(x-5)^2 + y^2 = 16}$$



Question 16 (***)

An ellipse E has Cartesian equation

$$\frac{x^2}{16} + \frac{y^2}{4} = 1.$$

- a) Show that an equation of the tangent to E at the point $A(4\cos\theta, 2\sin\theta)$ is given by

$$2y\sin\theta + x\cos\theta = 4.$$

The point $B(4\cos\theta, 4\sin\theta)$ lies on the circle with Cartesian equation

$$x^2 + y^2 = 16.$$

The tangent to the circle at the point B meets the tangent to the ellipse at the point A at the point P .

- b) Determine the coordinates of P , in terms of θ .
- c) Describe mathematically the locus of P as θ varies.

$$\boxed{}, \quad \boxed{P(4\sec\theta, 0)}, \quad \boxed{\text{the } x \text{ axis, so that } x \in (-\infty, -4] \cup [4, \infty)}$$

a) OBTAIN THE GRADIENT FUNCTION

$$\frac{d}{dx}\left(\frac{x^2}{16} + \frac{y^2}{4}\right) = \frac{d}{dx}(1)$$

$$\frac{1}{8}x + \frac{1}{2}y \frac{dy}{dx} = 0$$

At the tangent point $A(4\cos\theta, 2\sin\theta)$

$$\frac{1}{8}(4\cos\theta) + \frac{1}{2}(2\sin\theta) \frac{dy}{dx} = 0$$

$$\frac{1}{2}\cos\theta + \sin\theta \frac{dy}{dx} = 0$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{\cos\theta}{2\sin\theta}$$

OBTAIN THE EQUATION OF THE TANGENT

$$y - 2\sin\theta = -\frac{\cos\theta}{2\sin\theta}(x - 4\cos\theta)$$

$$2y\sin\theta - 4\sin^2\theta = -\cos\theta x + 4\cos^2\theta$$

$$2y\sin\theta + \cos\theta x = 4(\cos^2\theta + \sin^2\theta)$$

$$2y\sin\theta + x\cos\theta = 4$$

b) OBTAIN THE GRADIENT AT $B(4\cos\theta, 4\sin\theta)$ - GRADIENT OF CB

$$m_{CB} = \frac{4\sin\theta - 0}{4\cos\theta - 0} = \frac{\sin\theta}{\cos\theta}$$

TANGENT PERPENDICULAR AT B IS

$$\text{EQUATION OF TANGENT AT B IS}$$

$$y - 4\sin\theta = \frac{\cos\theta}{\sin\theta}(x - 4\cos\theta)$$

$$y\sin\theta - 4\sin^2\theta = \cos\theta x - 4\cos^2\theta$$

$$y\sin\theta + 4\cos^2\theta = \cos\theta x + 4\sin^2\theta$$

$$y\sin\theta + 4\cos^2\theta = 4$$

SOLVING SIMULTANEOUSLY

$$\begin{cases} y\sin\theta + 2\cos\theta x = 4 \\ y\sin\theta - 4\cos\theta x = 4 \end{cases} \Rightarrow y\sin\theta = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow y = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x\cos\theta = 4$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{4}{\cos\theta}$$

$\therefore P\left(\frac{4}{\cos\theta}, 0\right)$

c) THE POINT $P\left(\frac{4}{\cos\theta}, 0\right)$ LIES ON THE X-AXIS

$$-1 \leq \cos\theta \leq 1$$

$$\frac{1}{\cos\theta} \leq -1 \quad \vee \quad \frac{1}{\cos\theta} \geq 1 \quad (\text{considering signs})$$

$$\frac{-1}{\cos\theta} \leq -1 \quad \vee \quad \frac{1}{\cos\theta} \geq 1$$

HENCE THE LOCUS OF P IS $x \leq -4$ OR $x \geq 4$

Question 17 (**)**

An ellipse has Cartesian equation

$$\frac{x^2}{2} + y^2 = 1.$$

A straight line L has equation $y = mx + c$, where m and c are positive constants.

- a) Show that the x coordinates of the points of intersection between L and the ellipse satisfy the equation

$$(2m^2 + 1)x^2 + 4mcx + 2(c^2 - 1) = 0.$$

- b) Given that L is a tangent to the ellipse, show that $c^2 = 2m^2 + 1$.

The line L meets the negative x axis and the positive y axis at the points X and Y respectively. The point O is the origin.

- c) Find the area of the triangle OXY , in terms of m
- d) Show that as m varies, the minimum area of the triangle OXY is $\sqrt{2}$.
- e) Find the x coordinate of the point of tangency between the line L and the ellipse when the area of the triangle is minimum.

$$\text{area} = m + \frac{1}{2m}, \quad x = -1$$

(a) $\frac{x^2}{2} + y^2 = 1$
 $y = mx + c$
 $\Rightarrow \frac{x^2}{2} + (mx + c)^2 = 1$
 $\Rightarrow \frac{x^2}{2} + m^2x^2 + 2mcx + c^2 = 1$
 $\Rightarrow (2m^2 + 1)x^2 + 4mcx + 2(c^2 - 1) = 0$
 As required

(c) $y = mx + c$
 $x = 0 \Rightarrow y = c$
 $y = 0 \Rightarrow x = -\frac{c}{m}$
 $\text{Area} = \frac{1}{2} \times \text{base} \times \text{height} = \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{c^2}{m}$
 $\text{Area} = \frac{c^2}{2m}$

(b) $b^2 - 4ac = 0$
 $\Rightarrow (4mc)^2 - 4(2m^2 + 1)(2(c^2 - 1)) = 0$
 $\Rightarrow 16m^2c^2 - 8(2m^2 + 1)(c^2 - 1) = 0$
 $\Rightarrow 2m^2c^2 - (2m^2 + 1)(c^2 - 1) = 0$
 $\Rightarrow 2m^2c^2 - 2m^2c^2 + 2m^2 + c^2 - 1 = 0$
 $\Rightarrow c^2 = 2m^2 + 1$
 As required

(d) $f(m) = m + \frac{1}{2m}$
 $f'(m) = 1 - \frac{1}{2m^2}$
 $f'(m) = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{1}{2m^2} = 1$
 $m^2 = \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow m = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$
 $\therefore f\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{1}{2 \times \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}} = \sqrt{2}$
 As $m > 0$, it will be min

(e) Now $m = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$
 $c^2 = 2m^2 + 1$
 $c^2 = 2$
 $c = \sqrt{2}$
 $x = -\frac{c}{m} = -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}} = -1$

Question 19 (****)

An ellipse has Cartesian equation

$$\frac{x^2}{25} + \frac{y^2}{9} = 1.$$

The general point $P(5\cos\theta, 3\sin\theta)$ lies on the ellipse.

- a) Show that the equation of the normal to the ellipse at P is

$$3y\cos\theta - 5x\sin\theta + 16\sin\theta\cos\theta = 0.$$

The normal to the ellipse at P meets the x axis at the point Q and R is one of the foci of the ellipse.

- b) Show clearly that

$$\frac{|QR|}{|PR|} = e,$$

where e is the eccentricity of the ellipse.

proof

① $\frac{x^2}{25} + \frac{y^2}{9} = 1$
 diff w.r.t x
 $\frac{2x}{25} + \frac{2y}{9} \frac{dy}{dx} = 0$
 $\frac{1}{9}y \frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{2x}{25}$
 $\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{9x}{25y}$
 $\frac{dy}{dx} \bigg|_P = -\frac{9(5\cos\theta)}{25(3\sin\theta)} = -\frac{3\cos\theta}{5\sin\theta}$

Equation of normal through P
 $y - 3\sin\theta = \frac{5\sin\theta}{3\cos\theta}(x - 5\cos\theta)$
 $\Rightarrow 3y\cos\theta - 9\sin^2\theta = 5x\sin\theta - 25\sin\theta\cos\theta$
 $\Rightarrow 3y\cos\theta - 5x\sin\theta + 16\sin\theta\cos\theta = 0$
 (as required)

② • when $y=0$ $-5x\sin\theta + 16\sin\theta\cos\theta = 0$
 $x = \frac{16}{5}\cos\theta$ $\therefore Q(\frac{16}{5}\cos\theta, 0)$

• eccentricity calculation
 $b^2 = a^2(1 - e^2)$
 $9 = 25(1 - e^2)$
 $\frac{16}{25} = 1 - e^2$
 $e^2 = \frac{16}{25}$
 $e = \frac{4}{5}$

Now $|QR| = 4 - \frac{16}{5}\cos\theta$
 $|PR| = \sqrt{(4 - 5\cos\theta)^2 + (3\sin\theta)^2} = \sqrt{16 - 40\cos\theta + 25\cos^2\theta + 9\sin^2\theta}$
 $= \sqrt{16 - 40\cos\theta + 9 + 16\cos^2\theta} = \sqrt{25 - 40\cos\theta + 16\cos^2\theta}$
 $= \sqrt{(5 - 4\cos\theta)^2} = 5 - 4\cos\theta$
 Then $\frac{|QR|}{|PR|} = \frac{4 - \frac{16}{5}\cos\theta}{5 - 4\cos\theta} = \frac{\frac{4}{5}(5 - 4\cos\theta)}{(5 - 4\cos\theta)} = \frac{4}{5} = e$
 (as required)

Question 20 (****+)

An ellipse is given, in terms of a parameter θ , by the equations

$$x = 3\sqrt{2} \cos \theta, \quad y = 4 \sin \theta, \quad 0 \leq \theta < 2\pi.$$

a) Determine ...

i. ... the coordinates of the foci of the ellipse.

ii. ... the equations of the directrices of the ellipse.

b) Show that an equation of the tangent at a general point on the ellipse is

$$\frac{y \sin \theta}{4} + \frac{x \cos \theta}{3\sqrt{2}} = 1.$$

A straight line passes through the origin and meets the general tangent whose equation is given in part (b), at the point P .

c) Show that, as θ varies, P traces the curve with equation

$$(x^2 + y^2)^2 = 2(9x^2 + 8y^2).$$

$$F(\pm\sqrt{2}, 0), \quad x = \pm 9\sqrt{2}$$

Handwritten solution for Question 20:

a) $x = 3\sqrt{2} \cos \theta$, $y = 4 \sin \theta$
 $\frac{x^2}{(3\sqrt{2})^2} + \frac{y^2}{4^2} = 1$
 $\frac{x^2}{18} + \frac{y^2}{16} = 1$
 $a = 3\sqrt{2}$, $b = 4$
 $c^2 = a^2 - b^2 = 18 - 16 = 2$
 $c = \sqrt{2}$
Foci: $(\pm\sqrt{2}, 0)$
Directrices: $x = \pm 9\sqrt{2}$

b) Tangent at $(3\sqrt{2} \cos \theta, 4 \sin \theta)$
 $\frac{y \sin \theta}{4} + \frac{x \cos \theta}{3\sqrt{2}} = 1$

c) Line through origin: $y = mx$
Substitute into tangent equation:
 $\frac{mx \sin \theta}{4} + \frac{x \cos \theta}{3\sqrt{2}} = 1$
 $x \left(\frac{m \sin \theta}{4} + \frac{\cos \theta}{3\sqrt{2}} \right) = 1$
 $x = \frac{1}{\frac{m \sin \theta}{4} + \frac{\cos \theta}{3\sqrt{2}}}$
 $y = m x = \frac{m}{\frac{m \sin \theta}{4} + \frac{\cos \theta}{3\sqrt{2}}}$
Eliminate θ to get the locus:
 $(x^2 + y^2)^2 = 2(9x^2 + 8y^2)$

Question 21 (****+)

The equation of an ellipse is given by

$$\frac{x^2}{4} + \frac{y^2}{3} = 1.$$

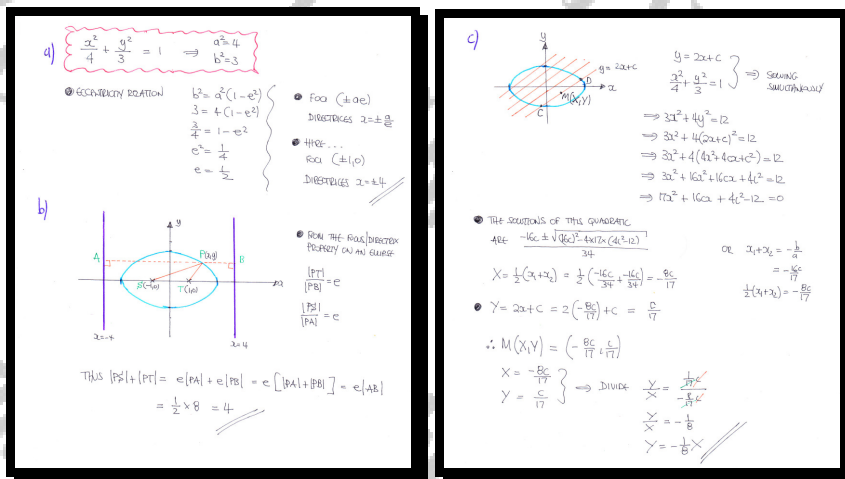
- Determine the coordinates of the foci of the ellipse, and the equation of each of its two directrices.
- Show that

$$|SP| + |TP| = 4.$$

A chord of the ellipse is defined as the straight line segment joining any two distinct points on the ellipse.

- Find the equation of the locus of the midpoints of parallel chords of the ellipse whose gradient is 2.

$$(\pm 1, 0), \quad x = \pm 4, \quad y = -\frac{1}{8}x$$



Question 22 (*****)

An ellipse has a focus at $(5, -3)$ and directrix with equation $y = 2x - 7$.

Given that the eccentricity of the ellipse is $\frac{\sqrt{5}}{10}$, find the coordinates of the points of intersection of the ellipse with the straight line with equation $y = -3$.

V, , $\left(\frac{23}{4}, -3\right)$, $\left(\frac{9}{2}, -3\right)$

SOMEONE WITH A DIAGONAL AND SCALE STRIPPED RESULTS

Diagram: A coordinate system showing a focus $F(5, -3)$ and a directrix line $y = 2x - 7$. A point $P(x, y)$ is shown on the ellipse. The distance from P to F is $|PF|$, and the distance from P to the directrix is $|PQ|$.

• $\frac{|PF|}{|PQ|} = e = \frac{\sqrt{5}}{10} < 1$
 • $640 \text{ PQ} = -\frac{1}{2}$
 $3 - 2x - 7 = -\frac{1}{2}$
 $2y - 4x + 14 = -2x - 7$
 $2y + 4x = -5$
 $SE = 2y + 2 + 14$

THIS WE NOW HAVE
 $\rightarrow |PF| = e |PQ|$
 $\Rightarrow |PF|^2 = e^2 |PQ|^2$
 $\Rightarrow (x-5)^2 + (y+3)^2 = \frac{1}{100} [(2x-7)^2 + (y-2x+7)^2]$

MULTIPLY THE EQUATION BY 100 TO GET rid of the fraction
 $\Rightarrow 100[(x-5)^2 + (y+3)^2] = (2x-7)^2 + (y-2x+7)^2$
 $\Rightarrow 100(x^2 - 10x + 25 + y^2 + 6y + 9) = 4x^2 - 28x + 49 + y^2 - 4xy + 14y + 4x^2 - 14x + 49$
 $\Rightarrow 100x^2 - 1000x + 2500 + 100y^2 + 600y + 900 = 8x^2 - 52x + 98 + y^2 - 4xy + 14y + 4x^2 - 14x + 49$
 $\Rightarrow 96x^2 - 988x + 2402 + 99y^2 + 586y - 4xy = 0$

NOW THIS IS THE EQUATION OF THE ELLIPSE - NO NEED TO SIMPLIFY AS WE ARE ONLY INTERESTED IN THE INTERSECTIONS WITH $y = -3$
 $\Rightarrow 96(x-5)^2 + 0^2 = \frac{1}{100} [(2x-7)^2 + (-3-2x+7)^2]$
 $\Rightarrow 96(x-5)^2 = (2x-7)^2 + (-2x+4)^2$
 $\Rightarrow 96(x-5)^2 = 4x^2 - 28x + 49 + 4x^2 - 16x + 16$
 $\Rightarrow 96(x-5)^2 = 8x^2 - 44x + 65$

AND FROM HERE
 $(\frac{23}{4}, -3)$ & $(\frac{9}{2}, -3)$

Question 23 (****)

The point P lies on the ellipse with parametric equations

$$x = 3 \cos \theta \quad y = 2 \sin \theta \quad 0 \leq \theta \leq \frac{1}{2}\pi.$$

The point M is the midpoint of PY , where Y is the point where the normal to ellipse at P meets the y axis.

If O represents the origin, determine the maximum value of the area of the triangle OMP , as θ varies.

$$\boxed{V}, \quad \boxed{}, \quad \text{Area}_{\max} \frac{15}{16}$$

START BY OBTAINING A GENERAL NORMAL AT $P(3\cos\theta, 2\sin\theta)$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{2\cos\theta}{-3\sin\theta} \quad \text{ie TANGENT GRADIENT AT P IS } -\frac{2}{3}\cot\theta$$

$$\therefore \text{NORMAL GRADIENT AT P IS } +\frac{3}{2}\tan\theta$$

EQUATION OF NORMAL

$$y - 2\sin\theta = \frac{3}{2}\tan\theta(x - 3\cos\theta)$$

MEET THE Y-AXIS AT $x=0$

$$y - 2\sin\theta = -\frac{9}{2}\tan\theta\cos\theta$$

$$y = 2\sin\theta - \frac{9}{2}\tan\theta\cos\theta$$

$$y = -\frac{5}{2}\sin\theta$$

$$\therefore Y(0, -\frac{5}{2}\sin\theta)$$

COORDINATES OF M

$$M\left(\frac{3\cos\theta + 0}{2}, \frac{2\sin\theta - \frac{5}{2}\sin\theta}{2}\right) = M\left(\frac{3}{2}\cos\theta, -\frac{3}{4}\sin\theta\right)$$

NEXT FIND THE AREA OF THE TRIANGLE OMP

$$\text{Area} = \frac{1}{2} \left| \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 3\cos\theta & \frac{3}{2}\cos\theta \\ 0 & 2\sin\theta & -\frac{3}{4}\sin\theta \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{vmatrix} \right| = \frac{1}{2} \left| -\frac{9}{4}\cos^2\theta\sin\theta - 3\cos\theta\sin\theta \right|$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{9}{4}\cos^2\theta\sin\theta + \frac{3}{2}\cos\theta\sin\theta = \frac{15}{8}\cos^2\theta\sin\theta$$

$\therefore \text{Area}_{\max} = \frac{15}{16}$ when $\sin 2\theta = 1$

ALTERNATIVE FOR FINDING THE AREA OF OMP BY SIMILARITY

BY SIMILAR TRIANGLES MPQ & PPQ (RATIO OF THEIR HEIGHTS)

$$MPQ = 3\cos\theta - \frac{3}{2}\cos\theta = \frac{3}{2}\cos\theta$$

$$PPQ = \frac{1}{2}MPQ = \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{3}{2}\cos\theta = \frac{3}{4}\cos\theta$$

$$PQ = \sqrt{MPQ^2 + PPQ^2} = \sqrt{\frac{9}{4}\cos^2\theta + \frac{9}{16}\cos^2\theta} = \frac{3}{4}\cos\theta$$

THIS THE REQUIRED AREA IS

$$\frac{1}{2} \cos\theta \left[PPQ + \frac{1}{2}MPQ \right] = \frac{1}{2} \cos\theta \left[\frac{3}{4}\cos\theta + \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{3}{2}\cos\theta \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{3}{4}\cos^2\theta \times \left[\frac{3}{4} + \frac{3}{2} \right] = \frac{15}{16}\cos^2\theta\sin\theta$$

AS BEFORE

Question 24 (*****)

The straight line L with equation $y = mx + c$, where m and c are constants, passes through the point $(25, 25)$.

Given further that L is a tangent to the ellipse with equation

$$\frac{x^2}{25} + \frac{y^2}{9} = 1,$$

determine the possible equations of L .

$$y = \frac{4}{5}x + 5, \quad y = \frac{77}{60}x - \frac{85}{12}$$

Handwritten Solution:

Method 1: Solving Simultaneously

Given: $\frac{x^2}{25} + \frac{y^2}{9} = 1$ and $y = mx + c$

Substitute $y = mx + c$ into the ellipse equation:

$$\frac{x^2}{25} + \frac{(mx + c)^2}{9} = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow 9x^2 + 25(mx + c)^2 = 225$$

$$\Rightarrow 9x^2 + 25m^2x^2 + 50mcx + 25c^2 = 225$$

$$\Rightarrow (9 + 25m^2)x^2 + 50mcx + (25c^2 - 225) = 0$$

For the line to be a tangent, the discriminant must be zero:

$$b^2 - 4ac = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (50mc)^2 - 4(9 + 25m^2)(25c^2 - 225) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 2500m^2c^2 - 100(9 + 25m^2)(c^2 - 9) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 25m^2c^2 - (25m^2 + 9)(c^2 - 9) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 25m^2c^2 - 25m^2c^2 - 225m^2 + 9c^2 + 81 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 225m^2 - 9c^2 + 81 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 25m^2 - c^2 + 9 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow c^2 - 25m^2 = 9$$

Method 2: Using the Quadratic Formula

From $c^2 - 25m^2 = 9$, we have $c = \pm \sqrt{25m^2 + 9}$

Substitute $c = \sqrt{25m^2 + 9}$ into the line equation $y = mx + c$ and use the point $(25, 25)$:

$$25 = 25m + \sqrt{25m^2 + 9}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{25m^2 + 9} = 25 - 25m$$

$$\Rightarrow 25m^2 + 9 = (25 - 25m)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow 25m^2 + 9 = 625 - 1250m + 625m^2$$

$$\Rightarrow 600m^2 - 1250m + 616 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 300m^2 - 625m + 308 = 0$$

Use the quadratic formula to solve for m :

$$m = \frac{625 \pm \sqrt{625^2 - 4(300)(308)}}{2(300)}$$

$$m = \frac{625 \pm 145}{600}$$

$$m = \frac{77}{60} \text{ or } m = \frac{4}{5}$$

Substitute $m = \frac{4}{5}$ into $c^2 - 25m^2 = 9$ to find c :

$$c^2 - 25\left(\frac{4}{5}\right)^2 = 9$$

$$c^2 - 16 = 9$$

$$c^2 = 25$$

$$c = 5 \text{ or } c = -5$$

Substitute $m = \frac{77}{60}$ into $c^2 - 25m^2 = 9$ to find c :

$$c^2 - 25\left(\frac{77}{60}\right)^2 = 9$$

$$c^2 - \frac{15125}{144} = 9$$

$$c^2 = \frac{15125}{144} + 9 = \frac{15125 + 1296}{144} = \frac{16421}{144}$$

$$c = \pm \sqrt{\frac{16421}{144}} = \pm \frac{\sqrt{16421}}{12}$$

Therefore, the possible equations of L are:

$$y = \frac{4}{5}x + 5 \text{ and } y = \frac{77}{60}x - \frac{85}{12}$$

Question 25 (****)

The point P lies on an ellipse whose foci are on the x axis at the points S and T .

Given further that the triangle STP is right angled at T , show that

$$e = \frac{1 - \tan \frac{1}{2} \theta}{1 + \tan \frac{1}{2} \theta},$$

where e is the eccentricity of the ellipse, and θ is the angle PST .

, proof

• SKETCHING WITH A DIAGRAM

• FROM THE RIGHT TRIANGLE WE HAVE

$$\frac{y}{2ae} = \tan \theta \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{2ae}{a} = \sec \theta$$

$$y = 2ae \tan \theta \quad \text{and} \quad u = 2ae \sec \theta$$

• FROM THE 'NO PROPERTY' OF THE ELLIPSE WE HAVE

$$\Rightarrow |SP| + |TP| = \text{constant} = 2a$$

$$\Rightarrow u + v = 2a$$

$$\Rightarrow 2ae \sec \theta + 2ae \tan \theta = 2a$$

$$\Rightarrow e \sec \theta + e \tan \theta = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow e(\sec \theta + \tan \theta) = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow e = \frac{1}{\sec \theta + \tan \theta}$$

• ALTERNATING 'TOP & BOTTOM' OF THE EQUATION ON THE RHS BY $\cos \theta$ GIVE

$$\Rightarrow e = \frac{\cos \theta}{\sec \theta \cos \theta + \tan \theta \cos \theta}$$

$$\Rightarrow e = \frac{\cos \theta}{1 + \sin \theta}$$

• DIVIDING 'TOP & BOTTOM' OF THE EQUATION ON THE RHS BY $\cos \frac{\theta}{2}$

$$\Rightarrow e = \frac{\frac{\cos \theta}{\cos \frac{\theta}{2}}}{\frac{\sec \theta \cos \theta}{\cos \frac{\theta}{2}} + \frac{\tan \theta \cos \theta}{\cos \frac{\theta}{2}}}$$

$$\Rightarrow e = \frac{1 - \tan \frac{\theta}{2}}{1 + \tan \frac{\theta}{2}}$$

Question 26 (****)

The point P lies on the ellipse with polar equation

$$r(5-3\cos\theta)=8, \quad 0\leq\theta<2\pi.$$

The ellipse has foci at $O(0,0)$ and at $T(3,0)$.

Show that $|OP| + |PT|$ is constant for all positions of P .

$$\boxed{}, \boxed{|OP| + |PT| = 5}$$

METHOD A - WORKING IN CARTESIAN

START BY OBTAINING A CARTESIAN EQUATION OF THE CURVE

$$\Rightarrow (5 - 3\cos\theta) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 5r - 3r\cos\theta = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 5r - 3a = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 5r = 3a + 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 25r^2 = 9a^2 + 0 + 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 25(x^2 + y^2) - 15x + 0 + 0 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 6x^2 - 9y^2 + 25x^2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (10x^2 - 9y^2 + 25x^2) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (4x^2 - 9y^2) + 25x^2 = 0$$

QUICK CHECK: MIGHT BE HELPFUL

NOTE: (4, 0) & (0, 3) ARE THE SAME IN POINTS AND IN COORDINATES

NOW OBTAIN $|OP| + |TP|$

$$\Rightarrow |OP| + |TP| = d = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} + \sqrt{(x-1)^2 + y^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow Sd = 5\sqrt{x^2 + y^2} + 5\sqrt{(x-1)^2 + y^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow Sd = \sqrt{25x^2 + 25y^2} + \sqrt{25(x-1)^2 + 25y^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow Sd = \sqrt{25x^2 + 100 - (4x-6)^2} + \sqrt{25x^2 + 100 - (4x-6)^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow 5r - 3r\cos\theta = 0 - 5r$$

$$\Rightarrow 6r\cos\theta = 16 - 10r$$

SUBSTITUTE INTO THE OTHER EXPRESSION FOR $|OP| + |TP|$

$$\Rightarrow |OP| + |TP| = r + \sqrt{r^2 - (16-10r)^2 + 9}$$

$$\Rightarrow |OP| + |TP| = r + \sqrt{r^2 - 16r + 25}$$

$$\Rightarrow |OP| + |TP| = r + \sqrt{(r-5)^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow |OP| + |TP| = r + (5-r)$$

$$\Rightarrow |OP| + |TP| = 5$$

METHOD B - WORKING IN POLARS

LOOKING AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE CURVE

$r = \frac{e}{1 - 3\cos\theta}$

$$\Rightarrow |OP| + |TP| = r + |PT|$$

$$\Rightarrow |OP| + |TP| = r + \sqrt{r^2 + 9 - 2 \times r \times 1 \times \cos\theta}$$

< COORDINATE RULE ON OXP >

$$\Rightarrow |OP| + |TP| = r + \sqrt{r^2 - 6r\cos\theta + 9}$$

RUNNING THE CASES IN THE ENDING FROM THE QUESTION

$$\Rightarrow 5r - 3r\cos\theta = 0$$

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RECTANGULAR HYPERBOLA

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Question 1 (**)

The rectangular hyperbola H has Cartesian equation

$$xy = 9, \quad x \neq 0, \quad y \neq 0.$$

The point $P\left(3t, \frac{3}{t}\right)$, $t \neq 0$, where t is a parameter, lies on H .

- a) Show that the equation of a normal to H at P is given by

$$yt - xt^3 = 3 - 3t^4.$$

The normal to H at the point where $t = -3$ meets H again at the point Q .

- b) Determine the coordinates of Q .

$$Q\left(\frac{1}{9}, 81\right)$$

a) $xy = 9$
 $\Rightarrow y = \frac{9}{x}$
 $\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{9}{x^2}$
 $\Rightarrow \left. \frac{dy}{dx} \right|_{x=3t} = -\frac{9}{(3t)^2} = -\frac{1}{t^2} = -\frac{1}{t^2}$
 NORMAL GRADIENT MUST BE t^2
 $\Rightarrow y - y_1 = m(x - x_1)$
 $\Rightarrow y - \frac{3}{t} = t^2(x - 3t)$
 $\Rightarrow y - \frac{3}{t} = t^2x - 3t^3$
 $\Rightarrow yt - 3 = t^3x - 3t^4$
 $\Rightarrow yt - 3t^3 = t^3x - 3t^4$
 as required

b) when $t = -3$
 $\Rightarrow -3y - 2(-3)^3 = 3 - 3(-3)^4$
 $\Rightarrow -3y + 24 = 3 - 243$
 $\Rightarrow 246 - 27y = 3y$
 $\Rightarrow 85 + 9y = 0$
 $\Rightarrow y = -\frac{85}{9}$
 Solving simultaneously
 $xy = 9$
 $x(85 + 9y) = 9$
 $85x + 9x^2 = 9$
 $9x^2 + 85x - 9 = 0$
 $(9x - 1)(x + 9) = 0$
 $9x - 1 = 0 \Rightarrow x = \frac{1}{9}$
 $x + 9 = 0 \Rightarrow x = -9$
 $\therefore (-9, -1) \text{ or } \left(\frac{1}{9}, 81\right)$
 $t = -3$
 (Point of normality)
 $\therefore Q\left(\frac{1}{9}, 81\right)$

Question 2 (**)

The tangents to the hyperbola with equation $xy = 9$, at two distinct points A and B , have gradient $-\frac{1}{16}$.

Determine in any order ...

- ... the coordinates of A and B .
- ... the equation of each of the two tangents.

$$A\left(12, \frac{3}{4}\right), B\left(-12, -\frac{3}{4}\right), x + 16y = 24, x + 16y = -24$$

(a) $xy = 9$
 $y = \frac{9}{x}$
 $\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{9}{x^2}$
 Now $\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{1}{16}$
 $-\frac{9}{x^2} = -\frac{1}{16}$
 $x^2 = 144$
 $x = \pm 12$
 $y = \frac{9}{x}$
 $\therefore \left(12, \frac{3}{4}\right) \text{ and } \left(-12, -\frac{3}{4}\right)$
 IN PART (b)

(b) AT $\left(12, \frac{3}{4}\right)$
 $y - \frac{3}{4} = -\frac{1}{16}(x - 12)$
 $16y - 12 = -x + 12$
 $16y + x = 24$
 AND AT $\left(-12, -\frac{3}{4}\right)$
 $y + \frac{3}{4} = -\frac{1}{16}(x + 12)$
 $16y + 12 = -x - 12$
 $16y + x = -24$

Question 3 (**+)

The general point $P\left(4t, \frac{4}{t}\right)$, $t \neq 0$, where t is a parameter, lies on a hyperbola H .

- a) Show that the equation of a tangent at the point P is given by

$$x + t^2 y = 8t.$$

- b) Find the equation of each of the two tangents to H which pass through the point $Q(-12, 7)$, and further deduce the coordinates of their corresponding points of tangency.

$$\boxed{x + 4y = 16, (8, 2)}, \quad \boxed{49x + 36y + 336 = 0, \left(-\frac{24}{7}, -\frac{14}{3}\right)}$$

Q1 $x = 4t$
 $y = \frac{4}{t}$
 $\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{dt} \cdot \frac{dt}{dx} = \frac{-\frac{4}{t^2}}{\frac{4}{t}} = -\frac{1}{t}$
 \therefore EQUATION OF TANGENT
 $\left(4t, \frac{4}{t}\right)$ GRADIENT $-\frac{1}{t}$
 $y - \frac{4}{t} = -\frac{1}{t}(x - 4t)$
 $ty - 4 = -x + 4t$
 $x + ty = 8t$
 AS REQUIRED

Q2 THE EQUATION OF THE TANGENT MUST PASS THROUGH $(-12, 7)$
 $-12 + t \cdot 7 = 8t$
 $\Rightarrow -12 + 7t = 8t$
 $\Rightarrow 7t - 8t - 12 = 0$
 $\Rightarrow (7t - 8t) - 12 = 0$
 $t = \frac{2}{7}$

\therefore POINTS OF TANGENCY & TANGENTS
 $\bullet t = \frac{2}{7} \quad \left(4t, \frac{4}{t}\right) = \left(\frac{8}{7}, \frac{49}{2}\right)$
 $x + ty = 8t$
 $x + 4y = 16$
 $\bullet t = -\frac{6}{7} \quad \left(4t, \frac{4}{t}\right) = \left(-\frac{24}{7}, -\frac{49}{6}\right)$
 $x + ty = 8t$
 $x + \frac{36}{7}y = -\frac{48}{7}$
 $49x + 36y = -336$

Question 4 (***)

The general point $P\left(ct, \frac{c}{t}\right)$, $c > 0$, $t > 0$, lies on a hyperbola H with Cartesian equation

$$xy = c^2.$$

The tangent to H at P meets the coordinate axes at the points A and B .

Given the area of the triangle BOA is 72 square units, find the value of c .

$$c = 6$$

$xy = c^2$
 $y = \frac{c^2}{x}$
 $\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{c^2}{x^2}$
 $\left. \frac{dy}{dx} \right|_{x=ct} = -\frac{c^2}{c^2t^2} = -\frac{1}{t^2}$

GENERAL TANGENT
 $y - \frac{c}{t} = -\frac{1}{ct}(x - ct)$
 $y^2 - ct = -x + ct$
 $xy^2 + x = 2ct$

If $x=0$ $y = \frac{2c}{t}$ $A\left(0, \frac{2c}{t}\right)$
 If $y=0$ $x = 2ct$ $B(2ct, 0)$

TRIANGLE
 $Area = 72$
 $\frac{1}{2} \times 2ct \times \frac{2c}{t} = 72$
 $2c^2 = 72$
 $c^2 = 36$
 $c = 6$

Question 5 (*)**

The general point $P\left(3t, \frac{3}{t}\right)$, $t \neq 0$, where t is a parameter, lies on a hyperbola H .

- a) Show that the equation of a tangent at the point P is given by

$$x + t^2 y = 6t.$$

The tangents to the hyperbola at points A and B intersect at the point $Q(-1, 7)$.

- b) Determine in any order ...

- i. ... the coordinates of A and B .
- ii. ... the equation of each of the two tangents.

$$A(3, 3), B\left(-\frac{3}{7}, -21\right), x + y = 6, 49x + y + 42 = 0$$

(a) $x = 3t$
 $y = \frac{3}{t}$ $\frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{3}{1}$ $\frac{dy}{dt} = -\frac{3}{t^2}$ $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{-\frac{3}{t^2}}{3} = -\frac{1}{t^2}$
 TANGENT AT $\left(3, \frac{3}{t}\right)$ GRADIENT $-\frac{1}{t^2}$
 $y - \frac{3}{t} = -\frac{1}{t^2}(x - 3t)$
 $t^2 y - 3t = -x + 3t$
 $t^2 y + 2 = 6t$ \parallel AS REQ'D

(b) THE OTHER TANGENT MUST PASS THROUGH $(-1, 7)$
 $\Rightarrow 7t^2 - 1 = 6t$
 $\Rightarrow 7t^2 - 6t - 1 = 0$
 $\Rightarrow (7t+1)(t-1) = 0$
 $\Rightarrow t = -\frac{1}{7}$ \parallel
 • IF $t = 1$
 $y + 2 = 6$
 \parallel
 • IF $t = -\frac{1}{7}$
 $\frac{1}{49}y + 2 = -\frac{6}{7}$
 $y + 42 = -42$
 $y + 42 + 42 = 0$

Question 6 (***)

The point $P\left(ap, \frac{a}{p}\right)$ lies on the rectangular hyperbola H , with Cartesian equation

$$xy = a^2,$$

where a is a positive constant and p is a parameter.

- a) Show that the equation of a tangent at the point P is given by

$$x + p^2y = 2ap.$$

The point $Q\left(aq, \frac{a}{q}\right)$ also lies on H , where q is a parameter, so that $q \neq p$.

The tangent at P and the tangent at Q intersect at the point R .

- b) Find simplified expressions for the coordinates of R .

The values of p and q are such so that $p = 3q$.

- c) Find a Cartesian locus of R as p varies.

$$R\left(\frac{2apq}{p+q}, \frac{2a}{p+q}\right), \quad xy = \frac{3}{4}a^2$$

(a) $2y = \frac{a^2}{x^2}$
 $y = \frac{a^2}{2x^2}$
 $\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{a^2}{x^3}$
 $\frac{dy}{dx}\bigg|_{x=ap} = -\frac{a^2}{(ap)^3} = -\frac{1}{p^3a}$

EQUATION OF TANGENT AT $P(ap, \frac{a}{p})$
 $y - \frac{a}{p} = -\frac{1}{p^3a}(x - ap)$
 $p^3y - ap = -x + ap$
 $p^3y + x = 2ap$

(b) TANGENT AT P : $p^3y + x = 2ap$
 TANGENT AT Q : $q^3y + x = 2aq$

SUBTRACT $p^3y - q^3y = 2ap - 2aq$
 $(p^3 - q^3)y = 2a(p - q)$
 $y = \frac{2a(p - q)}{p^3 - q^3}$
 $y = \frac{2a(p - q)}{(p - q)(p^2 + pq + q^2)}$
 $y = \frac{2a}{p^2 + pq + q^2}$
 As $p \neq q$
 $y = \frac{2a}{p^2 + pq + q^2}$

Now $p^3y + x = 2ap$
 $p^3\left(\frac{2a}{p^2 + pq + q^2}\right) + x = 2ap$
 $x = 2ap - \frac{2ap^3}{p^2 + pq + q^2}$
 $x = \frac{2ap(p^2 + pq + q^2) - 2ap^3}{p^2 + pq + q^2}$
 $x = \frac{2ap^2q + 2apq^2 - 2ap^3}{p^2 + pq + q^2}$
 $x = \frac{2apq(p + q - p^2)}{p^2 + pq + q^2}$
 $\therefore R\left(\frac{2apq(p + q - p^2)}{p^2 + pq + q^2}, \frac{2a}{p^2 + pq + q^2}\right)$

(c) Now $p = 3q$
 $R\left(\frac{2a(3q)q}{3q + q}, \frac{2a}{3q + q}\right) = \left(\frac{6aq^2}{4q}, \frac{2a}{4q}\right) = \left(\frac{3}{2}q, \frac{a}{2q}\right)$
 $x = \frac{3}{2}q \Rightarrow xy = \frac{3}{2}q \times \frac{a}{2q}$
 $xy = \frac{3}{4}a^2$

Question 7 (****)

The general point $P\left(cp, \frac{c}{p}\right)$, $p \neq 0$, where p is a parameter, lies on the rectangular hyperbola, with Cartesian equation

$$xy = c^2,$$

where c is a positive constant.

- a) Show that an equation of the tangent to the hyperbola at P is given by

$$yp^2 + x = 2cp.$$

Another point $Q\left(cq, \frac{c}{q}\right)$, $p \neq \pm q$ also lies on the hyperbola.

The tangents to the hyperbola at P and Q meet at the point R .

- b) Show that the coordinates of R are given by

$$\left(\frac{2cpq}{p+q}, \frac{2c}{p+q}\right).$$

- c) Given that PQ is perpendicular to OR , show that

$$p^2 q^2 = 1.$$

proof

(a) $y = \frac{c}{x}$
 $\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{c}{x^2}$
 $\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{c^2}{x^2 p^2} = -\frac{1}{p^2}$

EQUATION OF TANGENT AT $P\left(cp, \frac{c}{p}\right)$
 $y - \frac{c}{p} = -\frac{1}{p^2}(x - cp)$
 $py - cp = -x + cp$
 $x + py = 2cp$ AS REQUIRED

(b) SIMILARLY THE TANGENT AT Q MUST BE $x + qy = 2cq$
 $\therefore x + py = 2cp$
 $x + qy = 2cq \rightarrow$ SUBTRACT $(p^2 - q^2)y = 2c(p - q)$
 $y = \frac{2c(p - q)}{(p^2 - q^2)} = \frac{2c}{p + q}$
 $q^2 x + p^2 y = 2cpq$
 $p^2 x + q^2 y = 2cq^2$ SUBTRACT
 $(q^2 - p^2)x = 2cpq(q - p)$
 $(q - p)(q + p)x = 2cpq(q - p)$
 $q \neq p$
 $x = \frac{2cpq}{p + q}$
 $\therefore \left(\frac{2cpq}{p + q}, \frac{2c}{p + q}\right)$ AS REQUIRED

(c) GRADIENT $PQ = \frac{\frac{c}{p} - \frac{c}{q}}{cp - cq} = \frac{\frac{1}{p} - \frac{1}{q}}{p - q} = \frac{q - p}{p - q} = -\frac{p - q}{p - q} = -\frac{1}{pq}$
 $\therefore \frac{1}{pq} \times \frac{1}{pq} = -1$
 $\frac{1}{p^2 q^2} = 1$
 $\therefore p^2 q^2 = 1$

Question 8 (****)

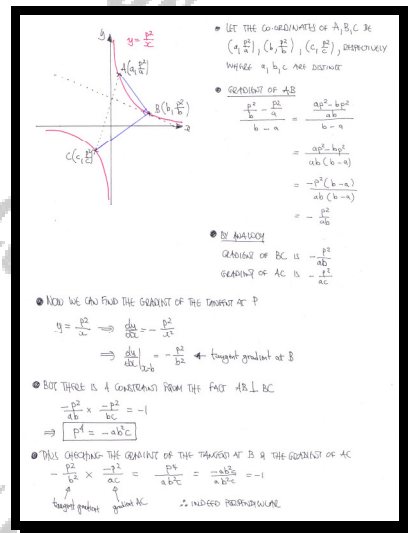
The distinct points A , B and C lie on the hyperbola with equation

$$xy = p^2,$$

where p is a positive constant.

Given that ABC is a right angle, show that the tangent to the hyperbola at B , is perpendicular to AC .

proof



Question 10 (****+)

The general point $P\left(cp, \frac{c}{p}\right)$, $p \neq 0$, where p is a parameter, lies on the rectangular hyperbola, with Cartesian equation

$$xy = c^2,$$

where c is a positive constant.

The normal to the hyperbola at P meets the hyperbola again at the point Q .

Show that the coordinates of Q are

$$\left(-\frac{c}{p^3}, -cp^3\right).$$

 , proof

• START BY FINDING THE EQUATION OF THE NORMAL AT A GENERAL POINT ON THE HYPERBOLA

$$xy = c^2 \quad P\left(cp, \frac{c}{p}\right)$$

$$y = \frac{c^2}{x}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{c^2}{x^2}$$

$$\left.\frac{dy}{dx}\right|_{x=cp} = -\frac{c^2}{c^2p^2} = -\frac{1}{p^2}$$

• NORMAL GRADIENT IS p^2

• EQUATION OF NORMAL

$$y - \frac{c}{p} = p^2(x - cp)$$

SOLVING SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH THE EQUATION OF THE CURVE

$$\Rightarrow \left(\frac{c^2}{x}\right) - \frac{c}{p} = p^2(x - cp)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{c^2}{x} - \frac{c}{p} = p^2x - cp^3$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{c^2}{x} - cx = p^2x^2 - cp^3x$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 = p^2x^2 + (c - cp^4)x - c^2p$$

$$\Rightarrow p^2x^2 + c(1 - p^4)x - c^2p = 0$$

• AS $x = cp$ IS A SOLUTION (POINT OF NORMALITY), WE HAVE

$$\Rightarrow (x - cp)(p^2x + c) = 0$$

$\Rightarrow x = \begin{cases} cp & \leftarrow P \\ -\frac{c}{p^3} & \leftarrow Q \end{cases}$

$\Rightarrow y = \frac{c^2}{-\frac{c}{p^3}} = -\frac{c^2p^3}{c} = -cp^3$

$\therefore Q\left(-\frac{c}{p^3}, -cp^3\right)$

Question 11 (****+)

The general point $P\left(\frac{p}{2}, \frac{1}{2p}\right)$, $p \neq 0$, where p is a parameter, lies on the rectangular hyperbola, with Cartesian equation

$$4xy = 1.$$

The normal to the hyperbola at P meets the hyperbola again at the point Q .

Show that the Cartesian form of the locus of the midpoint of PQ , as p varies, is

$$(y^2 - x^2)^2 + 16x^3y^3 = 0.$$

4p², proof

• START BY FINDING THE EQUATION OF THE NORMAL AT $P\left(\frac{p}{2}, \frac{1}{2p}\right)$

$\Rightarrow 4xy = 1$

$\Rightarrow y = \frac{1}{4x}$ (or $x = \frac{1}{4y}$)

$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{1}{4x^2}$

$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx}\bigg|_{x=\frac{p}{2}} = -\frac{1}{4\left(\frac{p}{2}\right)^2} = -\frac{1}{p^2}$

• THE EQUATION OF THE NORMAL IS GIVEN BY

$y - \frac{1}{2p} = \frac{1}{p^2}\left(x - \frac{p}{2}\right)$

• SOLVE SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH $4xy = 1$

$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{4x} - \frac{1}{2p} = \frac{1}{p^2}\left(x - \frac{p}{2}\right)$ x 4px

$\Rightarrow p - 2x = 4x^2 - 2p^2x$

$\Rightarrow 0 = 4x^2 + (2 - 2p^2)x - p$

$\frac{x - \frac{p}{2}}{2} = \frac{1}{2}\left(-\frac{1}{p^2}\right) = \frac{1}{2}\left[\frac{2p^2 - 2}{4p^2}\right] = \frac{p^2 - 1}{4p^2}$

• REPEAT THE PROCESS FOR y

$\Rightarrow y - \frac{1}{2p} = \frac{1}{p^2}\left(x - \frac{p}{2}\right)$

$\Rightarrow y - \frac{1}{2p} = \frac{1}{p^2}\left(x - \frac{p}{2}\right)$ x 4py

$\Rightarrow 4py - 2y = p^2 - 2p^2y$

$\Rightarrow 4py^2 + (2p^2 - 2)y - p^2 = 0$

$\frac{y - \frac{1}{2p}}{2} = \frac{1}{2}\left(-\frac{1}{p^2}\right) = \frac{1}{2}\left[\frac{2p^2 - 2}{4p^2}\right] = \frac{p^2 - 1}{4p^2}$

\therefore THE COORDINATES OF THE MIDPOINT OF PQ ARE

$\left(\frac{p^2 - 1}{4p^2}, \frac{1 - p^2}{4p}\right)$

• ELIMINATING THE PARAMETER p

$x = \frac{p^2 - 1}{4p^2} = \frac{1}{p^2}\left[\frac{p^2 - 1}{4}\right]$

$y = -\frac{p^2 - 1}{4p}$

$\frac{y}{x} = -\frac{4p}{p^2 - 1}$ p² = -\frac{y}{x}

• FINALLY WE OBTAIN

$y^2 = \frac{\left(\frac{p^2 - 1}{4p^2}\right)^2}{\frac{1}{16p^2}} = \frac{\left(\frac{p^2 - 1}{4}\right)^2}{16\left(-\frac{y}{x}\right)^2} = \frac{\left(\frac{p^2 - 1}{4}\right)^2}{\frac{16y^2}{x^2}}$

$\Rightarrow y^2 = \frac{x(p^2 - 1)^2}{16y^2}$

$\Rightarrow -16xy^3 = x(y^2 - x^2)^2$

$\Rightarrow -(xy^3) = (y^2 - x^2)^2$

$\Rightarrow (y^2 - x^2)^2 + 16x^3y^3 = 0$

Question 12 (****+)

Two distinct points $P\left(2p, \frac{2}{p}\right)$ and $Q\left(2q, \frac{2}{q}\right)$, lie on the hyperbola with Cartesian equation $xy = 4$.

The tangents to the hyperbola at the points P and Q , meet at the point R .

- a) Show that the coordinates of the point R are given by

$$x = \frac{4pq}{p+q}, \quad y = \frac{4}{p+q}.$$

- b) Given that the point R traces the rectangular hyperbola $xy = 3$, find the two possible relationships between p and q , in the form $p = f(q)$

$$\boxed{p = 3q}, \quad \boxed{p = \frac{1}{3}q}$$

(a) $x = 2p, y = \frac{2}{p}$ $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy/dt}{dx/dt} = \frac{-\frac{2}{p^2}}{\frac{2}{p}} = -\frac{1}{p}$

• EQUATION OF TANGENT AT $P(2p, \frac{2}{p})$, GRADIENT $= -\frac{1}{p}$

$$y - \frac{2}{p} = -\frac{1}{p}(x - 2p)$$

$$y = \frac{2}{p} - \frac{1}{p}(x - 2p)$$

• SIMILARLY FOR TANGENT AT Q

$$y = \frac{2}{q} - \frac{1}{q}(x - 2q)$$

So $\frac{2}{p} - \frac{1}{p}(x - 2p) = \frac{2}{q} - \frac{1}{q}(x - 2q)$

$$2pq^2 - q^2(x - 2p) = 2p^2 - p^2(x - 2q)$$

$$2pq^2 - q^2x + 2pq^2 = 2p^2 - p^2x + 2p^2q$$

$$p^2x - p^2 = 4pq^2 - 4pq^2$$

$$(p^2 - q^2)x = 4pq(p - q)$$

$$(p - q)(p + q)x = 4pq(p - q) \quad \text{BUT } p \neq q \text{ (DISTINCT)}$$

$$\boxed{x = \frac{4pq}{p+q}}$$

• $y = \frac{2}{p} - \frac{1}{p}(x - 2p) = \frac{2}{p} - \frac{1}{p} \times \frac{4pq}{p+q} + \frac{2}{p} = \frac{4}{p} - \frac{4q}{p+q}$

$$= \frac{4}{p} \left(1 - \frac{q}{p+q}\right) = \frac{4}{p} \left(\frac{p+q-q}{p+q}\right) = \frac{4}{p+q}$$

$\therefore R\left(\frac{4pq}{p+q}, \frac{4}{p+q}\right)$ ✓

(b) Now $xy = 3$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{4pq}{p+q} \times \frac{4}{p+q} = 3$$

$$\Rightarrow 16pq = 3(p+q)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow 16pq = 3p^2 + 6pq + 3q^2$$

$$\Rightarrow 3p^2 - 10pq + 3q^2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (3p - q)(p - 3q) = 0$$

$\therefore p = 3q \quad \text{or} \quad p = \frac{1}{3}q$

Question 13 (****+)

The general point $P\left(2t, \frac{2}{t}\right)$, $t \neq 0$, where t is a parameter, lies on the rectangular hyperbola, with Cartesian equation

$$xy = 4.$$

- a) Find an equation of the normal to the hyperbola at the point P .

The normal to the hyperbola at P meets the hyperbola again at the point Q .

The point M is the midpoint of PQ .

- b) Find an equation of the locus of M , as t varies.
Give a simplified answer in the form $f(x, y) = 0$.

$$\boxed{}, \boxed{ty - 2 = t^3x - 2t^4}, \boxed{(y^2 - x^2)^2 + x^3y^3 = 0}$$

a) DIFFERENTIATE & FIND THE NORMAL

$$\Rightarrow xy = 4$$

$$\Rightarrow y = \frac{4}{x}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{4}{x^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} \bigg|_{x=2t} = -\frac{4}{(2t)^2} = -\frac{1}{t^2}$$

THE NORMAL

$$y - \frac{2}{t} = -\frac{1}{t^2}(x - 2t)$$

$$ty - 2 = -\frac{1}{t}(x - 2t)$$

$$ty - 2 = -\frac{x}{t} + 2$$

$$ty - tx = 4 - x$$

$$t(y - x) = 4 - x$$

FINALLY USE THE NORMAL

$$y - \frac{2}{t} = -\frac{1}{t^2}(x - 2t)$$

$$ty - 2 = -\frac{1}{t}(x - 2t)$$

$$ty - 2 = -\frac{x}{t} + 2$$

$$ty - tx = 4 - x$$

$$t(y - x) = 4 - x$$

PROCEED BY SOLVING SIMULTANEOUSLY THE CURVE & THE NORMAL — NOTE THAT THE POINT OF NORMAL MEET IS A SOLUTION

$$\Rightarrow ty - tx = 4 - x$$

$$\Rightarrow t(y - x) = 4 - x$$

$$\Rightarrow 4t - tx^2 = (4 - x)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow 4t - tx^2 = 16 - 8x + x^2$$

$$\Rightarrow (4t + 2)(x - 2) = 0$$

POINT OF NORMALITY $P(2t, \frac{2}{t})$

POINT Q (REINTERSECTION)

FINDING THE CO-ORDINATES OF Q & M

WHEN $x = -\frac{2}{t}$ $y = \frac{4}{-\frac{2}{t}} = -2t$ $Q(-\frac{2}{t}, -2t)$

$$M\left(\frac{2t - \frac{2}{t}}{2}, \frac{\frac{2}{t} - 2t}{2}\right) = M\left(t - \frac{1}{t}, \frac{1}{t} - t\right)$$

FINALLY ELIMINATE t , TO OBTAIN A CARTESIAN EXPRESSION

$$X = t - \frac{1}{t} \Rightarrow X + \frac{1}{t} = t$$

$$Y = \frac{1}{t} - t \Rightarrow Y - \frac{1}{t} = -t$$

ADDING THE EQUATIONS ABOVE

$$\frac{X}{Y} = \frac{X + \frac{1}{t}}{Y - \frac{1}{t}} = \frac{t + \frac{1}{t}}{-t - \frac{1}{t}} = -\frac{t^2 + 1}{t^2 + 1} = -1$$

SUB INTO EITHER PARAMETRIC

$$\Rightarrow Y = \frac{1-t}{t}$$

$$\Rightarrow Y^2 = \left(\frac{1-t}{t}\right)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow Y^2 t^2 = (1-t)^2$$

Part (b) solution:

$$\Rightarrow Y^2 \left(-\frac{X}{Y}\right) = \left[\left(-\frac{X}{Y}\right) - 1\right]^2$$

$$\Rightarrow -\frac{Y^3}{X} = \left[\frac{X^2}{Y^2} - 1\right]^2$$

$$\Rightarrow -\frac{Y^3}{X} = \frac{(Y^2 - X^2)^2}{Y^4}$$

$$\Rightarrow -\frac{Y^3}{X} = \frac{(Y^2 - X^2)^2}{Y^4}$$

$$\Rightarrow -Y^3 X^4 = (Y^2 - X^2)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow (Y^2 - X^2)^2 + X^3 Y^3 = 0$$

Question 14 (****)

The point $P\left(p + \frac{1}{p}, p - \frac{1}{p}\right)$, $p \neq 0$, lies on the rectangular hyperbola, with Cartesian equation

$$x^2 - y^2 = 4.$$

The normal to the hyperbola at P meets the y axis at the point $Q(0, -k)$, $k > 0$.

The area of the triangle OPQ , where O is the origin, is $\frac{15}{4}$.

Determine the two possible sets of coordinates for P .

$$\boxed{}, \left(\frac{5}{2}, -\frac{3}{2}\right), \left(\frac{5}{2}, -\frac{3}{2}\right)$$

• START BY OBTAINING THE EQUATION OF THE NORMAL AT $P\left(p + \frac{1}{p}, p - \frac{1}{p}\right)$
 $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy/dt}{dx/dt} = \frac{1 - \frac{1}{t^2}}{1 + \frac{1}{t^2}} = \frac{t^2 - 1}{t^2 + 1}$
 $\frac{dy}{dx} \Big|_{t=p} = \frac{p^2 - 1}{p^2 + 1}$
 • HENCE THE EQUATION OF THE NORMAL AT P , WILL BE
 $y - \left(p - \frac{1}{p}\right) = -\frac{p^2 + 1}{p^2 - 1} \left[x - \left(p + \frac{1}{p}\right)\right]$
 • NORMAL PASSES THROUGH $Q(0, -k)$, $k > 0$
 $\Rightarrow -k - \left(p - \frac{1}{p}\right) = -\frac{p^2 + 1}{p^2 - 1} \left[0 - \left(p + \frac{1}{p}\right)\right]$
 $\Rightarrow -k - \frac{p^2 - 1}{p} = \frac{p^2 + 1}{p^2 - 1} \times \frac{p^2 + 1}{p}$
 $\Rightarrow -k - \frac{p^2 - 1}{p} = \frac{p^2 + 1}{p}$
 $\Rightarrow -\frac{2p^2 - 1}{p} = k$
 • NOW CONTINUE WITH A DIAGRAM
 THE REGION IS SYMMETRICAL TO THE
 AREA OF THE TRIANGLE (SEE GREEN)
 TRIANGLE IS $\frac{15}{4}$
 $\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} \times k \times \left(p + \frac{1}{p}\right) = \frac{15}{4}$

$\Rightarrow k \left(\frac{2p^2 + 1}{p}\right) = \frac{15}{2}$
 $\Rightarrow k = \frac{15p}{2(p^2 + 1)}$
 • ELIMINATE k , BETWEEN THE LAST TWO EXPRESSIONS
 $\Rightarrow \frac{15p}{2(p^2 + 1)} = -\frac{2(p^2 - 1)}{p}$
 $\Rightarrow 15p^2 = -4(p^2 - 1)(p^2 + 1)$
 $\Rightarrow 15p^2 = -4p^4 + 4$
 $\Rightarrow 4p^4 + 15p^2 - 4 = 0$
 $\Rightarrow (4p^2 - 1)(p^2 + 4) = 0$
 $\Rightarrow p^2 = \frac{1}{4}$
 $\Rightarrow p = \pm \frac{1}{2}$ (CHOOSE $k < 0$)
 • FINALLY USE BOTH
 $p = \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow x = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{5}{2}$
 $y = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{\frac{1}{2}} = -\frac{3}{2} \therefore \left(\frac{5}{2}, -\frac{3}{2}\right), \left(\frac{5}{2}, -\frac{3}{2}\right)$

Question 15 (*****)

The points P and Q are two distinct points which lie on the curve with equation

$$y = \frac{1}{x}, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}, \quad x \neq 0.$$

P and Q are free to move on the curve so that the straight line segment PQ is a normal to the curve at P .

The tangents to the curve at P and Q meet at the point R .

Show that R is moving on the curve with Cartesian equation

$$(y^2 - x^2)^2 + 4xy = 0.$$

 , proof

● START BY FINDING THE GRADIENT FUNCTION ON THE CURVE

$$y = \frac{1}{x}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{1}{x^2}$$

● LET $P(p, \frac{1}{p})$ $Q(q, \frac{1}{q})$ $p \neq q$

● GRADIENT OF CHORD $PQ = \frac{\frac{1}{q} - \frac{1}{p}}{q - p} = \frac{\frac{p-q}{pq}}{q-p} = \frac{p-q}{pq(q-p)} = -\frac{1}{pq}$

● CHORD $PQ \perp$ GRAD AT P (NORMAL)

● GRAD AT P IS $-\frac{1}{p^2}$

(NORMAL GRAD AT $P \propto p^2$)

$$\therefore -\frac{1}{p^2} \times \left(-\frac{1}{pq}\right) = -1$$

$$\frac{1}{p^3 q} = -1$$

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● NOW WE CAN FIND THE EQUATION OF THE TANGENT AT $P(p, \frac{1}{p})$

$$y - \frac{1}{p} = -\frac{1}{p^2}(x - p)$$

$$y - \frac{1}{p} = -\frac{1}{p^2}x + \frac{1}{p}$$

$$y = -\frac{1}{p^2}x + \frac{2}{p}$$

● SIMILARLY THE TANGENT AT $Q(q, \frac{1}{q})$ WILL BE

$$y = \frac{1}{q} - \frac{1}{q^2}x$$

● SOLVING SIMULTANEOUSLY TO FIND THE POINT R

$$\frac{2}{p} - \frac{1}{p^2}x = \frac{1}{q} - \frac{1}{q^2}x$$

$$x\left(\frac{1}{q^2} - \frac{1}{p^2}\right) = \frac{1}{q} - \frac{2}{p}$$

$$\frac{p^2 - q^2}{p^2 q^2} x = \frac{p - 2q}{pq}$$

$$\frac{(p-q)(p+q)}{p^2 q^2} x = \frac{p-2q}{pq}$$

$$x = \frac{p-2q}{p+q} \cdot \frac{p^2 q^2}{p-q}$$

$$x = \frac{2pq}{p+q}$$

AND $y = \frac{1}{q} - \frac{1}{q^2} \left(\frac{2pq}{p+q}\right) = \frac{1}{q} - \frac{2p}{q(p+q)}$

$$= \frac{p+q-2p}{q(p+q)} = \frac{q-p}{q(p+q)}$$

$$= \frac{q-p}{q(p+q)} = \frac{q-p}{q(p+q)}$$

$\therefore R\left(\frac{2pq}{p+q}, \frac{q-p}{q(p+q)}\right)$

● NOW WE CAN ELIMINATE THE "PARAMETERS" p & q

FROM THE EQUATIONS

$$x = \frac{2pq}{p+q}$$

$$y = \frac{q-p}{q(p+q)}$$

● THE CONCEPT!

$$\frac{x}{y} = \frac{2pq}{q-p}$$

$$x = \frac{2p}{p-1}$$

$$y = \frac{2}{p-1}$$

● DIVIDE THE EQUATIONS

$$\frac{x}{y} = \frac{2p}{2} = p \quad \text{ie } p = \frac{x}{y}$$

● SUB INTO THE y EQUATION & TRY/RE

$$y = \frac{q - \frac{x}{y}}{q\left(\frac{x}{y} + q\right)}$$

$$\Rightarrow y^2 \left(\frac{q^2 - x^2}{x^2}\right)^2 = 4 \left(\frac{q}{x}\right)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow y^2 \left(\frac{y^2 - x^2}{x^2}\right)^2 = \frac{4y^2}{x^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow y^2 \left(\frac{y^2 - x^2}{x^2}\right)^2 = \frac{4y^2}{x^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(\frac{y^2 - x^2}{x^2}\right)^2 = \frac{4}{x^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow (y^2 - x^2)^2 = 4x^2$$

$$\Rightarrow (y^2 - x^2)^2 + 4xy = 0$$

Question 16 (*****)

The variable point P lies on the rectangular hyperbola, with Cartesian equation

$$xy = a^2,$$

where a is a positive constant.

The normal to the hyperbola at P meets the hyperbola again at the point Q .

The point M is the midpoint of PQ .

Determine, in the form $f(x, y) = 0$, an equation of the locus of M , for all the possible positions of P .

$$\boxed{}, \quad a^2(y^2 - x^2)^2 + 4x^3y^3 = 0$$

LET THE POINT P HAVE CO-ORDINATES $(p, \frac{a^2}{p})$, AS IT LIES ON THE CURVE $xy = \frac{a^2}{1}$

- $\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{a^2}{x^2}$
- $\frac{dy}{dx} \bigg|_P = -\frac{a^2}{p^2}$
- NORMAL GRADIENT $= +\frac{p^2}{a^2}$
- NORMAL EQUATION: $y - \frac{a^2}{p} = \frac{p^2}{a^2}(x - p)$

SOVING SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH THE EQUATION OF THE CURVE

$$\Rightarrow \left(\frac{a^2}{x}\right) - \frac{a^2}{p} = \frac{p^2}{a^2}(x - p)$$

$$\Rightarrow a^2p - a^2x = x^2p^2 - ap^3 \quad \times a^2$$

$$\Rightarrow a^2p - a^2x = x^2p^2 - ap^3$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 = p^2x^2 + (a^2 - p^3)x - a^2p$$

AS $x = p$ MUST ALSO BE A SOLUTION, FACTORISE BY INSPECTION

$$\Rightarrow 0 = (x - p)(p^2x + a^2)$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{a^2}{p^2} \leftarrow \text{Point } Q$$

$$\Rightarrow y = \frac{a^2}{x} = a^2 \times \left(-\frac{p^2}{a^2}\right) = -\frac{p^2}{a^2} \quad Q\left(-\frac{a^2}{p^2}, \frac{p^2}{a^2}\right)$$

NEXT THE MIDPOINT M

$$M\left(\frac{p - \frac{a^2}{p^2}}{2}, \frac{\frac{a^2}{p} - \frac{p^2}{a^2}}{2}\right) = M\left(\frac{p^3 - a^2}{2p^2}, \frac{a^4 - p^3}{2pa^2}\right)$$

FURTHER ELIMINATE THE PARAMETER OUT OF THESE EQUATIONS

$$X = \frac{p^3 - a^2}{2p^2} \Rightarrow \frac{X}{Y} = \frac{\frac{p^3 - a^2}{2p^2}}{\frac{a^4 - p^3}{2pa^2}} = \frac{p^3 - a^2}{a^4 - p^3} \times \frac{pa^2}{a^2} = \frac{p^3 - a^2}{a^4 - p^3}$$

$$Y = \frac{a^4 - p^3}{2pa^2} \Rightarrow \frac{Y}{X} = \frac{\frac{a^4 - p^3}{2pa^2}}{\frac{p^3 - a^2}{2p^2}} = \frac{a^4 - p^3}{p^3 - a^2} \times \frac{p^2}{pa^2} = \frac{a^4 - p^3}{p^3 - a^2} \times \frac{p}{a^2} = -\frac{a^4 - p^3}{a^2(p^3 - a^2)}$$

$$\Rightarrow p^3 = -\frac{a^4Y}{X}$$

$$Y^2 = \frac{(a^4 - p^3)^2}{4a^4p^2} \Rightarrow 4a^4p^2Y^2 = (a^4 - p^3)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow 4a^4\left(-\frac{a^4Y}{X}\right)^2 = \left(a^4 - \frac{a^4Y}{X}\right)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow -\frac{4a^8Y^2}{X^2} = \left(\frac{a^4X - a^4Y}{X}\right)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow -\frac{4a^8Y^2}{X^2} = \frac{a^8(X - Y)^2}{X^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow -4X^3Y^3 = a^8(X - Y)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow a^8(X^2 - Y^2)^2 + 4X^3Y^3 = 0$$

OR

$$a^2(X^2 + Y^2)^2 + 4X^3Y^3 = 0$$

HYPERBOLA

Question 1 (**)

A hyperbola H has foci at the points with coordinates $(-10,0)$ and $(10,0)$, and its Cartesian equation is given by

$$\frac{x^2}{a^2} - \frac{y^2}{36} = 1,$$

where a is a positive constant.

- Find the value of a .
- Deduce the equations of the directrices of H .

$$a = 8, \quad x = \pm \frac{32}{5}$$

(a) $\frac{x^2}{a^2} - \frac{y^2}{36} = 1$
 • Foci at $(\pm 10, 0)$
 • Eccentricity relation
 $b^2 = a^2(e^2 - 1)$
 $\Rightarrow 36 = a^2(e^2 - 1)$
 $\Rightarrow 36 = 10^2 - a^2$
 $\Rightarrow a^2 = 64$
 $\Rightarrow a = 8$

(b) Given $ae = 10$
 $\frac{a}{e} = 10$
 $\frac{8}{e} = 10$
 $e = \frac{4}{5}$
 Equations of directrices are:
 $x = \pm \frac{a}{e}$
 $x = \pm \frac{8}{\frac{4}{5}}$
 $x = \pm \frac{32}{5}$

Question 2 (**)

A hyperbola H has foci at the points with coordinates $(\pm 13, 0)$ and the equations of its directrices are $x = \pm \frac{144}{13}$.

Determine a Cartesian equation for H .

$$\frac{x^2}{144} - \frac{y^2}{25} = 1$$

Handwritten solution for Question 2:

Foci $\Rightarrow ae = 13$
 $\frac{a}{e} = \frac{144}{13}$ \Rightarrow multiply equations $a \times \frac{a}{e} = 13 \times \frac{144}{13}$
 $a^2 = 144$
 $a = 12$
 \Rightarrow so $ae = 13$
 $12e = 13$
 $e = \frac{13}{12}$

• ECCENTRICITY RELATION
 FOR HYPERBOLA IS
 $b^2 = a^2(e^2 - 1)$
 $b^2 = 144 \left(\frac{169}{144} - 1 \right)$
 $b^2 = 169 - 144$
 $b^2 = 25$
 $b = 5$

$\therefore \frac{x^2}{144} - \frac{y^2}{25} = 1$

Question 3 (*)**

A hyperbola is given parametrically by

$$x = \frac{3}{2} \left(t + \frac{1}{t} \right), \quad y = \frac{5}{2} \left(t - \frac{1}{t} \right), \quad t \neq 0.$$

- a) Show that the Cartesian equation of the hyperbola can be written as

$$\frac{x^2}{9} - \frac{y^2}{25} = 1.$$

- b) Find ...

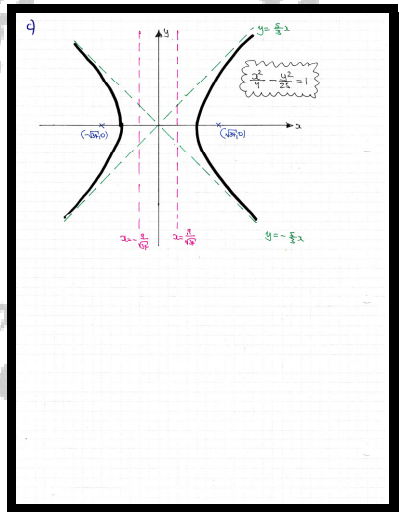
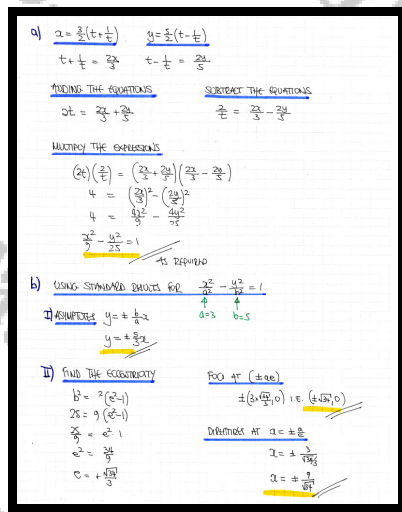
i. ... the equations of its asymptotes.

ii. ... the coordinates of its foci.

iii. ... the equations of its directrices.

- c) Sketch the hyperbola indicating any intersections with the coordinate axes, as well as the information stated in part (b).

$$\boxed{}, \quad y = \pm \frac{5}{3}x, \quad \boxed{(\pm\sqrt{34}, 0)}, \quad x = \pm \frac{9}{\sqrt{34}}$$



Question 4 (*)**

The point $P(a \sec \theta, b \tan \theta)$ lies on the hyperbola with equation

$$\frac{x^2}{a^2} - \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1,$$

where a and b are positive constants.

- a) Show that an equation of the normal at P is given by

$$by + ax \sin \theta = (a^2 + b^2) \tan \theta.$$

The normal to the hyperbola meets the coordinate axes at the points A and B .

- b) Show that, as θ varies, the Cartesian locus of the midpoint of AB is given by

$$4(a^2 x^2 - b^2 y^2) = (a^2 + b^2)^2.$$

 , proof

a) DETERMINE THE GRADIENT FUNCTION PARAMETRICALLY

$$\begin{aligned} x &= a \sec \theta \\ y &= b \tan \theta \end{aligned} \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{\frac{dy}{d\theta}}{\frac{dx}{d\theta}} = \frac{b \sec^2 \theta}{a \sec \theta \tan \theta} = \frac{b \sec \theta}{a \tan \theta}$$

$$= \frac{(b \sec \theta) \left(\frac{1}{\tan \theta} \right)}{a} = \frac{b}{a \tan \theta} \times \frac{1}{\sec \theta} = \frac{b}{a \sec \theta}$$

THENCE THE GRADIENT AT THE POINT $(a \sec \theta, b \tan \theta)$ IS $\frac{b}{a \sec \theta}$

NORMAL $\Rightarrow y - b \tan \theta = -\frac{a \sec \theta}{b} (x - a \sec \theta)$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow by - b^2 \tan \theta &= -a \sec \theta x + a^2 \sec \theta \\ \Rightarrow by + a \sec \theta x &= b^2 \tan \theta + a^2 \sec \theta \\ \Rightarrow by + a \sec \theta x &= \frac{b^2 \tan \theta}{\sec \theta} + \frac{a^2 \sec \theta}{\sec \theta} \\ \Rightarrow by + a \sec \theta x &= (a^2 + b^2) \tan \theta \end{aligned}$$

b) FIND THE CO-ORDS OF A & B

$x=0$ $\Rightarrow by = (a^2 + b^2) \tan \theta$
 $\Rightarrow y = \frac{a^2 + b^2}{b} \tan \theta$ $A(0, \frac{a^2 + b^2}{b} \tan \theta)$

$y=0$ $\Rightarrow a \sec \theta x = (a^2 + b^2) \tan \theta$
 $\Rightarrow a \sec \theta x = \frac{(a^2 + b^2) \tan \theta}{\sec \theta}$
 $\Rightarrow ax = \frac{a^2 + b^2}{\sec \theta} \times \frac{\tan \theta}{\sec \theta}$
 $\Rightarrow x = \frac{a^2 + b^2}{a \sec \theta}$ $B(\frac{a^2 + b^2}{a \sec \theta}, 0)$

THE MIDPOINT OF AB IS $M(\frac{x^2 + b^2}{2a}, \frac{a^2 + b^2}{2b} \tan \theta)$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow 1 + \tan^2 \theta &= \sec^2 \theta \\ \Rightarrow 1 + \frac{(2 \tan \theta)^2}{(a^2 + b^2)^2} &= \left(\frac{2a \sec \theta}{a^2 + b^2} \right)^2 \\ \Rightarrow 1 + \frac{4 \tan^2 \theta}{(a^2 + b^2)^2} &= \frac{4a^2 \sec^2 \theta}{(a^2 + b^2)^2} \\ \Rightarrow (a^2 + b^2)^2 + 4 \tan^2 \theta &= 4a^2 \sec^2 \theta \\ \Rightarrow (a^2 + b^2)^2 &= 4a^2 \sec^2 \theta - 4 \tan^2 \theta \\ \Rightarrow 4 \left(\frac{a^2 + b^2}{2} \right)^2 &= (a^2 + b^2)^2 \end{aligned}$$

Hence proved

Question 5 (***)

A hyperbola has Cartesian equation

$$2x^2 - 4x - y^2 - 4y = 4.$$

Find the coordinates of its foci and the equations of its directrices.

$$\left(1 + \sqrt{3}, -2\right), \left(1 - \sqrt{3}, -2\right), \quad x = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} + 1, \quad x = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} + 1$$

Handwritten solution for Question 5:

Given: $2x^2 - 4x - y^2 - 4y = 4$

Complete the square for x and y:

$$2(x^2 - 2x) - (y^2 + 4y) = 4$$

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

$$2(x-1)^2 - (y+2)^2 = 2$$

$$\frac{(x-1)^2}{1} - \frac{(y+2)^2}{2} = 1$$

Standard form: $\frac{x^2}{a^2} - \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1$

Here, $a^2 = 1$ and $b^2 = 2$.

Calculate $c^2 = a^2 + b^2 = 1 + 2 = 3$, so $c = \sqrt{3}$.

Foci: $(1 \pm \sqrt{3}, -2)$

Directrices: $x = 1 \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$

Question 6 (****)

The general point $P(a \sec \theta, b \tan \theta)$ lies on the hyperbola with Cartesian equation

$$\frac{x^2}{a^2} - \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1,$$

where a and b are positive constants.

- a) Show that an equation of the normal at P is given by

$$by + ax \sin \theta = (a^2 + b^2) \tan \theta.$$

The normal to the hyperbola meets the x axis at the point X .

The eccentricity of the hyperbola is $\frac{3}{2}$ and its foci are denoted by S and S' , where S has a positive x coordinate.

- b) Given that $|OX| = 3|OS|$, find the possible values of θ for $0 \leq \theta < 2\pi$.

$$\boxed{\theta = \frac{\pi}{3}, \frac{5\pi}{3}}$$

DIFFERENTIATE W.R.T θ

$$\frac{d}{d\theta} \left(\frac{a^2}{b^2} \right) = \frac{d}{d\theta} (1)$$

$$\frac{2a^2}{b^2} \frac{d\theta}{d\theta} = 0$$

$$\frac{d\theta}{d\theta} = \frac{b^2}{2a^2}$$

SLOPE AT P

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{b^2 \sec \theta}{a^2 \tan \theta} = \frac{b^2 \sec \theta}{a^2 \tan \theta} = \frac{b^2}{a^2} \frac{\sec \theta}{\tan \theta} = \frac{b^2}{a^2} \frac{1}{\sin \theta}$$

NORMAL EQUATION IS GIVEN BY

$$y - b \tan \theta = - \frac{a^2 \sin \theta}{b^2} (x - a \sec \theta)$$

$$by - b^2 \tan \theta = -a^2 \sin \theta + a^2 \sin \theta \sec \theta$$

$$by + a^2 \sin \theta = b^2 \tan \theta + a^2 \sin \theta \sec \theta$$

$$by + a^2 \sin \theta = b^2 \tan \theta + a^2 \tan \theta \sec \theta$$

$$by + a^2 \sin \theta = (b^2 + a^2) \tan \theta$$

AS REQUIRED

FINALLY FIND THE COORDINATES OF $X \Rightarrow y=0$

$$a^2 \sin \theta = (a^2 + b^2) \tan \theta$$

$$a^2 = \frac{a^2 + b^2}{\sin \theta} \tan \theta$$

$$a^2 = \frac{a^2 + b^2}{\sin \theta} \sec \theta$$

$$\therefore X \left(\frac{a^2 + b^2}{a \sin \theta}, 0 \right)$$

USING THE ECCENTRICITY RELATION

$$b^2 = a^2(e^2 - 1)$$

$$b^2 = a^2 \left(\frac{9}{4} - 1 \right)$$

$$b^2 = \frac{5}{4} a^2 \Rightarrow X \left(\frac{a^2 + \frac{5}{4} a^2}{a \sin \theta}, 0 \right)$$

$$X \left(\frac{9}{4} a \sec \theta, 0 \right)$$

NOTE THE FOCI S WITH POSITIVE x COORDINATE

$$S(ae, 0) \Rightarrow S \left(\frac{3}{2} a, 0 \right)$$

FINALLY WE HAVE

$$\Rightarrow |OX| = 3|OS|$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{9}{4} a \sec \theta = 3 \times \frac{3}{2} a$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{3}{4} \sec \theta = \frac{3}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sec \theta = 2$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos \theta = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\therefore \theta = \frac{\pi}{3} \text{ and } \frac{5\pi}{3}$$

Question 7 (***)

The equation of a hyperbola H is given in terms of a parameter t by

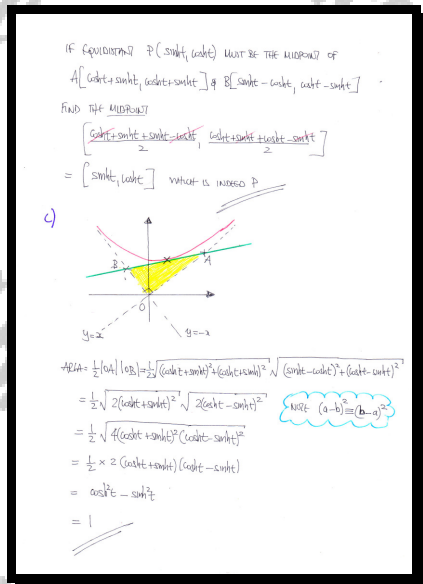
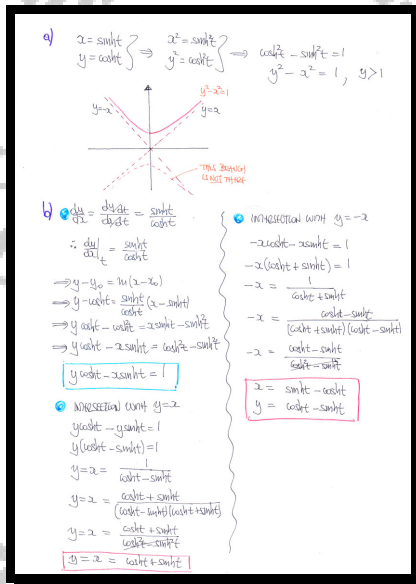
$$x = \sinh t, \quad y = \cosh t, \quad t \in \mathbb{R}.$$

- a) Sketch the graph of H , clearly marking the equation of each of its asymptotes.

The equation of the tangent to H at the point $P(\sinh t, \cosh t)$, meets each of the asymptotes at the points A and B .

- b) Show that P is equidistant from A and B .
- c) Show further that the area of the triangle OAB , where O is the origin, is exactly 1 square unit.

graph/proof



Given further that M is the midpoint of PQ , show that as θ varies, the locus of M traces the curve with equation

$$x(4y^2 + b^2) = ab^2.$$

 \square_X , proof

DEFINING THE GRADIENT FUNCTION IN PARAMETRIC (OR CARTESIAN)

$$x = a \cos t \quad y = b \sin t$$

$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy/dt}{dx/dt} = \frac{b \cos t}{-a \sin t}$

AT THE POINT (X,Y) t = $\theta \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} \Big|_{t=\theta} = \frac{b \cos \theta}{-a \sin \theta}$

EQUATION OF TANGENT T_1 AT $(a \cos \theta, b \sin \theta)$

$$\Rightarrow y - b \sin \theta = \frac{b \cos \theta}{-a \sin \theta} (x - a \cos \theta)$$

$$\Rightarrow a \sin \theta - ab \cos \theta = b \cos \theta - ab \cos \theta$$

$$\Rightarrow a \sin \theta - b \cos \theta = ab \sin \theta - ab \cos \theta$$

$$\Rightarrow b \cos \theta - a \sin \theta = ab \cos \theta - ab \sin \theta$$

$$\Rightarrow b \cos \theta - a \sin \theta = ab (\cos \theta - \sin \theta)$$

$$\Rightarrow b \cos \theta - a \sin \theta = ab$$

TO FIND P, SET $y=0$ IN T_1

$$b \cos \theta - a \sin \theta = ab$$

$$a \sin \theta = a$$

$$a = \frac{a}{\cos \theta} \quad \therefore P \left(\frac{a}{\cos \theta}, 0 \right)$$

TO FIND Q, SAME SIMULTANEOUSLY T_1 & T_2

$$b \cos \theta - a \sin \theta = ab \quad \& \quad a = -a$$

$$ab \cos \theta - a \sin \theta = ab$$

$$b \cos \theta - \sin \theta = b$$

$$b \cos \theta - b = b \sin \theta$$

$$y = \frac{b(\cos \theta - 1)}{\sin \theta} \quad \therefore Q \left[a, \frac{b(\cos \theta - 1)}{\sin \theta} \right]$$

MIDPOINT OF PQ IS $\left[\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{a}{\cos \theta} + a \right), \frac{1}{2} \frac{b(\cos \theta - 1)}{\sin \theta} \right]$

• $a = \frac{1}{2} a \left(\frac{1}{\cos \theta} + 1 \right)$

$$\frac{2a}{a} = \frac{1}{\cos \theta} + 1$$

$$\frac{2a}{a} - 1 = \frac{1}{\cos \theta}$$

$$\frac{2a-a}{a} = \frac{1}{\cos \theta}$$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{a}{2a-a}$$

• $y = \frac{1}{2} b \frac{\cos \theta - 1}{\sin \theta}$

$$\frac{2y}{b} = \frac{\cos \theta - 1}{\sin \theta}$$

$$\frac{4y^2}{b^2} = \frac{(\cos \theta - 1)^2}{\sin^2 \theta}$$

$$\frac{4y^2}{b^2} = \frac{(\cos \theta - 1)^2}{1 - \cos^2 \theta}$$

$$\frac{4y^2}{b^2} = \frac{a}{(a-b)(a+b)}$$

Question 10 (*****)

A hyperbola and an ellipse have respective equations

$$\frac{x^2}{a^2} - \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1,$$

where $a > b > 0$.

The tangent to the hyperbola, at a point whose both coordinates are positive, passes through the focus of the ellipse with positive x coordinate.

Show that the gradient of the above described tangent is 1.

V, **81**, **proof**

START BY DIFFERENTIATING THE HYPERBOLA

$$\frac{x^2}{a^2} - \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1 \Rightarrow \frac{2x}{a^2} - \frac{2y}{b^2} \frac{dy}{dx} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{2x}{a^2} = \frac{2y}{b^2} \frac{dy}{dx}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{bx}{ay}$$

THE GRADIENT AT A GENERAL POINT ON A STANDARD HYPERBOLA

$P(a \sec \theta, b \tan \theta) \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{a(b \sec \theta)}{b^2 \tan \theta} = \frac{b \sec \theta}{b \tan \theta}$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{b \times \sec \theta \cos \theta}{b \times \tan \theta} = \frac{b \times 1}{b \times \tan \theta} = \frac{1}{\tan \theta}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{\tan \theta}$$

THE EQUATION OF A GENERAL TANGENT MAY BE

$$y - b \tan \theta = \frac{1}{\tan \theta} (x - a \sec \theta)$$

THIS TANGENT MUST PASS THROUGH THE FOCUS OF THE ELLIPSE $(ae, 0)$

$$\Rightarrow -b \tan \theta = \frac{1}{\tan \theta} (ae - a \sec \theta)$$

$$\Rightarrow -\tan \theta = \frac{1}{\tan \theta} (e - \sec \theta)$$

$$\Rightarrow -\tan \theta = \frac{1}{\tan \theta} (e - \sec \theta)$$

$$\Rightarrow -\tan^2 \theta = e - \sec \theta$$

$$\Rightarrow \sec \theta - \tan^2 \theta = e$$

$$\Rightarrow e = \frac{1}{\cos \theta} - \frac{\sin^2 \theta}{\cos^3 \theta}$$

$$\Rightarrow e = \frac{1 - \sin^2 \theta}{\cos^3 \theta} = \frac{\cos^2 \theta}{\cos^3 \theta}$$

$$\Rightarrow e = \frac{1}{\cos \theta}$$

BUT THE ECCENTRICITY OF THE ELLIPSE SATISFIES

$$b^2 = a^2(1 - e^2)$$

$$\frac{b^2}{a^2} = 1 - e^2$$

$$\frac{b^2}{a^2} = \sin^2 \theta$$

$$\frac{b}{a} = \pm \sin \theta$$

BUT THE GRADIENT OF TANGENT TO THE HYPERBOLA IS

$$\frac{1}{\tan \theta} = \frac{1}{\sin \theta} \times \frac{1}{\cos \theta} = \sec \theta \times \frac{1}{\sin \theta} = 1$$

INDICES THIS TANGENT MUST HAVE GRADIENT 1