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CONIC SECTIONS

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CIRCLE

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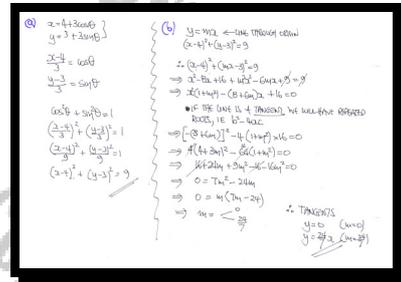
Question 1 (***)

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 .

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



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 .

$x = 2$, $y = 3x - 2$, $D(2,4)$

a) OPTIMAL GRADIENT & MIDPOINT OF AB

$$M_{AB} = \frac{A+B}{2} = \frac{6+0}{2}, \frac{6+8}{2} = 3, 7$$

$$M_{AB} \left(\frac{6+0}{2}, \frac{6+8}{2} \right) = M(3,7)$$

EQUATION OF PERPENDICULAR BISECTOR

$$y - y_0 = m(x - x_0)$$

$$y - 7 = +3(x - 3)$$

$$y - 7 = 3x - 9$$

$$y = 3x - 2$$

b) REPEAT THE PROCESS FOR B & C

$$M_{BC} = \frac{B+C}{2} = \frac{0+(-2)}{2}, \frac{8+2}{2} = -1, 5$$

$$M_{BC} \left(\frac{0+(-2)}{2}, \frac{8+2}{2} \right) = M(-1,5)$$

PERPENDICULAR BISECTOR OF BC

$$y - y_0 = m(x - x_0)$$

$$y - 5 = -\frac{1}{3}(x + 1)$$

$$3y - 15 = -x - 1$$

$$3y + 2 = 14$$

SOLVE SIMULTANEOUSLY

$$\begin{cases} 3y + 2 = 14 \\ y = 3x - 2 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} 3(3x - 2) + 2 = 14 \\ 3x - 6 + 2 = 14 \end{cases}$$

$$3x - 4 = 14$$

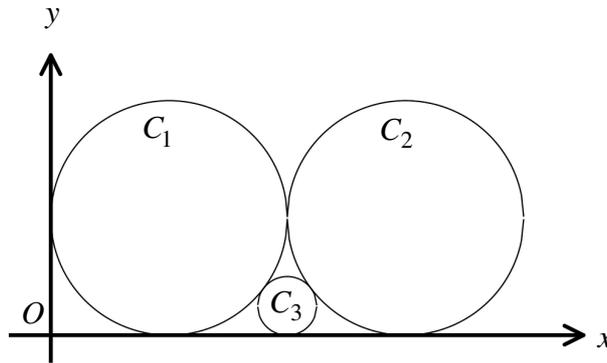
$$3x = 18$$

$$x = 6$$

$$y = 3(6) - 2 = 18 - 2 = 16$$

$\therefore D(2,4)$

Question 3 (***)



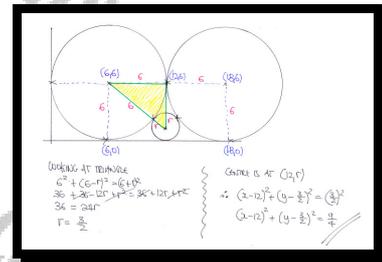
The figure above shows three circles C_1 , C_2 and C_3 .

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 .

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



Question 4 (***)

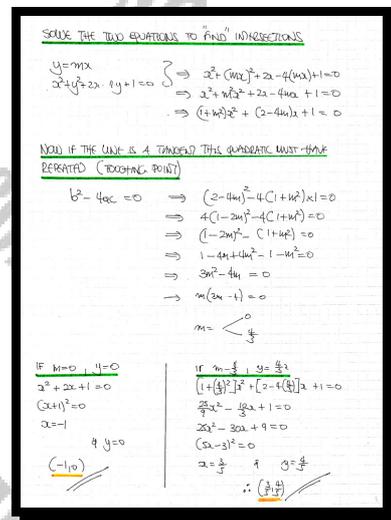
A circle C has equation

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

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 .

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



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 .

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

Handwritten solution for Question 5:

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 the equation $y = mx - 1$
 Substitute into circle equation
 $(x+2)^2 + (mx-1-5)^2 = 20$
 $\Rightarrow (x+2)^2 + (mx-6)^2 = 20$
 $\Rightarrow x^2 + 4x + 4 + m^2x^2 - 12mx + 36 = 20$
 $\Rightarrow (1+m^2)x^2 + (4-12m)x + 20 = 0$
 For repeated roots
 $b^2 - 4ac = 0$
 $(4-12m)^2 - 4(1+m^2)(20) = 0$
 $\Rightarrow 16 - 96m + 144m^2 - 80 - 80m^2 = 0$
 $\Rightarrow 64m^2 - 96m - 64 = 0$
 $\Rightarrow 2m^2 - 3m - 2 = 0$
 As required

c) Solve $2m^2 - 3m - 2 = 0$
 $(2m+1)(m-2) = 0$
 $m = -\frac{1}{2}$ or $m = 2$
 The $m = 2$ is rejected as $m < 0$
 $\therefore m = -\frac{1}{2}$
 \therefore eqn of T is $y = -\frac{1}{2}x - 1$
 $y = -\frac{1}{2}x - 1$
 $y = -\frac{1}{2}(-4) - 1$
 $y = 2 - 1$
 $y = 1$
 $\therefore P(-4, 1)$

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 .

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

$(a) \quad x^2 + y^2 - 4x - 2y = 13$
 $x^2 - 4x + y^2 - 2y = 13$
 $(x-2)^2 - 4 + (y-1)^2 - 1 = 13$
 $(x-2)^2 + (y-1)^2 = 18$
 $C(2,1) \quad r = 3\sqrt{2}$

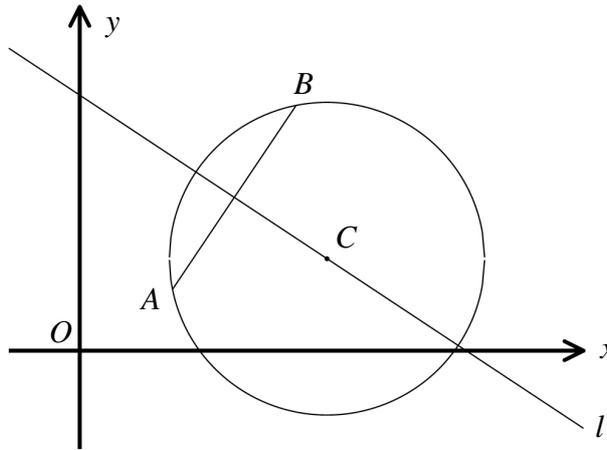
$(b) \quad$

 $AB = 6$
 $OC = 3$
 $\therefore \angle ACB = 90^\circ$

$(c) \quad \begin{cases} y = k - x \\ (x-2)^2 + (y-1)^2 = 18 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} y = k - x \\ x^2 - 4x + 1 + y^2 - 2y + 1 = 18 \end{cases} \Rightarrow$
 $\begin{cases} y = k - x \\ x^2 + y^2 - 4x - 2y = 13 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} y = k - x \\ x^2 + (k-x)^2 - 4x - 2(k-x) = 13 \end{cases} \Rightarrow$
 $\Rightarrow x^2 + k^2 - 2kx + x^2 - 4x - 2k + 2x = 13$
 $\Rightarrow 2x^2 - 2kx - 2x + k^2 - 2k - 13 = 0$
 $\Rightarrow 2x^2 - 2(k+1)x + k^2 - 2k - 13 = 0$

$(d) \quad \Delta = b^2 - 4ac = 0$
 $4(k+1)^2 - 4 \times 2 \times (k^2 - 2k - 13) = 0$
 $4(k^2 + 2k + 1) - 8k^2 + 16k + 104 = 0$
 $-4k^2 + 20k + 108 = 0$
 $k^2 - 5k - 27 = 0$
 $(k-9)(k+3) = 0$
 $k = 9, -3$

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 .

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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 IS A Locus

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

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

$-6k - 4h + 13 = -14k - 16h + 103$

$8k + 12h = 90$

$2k + 3h = 25$

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

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

$4(k-3)^2 + (h-2)^2 = 104$

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

$(8k-24)^2 + (h-2)^2 = 104$

$(8k-24)^2 + (h-2)^2 = 104$

$64k^2 - 384k + 576 + h^2 - 4h + 4 = 104$

$64k^2 - 384k + h^2 - 4h + 276 = 0$

$h^2 - 4h + 276 = 0$

$(h-3)(h-7) = 0$

$h = 3$ ($2 < h < 5$)

$k = 8$ (using $2k + 3h = 25$)

FIND THE EQUATION OF l IT WILL BE ON A D & Y

i.e. $2k + 3h = 25$

$2x + 3y = 25$

A GEOMETRIC APPROACH IS ALSO POSSIBLE

i.e. $\text{GRAD AB} = \frac{8-2}{7-3} = \frac{6}{4} = \frac{3}{2}$

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

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

EQUATION OF l MUST BE

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

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

$2x + 3y = 25$

THIS SEVERAL SIMULTANEOUS EQUATIONS

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

Question 8 (***)

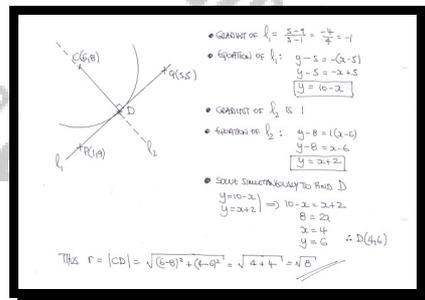
The straight line passing through the points $P(1,9)$ and $Q(5,5)$ is a tangent to a circle with centre at $C(6,8)$.

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.

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

METHOD 1 - BY GEOMETRIC ARGUMENT

- RADIUS OF THE TANGENT IS \perp
- GRADIENT OF TANGENT IS 2
- EQUATION OF LINE THROUGH C AND T

$y - (-3) = \frac{1}{2}(x - 2)$
 $y + 3 = \frac{1}{2}(x - 2)$
 $2y + 6 = x - 2$
 $2y + 8 = x$

• SLOPING SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH $y = 2x - 3$

$2(2x - 3) + 8 = x$
 $4x - 6 + 8 = x$
 $3x + 2 = 0$
 $x = -\frac{2}{3}$

And $y = 2(-\frac{2}{3}) - 3 = -\frac{4}{3} - 3 = -\frac{13}{3}$ $\therefore T(-\frac{2}{3}, -\frac{13}{3})$

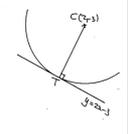
• DISTANCE CT FINALLY, $C(2, -3)$ & $T(-\frac{2}{3}, -\frac{13}{3})$

$d = \sqrt{(2 - (-\frac{2}{3}))^2 + (-3 - (-\frac{13}{3}))^2}$
 $|CT| = \sqrt{(2 + \frac{2}{3})^2 + (-3 + \frac{13}{3})^2}$
 $r = \sqrt{(\frac{8}{3})^2 + (\frac{4}{3})^2} = \sqrt{\frac{64}{9} + \frac{16}{9}} = \sqrt{\frac{80}{9}} = \frac{4\sqrt{5}}{3}$

METHOD 2 - USING DISCRIMINANT

- LET THE CIRCLE HAVE EQUATION

$(x - 2)^2 + (y + 3)^2 = r^2$



- SLOPING SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH $y = 2x - 3$ TO "FIND" T

$(x - 2)^2 + (2x - 3 + 3)^2 = r^2$
 $(x - 2)^2 + (2x)^2 = r^2$
 $x^2 - 4x + 4 + 4x^2 = r^2$
 $5x^2 - 4x + 4 - r^2 = 0$

- THIS EQUATION MUST PROVIDE IDENTICAL RESULTS AS THE POINT T IS A POINT OF TANGENCY

$b^2 - 4ac = 0 \Rightarrow (-4)^2 - 4 \times 5 \times (4 - r^2) = 0$

$16 - 20(4 - r^2) = 0$
 $16 - 80 + 20r^2 = 0$
 $20r^2 = 64$
 $r^2 = \frac{64}{20} = \frac{16}{5}$
 $r = \frac{4}{\sqrt{5}}$

METHOD 3 - BY MINIMIZATION (CALCULATING THE SQUARE)

- CONSIDER A POINT ON THE LINE $y = 2x - 3$, IS $(x, 2x - 3)$
- THE DISTANCE FROM $(x, 2x - 3)$ TO THE CENTER $(2, -3)$ IS GIVEN BY

$d = \sqrt{(x - 2)^2 + (2x - 3 + 3)^2}$
 $d = \sqrt{(x - 2)^2 + 4x^2}$
 $d^2 = x^2 - 4x + 4 + 4x^2$

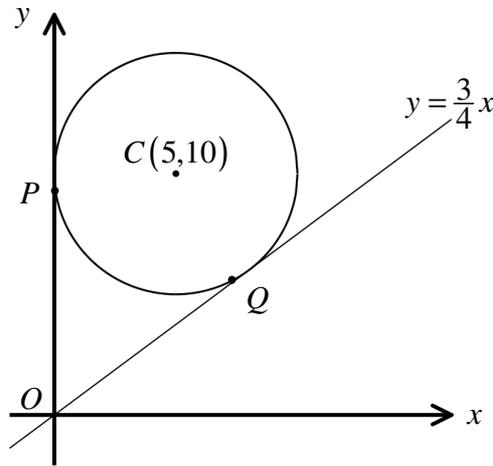
$d^2 = 5x^2 - 4x + 4$
 $d^2 = 5[x^2 - \frac{4}{5}x + \frac{4}{5}]$
 $d^2 = 5[(x - \frac{2}{5})^2 - \frac{16}{25} + \frac{4}{5}]$
 $d^2 = 5(x - \frac{2}{5})^2 - \frac{16}{5} + 4$
 $d^2 = 5(x - \frac{2}{5})^2 + \frac{4}{5}$

\therefore MINIMUM VALUE OF d^2 IS $\frac{4}{5}$ (OCCURS AT $x = \frac{2}{5}$)

$\therefore d_{\min} = r = \sqrt{\frac{4}{5}} = \sqrt{\frac{4 \times 5}{5 \times 5}} = \frac{2\sqrt{5}}{5}$

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

AN ALGEBRAIC APPROACH
 $(x-5)^2 + (y-10)^2 = 25$
 $y = \frac{3}{4}x$
 $(x-5)^2 + (\frac{3}{4}x-10)^2 = 25$
 $x^2 - 10x + 25 + \frac{9}{16}x^2 - 15x + 100 = 25$
 $\frac{25}{16}x^2 - 25x + 100 = 0$
 $\frac{1}{16}x^2 - 2x + 4 = 0$
 $x^2 - 16x + 64 = 0$
 $(x-8)^2 = 0$
 $\therefore x=8$ and $y = \frac{3}{4} \times 8 = 6$
 $\therefore Q(8,6)$

A TRIGONOMETRIC APPROACH
 ON $\triangle CAQ$, $\tan \theta = \frac{3x}{4}$
 $\tan \theta = \frac{3}{4}$
 $\sin \theta = \frac{3}{5}$
 $\cos \theta = \frac{4}{5}$

LOOKING AT THE SQUARE TRIGON $\triangle CAQ$
 $|BC| = 5 \cos \theta = 5 \times \frac{4}{5} = 4$
 $|BQ| = 5 \sin \theta = 5 \times \frac{3}{5} = 3$
 $\therefore Q(5+3, 10-4)$
 $Q(8,6)$

A THIRD APPROACH
 $|CP| = |CQ| = 5$ (RADIUS PROPERTIES)
 BY PYTHAGORAS ON $\triangle CAQ$
 $|CA| + |AQ| = |CQ|^2$
 $2^2 + \frac{9}{16}x^2 = 100$
 $x^2 + \frac{9}{16}x^2 = 100$
 $16x^2 + 9x^2 = 1600$
 $25x^2 = 1600$
 $(5x)^2 = (40)^2$
 $5x = 40$
 $x = 8$ and $y = 6$

FINDING THE AREA OF THE REQUIRED TRIANGLE ANOTHER WAY

THE REQUIRED AREA IS GIVEN BY
 $(5 \times 10) + \frac{1}{2}(0+6) \times 3 - \frac{1}{2}(10+6) \times 8$
 $= 50 + 24 - 64$
 $= 10$

AN ALTERNATIVE METHOD WITHOUT FINDING THE CO-ORDINATES OF Q

RECALL $OC = \frac{10}{2} = 5$
 GRADIENT $PQ = -\frac{3}{4}$
 LINE $OC \Rightarrow y = 2x$
 LINE $PQ \Rightarrow y = 10 - \frac{3}{4}x$
 $\Rightarrow 2x = 10 - \frac{3}{4}x$
 $\Rightarrow 4x = 20 - 2x$
 $\Rightarrow 5x = 20$
 $\Rightarrow x = 4, y = 8$

AREA OF YELLOW TRIANGLE
 $(\text{BASE}) \times \frac{1}{2}(\text{HEIGHT}) = \frac{1}{2}(8+0) \times 4$
 $= 50 - 36 - 9$
 $= 5$
 \therefore REQUIRED AREA OF $\triangle PCQ = 10$

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

• LET $P(x,y)$ BE ANY ARBITRARY POINT ON THE CIRCLE
 • GRAD $AP = \frac{y-y_1}{x-x_1}$
 • GRAD $BP = \frac{y-y_2}{x-x_2}$
 • BUT FOR ALL POSITIONS OF P
 $AP \perp BP$

• SINCE THE PRODUCT MULTIPLY TO -1
 $\Rightarrow \frac{y-y_1}{x-x_1} \times \frac{y-y_2}{x-x_2} = -1$
 $\Rightarrow \frac{(y-y_1)(y-y_2)}{(x-x_1)(x-x_2)} = -1$
 $\Rightarrow (y-y_1)(y-y_2) = -(x-x_1)(x-x_2)$
 $\Rightarrow (y-y_1)(y-y_2) + (x-x_1)(x-x_2) = 0$

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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• SPICE WITH A GOOD DIAGRAM & SOME BASIC GEOMETRY
 - THE MIDDLE OF PQ IS $M(25,0)$
 - THIS IS THE x COORDINATE OF THE CENTRE OF THE CIRCLE, AS THE CIRCLE TOUCHES THE y AXIS
 - LOCATED AT $P(18,0)$ (MARKED IN RED)
 $\Rightarrow PM^2 + MC^2 = PC^2$
 $\Rightarrow 7^2 + r^2 = 25^2$
 $\Rightarrow r^2 = 24$ (7-24-25 PYTHAGOREAN TRIPLE)
 - CENTRE OF THE CIRCLE IS AT $C(25,24)$ AND ITS EQUATION IS
 $\therefore (x-25)^2 + (y-24)^2 = 25^2$

• LET THE TANGENT TO THE ABOVE CIRCLE HAVE EQUATION $y = mx + 199$, AS IT PASSES THROUGH $S(0,199)$ - SECOND COORDINATE ONLY W/ OTHERS
 $\Rightarrow (x-25)^2 + (mx+199-24)^2 = 25^2$
 $\Rightarrow (x-25)^2 + (mx+175)^2 = 25^2$
 $\Rightarrow x^2 - 50x + 625 + m^2x^2 + 350mx + 175^2 = 25^2$
 $\Rightarrow m^2x^2 + x^2 + 350mx - 50x + 175^2 = 0$
 $\Rightarrow (m^2+1)x^2 + 350m-50)x + 175^2 = 0$

• WORKING FOR BEHETTER IDEAS, AS THE LINE IS A TANGENT AT T
 $\Rightarrow [50(7m-1)]^2 - 4(175^2) \times 175^2 = 0$
 $\Rightarrow 50^2 C(7m-1)^2 - 4 \times 175^2 C(175^2) = 0$
 $\Rightarrow 50^2 C(7m-1)^2 - 2^2 \times (25 \times 7)^2 C(175^2) = 0$ (Divide by 50^2)
 $\Rightarrow 50^2 C(7m-1)^2 - 2^2 \times 25^2 \times 7^2 C(175^2) = 0$
 $\Rightarrow 4900m^2 - 1400m + 1 - 49(175^2) = 0$
 $\Rightarrow 4900m^2 - 1400m + 1 - 940125 = 0$
 $\Rightarrow 4900m^2 - 1400m - 940124 = 0$
 $\Rightarrow m = \frac{1400 \pm \sqrt{1400^2 + 4 \times 4900 \times 940124}}{2 \times 4900}$
 & THE EQUATION OF THE TANGENT IS $y = 199 - \frac{24}{7}x$

• FINALLY USING $m = -\frac{24}{7}$ IN
 $\Rightarrow (x-25)^2 + 50x(7m-1) + 175^2 = 0$
 $\Rightarrow (\frac{24}{7}x+1)^2 + 50x[7(-\frac{24}{7})-1] + 175^2 = 0$
 $\Rightarrow [\frac{24}{7}x+1]^2 + 50x[-25] + 175^2 = 0$
 $\Rightarrow [\frac{24}{7}x+1]^2 - 25 \times 50x + 175^2 = 0$
 $\Rightarrow \frac{24^2}{7^2}x^2 - 25^2 \times 2x + (25 \times 7)^2 = 0$
 $\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2}x^2 - 2x + 7^2 = 0$ (Divide by $2x^2$)
 $\Rightarrow (\frac{x}{2} - 7)^2 = 0$ (PERFECT SQUARE (CORRECT))
 $\Rightarrow \frac{x}{2} = 7$
 $\Rightarrow x = 14$
 & $y = 199 - \frac{24}{7} \times 14 = 199 - 24 \times 2$
 $y = 199 - 48 = 151$ $\therefore T(14, 151)$

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 .

, $18 < k < 42$

Handwritten solution for Question 13:

Circle 1: $x^2 + y^2 - 4x - 4y + 6 = 0$
 $(x-2)^2 + (y-2)^2 = 2$

Circle 2: $x^2 + y^2 - 10x - 10y + k = 0$
 $(x-5)^2 + (y-5)^2 = 50 - k$

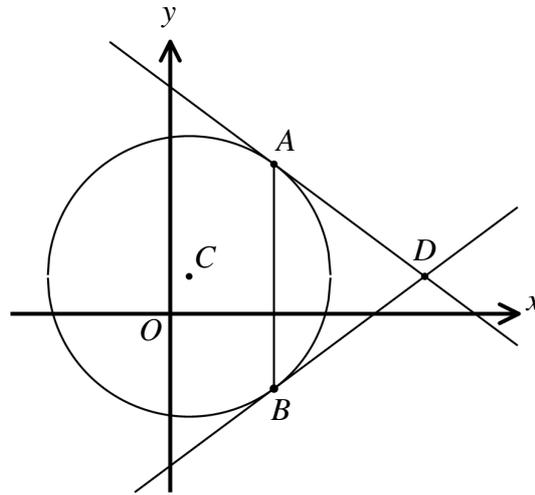
- THE 2 CIRCLES MUST INTERSECT
- THEIR RESPECTIVE CENTRES ARE AT THE POINTS $C_1(2,2)$ & $C_2(5,5)$
- THE DISTANCE BETWEEN THE CENTRES IS $\sqrt{(5-2)^2 + (5-2)^2} = \sqrt{18} = 3\sqrt{2}$
- ONE CIRCLE HAS RADIUS $\sqrt{2}$ AND THE OTHER $\sqrt{50-k}$
- THEREFORE $2\sqrt{2} < 2 < 4\sqrt{2}$
 $8 < 50 - k < 32$
 $-42 < -k < -18$
 $18 < k < 42$

ASIDE THE RELATIVE POSITIONS OF 2 CIRCLES

Diagrams showing relative positions of two circles:

- ①: One circle inside the other (No common tangents)
- ②: Two circles touching at one point (3 common tangents)
- ③: Two circles overlapping (4 common tangents)
- ④: Two circles touching at one point (3 common tangents)
- ⑤: Two circles separated (2 common tangents)

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

● START BY OBTAINING THE CIRCLE'S PARTICULARS
 $x^2 + y^2 - 4x - 8y = 205$
 $(x-2)^2 - 4 + (y-4)^2 - 16 = 205$
 $(x-2)^2 + (y-4)^2 = 225$
 (CIRCLE AT (2,4) , RADIUS 15

● NEXT DRAW A GOOD DIAGRAM

● BY PYTHAGORAS
 $|CA| = \sqrt{15^2 - 12^2}$
 $|CA| = \sqrt{225 - 144}$
 $|CA| = \sqrt{81}$
 $|CA| = 9$

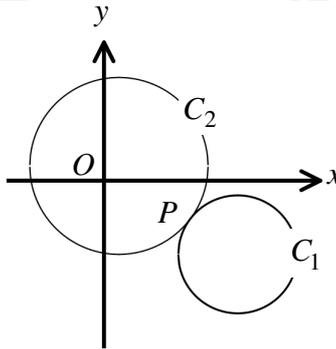
● BY INSPECTION (IF NEEDED)
 $A(2+4, 4+12) = A(11, 16)$
 $B(2+4, 4-12) = B(11, -8)$

● NOW LOOKING AT SIMILAR TRIANGLES

 $\sin \theta = \frac{9}{15} = \frac{12}{20}$
 $92 = 12 \times 15$
 $20 = 4 \times 5$
 $20 = 20$

● AS THE TRIANGLE ACD IS RIGHT ANGLED AT A
 $\text{AREA OF KITE} = 2 \times \left(\frac{1}{2} |AC| |AD| \right)$
 $= 15 \times 20$
 $= 300$

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 ...

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

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

$x^2 + y^2 - 18x + ky + 90 = 0$
 $(x-9)^2 - 81 + (y + \frac{k}{2})^2 - \frac{k^2}{4} + 90 = 0$
 $(x-9)^2 + (y + \frac{k}{2})^2 = \frac{k^2}{4} - 9$
 CENTRE AT $(9, -\frac{k}{2})$, RADIUS = $\sqrt{\frac{k^2}{4} - 9}$

$x^2 + y^2 - 2x - 2y = 34$
 $(x-1)^2 - 1 + (y-1)^2 - 1 = 34$
 $(x-1)^2 + (y-1)^2 = 36$
 CENTRE AT $(1, 1)$, RADIUS = 6

$|AB| = \sqrt{(1-9)^2 + (1 + \frac{k}{2})^2} = \sqrt{64 + \frac{k^2}{4} + k + 1} = \sqrt{\frac{k^2}{4} + k + 65}$
 $\frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{k^2}{4} + k + 65} = \sqrt{\frac{k^2}{4} - 9}$ SQUARE BOTH SIDES
 $\Rightarrow 6 + \sqrt{\frac{k^2}{4} + k + 65} = \sqrt{\frac{k^2}{4} + k + 65}$
 $\Rightarrow 6 + 2\sqrt{\frac{k^2}{4} + k + 65} = \sqrt{\frac{k^2}{4} + k + 65}$
 $\Rightarrow 3\sqrt{\frac{k^2}{4} + k + 65} = -6$ SQUARE BOTH SIDES AGAIN
 $\Rightarrow 9(\frac{k^2}{4} + k + 65) = 36$
 $\Rightarrow 3k^2 - 12k - 126 = 12 + 72k + 1080$
 $\Rightarrow 3k^2 - 84k - 2142 = 0$
 BY QUADRATIC FORMULA
 $k = \frac{78 \pm \sqrt{78^2 - 4(3)(-2142)}}{2(3)} = \frac{78 \pm \sqrt{6084 + 25716}}{6} = \frac{78 \pm \sqrt{31800}}{6}$
 $\frac{78 \pm 178.33}{6}$ WE WANT POSITIVE VALUE
 $\frac{256.33}{6} \approx 42.72$

NOW $A(1, 1)$
 $B(9, -\frac{k}{2})$ WE WANT POSITIVE VALUE
 $\frac{10}{6} = \frac{10}{6}$ WE WANT POSITIVE VALUE
 $P(\frac{29}{5}, -\frac{13}{5})$

ALTERNATIVE VARIATION FOR (b)

ONCE THE EQUATION OF C_1 HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED
 $A(1, 1)$ $B(9, -\frac{k}{2})$
 $P(9, -\frac{k}{2})$

$AP^2 = (1-9)^2 + (1 + \frac{k}{2})^2 = 64 + \frac{k^2}{4} + k + 1$
 $BP^2 = (9-9)^2 + (-\frac{k}{2} + 1)^2 = \frac{k^2}{4} - k + 4$
 $AB^2 = (1-9)^2 + (1 + \frac{k}{2})^2 = 64 + \frac{k^2}{4} + k + 1$
 $AP^2 = BP^2$
 $64 + \frac{k^2}{4} + k + 1 = \frac{k^2}{4} - k + 4$
 $65 + k + \frac{k^2}{4} = 27 + \frac{k^2}{4} - k + 4$
 $38 + k = 12 + \frac{k^2}{4}$
 $(k+38)^2 = 14(\frac{k^2}{4} - 4)$
 $k^2 + 76k + 1444 = 3k^2 - 12k$
 $0 = 2k^2 - 76k - 2140$
 WHICH AGREES WITH THE PREVIOUS METHOD ...

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 .

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

\bullet Given $PR = \frac{y-12}{x+1}$
 \bullet Given $RQ = \frac{y-7}{x-4}$
 $\Rightarrow \frac{y-12}{x+1} \cdot \frac{y-7}{x-4} = -1$
 $\Rightarrow \frac{y^2 - 19y + 84}{x^2 - 3x - 4} = -1$
 $\Rightarrow y^2 - 19y + 84 = -x^2 + 3x + 4$
 $\Rightarrow y^2 - 19y + 80 = -x^2 + 3x + 4$
 $\Rightarrow y^2 - 19y + 80 + x^2 - 3x - 4 = 0$

Substitute $y = x^2 - 4x + 7$ into $y^2 - 19y + 80 + x^2 - 3x - 4 = 0$
 $\Rightarrow (x^2 - 4x + 7)^2 - 19(x^2 - 4x + 7) + 80 + x^2 - 3x - 4 = 0$
 $\Rightarrow [x^4 + 16x^2 + 49 - 18x^2 - 56x + 147] + x^2 - 3x - 4 = 0$
 $\Rightarrow x^4 - 6x^2 + 12x^2 + 12x - 4 = 0$
 $\Rightarrow x^4 - 6x^2 + 12x - 4 = 0$
 Now $x = -1$ & $x = 4$ are solutions; Divide them out
 $\Rightarrow x^2(x+1) - 9x^2(x+1) + 21x(x+1) - 4(x+1) = 0$
 $\Rightarrow (x+1)(x^2 - 9x^2 + 21x - 4) = 0$
 $\Rightarrow (x+1)(x^2 - 9x^2 + 21x - 4) = 0$
 $\Rightarrow (x+1)(x^2 - 9x^2 + 21x - 4) = 0$
 By quadratic formula $x = \frac{5 \pm \sqrt{21}}{2}$
 If $x = \frac{5 + \sqrt{21}}{2}$ $y = \left(\frac{5 + \sqrt{21}}{2}\right)^2 - 4\left(\frac{5 + \sqrt{21}}{2}\right) + 7$
 $y = \frac{25 + 10\sqrt{21} + 21}{4} - 2(5 + \sqrt{21}) + 7$
 $y = \frac{25 + 10\sqrt{21} + 21 - 20 - 4\sqrt{21} + 28}{4}$
 $y = \frac{34 + 6\sqrt{21}}{4}$
 \therefore Either $\left(\frac{5 + \sqrt{21}}{2}, \frac{17 + \sqrt{21}}{2}\right)$ 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.

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

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

● Solving Simultaneously
 $\left. \begin{aligned} 16(x-a)^2 + 16(y-a)^2 &= 16a^2 \\ 4x &= 3y - 4 \end{aligned} \right\} \Rightarrow \left. \begin{aligned} 4x - 4a &= (3y - 4) - 4a \\ 4x &= 3y - 4 \end{aligned} \right\} \Rightarrow$

$\Rightarrow (3y - 4 - 4a)^2 + (3y - 4 - 4a)^2 = 16a^2$

● $(A+B+C)^2 = A^2 + B^2 + C^2 + 2AB + 2BC + 2CA$

$\Rightarrow \left(\begin{aligned} 9y^2 + 16 + 16a^2 - 24y + 32a - 24ay \\ + 16a^2 - 16a^2 - 32ay \end{aligned} \right) = 16a^2$

$\Rightarrow 25y^2 - 24y - 56ay + 32a + 16 + 16a^2 = 0$

$\Rightarrow 25y^2 - (24 + 56a)y + (16a^2 + 32a + 16) = 0$

$\Rightarrow 25y^2 - 8(3+7a)y + 16(a^2 + 2a + 1) = 0$

● If L is a tangent the above equation must have repeated 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 $a = 1$ (Reject)

∴ Equation of the circle
 $(x-1)^2 + (y-1)^2 = 1$

● 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
 $(5y - 8)^2 = 0$
 $y = \frac{8}{5}$

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

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

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 .

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

• SIMPLY BY COMPLETING THE SQUARES
 $\Rightarrow x^2 + y^2 + 6x \cos \theta - 18y \sin \theta + 45 = 0$
 $\Rightarrow x^2 + 6x \cos \theta + y^2 - 18y \sin \theta + 45 = 0$
 $\Rightarrow (x + 3 \cos \theta)^2 - 9 \cos^2 \theta + (y - 9 \sin \theta)^2 - 81 \sin^2 \theta + 45 = 0$
 $\Rightarrow (x + 3 \cos \theta)^2 + (y - 9 \sin \theta)^2 = 9 \cos^2 \theta + 81 \sin^2 \theta - 45$

• NOW IF THIS REPRESENTS A CIRCLE, THEN
 $\Rightarrow 9 \cos^2 \theta + 81 \sin^2 \theta - 45 > 0$
 $\Rightarrow \cos^2 \theta + 9 \sin^2 \theta - 5 > 0$
 $\Rightarrow 1 + 8 \sin^2 \theta - 5 > 0$
 $\Rightarrow 8 \sin^2 \theta > 4$
 $\Rightarrow \sin^2 \theta > \frac{1}{2}$

• HENCE $\sin \theta > \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ OR $\sin \theta < -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$
 $\left(\arcsin\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right) = \frac{\pi}{4} \right)$ $\left(\arcsin\left(-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right) = -\frac{\pi}{4} \right)$

• THIS IN THE DEFERRED PRINCE

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.

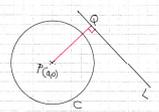
Show that for all values of λ , L is a tangent to C .

, proof

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

SINCE 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,a) RADIUS a



THE EQUATION OF THE LINE PERPENDICULAR TO L PASSING THROUGH THE POINT P(a,0) IS GIVEN BY

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

SOVING SIMULTANEOUSLY THE TWO LINES TO FIND THE CO-ORDS OF Q

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

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)

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

$\therefore |PQ| = a = \text{RADIUS OF THE CIRCLE AND A NORMAL TO IT}$

\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 USEFUL TO UNSURE FOR NOT 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.

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

Handwritten solution for Question 21:

(a) $x^2 + y^2 = 1$ \Rightarrow circle
 $y = t(x-2)$ \Rightarrow line

Substituting $y = t(x-2)$ into $x^2 + y^2 = 1$:

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

$$\Rightarrow x^2 + t^2(x^2 - 4x + 4) = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow (1+t^2)x^2 - 4t^2x + 4t^2 - 1 = 0$$

This equation has roots x_1 and x_2 .

$$x_1 + x_2 = \frac{4t^2}{1+t^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{x_1 + x_2}{2} = \frac{2t^2}{1+t^2}$$

Therefore, the x-coordinate of the midpoint M is $\frac{2t^2}{1+t^2}$.

Similarly, for the y-coordinate:

$$y_1 + y_2 = t(x_1 - 2) + t(x_2 - 2)$$

$$= t(x_1 + x_2 - 4)$$

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

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

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

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

$$\Rightarrow \frac{y_1 + y_2}{2} = -\frac{2t}{1+t^2}$$

Therefore, the y-coordinate of the midpoint M is $-\frac{2t}{1+t^2}$.

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

(b) Let $x = \frac{2t^2}{1+t^2}$ and $y = -\frac{2t}{1+t^2}$.

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

Substituting $t = \frac{-y}{x}$ into $x = \frac{2t^2}{1+t^2}$:

$$x = \frac{2 \left(\frac{y^2}{x^2} \right)}{1 + \frac{y^2}{x^2}}$$

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

$$\Rightarrow x(x^2 + y^2) = 2y^2$$

$$\Rightarrow x^3 + xy^2 = 2y^2$$

$$\Rightarrow x^3 - 2x^2 + xy^2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x(x^2 - 2x + y^2) = 0$$

Since $x \neq 0$, we have $x^2 - 2x + y^2 = 0$.

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

∴ Locus is 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 .

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

• START BY FINDING THE DISTANCE BETWEEN THE TWO PARALLEL LINES.

GRAB POINT 2 \rightarrow $\tan \theta = 2$

$\sin \theta = \frac{d}{\sqrt{1+d^2}}$
 $\cos \theta = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+d^2}}$

\therefore SINCE $d = 6 \cos \theta = 6 \times \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} = \frac{6}{\sqrt{5}}$

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

• LINE THROUGH A AND B MUST HAVE EQUATION $y = \frac{1}{2}x + 4$ (PASS THROUGH THE POINT $(9,0)$)

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

• SOLVING SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH $y = 2x + 2$ TO FIND THE C COORDINATES OF M .

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

• NOW CONSIDER SOME SIMILAR TRIANGLES IN ANOTHER DIAGRAM.

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

$\triangle MDC \sim \triangle ABC$

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

$\rightarrow \frac{\frac{3}{\sqrt{5}}}{\sqrt{5}} = \frac{|DC|}{\sqrt{5} + 2}$

$\rightarrow 2^2 + \sqrt{5}^2 = \frac{9}{5}$
 $\rightarrow 5^2 + 5^2 = 9$
 $\rightarrow 5x^2 + 5y^2 - 9 = 0$

$\rightarrow 2 = \frac{-5y^2 + \sqrt{125 - 4(5)(-9)}}{10}$ (USING QUADRATIC)

$\rightarrow 2 = \frac{-5y^2 + \sqrt{125 + 180}}{10} = \frac{-5y^2 + \sqrt{305}}{10}$

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

$\sqrt{5} + \frac{5y^2 + \sqrt{305}}{10} = \frac{10\sqrt{5} - 5\sqrt{5} + \sqrt{305}}{10}$

IE $|DC| = \frac{5\sqrt{5} + \sqrt{305}}{10}$

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

$x = |DC| \cos \theta = \frac{5\sqrt{5} + \sqrt{305}}{10} \times \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}$

$= \frac{5\sqrt{5} + \sqrt{305}}{10\sqrt{5}} = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{10}\sqrt{\frac{305}{5}}$

$= \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{10}\sqrt{61} = \frac{1}{10}(5 + \sqrt{61})$

$y + 2 = 2 + |DC| \sin \theta = \frac{5\sqrt{5} + \sqrt{305}}{10} \times \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}} + 2$

$= \dots$ TAKE AS $\frac{1}{10}(15 + \sqrt{61}) + 2$

$= 1 + \frac{1}{5}\sqrt{61} + 2$

$= 3 + \frac{1}{5}\sqrt{61}$

$= \frac{1}{5}(15 + \sqrt{61})$

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

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) $\Rightarrow (2-A)^2 + (1-B)^2 = R^2$
 $4^2 - 4A + A^2 + 1^2 - 2B + B^2 = R^2$
 $A^2 + B^2 - 4A - 2B = R^2 - 5$

(4,5) $\Rightarrow (4-A)^2 + (5-B)^2 = R^2$
 $16^2 - 8A + A^2 + 25^2 - 10B + B^2 = R^2$
 $A^2 + B^2 - 8A - 10B = R^2 - 41$

● SUBTRACTING $4A + 8B = 36$
 $A + 2B = 9$
 $A = 9 - 2B$

THIS WE FIND

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

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

$$5B^2 - 30B + 10 = R^2$$

● HENCE THE EQUATION BECOMES

$$(2 - 9 + 2B)^2 + (1 - B)^2 = 5B^2 - 30B + 10$$

$$2^2 + 4B^2 + 81 - 18A + 48A - 36B + 1^2 - 2B + B^2 = 5B^2 - 30B + 10$$

$$2^2 + (4B - 18)2 + 1^2 - 2B + B^2 = 5B^2 - 30B + 10$$

$$2^2 + 2(2k - 9)2 + 1^2 + 2k1 = 6k - 41$$

ALTERNATIVE

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

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

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

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

$$x + 2y = 9$$

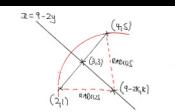
● RADIUS $^2 = (9 - 2k - 2)^2 + (k - 1)^2 = (7 - 2k)^2 + (k - 1)^2$
 $= 4k^2 - 28k + 49 + k^2 - 2k + 1 = 5k^2 - 30k + 50$

● HENCE THE EQUATION OF THE CIRCLE WILL BE

$$(x - (3 - 2k))^2 + (y - k)^2 = (RADIUS)^2$$

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

... WHICH AGREES WITH THE PREVIOUS SOLUTION
 ... TO ONE OF THE DEGREES BEYOND

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


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 .

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

STRATEGY WITH THE DIAGRAM BELOW - LET THE CENTRE OF THE THREE CIRCLES BE AT C

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

- Let M be the point of intersection between the two circles centered at A & B - First find A & B

$A(x_1, y_1) \Rightarrow A(3, 3)$
 $B(x_2, y_2) \Rightarrow B(h, 2)$

$|AB|=5$
 $(h-3)^2 + (2-3)^2 = 5^2$
 $(h-3)^2 + 1 = 25$
 $(h-3)^2 = 24$
 $h-3 = \pm\sqrt{24}$
 $h = 3 + 2\sqrt{6}$
 $\therefore A(3, 3) \quad B(3+2\sqrt{6}, 2)$

Let the radii of the three circles be a, b & c , to simplify matters

As all 3 circles touch each other then

$$\begin{cases} a+b=5 \\ a+c=4 \\ b+c=3 \end{cases}$$

Adding all 3 we obtain
 $2a+2b+2c=12$
 $a+b+c=6$
 $z=6$
 $z=1, 2=3, y=2$

- Finally the coordinates of M can be found as A & B average
 $M\left(\frac{3+3+2\sqrt{6}}{2}, \frac{3+2+2}{2}\right) = M\left(\frac{15+4\sqrt{6}}{2}, \frac{12}{2}\right)$
- Gradient of AB where $A(3, 3)$ & $B(3+2\sqrt{6}, 2)$
 $m = \frac{2-3}{3+2\sqrt{6}-3} = \frac{-1}{2\sqrt{6}}$
- Gradient of L will be $+2\sqrt{6}$
- Thus
 $y - 12 = 2\sqrt{6}\left(x - \frac{15+4\sqrt{6}}{2}\right)$
 $5y - 12 = 10\sqrt{6}\left(x - \frac{15+4\sqrt{6}}{2}\right)$
 $5y - 12 = 10\sqrt{6}x - 2\sqrt{6}(15+4\sqrt{6})$
 $5y - 12 = 10\sqrt{6}x - 30\sqrt{6} - 48$
 $5y - 10\sqrt{6}x + 36 + 30\sqrt{6} = 0$

Notes
 As AB is being given, C must lie on the perpendicular bisector of the "line" AB as the "line" AB may be drawn in the diagram "where" the two "line" 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 .

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

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

Pythagoras on $\triangle ACD$
 $AC^2 = (9-r)^2 = 81 - 18r + r^2$
 $AD^2 = (4+r)^2 = 16 + 8r + r^2$
 $CD^2 = (9+4+r)^2 = 16r + 2r^2$
 $AC^2 = AD^2$
 $81 - 18r + r^2 = 16 + 8r + r^2$
 $65 - 26r = 0$
 $26r = 65$
 $r = \frac{65}{26}$

Pythagoras on $\triangle BCE$
 $BC^2 = (4-r)^2 = 16 - 8r + r^2$
 $BE^2 = (9+r)^2 = 81 + 18r + r^2$
 $CE^2 = (9+4-r)^2 = 16r + 2r^2$
 $BC^2 = BE^2$
 $16 - 8r + r^2 = 81 + 18r + r^2$
 $-65 + 26r = 0$
 $26r = 65$
 $r = \frac{65}{26}$

NEED ANOTHER EQUATION - LOOK FOR THE 'YELLOW' TRIANGLE

$x + y = 12$
 $(6r) + (4r) = 12$
 $10r = 12$
 $r = \frac{12}{10} = \frac{6}{5} = 1.2$

CONSIMULTANEOUS EQUATIONS
 $x^2 = 36r$ $y^2 = 16r$ $x + y = 12$
 $x = 6r$ $y = 4r$

$\Rightarrow 6r^2 + 4r^2 = 12$
 $\Rightarrow 10r^2 = 12$
 $r^2 = \frac{12}{10} = \frac{6}{5}$
 $r = \sqrt{\frac{6}{5}} = 1.10$

Question 27 (****)

The point $A(6, -1)$ lies on the circle with equation

$$x^2 + y^2 - 4x + 6y = 7.$$

The tangent to the circle at A passes through the point P , so that the distance of P from the centre of the circle is $\sqrt{65}$.

Another tangent to the circle, at some point B , also passes through P .

Determine in any order the two sets of the possible coordinates of P and B .

$$\boxed{}, P(3,5) \cap B\left(-\frac{1}{13}, -\frac{18}{13}\right) \cup P(9,-7) \cap B\left(\frac{30}{13}, -\frac{97}{13}\right)$$

STRICT WITH A DIAGRAM - THEN OBTAIN SOME SIMPLIFIED INFO

$$\Rightarrow 2^2 + 4^2 - 4 \times 2 + 6 \times 4 = 7$$

$$\Rightarrow 2^2 - 4x + y^2 + 6y = 7$$

$$\Rightarrow (x-2)^2 - 4 + (y+3)^2 - 9 = 7$$

$$\Rightarrow (x-2)^2 + (y+3)^2 = 20$$

$C(2, -3), r = \sqrt{20}$

TOUVAH BY SYMMETRICAL AND CIRCLE GEOMETRY $\angle APB = \angle BPA = \angle ACP = \angle BCP = 90^\circ$

LET $P(a, b)$ & $B(x, y)$, AND MAKE ALL KNOWN INFORMATION IN THE DIAGRAM

$$\Rightarrow \frac{b-a}{b-2} \times \frac{b-(-3)}{a-2} = -1$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{-1-(b-2)}{b-2} \times \frac{b-(-3)}{a-2} = -1$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{2-b}{b-2} \times \frac{b+3}{a-2} = -1$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{b+1}{b-2} = -1$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{b+1}{b-2} = -1$$

$$\Rightarrow b+1 = -b+2$$

$$\Rightarrow b = 1/2$$

NOW WE HAVE DISTANCE CONSTRAINTS, IE $|PA| = \sqrt{65}$ & $|PC| = \sqrt{65}$

$$\begin{cases} (a-2)^2 + (b+3)^2 = 65 \\ (a-2)^2 + (b+3)^2 = 20 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \text{USING EITHER EQUATION WITH } b = 1/2$$

$$\Rightarrow (a-2)^2 + [(1/2)+3]^2 = 45$$

$$\Rightarrow a^2 - 4a + 36 + (3.5)^2 = 45$$

$$\Rightarrow a^2 - 4a - 9 + (14.25 + 4a^2) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 5a^2 - 60a + 13.25 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 4a^2 - 12a + 2.7 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (a-4)(a-3) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow a = 3 \text{ or } a = 4$$

$$\Rightarrow b = -7 \text{ or } b = -7$$

$\therefore P(3,5)$ or $P(9,-7)$

NOW LOOKING AT THE TANGENT BCP

USE $P(3,5)$ FIRST

$$|BP| = \sqrt{65} \text{ and } |BC| = \sqrt{20}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} (x-2)^2 + (y+3)^2 = 45 \\ (x-2)^2 + (y+3)^2 = 20 \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} x^2 - 4x + 9 + y^2 + 6y + 25 = 45 \\ x^2 - 4x + 4 + y^2 + 6y + 9 = 20 \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{matrix} -2x + 5 & -4x + 16 = 25 \\ -2x - 16 & -4 = 0 \end{matrix} \leftarrow \text{SUBTRACT}$$

$$\Rightarrow -k - 8k - 2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow k = -2/9$$

SUBSTITUTE INTO $(x-2)^2 + (y+3)^2 = 20$

$$\Rightarrow [(2-2/9)-2]^2 + (y+3)^2 = 20$$

$$\Rightarrow [-4-2/9]^2 + (y+3)^2 = 20$$

$$\Rightarrow (16+4/9) + (y+3)^2 = 20$$

$$\Rightarrow 64/9 + 64/9 + 16 + k^2 + 6k + 9 = 20$$

$$\Rightarrow 64/9 + 16k + 5 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 13k + 16k + 5 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (13k+1)(k+1) = 0$$

$$k = -1 \text{ or } k = -1/13$$

$\therefore B(-1, -1)$ & $A(6, -1)$ AS EVIDENCE

USE $P(9,-7)$ NEXT

USING $|BP| = \sqrt{65}$ & $|BC| = \sqrt{20}$ AND SIMILAR DIAGRAM

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} (x-2)^2 + (y+3)^2 = 45 \\ (x-2)^2 + (y+3)^2 = 20 \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} x^2 - 4x + 4 + y^2 + 6y + 9 = 45 \\ x^2 - 4x + 4 + y^2 + 6y + 9 = 20 \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{matrix} -4x + 7 & -4x + 16 = 25 \\ -4x + 7 & -4x + 16 = 25 \end{matrix} \leftarrow \text{SUBTRACT}$$

$$\Rightarrow -4k + 8k + 92 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -7k + 4k + 66 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 4k = -7k - 46$$

PROCEED BY THE SUBSTITUTION INFO $(x-2)^2 + (y+3)^2 = 20$

$$\Rightarrow (x-2)^2 + (y+3)^2 = 20$$

$$\Rightarrow 16(x-2)^2 + 16(y+3)^2 = 320$$

$$\Rightarrow 16(x^2 - 4x + 4) + (4y+12)^2 = 320$$

$$\Rightarrow 16x^2 - 64x + 64 + (16y^2 + 96y + 144) = 320$$

$$\Rightarrow 16x^2 - 64x + 64 + 16y^2 + 96y + 144 = 320$$

$$\Rightarrow 16x^2 - 64x + 16y^2 + 96y + 144 = 320$$

$$\Rightarrow 16x^2 - 64x + 16y^2 + 96y + 144 = 320$$

$$\Rightarrow 16x^2 - 64x + 16y^2 + 96y + 144 = 320$$

$$\Rightarrow 16x^2 - 64x + 16y^2 + 96y + 144 = 320$$

PROB POINT A

PROB POINT B

HENCE THE REQUIRED ANSWER IS

EITHER $P(3,5)$ & $B(-1, -1)$
OR $P(9,-7)$ & $B(30/13, -97/13)$

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PARABOLA

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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 .

, $D(-9, -24)$

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

$y^2 = 36x$	$\Rightarrow y - 4 = m(x - 7)$
$2y \frac{dy}{dx} = 36$	$\Rightarrow y - 18t = \frac{1}{t}(x - 9t^2)$
$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{18}{y}$	$\Rightarrow y^2 - 18t^2 = x - 9t^2$
$\frac{dy}{dx} \Big _{y=18t} = \frac{18}{18t} = \frac{1}{t}$	$\Rightarrow 0 = x - ty + 9t^2$
	$\frac{1}{t} \text{ REQUIRED}$

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

$\Rightarrow 18t = 6$
 $\rightarrow t = \frac{1}{3}$

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

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

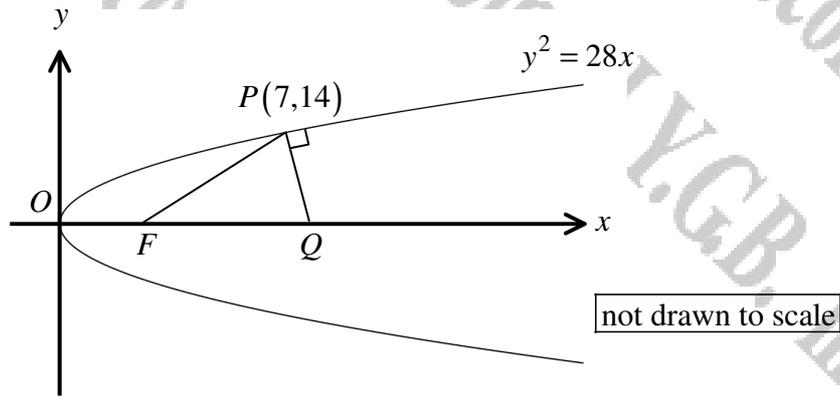
TANGENT FIND THE EQUATION OF THE DIRECTRIX

$y^2 = 36x = 4(9x)$ i.e. "a=9" \Rightarrow 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 .

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

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

a) DIFFERENTIATING IMPLICITLY TO FIND GRADIENT AT P

$$y^2 = 12x$$

$$2y \frac{dy}{dx} = 12$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{6}{y}$$

$$\left. \frac{dy}{dx} \right|_{y=6t} = \frac{6}{6t} = \frac{1}{t}$$

EQUATION OF THE TANGENT AT THE GENERAL POINT $P(3t^2, 6t)$

$$\Rightarrow y - y_0 = m(x - x_0)$$

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

$$\Rightarrow yt - 6t^2 = x - 3t^2$$

$$\Rightarrow yt = x + 3t^2 \quad \text{AS REQUIRED}$$

b) i) FIND BY OBTAINING THE COORDINATES OF Q AS

- WITH $x=0$
 $yt = 0 + 3t^2$
 $y = 3t$
 $\therefore Q(0, 3t)$
- $y^2 = 12x$
 $y^2 = 4 \times 3x = x^2$ (WHERE x IS $3a$)
 \therefore FOCUS $S(3, 0)$

• GRADIENT $PQ = \frac{6t - 3t}{3t^2 - 0} = \frac{3t}{3t^2} = \frac{1}{t}$ (WHERE t IS $3a$)
• GRADIENT $SQ = \frac{0 - 3t}{3 - 0} = \frac{-3t}{3} = -t$

AS THESE GRADIENTS ARE NEGATIVE RECIPROCALS OF ONE ANOTHER PQ IS PERPENDICULAR TO SQ

ii) DRAWING A DIAGRAM TO RECORD THE INFO

- $|PQ| = \sqrt{(3t^2 - 0)^2 + (6t - 3t)^2} = \sqrt{9t^4 + 9t^2}$
- $|SQ| = \sqrt{(3 - 0)^2 + (0 - 3t)^2} = \sqrt{9 + 9t^2}$
- $\text{AREA} = \frac{1}{2} |PQ| |SQ| = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{9t^4 + 9t^2} \sqrt{9 + 9t^2}$
 $= \frac{1}{2} |3t| \sqrt{t^2 + 1} \times 3\sqrt{1 + t^2}$
 $= \frac{9}{2} |t| (1 + t^2)$ AS REQUIRED

ALTERNATIVE FOR b) ii)

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

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

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

$= \frac{1}{2} \left[3t^2(3t - 0) - 6t(0 - 3) + 1(0 - 0) \right]$ ← EXPANDING BY THE FIRST COLUMN

$= \frac{1}{2} [9t^3 - 0 + 18] = \frac{9}{2} [t^3 + 2] = \frac{9}{2} |t|(1 + t^2)$

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) $x = 3t^2 \Rightarrow \frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{dy}{dt} = \frac{6}{2t} = \frac{3}{t} \leftarrow$ GRADIENT AT POINT $(3t^2, 6t)$
 $y = 6t$
 Hence at $P(3t^2, 6t) \Rightarrow y - 6t = \frac{3}{t}(x - 3t^2)$
 $yt - 6t^2 = 3x - 9t^2$
 $yt = 3x - 3t^2$
 $yt = x + 3t^2$ 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 $t = -1 \Rightarrow -y = x + 3$ TANGENT AT $(3, -6)$
 $x + y + 3 = 0$
 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

$$\begin{aligned} x &= 2t^2 \\ y &= 4t \end{aligned} \quad \left. \begin{aligned} \frac{dx}{dt} &= \frac{d(2t^2)}{dt} = \frac{4t}{dt} = \frac{4}{1} \\ \frac{dy}{dt} &= \frac{d(4t)}{dt} = \frac{4}{1} = 4 \end{aligned} \right\} \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{4}{4} = 1$$

∴ GRADIENT OF NORMAL AT P IS -1

$$\begin{aligned} y - y_0 &= m(x - x_0) \\ y - 4t &= -1(2t^2 - 2t^2) \\ y - 4t &= -t^2 + 2t^2 \\ y - 4t &= -t^2 + 2t^2 \\ y + tx &= 4t + 2t^3 \quad \text{∴ REQUIRED} \end{aligned}$$

(b) IF THEY MET AT $(12, 0)$

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= 4t + 2t^3 \\ 0 &= 2t^2 + 2t \\ 0 &= 2t(t+1) \\ t &= 0, -1 \end{aligned}$$

4th N; $t=0 \Rightarrow y=0$
 $t=2 \Rightarrow y+2x=24$
 $t=-2 \Rightarrow y-2x=-24$

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

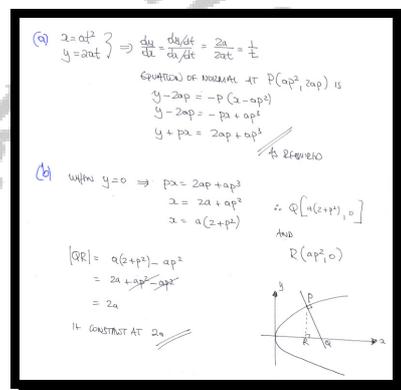
$$y + px = 2ap + ap^3.$$

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.

$$\boxed{|QR| = 2a}$$



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

a) DIFFERENTIATE IMPLICITLY WITH RESPECT TO x TO FIND GRADIENT AT $(4p^2, 8p)$

$$y^2 = 16x$$

$$2y \frac{dy}{dx} = 16$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{8}{y}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{8}{8p} = \frac{1}{p}$$

HENCE THE EQUATION OF THE TANGENT SATISFIES

$$y - 8p = \frac{1}{p}(x - 4p^2)$$

$$py - 8p^2 = x - 4p^2$$

$$py = x + 4p^2 \quad \text{AS REQUIRED}$$

b) OBTAIN THE PARTICULARS OF THE PARABOLA

$$y^2 = 4(4x) \Rightarrow \begin{cases} \text{DIRECTRIX: } x = -1 \\ \text{FOCUS: } F \text{ AT } (1, 0) \end{cases}$$

THE TANGENT MUST PASS THROUGH $A(-1, \frac{42}{5})$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{42}{5}p = -1 + 4p^2$$

$$\Rightarrow 4p^2 = \frac{42}{5}p + 1$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 = 20p^2 - 42p - 5$$

$$\Rightarrow 10p^2 - 21p - 5 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (5p + 2)(2p - 5) = 0$$

$p = -\frac{2}{5}$ or $p = \frac{5}{2}$

$p < 0$ is rejected $\therefore p = \frac{5}{2}$

FOUNDED THE EQUATION OF THE REQUIRED TANGENT IS

$$yp = x + 4p^2 \Rightarrow \frac{5}{2}y = x + 4\left(\frac{5}{2}\right)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{5}{2}y = x + 25$$

$$\Rightarrow 5y = 2x + 50$$

DRAWING A DIAGRAM

THE x INTERCEPT OF THE TANGENT IS -25 (BY 1 OF 2)

AREA OF $FBP = \frac{1}{2} \times \text{BASE} \times \text{HEIGHT}$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \times |BF| \times 8p$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \times 24 \times \left(\frac{5}{2}\right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \times 24 \times 2.5$$

$$= 240$$

Question 8 (***)

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

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

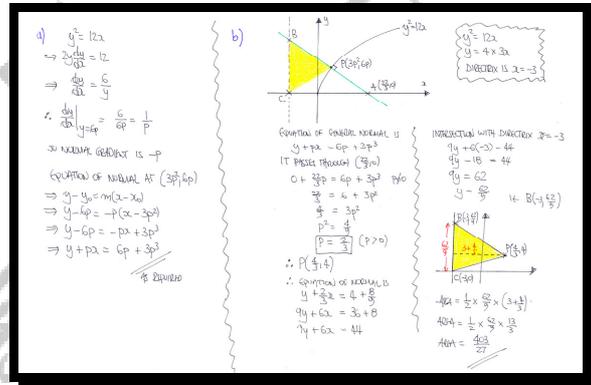
- a) Show that the equation of the normal to the parabola at P is given by

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

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 .

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

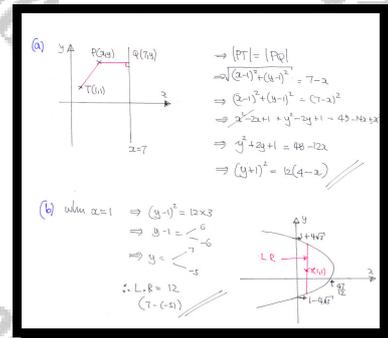


Question 9 (***)

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 .

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

(a) $x = 4 - t^2$
 $y = 1 - t$
 $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy/dt}{dx/dt} = \frac{-1}{-2t} = \frac{1}{2t}$ (NORMAL GRADIENT) is $-\frac{1}{2t}$
 EQUATION OF NORMAL $y - (1 - t) = -\frac{1}{2t}(4 - t^2 - (1 - t))$
 $y - 1 + t = -\frac{1}{2t}(3 - t^2 + t)$
 $y - 1 + t = -\frac{3}{2t} + \frac{t^2 - t}{2t}$
 $y + 2tx = 1 + 7t - 2t^3$
 IS ANSWER

(b) Normal $t = 1$ $y + 2x = 1 + 7 - 2$
 $y + 2x = 6$
 $P(3,0) \rightarrow (1 - t) + 2(4 - t^2) = 6$ $\therefore Q\left(4 - \frac{1}{4}, 1 - \frac{1}{2}\right)$
 $\Rightarrow 1 - t + 8 - 2t^2 = 6$ $Q\left(\frac{7}{4}, \frac{5}{2}\right)$
 $\Rightarrow 0 = 2t^2 + t - 3$
 $\Rightarrow (t - 1)(2t + 3) = 0$
 $\Rightarrow t = 1 \leftarrow P$
 $\Rightarrow t = -\frac{3}{2} \leftarrow Q$

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.

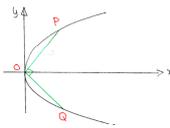
The point M is the midpoint of PQ .

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

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

 , proof

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

GENERAL NORMAL: $y - 2at = -\frac{1}{t}(x - at^2)$
 $y - 2at = -\frac{x}{t} + at$
 $y + \frac{x}{t} = 2at + at^3$ // REQUIRED

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

HELP BY INSPECTING COEFFICIENTS OF $y - 2x = -12a$, $t = -2$ WORKS
 THEN $t^2 - t + 6 = 0$
 $\Rightarrow t^2(t+2) - 2t(t+2) + 3(t+2) = 0$
 $\Rightarrow (t+2)(t^2 - 2t + 3) = 0$
 $\Rightarrow t = -2$ or $t^2 - 2t + 3 = 0$
 $\Rightarrow t = 1 \pm \sqrt{1-3} = 1 \pm i\sqrt{2}$ (not real)
 $\Rightarrow t = -2$ is the only real solution.
 $\Rightarrow y + \frac{x}{-2} = 2a(-2) + a(-2)^3$
 $\Rightarrow y - \frac{x}{2} = -4a - 8a = -12a$
 $\Rightarrow y = 2x - 12a$ // REQUIRED

c) SUBSTITUTION
 $y = 2x - 12a$ into $y + \frac{x}{t} = 2at + at^3$
 $2x - 12a + \frac{x}{t} = 2at + at^3$
 $2x + \frac{x}{t} = 2at + at^3 + 12a$
 $x(2 + \frac{1}{t}) = a(t^3 + 2t + 12)$
 $x = \frac{a(t^3 + 2t + 12)}{2 + \frac{1}{t}} = \frac{a(t^4 + 2t^2 + 12t)}{2t + 1}$
 $y = 2x - 12a = \frac{2a(t^4 + 2t^2 + 12t)}{2t + 1} - 12a$
 $y = \frac{2a(t^4 + 2t^2 + 12t - 6t^2 - 6t - 6)}{2t + 1} = \frac{2a(t^4 - 4t^2 + 6t - 6)}{2t + 1}$
 $\Rightarrow y = \frac{2a(t^2 - 2)(t^2 + 3)}{2t + 1}$
 $\Rightarrow y = 0$ when $t^2 - 2 = 0$ or $t^2 + 3 = 0$
 $\Rightarrow t = \pm\sqrt{2}$ or $t = \pm i\sqrt{3}$ (not real)
 $\Rightarrow t = \pm\sqrt{2}$ are the only real solutions.
 If $t = \sqrt{2}$, $x = \frac{a(2\sqrt{2} + 2 + 12\sqrt{2})}{2\sqrt{2} + 1} = \frac{a(2\sqrt{2} + 12\sqrt{2} + 2)}{2\sqrt{2} + 1} = \frac{14\sqrt{2}a + 2a}{2\sqrt{2} + 1}$
 $y = \frac{2a(2\sqrt{2} - 2)(2\sqrt{2} + 3)}{2\sqrt{2} + 1} = \frac{2a(4 - 2)(2\sqrt{2} + 3)}{2\sqrt{2} + 1} = \frac{8a(2\sqrt{2} + 3)}{2\sqrt{2} + 1}$
 If $t = -\sqrt{2}$, $x = \frac{a(-2\sqrt{2} + 2 + 12(-\sqrt{2}))}{-2\sqrt{2} + 1} = \frac{a(-2\sqrt{2} + 2 - 12\sqrt{2})}{-2\sqrt{2} + 1} = \frac{a(-14\sqrt{2} + 2)}{-2\sqrt{2} + 1} = \frac{14\sqrt{2}a - 2a}{-2\sqrt{2} + 1}$
 $y = \frac{2a(-2\sqrt{2} - 2)(-2\sqrt{2} + 3)}{-2\sqrt{2} + 1} = \frac{2a(-4 - 2)(-2\sqrt{2} + 3)}{-2\sqrt{2} + 1} = \frac{-12a(-2\sqrt{2} + 3)}{-2\sqrt{2} + 1} = \frac{12a(2\sqrt{2} - 3)}{-2\sqrt{2} + 1}$
 The point of normality is $(4a, -4a)$ at $t = -2$.

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 showing the derivation of the relationship between the gradient and y-intercept of a tangent line to a parabola.

$y^2 = 4ax$
 $y = mx + c$

Substituting $y = mx + c$ into $y^2 = 4ax$:

$$(mx + c)^2 = 4ax$$

$$m^2x^2 + 2mcx + c^2 = 4ax$$

$$m^2x^2 + 2mcx - 4ax + c^2 = 0$$

$$m^2x^2 + (2mc - 4a)x + c^2 = 0$$

For $y = mx + c$ to be a tangent, the discriminant must be zero:

$$B^2 - 4AC = 0$$

$$(2mc - 4a)^2 - 4m^2c^2 = 0$$

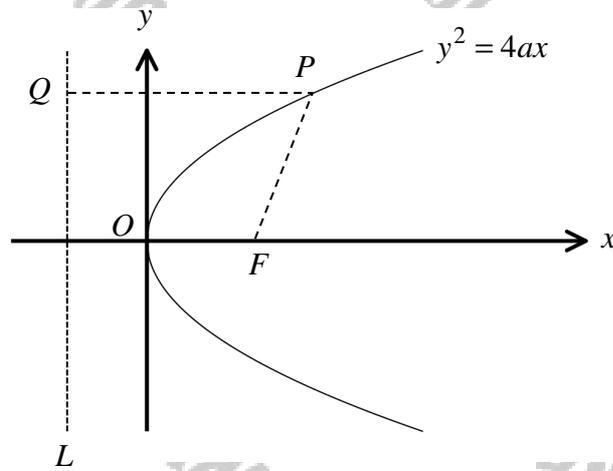
$$4m^2c^2 - 16mca + 16a^2 - 4m^2c^2 = 0$$

$$-16mca + 16a^2 = 0$$

$$a^2 = mca$$

$$mc = a$$

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

• If $|PF|=10$, then by the properties of a parabola $|PQ|=10$
 • Hence $|PQ|=10$
 $\therefore |y-0|=10$
 $\therefore |y|=10$
 • Equation of the parabola is $y^2 = 4ax$
 $10^2 = 4a(8)$
 $100 = 32a$
 $a = \frac{100}{32} = \frac{25}{8}$
 $\therefore F(2, 0)$ $Q(-2, 0)$
 • Hence the area of $\triangle FPQ$
 $\frac{1}{2} \times 10 \times 8 = 40$

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

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

$x = at^2$
 $y = 2at$

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

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

(c) $y^2 = 4ax$, this focus at $(a, 0)$
 $y^2 = 4a(x - a) = 4\left(\frac{1}{4}a\right)x = ax$, 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

$$y^2 = 4ax.$$

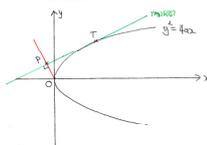
A straight line passing through the origin, intersects at right angles the tangent to the parabola at T , at the point P .

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

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

 , proof

STRAIGHT LINE & PARABOLA



$y^2 = 4ax$

$T(at^2, 2at)$

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

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

EQUATION OF THE TANGENT IS
 $y - 2at = \frac{1}{t}(x - at^2)$

EQUATION OF THE LINE OP IS
 $y = -tx$

SOLVING SIMULTANEOUSLY

$-tx - 2at = \frac{1}{t}(x - at^2)$
 $-t^2x - 2at^2 = x - at^2$
 $-at^2 = x + at^2$
 $x = \frac{-at^2}{1+t^2}$ if $y = \frac{-at^3}{1+t^2}$

ie $P\left(\frac{-at^2}{1+t^2}, \frac{-at^3}{1+t^2}\right)$

ELIMINATE THE PARAMETER t

$X = \frac{-at^2}{1+t^2}$
 $Y = \frac{-at^3}{1+t^2}$

DIVIDE $\frac{Y}{X} = -t$
 $t = -\frac{Y}{X}$

SUBSTITUTE INTO EITHER EQUATION

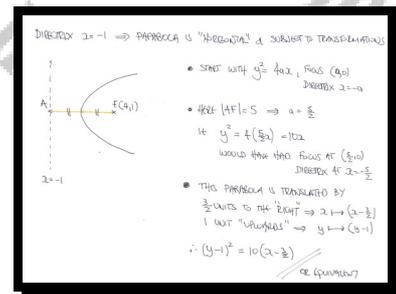
$X = \frac{-a\left(\frac{Y^2}{X^2}\right)^2}{1 + \left(\frac{Y^2}{X^2}\right)^2}$
 $X = \frac{-a\frac{Y^4}{X^4}}{1 + \frac{Y^4}{X^4}}$
 $X = \frac{-aY^4}{X^4 + Y^4}$
 $X^4 + XY^4 = -aY^4$
 $X^4 + XY^4 + aY^4 = 0$ // AS REQUIRED

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.

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



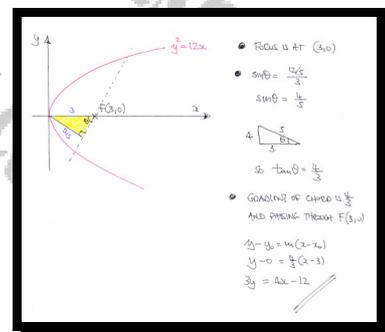
Question 19 (****)

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 .

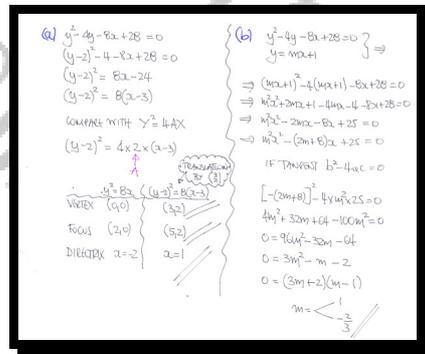
The line with equation

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

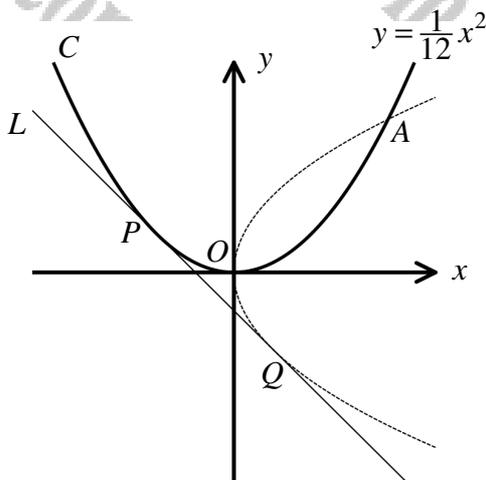
is a tangent at some point of P .

- 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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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 FOCUS

$y = \frac{1}{12}x^2 \rightarrow x = \frac{1}{\sqrt{12}}y$ (swap a and y for the equation in the unknown)

$\rightarrow y^2 = 12x$

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

Focus at $(3, 0)$

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

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

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

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

$\rightarrow 12x = x^2$

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

$\therefore A(12, 12)$

c) THE COMMON TANGENT MUST BE AT RIGHT ANGLES TO $4x = 2$

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

BELOW SIMULTANEOUSLY AND EITHER OBTAIN AND LOOK FOR INTEGRATED SICES

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

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

$\Rightarrow x^2 + 12x - 12C = 0$

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 STRAIGHT LINE THAT TOUCHES YIELD IDENTICAL SICES IS

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

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

$(x+6)^2 = 0$

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

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

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 .

$$p = 1$$

(a) $y^2 = 4ax$
 $2y \frac{dy}{dx} = 4a$
 $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{2a}{y}$
 $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{2a}{2ap} = \frac{1}{p}$

Equation of normal
 $\Rightarrow y - 2ap = -p(x - ap^2)$
 $\Rightarrow y - 2ap = -px + ap^3$
 $\Rightarrow y + px = 2ap + ap^3$ ✓ as required

(b) $y + px = 2ap + ap^3$ passes through $(aq^2, 2aq)$

$$2aq + p(aq^2) = 2ap + ap^3$$

$$2q + pq^2 = 2p + p^3$$

$$2q - 2p = p^3 - pq^2$$

$$2(q - p) = p(p^2 - q^2)$$

$$2(q - p) = p(p - q)(p + q) \quad (\div (p - q))$$

$$-2 = -p(p + q)$$

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

$$-p - \frac{2}{p} = q$$

$$q = -\left(\frac{p^2 + 2}{p}\right) \quad \therefore q = -\frac{p^2 + 2}{p} \quad \text{as required}$$

(c) $\left(\frac{ap^2 + aq^2}{2}, \frac{2ap + 2aq}{2}\right) = (5a, -2a)$ For y to coincide $\frac{2ap + 2aq}{2} = -2a$

$$\text{So } \frac{2ap + 2aq}{2} = -2a \Rightarrow -2p - \frac{2(p^2 + 2)}{p} = -4a$$

$$\Rightarrow 2 + p = \frac{p^2 + 2}{p}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2p + p^2 = p^2 + 2 \quad (\times p)$$

$$\Rightarrow 2p = 2$$

$$\Rightarrow p = 1$$
 ✓

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.

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

$y^2 = 8x$
 $2y \frac{dy}{dx} = 8$
 $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{4}{y}$
 $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{4}{4t} = \frac{1}{t}$
 Now tangent at $P(2t^2, 4t)$
 $y - 4t = \frac{1}{t}(x - 2t^2)$
 $yt - 4t^2 = x - 2t^2$
 $yt = x + 2t^2$
 When $x=0$ $yt = 2t^2$
 $y = 2t$
 $A(0, 2t)$
 MIDPOINT OF $AP = (\frac{2t^2+0}{2}, \frac{4t+2t}{2})$
 $= (t^2, 3t)$
 GRAD OF $AP = \frac{1}{t}$ (FOUND)

PERPENDICULAR GRAD IS $-t$
 EQUATION OF PERPENDICULAR BISECTOR
 $y - 3t = -t(x - t^2)$
 ALSO PERPENDICULAR BISECTOR ON OA
 $A(0, 2t)$
 $O(0, 0)$
 $MIDPOINT = (0, t)$
 $GRAD OF $OA = 2$
 PERPENDICULAR GRAD IS $-\frac{1}{2}$
 EQUATION OF PERPENDICULAR BISECTOR
 $y - t = -\frac{1}{2}(x - 0)$
 $2y - 2t = -x$
 $x + 2y = 2t$
 THIS SOLVING SIMULTANEOUSLY,
 $y - 3t = -t(x - t^2)$
 $t - 3t = -t(x - t^2)$
 $-2t = -t(x - t^2)$
 $2 = x - t^2$
 $x = t^2 + 2$
 $\therefore B(t^2 + 2, t)$$

FINALLY
 $x = t^2 + 2$
 $y = t$
 $x = y^2 + 2$
 $y^2 = x - 2$
 THIS REPRESENTS OF
 $y^2 = x - 2$ 2 UNITS TO
 THE "RIGHT"

Question 24 (****)

A parabola C has Cartesian equation

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

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

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

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

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

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

$16x \rightarrow 16(x-2)$
 shift "right" by 2 units
 $y \rightarrow (y+2)$
 shift "down" by 2 units
 \therefore TRANSLATION BY THE VECTOR $\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}$

$y^2 = 16x = 4(4x)$
 has focus at $(4, 0)$ which gets now TRANSLATED TO $(6, -2)$

$\begin{cases} x = 4t^2 + 2 \\ y = 8t - 2 \end{cases} \rightarrow \begin{cases} 4t^2 = x - 2 \\ 8t = y + 2 \end{cases} \rightarrow \begin{cases} 4t^2 = 16(x-2) \\ 64t^2 = (y+2)^2 \end{cases} \rightarrow$
 so $16(x-2) = (y+2)^2$

$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy/dt}{dx/dt} = \frac{8}{8t} = \frac{1}{t}$ THIS GENERAL TANGENT IS
 $y - (8t-2) = \frac{1}{t}(x - (4t^2+2))$
 $yt - 8t^2 + 2t = x - 4t^2 - 2$
 $yt = x + 4t^2 - 2t - 2$

TANGENT FROM ORIGIN passes through $(0, 0)$
 $0 = 4t^2 - 2t - 2$
 $0 = 2t^2 - t - 1$
 $0 = (2t+1)(t-1)$
 $t = \frac{1}{-2}$ BUT GRADIENTS OF TANGENTS MUST BE $\frac{1}{t}$
 so 1 & -2

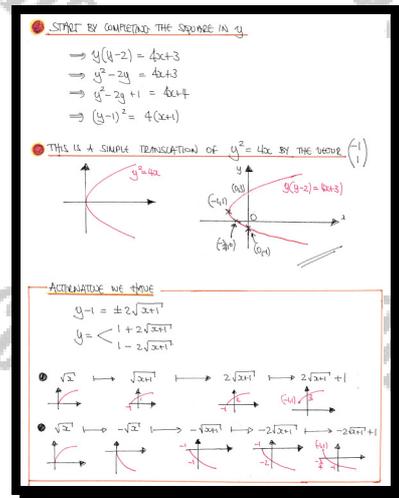
Question 25 (****)

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.

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

● START WITH A DIAGRAM AND USING THE STANDARD PARAMETERIZATION FOR A PARABOLA, SET ORIGIN.

GRAB PF = $\frac{2ap - 0}{ap^2 - a} = \frac{2p}{p^2 - 1}$

EQUATION OF PF $y - 0 = \frac{2p}{p^2 - 1}(x - a)$

WRITE $x = -a$

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

$y = \frac{-4ap}{p^2 - 1}$

$\therefore Q(-a, \frac{-4ap}{p^2 - 1})$

● COMPUTE THE INDIVIDUAL AREAS A_1 & A_2 (DIAGRAM)

$A_1 = \frac{1}{2} \times a \times 2ap = a^2 p$

$A_2 = \frac{1}{2} \times a \times \frac{4ap}{p^2 - 1} = \frac{2a^2 p}{p^2 - 1}$

$\Rightarrow A_1 + A_2 = \frac{15}{4}a^2$

$\Rightarrow a^2 p + \frac{2a^2 p}{p^2 - 1} = \frac{15}{4}a^2$

$\Rightarrow p + \frac{2p}{p^2 - 1} = \frac{15}{4}$

$\Rightarrow 4p + \frac{8p}{p^2 - 1} = 15$

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

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

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

● THIS IS DIFFICULT TO FACTORISE SO USE THE 'SPLIT'

$\frac{4p^3 - 3p - 5}{p - 2} = \frac{4p^3 - 8p^2 + 15p^2 - 4p + 15}{p - 2}$

$\frac{-4p^2 + 12p^2}{p - 2} = \frac{8p^2 - 4p + 15}{p - 2}$

$\frac{-3p^2 + 4p + 15}{p - 2} = \frac{-3p^2 + 6p - 2p + 15}{p - 2}$

$\frac{-3p + 15}{p - 2} = \frac{-3p + 6 - 9}{p - 2} = \frac{-3p + 6 - 9}{p - 2}$

$\Rightarrow (4p^2 - 3p - 5)(p - 2) = 0$

● USE THE QUADRATIC FORMULA

$p = \frac{3 \pm \sqrt{9 - 4 \times (-5) \times (-3)}}{2 \times 4} = \frac{3 \pm \sqrt{89}}{8}$

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 $y^2 = 12(x-3)$.

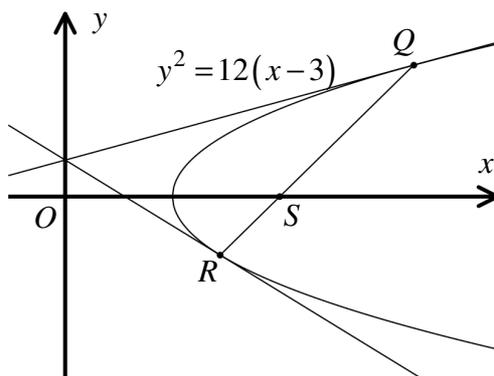
b) Verify that the parametric equations of P are

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

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

(a) $|AB| = \sqrt{(x_2-x_1)^2 + (y_2-y_1)^2}$
 $|AS| = \sqrt{(6-0)^2 + (0-0)^2} = 6$
 $|BS| = \sqrt{(6-0)^2 + (0-0)^2} = 6$
 $\therefore AS = BS$
 $\therefore S$ is the midpoint of AB
 $\therefore S(6,0)$

(b) $x = 3t^2 + 3$
 $y = 6t$
 $\Rightarrow y^2 = 36t^2 = 12(3t^2 + 3 - 3) = 12(x-3)$

(c) $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{6}{6t} = \frac{1}{t}$
 At $Q(3q^2+3, 6q)$
 $y - 6q = \frac{1}{q}(x - (3q^2+3))$
 $qy - 6q^2 = x - 3q^2 - 3$
 $qy + 3 = x + 3q^2$

(d) Gradient of $QS = \frac{6q-0}{3q^2+3-6} = \frac{6q}{3q^2-3} = \frac{2q}{q^2-1}$
 Gradient of $RS = \frac{6r-0}{3r^2+3-6} = \frac{6r}{3r^2-3} = \frac{2r}{r^2-1}$
 $\therefore QS \text{ is a straight line} \Rightarrow \frac{2q}{q^2-1} = \frac{2r}{r^2-1}$
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USE GENERAL TANGENT
 At $Q: qy + 3 = x + 3q^2$
 At $R: ry + 3 = x + 3r^2$
 $\Rightarrow qy + 3 = x + 3q^2$
 $\Rightarrow ry + 3 = x + 3r^2$
 $\Rightarrow (q-r)y = x + 3r^2 - x - 3q^2$
 $\Rightarrow (q-r)y = 3r^2 - 3q^2$
 $\Rightarrow (q-r)y = 3(r^2 - q^2)$
 $\Rightarrow (q-r)y = 3(r-q)(r+q)$
 $\Rightarrow y = 3(r+q)$
 \therefore They meet on the y -axis

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

(b) $y^2 = -4x$ $2y \frac{dy}{dx} = -4$ $\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{2}{y}$ $\frac{dy}{dx} \Big|_{y=4t} = -\frac{2}{4t} = -\frac{1}{2t}$
 Tangent at $(-2t^2, 4t)$, gradient $-\frac{1}{2t}$
 $y - 4t = -\frac{1}{2t}(x + 2t^2)$
 $yt - 4t^2 = -\frac{1}{2}(x + 2t^2)$
 $2yt - 8t^2 = -x - 2t^2$
 $yt + x = 2t^2$ \checkmark 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
 $t_1 t_2 = \frac{-2}{2} = -1$
 Functions of tangents are
 $y - 4t_1 = -\frac{1}{2t_1}(x + 2t_1^2)$
 $y - 4t_2 = -\frac{1}{2t_2}(x + 2t_2^2)$
 $\therefore \frac{1}{t_1} + \frac{1}{t_2} = \frac{1}{t_1 t_2} = -1$
 \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

$y^2 = 4ax$
 $2y \frac{dy}{dx} = 4a$
 $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{2a}{x}$
 $\frac{dy}{dx} \Big|_{2at} = \frac{2a}{2at} = \frac{1}{t}$

Normal gradient is $-\frac{1}{t}$
 $y - 2at = -\frac{1}{t}(x - at)$
 $y - 2at = -\frac{x}{t} + a$
 $y + \frac{x}{t} = 2at + a$

Now $2at + \frac{x}{t} = 2at + a$
 $\Rightarrow 2at^2 + x - 2t^2 - at = 0$ (Quadratic in x)
 $\Rightarrow (x - at) [ts + (2 - at)] = 0$
 This is a solution by inspection
 $\Rightarrow ts = -2 + at^2$ ($t + s$)
 $\Rightarrow s = \frac{-2 - t^2}{t}$

$|PQ| = \sqrt{(at^2 - as^2)^2 + (2at - 2as)^2}$
 $|PQ| = a \sqrt{(t^2 - s^2)^2 + 4(t - s)^2}$
 $|PQ| = a \sqrt{(t^2 - (\frac{-2-t^2}{t})^2)^2 + 4(t - (\frac{-2-t^2}{t}))^2}$
 $|PQ| = a \sqrt{(\frac{t^3 + 2t^2 + 2}{t})^2 + 4(\frac{2t^2 + 2t + 2}{t})^2}$
 $|PQ| = a \sqrt{\frac{t^6 + 4t^5 + 4t^4 + 16t^4 + 32t^3 + 16t^2}{t^2}}$
 $|PQ| = \frac{16a^2}{t^4} (t^2 + 1)^3$

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 .

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

The handwritten solution is divided into two main sections. The left section derives the Cartesian equation of the parabola C from its parametric form $y^2 = 4x$. It uses implicit differentiation to find $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{2}{y}$ and $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{2}{2p} = \frac{1}{p}$. It then finds the equation of the tangent at point $P(p^2, 2p)$ as $y - 2p = \frac{1}{p}(x - p^2)$, which simplifies to $py = x + p^2$. A similar process is shown for point $Q(q^2, 2q)$, resulting in the equation $qy = x + q^2$. The intersection point R is found by solving these two equations, leading to $x = pq$ and $y = \frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q}$. The right section calculates the area of triangle PQR using the determinant formula for the area of a triangle with vertices $P(p^2, 2p)$, $Q(q^2, 2q)$, and $R(pq, \frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q})$. The area is given by $\frac{1}{2} | \det \begin{pmatrix} p^2 & 2p & 1 \\ q^2 & 2q & 1 \\ pq & \frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} & 1 \end{pmatrix} |$. After simplification, the area is found to be $\frac{289}{8} \times \frac{17}{16} = \frac{4913}{128}$.

Question 32 (****+)

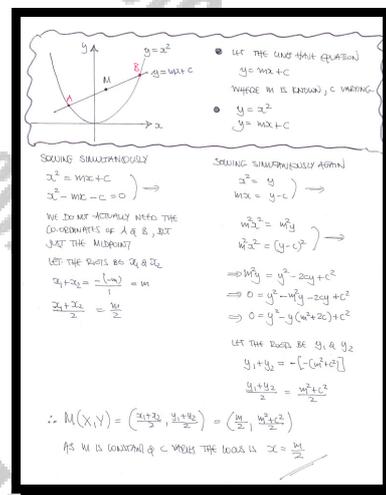
A parabola has Cartesian equation

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

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 .

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



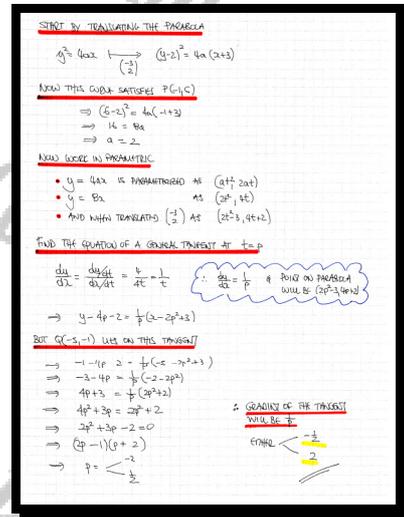
Question 33 (*****)

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.

$$\boxed{\frac{5\sqrt{2}}{2}}, m = -\frac{1}{2} \cup m = 2$$



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.

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

START WITH A DIAGRAM

$y^2 = 12x = 4 \times 3x$
 Focus at $(3,0)$
 DIRECTRIX $x = -3$

LET THE POINT P BE (a,b)

AREA OF $\triangle PQF = \frac{1}{2} \times \text{base} \times \text{height}$
 $\frac{1}{2} b(a+3) = \frac{16}{3}$
 $b(a+3) = \frac{32}{3}$

BUT $P(a,b)$ LIES ON $y^2 = 12x \rightarrow b^2 = 12a$

$\Rightarrow 12b(a+3) = \frac{32}{3} \times 12$
 $\Rightarrow b(12a+36) = 208$
 $\Rightarrow b(4a+12) = 208$
 $\Rightarrow b^2 + 36b - 208 = 0$

GIVEN THE y COORDINATE OF P IS AN INTEGER - ATTEMPT TO PROCEED AS BEFORE

$(b^2 - 1) + (36b - 207) = 0 \quad \times$
 $(b^2 - 8) + (36b - 200) = 0 \quad \times$
 $(b^2 - 27) + (36b - 181) = 0 \quad \times$
 $(b^2 - 64) + (36b - 144) = 0 \quad \checkmark$

\uparrow
 DIFFERENCE OF 208 PRODUCES THE SAME FACTOR AS THAT IN THE 208

$\Rightarrow (b^2 - 64) + 36(b - 4) = 0$
 $\Rightarrow (b-4)(b+8) + 36(b-4) = 0$
 $\Rightarrow (b-4)(b^2 + 8b + 36) = 0$
 $\Rightarrow (b-4)(b^2 + 8b + 52) = 0$

\uparrow
 IRREDUCIBLE

$\therefore b = 4$ or $b = -4$ or $b = 11 \pm 2i$
 $4(a+3) = \frac{32}{3}$
 $a+3 = \frac{8}{3}$
 $a = \frac{2}{3}$

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

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

, $P(2,1)$

FIRSTLY BY INSPECTION THE FOCUS OF THE PARABOLA IS AT (0,1) AS IT IS OF STANDARD FORM.

$$y^2 = 4ax \quad F(a,0)$$

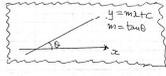
$$x^2 = 4ay \quad F(0,a)$$

FIND THE GRADIENT OF THE TANGENT AT $P(2p, p^2)$

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

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{2}x$$

$$\left. \frac{dy}{dx} \right|_P = \frac{1}{2}(2p) = p$$

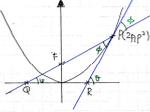
$$\therefore \tan \theta = p$$


NEXT THE GRADIENT OF PF WITH $P(2p, p^2)$ & $F(0,1)$

$$m_{PF} = \frac{p^2 - 1}{2p - 0} = \frac{p^2 - 1}{2p}$$

$$\therefore \tan \phi = \frac{p^2 - 1}{2p} \quad \text{WHICH IS 1/2 THE GRADIENT OF PF BECAUSE IT FORMS AN ACUTE ANGLE WITH THE POSITIVE X AXIS}$$

NOW LOOKING AT THE DIAGRAM BELOW



$$\Rightarrow \psi + \phi + (90^\circ - \theta) = 180^\circ$$

$$\Rightarrow \theta = \psi + \phi$$

$$\Rightarrow \tan \theta = \tan(\psi + \phi)$$

$$\Rightarrow \tan \theta = \frac{\tan \psi + \tan \phi}{1 - \tan \psi \tan \phi}$$

$$\Rightarrow \tan \theta = \frac{\tan \theta - \tan \theta}{1 + \tan \theta \tan \theta} = \frac{0}{1 + \tan^2 \theta}$$

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

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

$$= \frac{p^2 + 1}{2p} \cdot \frac{4p^2}{4p^2 + p^4 - 2p^2 + 1} = \frac{2p^2 + 2}{p^4 + 2p^2 + 1}$$

NOW LET $\theta + \phi = \alpha$

$$\Rightarrow \tan(\theta + \phi) = \tan \alpha$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\tan \theta + \tan \phi}{1 - \tan \theta \tan \phi} = \tan \alpha$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{p + \frac{p^2-1}{2p}}{1 - p \cdot \frac{p^2-1}{2p}} = \tan \alpha$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{2p^2 + p^2 - 1}{2p} = \tan \alpha$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{3p^2 - 1}{2p} = \tan \alpha$$

$$\Rightarrow \tan \alpha = \tan \theta$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha = \theta \quad (\alpha \neq \theta + \pi \text{ etc.}) \quad \text{As required}$$

Therefore if $\theta = \phi \Rightarrow \theta = \phi = \frac{1}{2}\pi$

$$\Rightarrow \tan \theta = p$$

$$\Rightarrow p = \tan \frac{1}{2}\pi$$

$$\Rightarrow p = 1$$

$\therefore P(2,1)$

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 $q = 2p^2$ (so p "same axis")
 $2(2p^2) = x^2$
 $x = 2p$
 $z = 2p^2$

• LET THE GENERAL POINTS $P(2p, 2p^2)$ & $Q(2q, 2q^2)$, IF WITH $p=0$ IT POINT P & $q=0$ IT POINT Q

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

• NEXT WE CONSIDER THE MIDPOINT OF PQ

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

• IN PARAMETRIC WE HAVE

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

• ELIMINATING AS FOLLOWS

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

$\Rightarrow X^2 = p^2 + q^2 - 2pq$
 $\Rightarrow X^2 = (p^2 + q^2) - 2(-1)$
 $\Rightarrow X^2 = Y - 2(-1)$
 $\Rightarrow X^2 = Y + 2$
 $\Rightarrow Y = X^2 - 2$

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

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

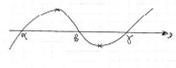
Three distinct normals to this parabola pass through the point, which does not lie on the parabola, whose coordinates are (a, b) .

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 COORDINATE OF ONE OF THE STATIONARY POINTS MUST HAVE OPPOSITE SIGNS

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

STATIONARY: SET ZERO, A NOTING THAT P HAS TO BE NEGATIVE

$$3x^2 + p = 0$$

$$3x^2 = -p$$

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

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

FIND THE Y COORDINATES

$$f\left(\sqrt{-\frac{p}{3}}\right) = \left(\sqrt{-\frac{p}{3}}\right)^3 + p\sqrt{-\frac{p}{3}} + q = -\sqrt{-\frac{p}{3}} + p\sqrt{-\frac{p}{3}} + q = \frac{2}{3}\sqrt{-\frac{p}{3}} + q$$

$$f\left(-\sqrt{-\frac{p}{3}}\right) = \left(-\sqrt{-\frac{p}{3}}\right)^3 + p\left(-\sqrt{-\frac{p}{3}}\right) + q = -\sqrt{-\frac{p}{3}} - p\sqrt{-\frac{p}{3}} + q = -\frac{4}{3}\sqrt{-\frac{p}{3}} + q$$

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

$$\Rightarrow \left[\frac{2}{3}\sqrt{-\frac{p}{3}} + q\right] \left[-\frac{4}{3}\sqrt{-\frac{p}{3}} + q\right] < 0$$

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

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

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

AS REQUIRED

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

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

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 2p \quad 2xy - 2x^2 = -x + p$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 2p \quad 2py + 2 = 2p^2 + p$$

\therefore NORMAL GRADIENT $= -\frac{1}{2p}$

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

$$\Rightarrow 2pb + a - 2p^2 + p = 0$$

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

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

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

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

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

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

$$\Rightarrow 1 - 2b < -\frac{27}{2}\left(\frac{a}{4}\right)^2$$

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

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

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 OBTAINING INFORMATION

$$x = \frac{1}{3}t^2 \Rightarrow \frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{2}{3}t$$

$$y = \frac{2}{3}t \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dt} = \frac{2}{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{\frac{2}{3}}{\frac{2}{3}t} = \frac{1}{t}$$

• LET THE POINT P BE 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

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

$$\Rightarrow y - \frac{2}{3}p = -px + \frac{1}{3}p^3$$

$$\Rightarrow 3y - 2p = -3px + p^3$$

$$\Rightarrow 3y + 3px = 2p + p^3$$

• RESOLVE SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH THE EQUATION OF THE CURVE

$$x = \frac{1}{3}t^2 \quad \text{and} \quad 3y + 3px = 2p + p^3$$

$$\Rightarrow 3y + 3p(\frac{1}{3}t^2) = 2p + p^3$$

$$\Rightarrow 3y + \frac{1}{3}pt^2 = 2p + p^3$$

$$\Rightarrow 12y + pt^2 = 8p + 4p^3$$

$$\Rightarrow 9pt^2 + 12y - 8p - 4p^3 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (3y - 2p)(3py - 4 + 2p^2) = 0$$

POINT P POINT Q BY INSERCTION

$$y = \frac{2}{3}p \quad \leftarrow \text{POINT } P$$

$$y = \frac{4 + 2p^2}{3p} \quad \leftarrow \text{POINT } Q$$

• WE REQUIRE THE VALUE OF t , AT POINT Q

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

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

• THIS WE CAN FIND THE 2-COORDINATE OF Q

$$x = \frac{1}{3}t^2 = \frac{1}{3} \left[\frac{2p^2 + 4}{p} \right]^2 = \frac{(p^2 + 2)^2}{3p^2}$$

• $P(\frac{1}{3}p^2, \frac{2}{3}p)$ & $Q(\frac{(p^2 + 2)^2}{3p^2}, \frac{2p^2 + 4}{p})$

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

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

$$\Rightarrow |PQ|^2 = d^2 = \left(\frac{p^4 + 4p^2 + 4 - p^4}{3p^2} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{4p^2 + 4}{3p} \right)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow |PQ|^2 = d^2 = \left(\frac{4p^2 + 4}{3p^2} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{4p^2 + 4}{3p} \right)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow |PQ|^2 = d^2 = \frac{16(p^2 + 1)^2}{9p^4} + \frac{16(p^2 + 1)^2}{9p^2}$$

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

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

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

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

$$f'(p) = \frac{p^2 \times 3(p^2 + 1)^2 \times 2p - (p^2 + 1)^3 \times 4p^3}{p^8}$$

$$= \frac{6p^3(p^2 + 1)^2 - 4p^3(p^2 + 1)^3}{p^8}$$

$$= \frac{6p^3(p^2 + 1)^2 - 4p^3(p^2 + 1)^3}{p^8}$$

$$= \frac{2(p^2 + 1)^2 [3p^2 - 2(p^2 + 1)]}{p^8}$$

$$= \frac{2(p^2 + 1)^2 (p^2 - 2)}{p^8}$$

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

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

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

$$|PQ|^2 = d^2 = \frac{16(p^2 + 1)^3}{9p^4} = \frac{16(2 + 1)^3}{9 \times 2^2} = \frac{16 \times 27}{18} = 12$$

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

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ELLIPSE

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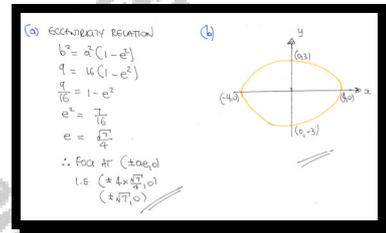
Question 1 ()**

An ellipse has Cartesian equation

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

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

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



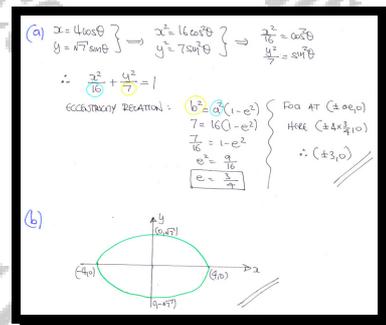
Question 2 ()**

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 $x = \frac{25}{4}$
- $ae = 4$
- $\frac{a}{\frac{25}{4}} = e$
- $a = \frac{25}{4}e$
- $\frac{4}{\frac{25}{4}} = e$
- $\frac{16}{25} = e^2$
- $e = \frac{4}{5}$
- $a = 5$
- By eccentricity relation:
 - $b^2 = a^2(1 - e^2)$
 - $b^2 = 25(1 - \frac{16}{25})$
 - $b^2 = 9$
 - $b = 3$
- $\therefore \frac{x^2}{25} + \frac{y^2}{9} = 1$

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 CURVE
- $\frac{x^2}{4} + \frac{y^2}{1} = 1$
- $\frac{a^2}{4} = 1$
- $a = 2$
- $b^2 = 1$
- $b = 1$
- $b^2 = a^2(1 - e^2)$
- $1 = 4(1 - e^2)$
- $\frac{1}{4} = 1 - e^2$
- $e^2 = \frac{3}{4}$
- $e = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$
- THE CURVE HAS FOCI AT $(\pm ae, 0)$, i.e. $(\pm \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \cdot 2, 0)$; $(\pm\sqrt{3}, 0)$
- THE PARABOLA HAS EQUATION $y^2 = 4ax$
- $\pm\sqrt{3}$
- $\therefore y^2 = 4\sqrt{3}x$ 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) $\begin{cases} x = \cos t \\ y = 2 \sin t \end{cases} \Rightarrow \frac{dx}{dt} = -\sin t, \quad \frac{dy}{dt} = 2 \cos t \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{2 \cos t}{-\sin t} = -\frac{2 \cot t}{\sin t} \Rightarrow \text{Normal Gradient is } \frac{\sin t}{2 \cot t}$

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

$$2y \cot t - 4 \sin t \cot t = \frac{\sin t}{2 \cot t} (x - \cos t)$$

$$2y \cot t - 4 \sin t \cot t = \frac{\sin t}{2 \cot t} x - \frac{\sin t \cos t}{2 \cot t}$$

$$\frac{2y \cot t}{\sin t} - \frac{4 \sin t \cot t}{\sin t} = \frac{x}{2 \cot t} - \frac{\sin t \cos t}{\sin t \cot t}$$

$$\frac{2y}{\sin t} - \frac{4 \cot t}{1} = \frac{x}{2 \cot t} - \frac{\cos t}{\cot t}$$

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

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

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' .

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

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

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

(a) Cartesian equation: $b^2 = a^2(1 - e^2)$
 $\rightarrow 4 = 9(1 - e^2)$
 $\Rightarrow \frac{4}{9} = 1 - e^2$
 $\rightarrow e^2 = \frac{5}{9}$
 $\Rightarrow e = \frac{\sqrt{5}}{3}$

Foci at $(\pm ae, 0)$
 $\therefore S(\sqrt{5}, 0)$
 $S'(-\sqrt{5}, 0)$

(b)

(c)

Distances:
 $2a = 6$
 $ae = \sqrt{5}$

Proof:
 $\frac{|SP|}{|PB|} = e \Rightarrow |SP| = e|PB|$
 $\frac{|S'P|}{|AP|} = e \Rightarrow |S'P| = e|AP|$
 $\therefore |SP| + |S'P| = e(|PB| + |AP|) = e|AB| = \frac{\sqrt{5}}{3} \times 6 = 2\sqrt{5} \times \frac{3}{3} = 6$

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.

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

(a) $\frac{x^2}{289} + \frac{y^2}{64} = 1$
 $b^2 = a^2(1 - e^2)$
 $64 = 289(1 - e^2)$
 $\frac{64}{289} = 1 - e^2$
 $e^2 = \frac{225}{289}$
 $e = \frac{15}{17}$
 Foci at $(\pm ae, 0) = (\pm 15, 0)$
 $= (\pm 15, 0)$
 DIRECTRICES $x = \pm \frac{a}{e} = \pm \frac{17}{\frac{15}{17}} = \pm \frac{289}{15}$
 $\therefore x = \pm \frac{289}{15}$

(b)

(c) $P(15, \frac{64}{17})$ IF $x=15$ $\frac{15^2}{289} + \frac{y^2}{64} = 1$
 $\frac{225}{289} + \frac{y^2}{64} = 1$
 $\frac{y^2}{64} = 1 - \frac{225}{289} = \frac{64}{289}$
 $y = \pm \frac{64}{17}$
 AS PROBLEM IS SYMMETRICAL IT DOES NOT MATTER WHICH WE CHOOSE OR MINUS
 $P(15, \frac{64}{17})$
 $F(15, 0)$
 $x = \frac{289}{15}$
 DIFFERENTIATE $\frac{2x}{289} + \frac{2y}{64} \frac{dy}{dx} = 0$
 $\frac{2x}{289} + \frac{2y}{64} \frac{dy}{dx} = 0$
 AT $(15, \frac{64}{17})$
 $\frac{2(15)}{289} + \frac{2(\frac{64}{17})}{64} \frac{dy}{dx} = 0$
 $\frac{30}{289} + \frac{2}{17} \frac{dy}{dx} = 0$
 $\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{15}{17} \frac{289}{2(15)}$ AT $P(15, \frac{64}{17})$
 $\therefore y - \frac{64}{17} = -\frac{15}{17}(x - 15)$
 DIRECTRIX $x = \frac{289}{15}$
 $y - \frac{64}{17} = -\frac{15}{17}(\frac{289}{15} - 15)$
 $y - \frac{64}{17} = -\frac{64}{17}$
 $y = 0$
 IS ON THE X AXIS

Question 8 (*)**

The point $P(5\cos\theta, 4\sin\theta)$ lies on the an 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

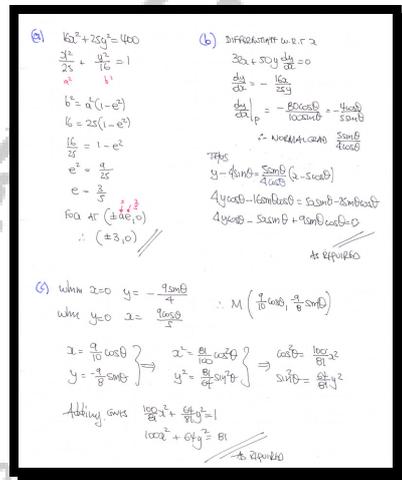
$$4y\cos\theta - 5x\sin\theta + 9\sin\theta\cos\theta = 0.$$

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

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

(+3,0)



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.

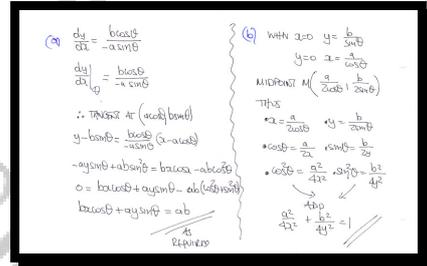
- a) Show that an equation of the tangent at a general point on E is

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

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.

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



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

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

$$\frac{2x}{16} + \frac{2y}{4} \frac{dy}{dx} = 0$$

$$\frac{1}{4} \frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{1}{2}x$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{1}{2}x$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{1}{2}x \\ \frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{3}{4}y \end{array} \right.$$

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

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

Question 11 (***)

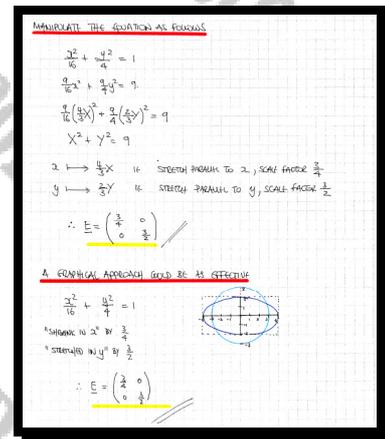
An ellipse with equation

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

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} .

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



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.

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

Handwritten solution for Question 12:

- Equation: $2x^2 - 4x + 3y^2 + 12y + 8 = 0$
- Complete the square: $2(x^2 - 2x + 1) + 3(y^2 + 4y + 4) + 8 = 0$
- Simplify: $2(x-1)^2 + 3(y+2)^2 + 8 = 0$
- Divide by 6: $\frac{(x-1)^2}{3} + \frac{(y+2)^2}{2} = -\frac{8}{6} = -\frac{4}{3}$
- Standard form: $\frac{(x-1)^2}{\frac{4}{3}} + \frac{(y+2)^2}{\frac{8}{3}} = 1$
- Center: $(1, -2)$
- Eccentricity: $b^2 = a^2(1 - e^2)$, $2 = 3(1 - e^2)$, $\frac{2}{3} = 1 - e^2$, $e^2 = \frac{1}{3}$, $e = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}$
- Foci: $(1, -2)$ and $(1, -2)$ (Note: The handwritten solution incorrectly lists foci as (1,0) and (1,-4), which is likely a typo for (0, -2) and (2, -2) based on the boxed answer).
- Directrices: $2 = \pm \frac{a^2}{e}$, $2 = \pm \frac{4/3}{\sqrt{3}/3}$, $2 = \pm 4$

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.

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

$\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{12} = 1$
 • DIRECTRIX $x = 8$
 $\Rightarrow \frac{a}{e} = 8$
 $\Rightarrow e = \frac{a}{8}$
 $\Rightarrow e^2 = \frac{a^2}{64}$

• ECCENTRICITY RELATION
 $\Rightarrow b^2 = a^2(1 - e^2)$
 $\Rightarrow 12 = a^2(1 - \frac{a^2}{64})$
 $\Rightarrow 12 = a^2 - \frac{a^4}{64}$
 $\Rightarrow 768 = 64a^2 - a^4$
 $\Rightarrow a^4 - 64a^2 + 768 = 0$
 $\Rightarrow (a^2 - 16)(a^2 - 48) = 0$
 $\Rightarrow a^2 = 16$ or 48

THIS
 $a = 4$ or $\frac{4\sqrt{3}}$
 $e = \frac{1}{2}$ or $\frac{2}{3}$
 $(\pm ae, 0) = (\pm 2, 0)$
 $(\pm \frac{16}{3}, 0)$

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

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

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

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

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

$\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1$ $a > b$ HAS FOCI AT $(\pm c, 0)$ DIRECTRICES AT $x = \pm \frac{a^2}{c}$

HERE $a=2$ $b=1$

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

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

$$e^2 = \frac{3}{4}$$

$$e = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

THENCE THE COORDS $\frac{c^2}{a^2} + \frac{b^2}{a^2} = 1$ HAS

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

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

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

- FOCI AT $(4 \pm \sqrt{3})$
- DIRECTRICES AT $x = 4 \pm \frac{8}{\sqrt{3}}$

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

$$\Rightarrow m = \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{12}}$$

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

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

$$\Rightarrow 4x^2 - 24x + 36 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 - 6x + 9 = 0$$

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

$$\Rightarrow x = 3$$

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

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

$\therefore A(3, \frac{1}{3}\sqrt{2})$

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.

, $(x-5)^2 + y^2 = 16$

a) This is a semi-elliptical ellipse with $-8 \leq x \leq 8$ and $-4 \leq y \leq 4$.

b) PARAMETRIZE THE CURVE
 $x = 8\cos\theta$, $y = 4\sin\theta$ $0 \leq \theta < 2\pi$

THEN THE CO-ORDINATES OF P, Q & R CAN BE FOUND

- $P(8\cos\theta, 4\sin\theta)$
- $Q(10, 4\sin\theta)$
- $M\left(\frac{8\cos\theta + 10}{2}, \frac{4\sin\theta + 4\sin\theta}{2}\right) = M(5 + 4\cos\theta, 4\sin\theta)$

ELIMINATE THE PARAMETER θ , ONE OF THE GENERAL CO-ORDINATES OF M (WRITTEN AS PARAMETRICS)

$$\begin{cases} X = 5 + 4\cos\theta \\ Y = 4\sin\theta \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} 4\cos\theta = X - 5 \\ 4\sin\theta = Y \end{cases}$$

$\Rightarrow 16\cos^2\theta = (X-5)^2$
 $16\sin^2\theta = Y^2$
 $\Rightarrow 16\cos^2\theta + 16\sin^2\theta = (X-5)^2 + Y^2$
 $\Rightarrow 16(\cos^2\theta + \sin^2\theta) = (X-5)^2 + Y^2$
 $\Rightarrow (X-5)^2 + Y^2 = 16$
 A circle, centered at $(5,0)$, radius 4

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.

, $P(4\sec\theta, 0)$, the x axis, so that $x \in (-\infty, -4] \cup [4, \infty)$

a) OBTAIN THE GRADIENT FUNCTION
 $\frac{d}{dx}\left(\frac{x^2}{16} + \frac{y^2}{4}\right) = \frac{d}{dx}(1)$
 $\frac{2x}{16} + \frac{2y}{4} \frac{dy}{dx} = 0$
 $\frac{x}{8} + \frac{1}{2}y \frac{dy}{dx} = 0$
 At the given point $A(4\cos\theta, 2\sin\theta)$
 $\frac{1}{8}(4\cos\theta) + \frac{1}{2}(2\sin\theta) \frac{dy}{dx} = 0$
 $\frac{\cos\theta}{2} + \sin\theta \frac{dy}{dx} = 0$
 $\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{\cos\theta}{2\sin\theta}$
 OBTAIN THE EQUATION OF THE TANGENT
 $y - 2\sin\theta = -\frac{\cos\theta}{2\sin\theta}(x - 4\cos\theta)$
 $2y\sin\theta - 4\sin^2\theta = -\frac{x\cos\theta}{2} + 2\cos^2\theta$
 $2y\sin\theta + \frac{x\cos\theta}{2} = 4(\cos^2\theta + \sin^2\theta)$
 $2y\sin\theta + \frac{x\cos\theta}{2} = 4$

b) OBTAIN THE GRADIENT OF THE TANGENT TO THE CIRCLE AT B
 $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{4\sin\theta - 0}{4\cos\theta - 0} = \frac{\sin\theta}{\cos\theta}$
 TANGENT EQUATION AT B IS
 $y - 4\sin\theta = \frac{\sin\theta}{\cos\theta}(x - 4\cos\theta)$
 $y - 4\sin\theta = \frac{x\sin\theta}{\cos\theta} - 4\sin\theta$
 $y\cos\theta - 4\sin\theta\cos\theta = x\sin\theta - 4\sin\theta\cos\theta$
 $y\cos\theta + 4\sin\theta\cos\theta = x\sin\theta + 4\sin\theta\cos\theta$
 $y\cos\theta + 4\sin\theta\cos\theta = 4$
 SOLVING SIMULTANEOUSLY
 $\begin{cases} y\cos\theta + 2\sin\theta\cos\theta = 4 \\ 2y\sin\theta + x\cos\theta = 4 \end{cases} \Rightarrow y\sin\theta = 0$
 $\Rightarrow y = 0$
 $\Rightarrow x\cos\theta = 4$
 $\Rightarrow x = \frac{4}{\cos\theta}$
 $\therefore P\left(\frac{4}{\cos\theta}, 0\right)$

c) THE POINT $P\left(\frac{4}{\cos\theta}, 0\right)$ LIES ON THE X-AXIS
 $-\infty < \frac{4}{\cos\theta} < \infty$
 $\frac{1}{\cos\theta} < -1 \cup \frac{1}{\cos\theta} > 1$ (COSINE ONLY)
 $\frac{1}{\cos\theta} < -1 \cup \frac{1}{\cos\theta} > 1$
 Hence the required locus is $\{x \in \mathbb{R} : x \leq -4 \cup x \geq 4\}$

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.

$$\text{area} = m + \frac{1}{2m}, \quad x = -1$$

The image shows handwritten solutions for Question 17, organized into three columns:

- Column 1 (a, c):**
 - (a) Substitutes $y = mx + c$ into the ellipse equation $\frac{x^2}{2} + y^2 = 1$ to derive the quadratic equation $(2m^2 + 1)x^2 + 4mcx + 2(c^2 - 1) = 0$.
 - (c) Finds the x-intercept $X = -\frac{c}{m}$ and y-intercept $Y = c$. The area of triangle OXY is calculated as $\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{c}{m} \times c = \frac{c^2}{2m}$.
- Column 2 (b, d, e):**
 - (b) Uses the discriminant $b^2 - 4ac = 0$ for the quadratic equation to show $c^2 = 2m^2 + 1$.
 - (d) Substitutes $c^2 = 2m^2 + 1$ into the area formula from (c) to get $\text{Area} = m + \frac{1}{2m}$. It then finds the minimum by setting $\frac{d}{dm}(m + \frac{1}{2m}) = 1 - \frac{1}{2m^2} = 0$, leading to $m = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$.
 - (e) Substitutes $m = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ into the x-intercept formula $x = -\frac{c}{m}$ to find $x = -1$.
- Column 3 (c):**
 - Shows an alternative derivation for the area formula: $\text{Area} = \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{c^2}{m} = \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{2m^2 + 1}{m} = m + \frac{1}{2m}$.

Question 18 (***)

The point $P(x, y)$ lies on an ellipse with foci at $A(2,0)$ and $B(6,0)$.

Given further that

$$|AP| + |BP| = 10,$$

determine a simplified Cartesian equation for the ellipse, giving the final answer in the form

$$f(x, y) = 1.$$

$$\boxed{\frac{(x-4)^2}{25} + \frac{y^2}{21} = 1}$$

• BY SIMPLE GEOMETRY WE DEDUCE

$(-1,0)$
 $(9,0)$
 $(4, \sqrt{21})$

• $(-1,0) \Rightarrow \frac{(x-A)^2}{B} + \frac{y^2}{C} = 1$
 $\Rightarrow \frac{(x+1)^2}{B} = 1$
 $\Rightarrow B = (x+1)^2$

• $(9,0) \Rightarrow \frac{(x-A)^2}{B} = 1$
 $\Rightarrow B = (x-9)^2$

• $(4, \sqrt{21}) \Rightarrow \frac{(x-A)^2}{B} + \frac{y^2}{C} = 1$

• $(x+1)^2 = (x-9)^2$
 $x^2 + 2x + 1 = x^2 - 18x + 81$
 $20x = 80$
 $x = 4$
if that $B = 25$

Finally
 $\frac{4-4}{25} + \frac{21}{C} = 1$
 $C = 21$

$\frac{(x-4)^2}{25} + \frac{y^2}{21} = 1$

ALTERNATIVE BY LOCUS APPROACH

• LET A POINT BEHIND $P(x,y)$ LIE ON THE CURVE

• THEN $\sqrt{(x-2)^2 + (y-0)^2} + \sqrt{(x-6)^2 + (y-0)^2} = 10$
 $\Rightarrow \sqrt{x^2 - 4x + 4 + y^2} = 10 - \sqrt{x^2 - 12x + 36 + y^2}$
 $\Rightarrow x^2 - 4x + 4 + y^2 = 100 - 20\sqrt{x^2 - 12x + 36 + y^2} + (x^2 - 12x + 36 + y^2)$
 $\Rightarrow 8x - 132 = -20\sqrt{x^2 - 12x + 36 + y^2}$
 $\Rightarrow 33 - 2x = 5\sqrt{x^2 - 12x + 36 + y^2}$

$\Rightarrow (33-2x)^2 = 25(x^2 + y^2 - 12x + 36)$
 $\Rightarrow 4x^2 - 132x + 1089 = 25x^2 + 25y^2 - 300x + 900$
 $\Rightarrow 0 = 21x^2 + 25y^2 - 168x - 189$
 $\Rightarrow 0 = 21x^2 + 25y^2 - 168x - 189$
 $\Rightarrow (x-4)^2 + \frac{25}{21}y^2 = 25$
 $\Rightarrow \frac{(x-4)^2}{25} + \frac{y^2}{21} = 1$
As before

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

$\frac{x^2}{25} + \frac{y^2}{9} = 1$
 Diff w.r.t x
 $\frac{2x}{25} + \frac{2y}{9} \frac{dy}{dx} = 0$
 $\frac{1}{9} \frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{x}{5y}$
 $\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{9x}{5y}$
 $\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{9(5\cos\theta)}{5(3\sin\theta)} = -\frac{3\cos\theta}{\sin\theta}$

(SLOPE OF NORMAL THROUGH P)
 $\rightarrow y - 3\sin\theta = \frac{\sin\theta}{3\cos\theta}(x - 5\cos\theta)$
 $\rightarrow 3y\cos\theta - 9\sin^2\theta = x\sin\theta - 5\cos^2\theta$
 $\rightarrow 3y\cos\theta - x\sin\theta + 16\sin\theta\cos\theta = 0$

• when $y=0$ $-5x\sin\theta + 16\sin\theta\cos\theta = 0$
 $x = \frac{16\cos\theta}{5}$ $\therefore Q(\frac{16\cos\theta}{5}, 0)$

• eccentricity (rotation) $b^2 = a^2(1 - e^2)$
 $9 = 25(1 - e^2)$
 $\frac{9}{25} = 1 - e^2$
 $e^2 = \frac{16}{25}$
 $e = \frac{4}{5}$

Find the foci $(\pm ae, 0)$
 so $(\pm 5 \cdot \frac{4}{5}, 0)$
 $\therefore R(4, 0)$

Now $|QR| = 4 - \frac{16\cos\theta}{5}$
 $|PR| = \sqrt{(4 - 5\cos\theta)^2 + (3\sin\theta)^2} = \sqrt{16 - 40\cos\theta + 25\cos^2\theta + 9\sin^2\theta}$
 $= \sqrt{16 - 40\cos\theta + 9 + 16\cos^2\theta} = \sqrt{25 - 40\cos\theta + 16\cos^2\theta}$
 $= \sqrt{(5 - 4\cos\theta)^2} = 5 - 4\cos\theta$

Then $\frac{|QR|}{|PR|} = \frac{4 - \frac{16\cos\theta}{5}}{5 - 4\cos\theta} = \frac{\frac{20 - 16\cos\theta}{5}}{5 - 4\cos\theta} = \frac{4}{5} = e$

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) $x = 3\sqrt{2} \cos \theta \Rightarrow \cos \theta = \frac{x}{3\sqrt{2}}$
 $y = 4 \sin \theta \Rightarrow \sin \theta = \frac{y}{4}$
 $\therefore \frac{x^2}{18} + \frac{y^2}{16} = 1$
 This is an ellipse with major axis $2a = 6\sqrt{2}$ and minor axis $2b = 8$.
 Foci are at $(\pm c, 0)$ where $c^2 = a^2 - b^2 = 18 - 16 = 2$.
 $c = \sqrt{2}$.
 Foci are $F(\pm\sqrt{2}, 0)$.

b) Differentiate $\frac{x^2}{18} + \frac{y^2}{16} = 1$ implicitly:
 $\frac{2x}{18} + \frac{2y}{16} \frac{dy}{dx} = 0$
 $\frac{x}{9} + \frac{y}{8} \frac{dy}{dx} = 0$
 $\frac{y}{8} \frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{x}{9}$
 $\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{8x}{9y}$
 Equation of tangent at (x_1, y_1) :
 $y - y_1 = -\frac{8x_1}{9y_1}(x - x_1)$
 $y - 4 \sin \theta = -\frac{8x \cos \theta}{9 \cdot 4 \sin \theta}(x - 3\sqrt{2} \cos \theta)$
 $y - 4 \sin \theta = -\frac{2x \cos \theta}{9 \sin \theta}(x - 3\sqrt{2} \cos \theta)$
 $(y - 4 \sin \theta) \sin \theta = -\frac{2x \cos^2 \theta}{9} + 2\sqrt{2} \cos^3 \theta$
 $y \sin \theta - 4 \sin^2 \theta = -\frac{2x \cos^2 \theta}{9} + 2\sqrt{2} \cos^3 \theta$
 $\frac{y \sin \theta}{4} + \frac{x \cos \theta}{3\sqrt{2}} = 1$

c) Let the line through the origin be $y = mx$.
 Substitute into the tangent equation:
 $\frac{mx \sin \theta}{4} + \frac{x \cos \theta}{3\sqrt{2}} = 1$
 $x \left(\frac{m \sin \theta}{4} + \frac{\cos \theta}{3\sqrt{2}} \right) = 1$
 $x = \frac{1}{\frac{m \sin \theta}{4} + \frac{\cos \theta}{3\sqrt{2}}}$
 $y = m \left(\frac{1}{\frac{m \sin \theta}{4} + \frac{\cos \theta}{3\sqrt{2}}} \right)$
 $x^2 + y^2 = \frac{1}{\left(\frac{m \sin \theta}{4} + \frac{\cos \theta}{3\sqrt{2}} \right)^2}$
 $2(9x^2 + 8y^2) = 2 \left(\frac{9}{\left(\frac{m \sin \theta}{4} + \frac{\cos \theta}{3\sqrt{2}} \right)^2} + \frac{8m^2}{\left(\frac{m \sin \theta}{4} + \frac{\cos \theta}{3\sqrt{2}} \right)^2} \right)$
 $(x^2 + y^2)^2 = \frac{1}{\left(\frac{m \sin \theta}{4} + \frac{\cos \theta}{3\sqrt{2}} \right)^4}$
 $2(9x^2 + 8y^2) = \frac{2}{\left(\frac{m \sin \theta}{4} + \frac{\cos \theta}{3\sqrt{2}} \right)^2}$
 $(x^2 + y^2)^2 = 2(9x^2 + 8y^2)$

Question 21 (****+)

The equation of an ellipse is given by

$$\frac{x^2}{4} + \frac{y^2}{3} = 1.$$

- a) Determine the coordinates of the foci of the ellipse, and the equation of each of its two directrices.
- b) Show that

$$|SP| + |TP| = 4.$$

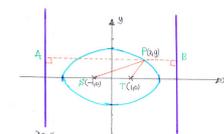
A chord of the ellipse is defined as the straight line segment joining any two distinct points on the ellipse.

- c) Find the equation of the locus of the midpoints of parallel chords of the ellipse whose gradient is 2.

$$\boxed{(\pm 1, 0)}, \quad \boxed{x = \pm 4}, \quad \boxed{y = -\frac{1}{8}x}$$

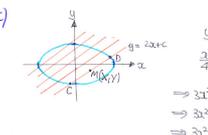
d) $\frac{x^2}{4} + \frac{y^2}{3} = 1 \Rightarrow a^2=4, b^2=3$

- ECCENTRICITY RATIO: $b^2 = a^2(1-e^2)$
 $3 = 4(1-e^2)$
 $\frac{3}{4} = 1-e^2$
 $e^2 = \frac{1}{4}$
 $e = \frac{1}{2}$
- Foci $(\pm ae)$
 DIRECTRICES $z = \pm \frac{a}{e}$
- HORIZONTAL ellipse
 Foci $(\pm 1, 0)$
 DIRECTRICES $z = \pm 4$

b) 

- FOR THE FOCUS/DIRECTOR PROPERTY ON ANY CURVE:
 $\frac{|TF1|}{|TA|} = e$
 $\frac{|TF2|}{|TB|} = e$

THIS $|TF1| + |TF2| = e(|TA| + |TB|) = e(|AB|)$
 $= \frac{1}{2} \times 8 = 4$

c) 

$y = 2x + c$
 $\frac{x^2}{4} + \frac{y^2}{3} = 1 \Rightarrow$ STRAIGHT SLOPE/GRADIENT
 $\frac{x^2}{4} + \frac{4x^2}{3} = 1$
 $\Rightarrow 3x^2 + 4y^2 = 12$
 $\Rightarrow 3x^2 + 4(2x+c)^2 = 12$
 $\Rightarrow 3x^2 + 4(4x^2 + 4cx + c^2) = 12$
 $\Rightarrow 17x^2 + 16cx + 4c^2 - 12 = 0$

- THE SOLUTIONS OF THIS QUADRATIC:
 $4c = \frac{-16c \pm \sqrt{(16c)^2 - 4(17)(4c^2 - 12)}}{34}$ OR $x_1 + x_2 = -\frac{b}{a}$
 $= -\frac{16c}{17}$
 $X = \frac{1}{2}(x_1 + x_2) = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{-16c \pm \sqrt{(16c)^2 - 4(17)(4c^2 - 12)}}{34} \right) = -\frac{8c}{17}$
 $\frac{1}{2}(y_1 + y_2) = -\frac{8c}{17}$
- $Y = 2x + c = 2 \left(-\frac{8c}{17} \right) + c = \frac{c}{17}$

$\therefore M(X, Y) = \left(-\frac{8c}{17}, \frac{c}{17} \right)$
 $X = -\frac{8c}{17}$
 $Y = \frac{c}{17} \Rightarrow$ DIVIDE: $\frac{Y}{X} = \frac{\frac{c}{17}}{-\frac{8c}{17}} = -\frac{1}{8}$
 $\frac{Y}{X} = -\frac{1}{8}$
 $Y = -\frac{1}{8}X$

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 $y = -3$.

$\sqrt{\quad}$, \square , $\left(\frac{23}{4}, -3\right)$, $\left(\frac{9}{2}, -3\right)$

SEMI-MINOR WITH A DIRECTRIX AND SCALE STANDARD RESULTS

$\bullet \frac{|PF|}{|PQ|} = e = \frac{\sqrt{5}}{10} < 1$
 \bullet GOAL: eq = $-\frac{1}{2}$
 $\frac{y - (-3)}{x - 5} = -\frac{1}{2}$
 $2y - 4(-3) = -2(x - 5)$
 $2y + 12 = -2x + 10$
 $2x + 2y + 14 = 0$
 $SE = 2x + 2y + 14$

THIS WE KNOW

$\rightarrow |PF| = e |PQ|$
 $\Rightarrow |PF|^2 = e^2 |PQ|^2$
 $\Rightarrow (x - 5)^2 + (y + 3)^2 = \frac{1}{100} [(2x + 2y + 14)^2]$

MULTIPLY THE EQUATION BY 100 TO GET rid of the fraction IN THE R.H.S

$\Rightarrow 100(x - 5)^2 + 100(y + 3)^2 = (2x + 2y + 14)^2$
 $\Rightarrow 100(x^2 - 10x + 25) + 100(y^2 + 6y + 9) = 4x^2 + 8xy + 4y^2 + 56x + 28y + 196$
 $\Rightarrow 24x^2 - 8xy + 4y^2 - 48x - 28y + 104 = 0$

NOW THIS IS THE EQUATION OF THE ELLIPSE - NO NEED TO SIMPLIFY AS WE ARE ONLY INTERESTED IN INTERSECTIONS WITH $y = -3$

$\Rightarrow 24(x - 1)^2 + 0^2 = \frac{1}{10} [(9x - 8)^2 + (-2x + 4)^2]$
 $\Rightarrow 24(x - 1)^2 = (9x - 8)^2 + (-2x + 4)^2$
 $\Rightarrow 24(x - 1)^2 = 16(x - 2)^2 + 4(x - 2)^2$

AND FROM THE FIGURE

$\Rightarrow 90(x - 1)^2 = 20(x - 2)^2$
 $\Rightarrow 25(x - 1)^2 = (x - 2)^2$
 $\Rightarrow \frac{(x - 1)^2}{(x - 2)^2} = \frac{1}{5}$
 $\Rightarrow \frac{x - 1}{x - 2} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}$ OR $\frac{x - 1}{x - 2} = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}$
 $\frac{5x - 5 = x - 2}{4x = 3} \quad \frac{5x - 5 = -x + 2}{6x = 7}$
 $4x = 3 \quad 6x = 7$
 $x = \frac{3}{4} \quad x = \frac{7}{6}$

AND FROM THE FIGURE

$\left(\frac{3}{4}, -3\right)$ & $\left(\frac{7}{6}, -3\right)$

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.

V, , Area_{max} $\frac{15}{16}$

START BY OBTAINING A GENERAL NORMAL AT $P(3\cos\theta, 2\sin\theta)$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy/d\theta}{dx/d\theta} = \frac{2\cos\theta}{-3\sin\theta} \quad \text{ie TANGENT GRADIENT AT P is } -\frac{2\cos\theta}{3\sin\theta}$$

\therefore NORMAL GRADIENT AT P is $+\frac{3\sin\theta}{2\cos\theta}$

EQUATION OF NORMAL

$$y - 2\sin\theta = \frac{3\sin\theta}{2\cos\theta}(x - 3\cos\theta)$$

MEET THE Y-AXIS AT $Z=0$

$$y - 2\sin\theta = -\frac{3}{2} \frac{\sin\theta}{\cos\theta} \cos\theta$$

$$y = 2\sin\theta - \frac{3}{2} \sin\theta$$

$$y = \frac{1}{2} \sin\theta$$

$\therefore Y(0, \frac{1}{2}\sin\theta)$

CALCULATE THE COORDINATES OF M

$$M\left(\frac{3\cos\theta + 0}{2}, \frac{2\sin\theta + \frac{1}{2}\sin\theta}{2}\right) = M\left(\frac{3}{2}\cos\theta, \frac{5}{4}\sin\theta\right)$$

NEXT FIND THE AREA OF THE TRIANGLE OMP

$$\text{Area} = \frac{1}{2} \left| \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 2\sin\theta & 3\cos\theta \\ 0 & 2\sin\theta & -3\cos\theta \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2}\sin\theta & 0 \end{vmatrix} \right| = \frac{1}{2} \left| -\frac{3}{2} \cos^2\theta \sin\theta - 3\cos\theta \sin\theta \right|$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{3}{2} \cos^2\theta \sin\theta + \frac{3}{2} \cos\theta \sin\theta = \frac{3}{4} \cos\theta \sin\theta$$

\therefore AREA_{MAX} = $\frac{15}{16}$ (when $\sin 2\theta = 1$)

ALTERNATIVE FOR FINDING THE AREA OF OMP , BY SIMILARITY

BY SIMILAR TRIANGLES MMQ & PPQ (RATIO OF THESE HEIGHTS)

$$|MP| = 2\cos\theta - \frac{3}{2}\cos\theta = \frac{1}{2}\cos\theta$$

$$|PQ| = \frac{1}{2}|MP| = \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{2}\cos\theta = \frac{1}{4}\cos\theta$$

$$|OQ| = |OY| + |PQ| = \frac{1}{4}\sin\theta + \frac{1}{2}\cos\theta = \frac{1}{4}\sin\theta + \frac{2}{4}\cos\theta$$

THIS THE REQUIRED AREA IS

$$\frac{1}{2} |OQ| |PP| = \frac{1}{2} \left[\cos\theta \left(\frac{1}{4}\sin\theta + \frac{1}{2}\cos\theta \right) \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \times \cos\theta \times \left[\frac{1}{4}\sin\theta + \frac{2}{4}\cos\theta \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{8} \cos\theta \times \sin\theta + \frac{1}{4} \cos^2\theta$$

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:

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- Given: $\frac{x^2}{25} + \frac{y^2}{9} = 1$ and $y = mx + c$
- Substituting $y = mx + c$ 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 tangency, the discriminant $b^2 - 4ac = 0$:

$$(50mc)^2 - 4(9 + 25m^2)(25c^2 - 225) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 2500m^2c^2 - 100(9 + 25m^2)(c^2 - 9) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 25m^2c^2 - (25m^2 + 9)(c^2 - 9) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 25m^2c^2 - 25m^2c^2 - 225m^2 + 9c^2 - 81 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 225m^2 - 9c^2 + 81 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 25m^2 - c^2 + 9 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow c^2 - 25m^2 = 9$$
- Now the tangent passes through $(25, 25)$:

$$y = mx + c \Rightarrow 25 = 25m + c$$

$$\Rightarrow c = 25 - 25m$$

$$\Rightarrow c^2 = 625 - 1250m + 625m^2$$

Right Page:

- Solving simultaneously:

$$(25 - 1250m + 625m^2) - 25m^2 = 9$$

$$\Rightarrow 600m^2 - 1250m + 616 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 300m^2 - 625m + 308 = 0$$
- By the quadratic formula:

$$m = \frac{625 \pm \sqrt{(-625)^2 - 4(300)(308)}}{2 \times 300}$$

$$m = \frac{625 \pm 145}{600} = \frac{770}{600} \text{ or } \frac{480}{600}$$

$$m = \frac{77}{60} \text{ or } \frac{4}{5}$$
- Therefore:

$$y = \frac{4}{5}x + 5$$

$$y = \frac{77}{60}x - \frac{85}{12}$$

Question 25 (*****)

The point P lies on an ellipse whose foci are on the x axis at the points S and T .

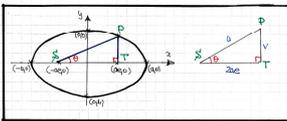
Given further that the triangle STP is right angled at T , show that

$$e = \frac{1 - \tan \frac{1}{2} \theta}{1 + \tan \frac{1}{2} \theta},$$

where e is the eccentricity of the ellipse, and θ is the angle PST .

 , proof

• STRIKE WITH A DIAGRAM



• FROM THE RIGHT ANGLE TRIANGLE WE HAVE

$$\frac{v}{2ae} = \tan \theta \quad \text{if} \quad \frac{z}{u} = \cos \theta$$

$$v = 2ae \tan \theta \quad u = 2ae \sec \theta$$

• FROM THE 'DO PROPERTY' OF THE ELLIPSE WE HAVE

$$\rightarrow |SP| + |TP| = \text{constant} = 2a$$

$$\Rightarrow u + v = 2a$$

$$\Rightarrow 2ae \sec \theta + 2ae \tan \theta = 2a$$

$$\Rightarrow e \sec \theta + e \tan \theta = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow e(\sec \theta + \tan \theta) = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow e = \frac{1}{\sec \theta + \tan \theta}$$

• MULTIPLYING 'TOP & BOTTOM' OF THE FRACTION ON THE RHS BY $\cos \theta$ GIVES

$$\Rightarrow e = \frac{\cos \theta}{\sec \theta \cos \theta + \tan \theta \cos \theta}$$

$$\Rightarrow e = \frac{\cos \theta}{1 + \frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta} \cos \theta} = \frac{\cos \theta}{1 + \sin \theta}$$

$$\Rightarrow e = \frac{\cos \theta}{\cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta}$$

$$\Rightarrow e = \frac{(\cos \theta + \sin \theta) + 2 \sin \theta \cos \theta}{(\cos \theta + \sin \theta) \cos \theta}$$

$$\Rightarrow e = \frac{(1 + \sin \theta - \cos^2 \theta) \cos \theta + \sin \theta \cos^2 \theta}{(\cos \theta + \sin \theta) \cos^2 \theta}$$

$$\Rightarrow e = \frac{\cos \theta - \sin^2 \theta}{\cos \theta + \sin \theta}$$

• DIVIDING 'TOP & BOTTOM' OF THE FRACTION ON THE RHS BY $\cos \theta$

$$\Rightarrow e = \frac{\frac{\cos \theta}{\cos \theta} - \frac{\sin^2 \theta}{\cos \theta}}{\frac{\cos \theta}{\cos \theta} + \frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta}}$$

$$\Rightarrow e = \frac{1 - \tan^2 \frac{\theta}{2}}{1 + \tan^2 \frac{\theta}{2}}$$

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 .

$$\boxed{}, \quad |OP| + |PT| = 5$$

METHOD A - WORKING IN CARTESIAN

START BY OBTAINING A CARTESIAN EQUATION OF THE CURVE

$$\Rightarrow r(5 - 3\cos\theta) = 8$$

$$\Rightarrow 5r - 3r\cos\theta = 8$$

$$\Rightarrow 5r = 3x + 8$$

$$\Rightarrow 25r^2 = 9x^2 + 48x + 64$$

$$\Rightarrow 25r^2 = 9x^2 + 48x + 64$$

$$\Rightarrow 25(x^2 + y^2) = 9x^2 + 48x + 64$$

$$\Rightarrow 16x^2 - 48x + 25y^2 = 64$$

$$\Rightarrow (4x - 6)^2 + 25y^2 = 100$$

$$\Rightarrow (4x - 6)^2 + 25y^2 = 100$$

QUICK SKETCH MIGHT BE HELPFUL

Now compute $|OP| + |PT|$

$$\Rightarrow |OP| + |PT| = d = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} + \sqrt{(x-3)^2 + y^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow Sd = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} + \sqrt{(x-3)^2 + y^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow Sd = \sqrt{25x^2 + 25y^2} + \sqrt{25(x^2 - 6x + 9) + 25y^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow Sd = \sqrt{25x^2 + 100 - (4x-6)^2} + \sqrt{25x^2 + 100 - (4x-6)^2}$$

METHOD B - WORKING IN POLARS

LOOKING AT THE DEFINITION OF THE CURVE

$$\Rightarrow |OP| + |PT| = r + |PT|$$

$$\Rightarrow |OP| + |PT| = r + \sqrt{r^2 + 9 - 2 \cdot 3r \cdot \cos\theta}$$

<EQUATE TO 8 ON OPT>

$$\Rightarrow |OP| + |PT| = r + \sqrt{r^2 - 6r\cos\theta + 9}$$

FLUENTLY THE WORDS IN THE BRACKET FROM THE EQUATION

$$\Rightarrow 5r - 3r\cos\theta = 8$$

SUBSTITUTE INTO THE OPT EXPRESSION FOR $|OP| + |PT|$

$$\Rightarrow |OP| + |PT| = r + \sqrt{r^2 - 6r\cos\theta + 9}$$

$$\Rightarrow |OP| + |PT| = r + \sqrt{r^2 - 6r + 25}$$

$$\Rightarrow |OP| + |PT| = r + \sqrt{(r-3)^2 + 16}$$

$$\Rightarrow |OP| + |PT| = r + (r-3) + 4$$

$$\Rightarrow |OP| + |PT| = 5$$

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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 .

$$Q\left(\frac{1}{9}, 81\right)$$

Handwritten solution for Question 1:

a) $xy = 9$
 $\Rightarrow y = \frac{9}{x}$
 $\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{9}{x^2}$
 $\Rightarrow \left. \frac{dy}{dx} \right|_{x=3t} = -\frac{9}{(3t)^2} = -\frac{1}{3t^2} = -\frac{1}{4t}$
 NORMAL GRADIENT MUST BE t^2
 $\Rightarrow y - \frac{3}{t} = m(x - 3t)$
 $\Rightarrow y - \frac{3}{t} = t^2(x - 3t)$
 $\Rightarrow y - \frac{3}{t} = t^2x - 3t^3$
 $\Rightarrow yt - 3 = t^2x - 3t^4$
 $\Rightarrow yt - 3t^4 = t^2x - 3t^4$
 AS REQUIRED

b) when $t = -3$
 $\Rightarrow -3y - 2(-3)^3 = 3 - 3(-3)^4$
 $\Rightarrow -3y + 27 = 3 - 243$
 $\Rightarrow -3y + 27 = -240$
 $\Rightarrow -3y = -267$
 $\Rightarrow y = 89$
 $\Rightarrow 89 + 9x = 9$
 $\Rightarrow 9x = -80$
 $\Rightarrow x = -\frac{80}{9}$
 Solving simultaneously:
 $x(90 + 9x) = 9$
 $80x + 9x^2 = 9$
 $9x^2 + 80x - 9 = 0$
 $(9x - 1)(x + 9) = 0$
 $9x - 1 = 0 \Rightarrow x = \frac{1}{9}$
 $x + 9 = 0 \Rightarrow x = -9$
 $\therefore (-9, -1)$ or $(\frac{1}{9}, 81)$
 $t = -3$
 POINT OF NORMALITY
 $\therefore Q(\frac{1}{9}, 81)$

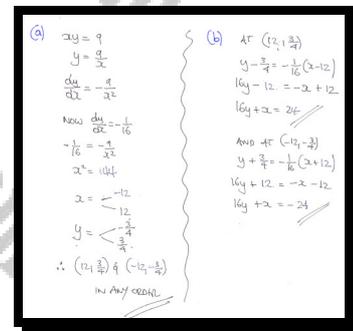
Question 2 (**)

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 ...

- a) ... the coordinates of A and B .
- b) ... the equation of each of the two tangents.

$$A\left(12, \frac{3}{4}\right), B\left(-12, -\frac{3}{4}\right), x+16y = 24, x+16y = -24$$



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.

$$\boxed{x + 4y = 16, (8, 2)}, \quad \boxed{49x + 36y + 336 = 0, \left(-\frac{24}{7}, -\frac{14}{3}\right)}$$

$x = 4t \Rightarrow \frac{dx}{dt} = 4$
 $y = \frac{4}{t} \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dt} = -\frac{4}{t^2}$
 $\therefore \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy/dt}{dx/dt} = \frac{-4/t^2}{4} = -\frac{1}{t^2}$
 ∴ EQUATION OF TANGENT AT $\left(4t, \frac{4}{t}\right)$ GRADIENT $-\frac{1}{t^2}$
 $y - \frac{4}{t} = -\frac{1}{t^2}(x - 4t)$
 $t^2 y - 4t = -\frac{1}{t}(x - 4t)$
 $x + t^2 y = 8t$ (AS REQUIRED)

(b) THE POINTS OF THE TANGENT MUST PASS THROUGH $(-12, 7)$
 $-12 + t^2 \cdot 7 = 8t$
 $\Rightarrow -12 + 7t^2 = 8t$
 $\Rightarrow 7t^2 - 8t - 12 = 0$
 $\Rightarrow (7t + 6)(t - 2) = 0$
 $t = \frac{2}{1} \quad \frac{-6}{7}$

∴ POINTS OF TANGENCY & TANGENT
 • $t = 2 \quad \left(4t, \frac{4}{t}\right) = (8, 2)$
 $x + 4y = 8t$
 $x + 4y = 16$

• $t = -\frac{6}{7} \quad \left(4t, \frac{4}{t}\right) = \left(-\frac{24}{7}, -\frac{14}{3}\right)$
 $x + t^2 y = 8t$
 $x + \frac{36}{49} y = -\frac{48}{7}$
 $49x + 36y = -336$
 $49x + 36y + 336 = 0$

Question 4 (***)

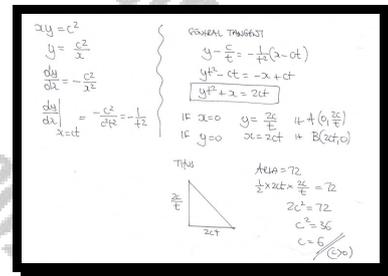
The general point $P\left(ct, \frac{c}{t}\right)$, $c > 0$, $t > 0$, lies on a hyperbola H with Cartesian equation

$$xy = c^2.$$

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 .

$$c = 6$$



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) $x = 3t$
 $y = \frac{3}{t}$
 $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy/dt}{dx/dt} = \frac{-\frac{3}{t^2}}{3} = -\frac{1}{t^2}$
 TANGENT AT $\left(3t, \frac{3}{t}\right)$, GRADIENT $-\frac{1}{t^2}$
 $y - \frac{3}{t} = -\frac{1}{t^2}(x - 3t)$
 $t^2 y - 3t = -x + 3t$
 $t^2 y + x = 6t$ // AT POINT P

(b) THE GENERAL TANGENT MUST PASS THROUGH $(-1, 7)$
 $\Rightarrow 7t^2 - 1 = 6t$
 $\Rightarrow 7t^2 - 6t - 1 = 0$
 $\Rightarrow (7t+1)(t-1) = 0$
 $\Rightarrow t = -\frac{1}{7}$
 • If $t = 1$
 $y + x = 6$
 • If $t = -\frac{1}{7}$
 $\frac{1}{49}y + 2 = -\frac{6}{7}$
 $y + 49 \times 2 = -42$
 $y + 49 \times 2 + 42 = 0$

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) $2y = a^2$
 $y = \frac{a^2}{2x}$
 $\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{a^2}{2x^2}$
 $\left.\frac{dy}{dx}\right|_{x=ap} = -\frac{a^2}{(ap)^2} = -\frac{1}{p^2}$

EQUATION OF TANGENT AT $P(ap, \frac{a}{p})$
 $y - \frac{a}{p} = -\frac{1}{p^2}(x - ap)$
 $p^2y - ap = -x + ap$
 $p^2y + x = 2ap$

(b) TANGENT AT P : $p^2y + x = 2ap$
 TANGENT AT Q : $q^2y + x = 2aq$

SUBTRACT $p^2y - q^2y = 2ap - 2aq$
 $(p^2 - q^2)y = 2a(p - q)$
 $y = \frac{2a(p - q)}{p^2 - q^2}$
 $y = \frac{2a(p - q)}{(p - q)(p + q)}$
 $y = \frac{2a}{p + q}$
 As $q \neq p$

NOW $p^2y + x = 2ap$
 $p^2\left(\frac{2a}{p+q}\right) + x = 2ap$
 $x = 2ap - \frac{2ap^2}{p+q}$
 $x = \frac{2ap(p+q) - 2ap^2}{p+q}$
 $x = \frac{2ap^2 + 2apq - 2ap^2}{p+q}$
 $x = \frac{2apq}{p+q}$

$\therefore R\left(\frac{2apq}{p+q}, \frac{2a}{p+q}\right)$

(c) Now $p = 3q$
 $R\left(\frac{2a(3q)q}{3q+q}, \frac{2a}{3q+q}\right) = \left(\frac{6aq^2}{4q}, \frac{2a}{4q}\right) = \left(\frac{3}{2}aq, \frac{a}{2q}\right)$

$X = \frac{3}{2}aq$
 $Y = \frac{a}{2q}$
 $\Rightarrow XY = \frac{3}{2}aq \times \frac{a}{2q}$
 $XY = \frac{3}{4}a^2$

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

$$p^2q^2 = 1.$$

proof

(a) $y = \frac{c}{x}$
 $\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{c}{x^2}$
 $\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{c}{cp^2} = -\frac{1}{p^2}$

EQUATION OF TANGENT AT $P(cp, \frac{c}{p})$
 $y - \frac{c}{p} = -\frac{1}{p^2}(x - cp)$
 $py - cp = -x + cp$
 $x + py = 2cp$ // PROVED

(b) SIMILARLY THE TANGENT AT Q MUST BE $x + qy = 2cq$
 $\therefore x + py = 2cp$
 $x + qy = 2cq$ → SUBTRACT $(p^2 - q^2)y = 2c(p - q)$
 $y = \frac{2c(p - q)}{p^2 - q^2} = \frac{2c}{p + q}$
 $q^2x + p^2y = 2cpq$
 $p^2x + q^2y = 2cq^2$ SUBSTITUTE
 $(q^2 - p^2)x = 2cpq(1 - p)$
 $(q - p)(q + p)x = 2cpq(q - p)$
 $q + p$
 $x = \frac{2cpq}{p + q}$
 $\therefore \left(\frac{2cpq}{p + q}, \frac{2c}{p + q}\right)$ // PROVED

(c) GRADIENT $PQ = \frac{\frac{c}{p} - \frac{c}{q}}{cp - cq} = \frac{\frac{1}{p} - \frac{1}{q}}{p - q} = \frac{q - p}{p - q} = -\frac{1}{p + q}$
 $= \frac{q - p}{(p - q)pq} = -\frac{p - q}{pq(p - q)} = -\frac{1}{pq}$

GRADIENT $OR = \frac{\frac{2c}{p + q}}{\frac{2cpq}{p + q}} = \frac{1}{pq}$

So $-\frac{1}{pq} \times \frac{1}{pq} = -1$
 $\frac{1}{p^2q^2} = 1 \therefore p^2q^2 = 1$ //

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

• LET THE COORDINATES OF A, B, C BE $(a, \frac{p^2}{a}), (b, \frac{p^2}{b}), (c, \frac{p^2}{c})$ RESPECTIVELY WHERE a, b, c ARE DISTINCT
 • GRADIENT OF AB
 $\frac{\frac{p^2}{b} - \frac{p^2}{a}}{b - a} = \frac{\frac{ap^2 - bp^2}{ab}}{b - a}$
 $= \frac{ap^2 - bp^2}{ab(b - a)}$
 $= \frac{-p^2(b - a)}{ab(b - a)}$
 $= -\frac{p^2}{ab}$
 • BY ANALOGY
 GRADIENT OF BC IS $-\frac{p^2}{bc}$
 GRADIENT OF AC IS $-\frac{p^2}{ac}$
 • NOW WE CAN FIND THE GRADIENT OF THE TANGENT AT B
 $y = \frac{p^2}{x} \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{p^2}{x^2}$
 $\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} \Big|_{x=b} = -\frac{p^2}{b^2}$ ← tangent gradient at B
 • BUT THERE IS A CONSTRAINT FROM THE FACT $AB \perp BC$
 $-\frac{p^2}{ab} \times -\frac{p^2}{bc} = -1$
 $\Rightarrow p^4 = -ab^2c$
 • THIS CHECKS THE GRADIENT OF THE TANGENT AT B IS THE GRADIENT OF AC
 $-\frac{p^2}{b^2} \times -\frac{p^2}{ac} = \frac{p^4}{ab^2c} = \frac{-ab^2c}{ab^2c} = -1$
 Tangent gradient \times gradient AC = -1, INDICATED PERPENDICULAR

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
 $xy = c^2$ $P\left(cp, \frac{c}{p}\right)$
 $y = \frac{c^2}{x}$
 $\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{c^2}{x^2}$
 $\left.\frac{dy}{dx}\right|_{x=cp} = -\frac{c^2}{c^2p^2} = -\frac{1}{p^2}$
 • NORMAL GRADIENT IS p^2
 • EQUATION OF NORMAL
 $y - \frac{c}{p} = p^2(x - cp)$
 SOLVING SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH THE EQUATION OF THE CURVE
 $\Rightarrow \left(\frac{c^2}{x}\right) - \frac{c}{p} = p^2(x - cp)$
 $\Rightarrow \frac{c^2}{x} - \frac{c}{p} = p^2x - cp^3$
 $\Rightarrow cp - cx = p^3x^2 - cp^3x$
 $\Rightarrow 0 = p^3x^2 + (c - cp^4)x - c^2p = 0$
 $\Rightarrow p^3x^2 + c(1 - p^4)x - c^2p = 0$
 • AS $x = cp$ IS A SOLUTION (POINT OF NORMALITY), WE HAVE
 $\Rightarrow (x - cp)(p^3x + c) = 0$

$\Rightarrow x = \begin{cases} cp & \leftarrow P \\ -\frac{c}{p^3} & \leftarrow Q \end{cases}$
 $\Rightarrow y = \frac{c^2}{-\frac{c}{p^3}} = -\frac{c^2p^3}{c} = -cp^3$
 $\therefore Q\left(-\frac{c}{p^3}, -cp^3\right)$

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 $x = \frac{1}{4y}$)
 $\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{1}{4x^2}$
 $\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx}\bigg|_{\frac{p}{2}, \frac{1}{2p}} = -\frac{1}{4\left(\frac{p}{2}\right)^2} = -\frac{1}{p^2}$

• 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 $4xy = 1$

$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{4x} - \frac{1}{2p} = \frac{1}{p^2}\left(x - \frac{p}{2}\right)$ $\times 4p^2$
 $\Rightarrow p - 2x = 4p^2x^2 - 2p^2x$
 $\Rightarrow 0 = 4p^2x^2 + (2 - 2p^3)x - p$
 $\frac{x+0}{2} = \frac{1}{2}\left(-\frac{b}{a}\right) = \frac{1}{2}\left[\frac{2p^3 - 2}{4p^2}\right] = \frac{p^3 - 1}{4p^2}$

• REPEAT THE PROCESS FOR Q

$\Rightarrow y - \frac{1}{2p} = \frac{1}{p^2}\left(x - \frac{p}{2}\right)$
 $\Rightarrow y - \frac{1}{2p} = \frac{1}{p^2}\left(x - \frac{p}{2}\right)$ $\times 4p^2$
 $\Rightarrow 4p^2y - 2p = p^2x - 2p^2y$

$\Rightarrow 4p^2y + (2p^2 - 2) - p^2x = 0$

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

\therefore THE COORDINATES OF THE MIDPOINT OF PQ ARE

$\left(\frac{p^2 - 1}{4p^2}, \frac{1 - p^3}{4p}\right)$

• ELIMINATE THE PARAMETER p

$x = \frac{p^2 - 1}{4p^2} = \frac{1}{p^2}\left[\frac{p^2 - 1}{4p}\right]$
 $y = -\frac{p^3 - 1}{4p}$
 $\frac{1}{y} = -\frac{4p}{p^3 - 1}$ $p^2 = \frac{1}{y}$

• FINALLY USE Cartesian

$y^2 = \frac{(x^2 - 1)^2}{16p^2} = \frac{\left(\frac{1}{y} - 1\right)^2}{16\left(\frac{1}{y}\right)} = \frac{(1 - y)^2}{16y}$
 $\Rightarrow y^2 = \frac{x(x^2 - 1)^2}{-16yx^2}$
 $\Rightarrow -16xy^3 = x(y^2 - x^2)^2$
 $\Rightarrow -(xy^3)^2 = (y^2 - x^2)^2$
 $\Rightarrow (y^2 - x^2)^2 + 16x^3y^3 = 0$

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 $p = f(q)$

$$p = 3q, \quad p = \frac{1}{3}q$$

(a) $x = 2p \implies \frac{dx}{dt} = 2 \frac{dp}{dt}$
 $y = \frac{2}{p} \implies \frac{dy}{dt} = -\frac{2}{p^2} \frac{dp}{dt}$
 $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{-\frac{2}{p^2} \frac{dp}{dt}}{2 \frac{dp}{dt}} = -\frac{1}{p^2}$

• EQUATION OF TANGENT AT $P\left(2p, \frac{2}{p}\right)$, GRADIENT $= -\frac{1}{p^2}$
 $y - \frac{2}{p} = -\frac{1}{p^2}(x - 2p)$
 $y = \frac{2}{p} - \frac{1}{p^2}(x - 2p)$

• SIMILARLY FOR TANGENT AT Q
 $y = \frac{2}{q} - \frac{1}{q^2}(x - 2q)$

So $\frac{2}{p} - \frac{1}{p^2}(x - 2p) = \frac{2}{q} - \frac{1}{q^2}(x - 2q)$
 $2pq^2 - q^2(x - 2p) = 2p^2 - p^2(x - 2q)$
 $2pq^2 - q^2x + 2pq = 2p^2 - p^2x + 2p^2q$
 $p^2x - q^2x = 4pq - 4pq^2$
 $(p^2 - q^2)x = 4pq(p - q)$
 $(p - q)(p + q)x = 4pq(p - q)$ BUT $p \neq q$
 $x = \frac{4pq}{p + q}$

• $y = \frac{2}{p} - \frac{1}{p^2}\left(\frac{4pq}{p + q} - 2p\right) = \frac{2}{p} - \frac{1}{p^2} \times \frac{4pq - 2p(p + q)}{p + q} + \frac{2}{p} = \frac{4}{p} - \frac{4}{p^2} \left(1 - \frac{q}{p + q}\right) = \frac{4}{p} \left(1 - \frac{q}{p + q}\right) = \frac{4}{p} \left(\frac{p + q - q}{p + q}\right) = \frac{4}{p + q}$
 $\therefore R\left(\frac{4pq}{p + q}, \frac{4}{p + q}\right)$ ✓

(b) Now $xy = 3$
 $\implies \frac{4pq}{p + q} \times \frac{4}{p + q} = 3$
 $\implies 16pq = 3(p + q)^2$
 $\implies 16pq = 3p^2 + 6pq + 3q^2$
 $\implies 3p^2 - 10pq + 3q^2 = 0$
 $\implies (3p - q)(p - 3q) = 0$

$\begin{matrix} 16 & 4 \\ & 3q \end{matrix}$

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 $f(x, y) = 0$.

$$\boxed{}, \quad \boxed{ty - 2 = t^3x - 2t^4}, \quad \boxed{(y^2 - x^2)^2 + x^3y^3 = 0}$$

a) BRAND NEW & DIFFERENTIATE

$$\Rightarrow xy = 4$$

$$\Rightarrow y = \frac{4}{x}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{4}{x^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} \Big|_{x=2t} = -\frac{4}{(2t)^2} = -\frac{1}{t^2}$$

FINALLY USE GRADIENT OF THE NORMAL

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

$$ty - 2 = t^2(x - 2t)$$

$$ty - 2 = t^2x - 2t^3$$

$$ty - t^2x = 2 - 2t^3$$

b) PROCEED BY SOLVING SIMULTANEOUSLY THE CURVE & THE NORMAL - NOTE THAT THE POINT OF NORMALITY MULTI BY A SOLUTION

$$\Rightarrow ty - t^2x = 2 - 2t^3$$

$$\Rightarrow t^2y - t^3x = (2 - 2t^3)t$$

$$\Rightarrow 4t - t^3x = (2 - 2t^3)t$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 = t^3x + (2 - 2t^3)t - 4t$$

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

POINT OF NORMALITY $P(2t, \frac{2}{t})$
POINT Q (REINTERSECTION)

FINDING THE CO-ORDINATES OF Q & M

WHEN $x = -\frac{2}{t^3}$, $y = \frac{4}{-\frac{2}{t^3}} = -2t^3$ $Q\left(-\frac{2}{t^3}, -2t^3\right)$

$$M\left(\frac{2t - \frac{2}{t^3}}{2}, \frac{\frac{2}{t} - 2t^3}{2}\right) = M\left(t - \frac{1}{t^3}, \frac{1}{t} - t^3\right)$$

FINALLY ELIMINATE t , TO OBTAIN A CARTESIAN EXPRESSION

$$X = t - \frac{1}{t^3} \Rightarrow X = \frac{t^4 - 1}{t^3}$$

$$Y = \frac{1}{t} - t^3 \Rightarrow Y = \frac{1 - t^4}{t^3}$$

DIVIDING THE EQUATIONS ABOVE

$$\frac{Y}{X} = \frac{1 - t^4}{t^4 - 1} = \frac{-(t^4 - 1)}{t^4 - 1}$$

$$\frac{Y}{X} = -1$$

SUB INTO EITHER PARAMETRIC

$$\Rightarrow Y = -X$$

$$\Rightarrow Y^2 = X^2$$

$$\Rightarrow Y^2 - X^2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow Y^2 - X^2 = [(Y/X) - 1]^2$$

$$\Rightarrow -X^2 = [(-X/X) - 1]^2$$

$$\Rightarrow -X^2 = \left(\frac{-X}{X} - 1\right)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow -X^2 = \left(\frac{-X - X}{X}\right)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow -X^2 = \frac{(2X)^2}{X^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow -Y^2X^2 = (2X)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow (Y^2 - X^2)^2 + X^3Y^3 = 0$$

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 $P\left(p + \frac{1}{p}, p - \frac{1}{p}\right)$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy/dt}{dx/dt} = \frac{1 + \frac{1}{t^2}}{1 - \frac{1}{t^2}} = \frac{t^2 + 1}{t^2 - 1}$$

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{2t-1}{t^2-1}$$

- HENCE THE EQUATION OF THE NORMAL AT P , WILL BE
$$y - \left(p - \frac{1}{p}\right) = -\frac{t^2-1}{t^2+1} \left[x - \left(p + \frac{1}{p}\right)\right]$$
- NORMAL PASSES THROUGH $Q(0, -k)$, $k > 0$
$$\Rightarrow -k - \left(p - \frac{1}{p}\right) = -\frac{t^2-1}{t^2+1} \left[0 - \left(p + \frac{1}{p}\right)\right]$$

$$\Rightarrow -k - \frac{p^2-1}{p} = \frac{t^2-1}{t^2+1} \times \frac{p^2+1}{p}$$

$$\Rightarrow -k - \frac{p^2-1}{p} = \frac{t^2-1}{p}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{2t^2-1}{p} = k$$
- NOTE: REMEMBER WITH A GRAPHING CALCULATOR THE HYPERBOLA IS SYMMETRICAL TO THE AREA OF THE YELLOW (OR GREEN) TRIANGLE IS $\frac{15}{4}$
$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} \times k \times \left(p + \frac{1}{p}\right) = \frac{15}{4}$$

$$\Rightarrow k \left(\frac{2t^2-1}{p}\right) = \frac{15}{4}$$

$$\Rightarrow k = \frac{15p}{2t^2-1}$$

- ELIMINATE k , BETWEEN THE LAST TWO EXPRESSIONS
$$\Rightarrow \frac{15p}{2t^2-1} = -\frac{2(t^2-1)}{p}$$

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

$$\Rightarrow 15p^2 = -4t^4 + 4$$

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

$$\Rightarrow (4t^2-1)(t^2+4) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow t^2 = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$\Rightarrow t = \pm \frac{1}{2} \text{ (CHOOSE } k < 0)$$
- FINALLY USE THE
$$p + \frac{1}{p} = \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow \frac{p^2 + 1}{p} = \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow 2p^2 + 2 = p$$

$$y = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2} = -\frac{1}{2} \quad \therefore \left(\frac{5}{2}, -\frac{3}{2}\right), \left(\frac{5}{2}, \frac{3}{2}\right)$$

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

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{1}{x^2}$$

• LET $P(p, \frac{1}{p})$ $Q(q, \frac{1}{q})$ $p \neq q$

• EXPANST OF GRADIENT $\frac{1}{q} - \frac{1}{p} = \frac{p-q}{q-p}$

$$= \frac{p-q}{-p(q-p)} = -\frac{1}{p+q}$$

• CHECK FOR \perp GRAD AT P (NORMAL)

• GRAD AT P IS $-\frac{1}{p^2}$

(NORMAL GRAD AT $P \propto p^2$)

$$\therefore -\frac{1}{p^2} \times \left(-\frac{1}{p+q}\right) = -1$$

$$\frac{1}{p^2 q} = -1$$

• NOW WE FIND THE EQUATION OF THE TANGENT AT $P(p, \frac{1}{p})$

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

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

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

• SIMILARLY THE TANGENT AT $Q(q, \frac{1}{q})$ WILL BE

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

• SOLVING SIMULTANEOUSLY TO FIND THE POINT R

$$\frac{2}{p} - \frac{1}{p^2}x = \frac{x}{q^2} - \frac{1}{q}$$

$$2\left(\frac{1}{p} - \frac{1}{q}\right) = \frac{x}{q^2} - \frac{x}{p^2}$$

$$\frac{p^2 - q^2}{p^2 q^2} = 2\left(\frac{1}{q^2} - \frac{1}{p^2}\right)$$

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

$\therefore p \neq q \quad p \neq 0 \quad q \neq 0$

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

$$2 = \frac{2p+q}{p+q}$$

AND $y = \frac{2}{q} - \frac{1}{q^2}\left(\frac{2pq}{p+q}\right) = \frac{2}{q} - \frac{2p}{q(p+q)}$

$$= \frac{2(p+q) - 2p}{q(p+q)} = \frac{2p + 2q - 2p}{q(p+q)}$$

$$= \frac{2q}{q(p+q)} = \frac{2}{p+q}$$

$\therefore R\left(\frac{2pq}{p+q}, \frac{2}{p+q}\right)$

• NOW WE CAN EVALUATE THE COORDINATES p & q

FROM THE EQUATIONS

$$x = \frac{2pq}{p+q}$$

$$y = \frac{2}{p+q}$$

• THE CONSTANT?

$$\frac{x}{y} = -1$$

$$q = -\frac{1}{p^2}$$

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

$$y = \frac{\frac{2}{p}}{p - \frac{1}{p^2}} = \frac{\frac{2}{p}}{\frac{p^3 - 1}{p^2}} = \frac{2p^2}{p^3 - 1}$$

• INVIDE THE EQUATIONS

$$\frac{x}{y} = -\frac{2p}{2p^2} = -\frac{1}{p} \quad \text{ie } p^2 = -\frac{y}{x}$$

• SUB INTO THE xy EQUATION & THEY ARE

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

$$\rightarrow y^3(p^3 - 1)^2 = 4p^4$$

$$\rightarrow y^3\left[\frac{y^2 - x^2}{x^2}\right]^2 = 4\left(-\frac{y}{x}\right)^4$$

$$\rightarrow y^3\left(\frac{y^2 - x^2}{x^2}\right)^2 = -\frac{4y^4}{x^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow y^3 \left(\frac{y^2 - x^2}{x^2}\right)^2 = -\frac{4y^4}{x^2}$$

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

$$\Rightarrow (y^2 - x^2)^2 = -4xy$$

$$\rightarrow (y^2 - x^2)^2 + 4xy = 0$$

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 $xy = \frac{a^2}{1}$

- $\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{a^2}{x^2}$
- $\left. \frac{dy}{dx} \right|_P = -\frac{a^2}{p^2}$
- NORMAL GRADIENT = $+\frac{p^2}{a^2}$
- NORMAL EQUATION: $y - \frac{a^2}{p} = \frac{p^2}{a^2}(x - p)$

SOLVING SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH THE EQUATION OF THE CURVE

$$\Rightarrow \left(\frac{a^2}{x}\right) - \frac{a^2}{p} = \frac{p^2}{a^2}(x - p) \quad \times a^2 p$$

$$\Rightarrow a^2 p - a^2 x = 2p^2(x - p)$$

$$\Rightarrow a^2 p - a^2 x = 2p^2 x - 2p^3$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 = p^2 x^2 + (a^2 - 2p^2)x - a^2 p$$

AS $x = p$ MUST ALSO BE A SOLUTION, FACTORISE BY INSPECTION

$$\Rightarrow 0 = (x - p)(p^2 x + a^2)$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \begin{cases} p & \leftarrow \text{Point } P \\ -\frac{a^2}{p^2} & \leftarrow \text{Point } Q \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow y = \frac{a^2}{x} = a^2 \times \left(-\frac{p^2}{a^2}\right) = -\frac{p^2}{a^2} \quad Q\left(-\frac{a^2}{p^2}, -\frac{p^2}{a^2}\right)$$

NEXT THE MIDPOINT M

$$M\left(\frac{p - \frac{a^2}{p^2}}{2}, \frac{\frac{a^2}{p} - \frac{p^2}{a^2}}{2}\right) = M\left(\frac{p^3 - a^2}{2p^2}, \frac{a^2 - p^3}{2pa^2}\right)$$

FINALLY ELIMINATE THE PARAMETER OUT OF THESE EQUATIONS

$$X = \frac{p^3 - a^2}{2p^2} \quad \begin{cases} \rightarrow \frac{Y}{X} = \frac{\frac{a^2 - p^3}{2pa^2}}{\frac{p^3 - a^2}{2p^2}} \times \frac{2p^2}{2p^2} \\ \rightarrow \frac{Y}{X} = \frac{a^2 - p^3}{p^3 - a^2} \\ \rightarrow \frac{Y}{X} = -\frac{a^2 - p^3}{a^2 - p^3} \\ \rightarrow \frac{Y}{X} = -1 \end{cases}$$

$$Y = -X$$

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

$$\rightarrow 4a^4 \left(-\frac{X}{2}\right)^2 = \left(a^2 - \frac{a^2 X^2}{p^2}\right)^2$$

$$\rightarrow -\frac{4a^4 X^2}{2} = \left(\frac{a^2 X^2 - a^2 p^2}{X}\right)^2$$

$$\rightarrow -\frac{4a^4 X^2}{2} = \frac{a^4}{X^2} (X^2 - p^2)^2$$

$$\rightarrow -4X^3 Y^2 = a^4 (X^2 - p^2)^2$$

$$\rightarrow 2(X^2 - Y^2)^2 + 4X^3 Y^3 = 0$$

OR

$$a^2(x^2 + y^2)^2 + 4x^3 y^3 = 0$$

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HYPERBOLA

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Question 1 ()**

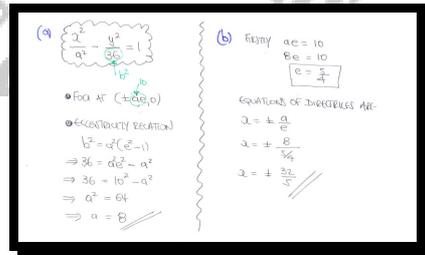
A hyperbola H has foci at the points with coordinates $(-10,0)$ and $(10,0)$, and its Cartesian equation is given by

$$\frac{x^2}{a^2} - \frac{y^2}{36} = 1,$$

where a is a positive constant.

- Find the value of a .
- Deduce the equations of the directrices of H .

$$a = 8, \quad x = \pm \frac{32}{5}$$



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 $\rightarrow ae = 13$
 $\frac{a}{e} = \frac{144}{13}$
 Direction \Rightarrow so $ae = 13$
 $12e = 13$
 $e = \frac{13}{12}$

\Rightarrow eccentricity $\frac{ae \times \frac{13}{12}}{13} = 1 \times \frac{144}{13}$
 $a^2 = 144$
 $a = 12$

• 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).

$$\boxed{}, \quad \boxed{y = \pm \frac{5}{3}x}, \quad \boxed{(\pm\sqrt{34}, 0)}, \quad \boxed{x = \pm \frac{9}{\sqrt{34}}}$$

Handwritten Work:

a) $x = \frac{3}{2} \left(t + \frac{1}{t} \right) \Rightarrow t + \frac{1}{t} = \frac{2x}{3}$
 $y = \frac{5}{2} \left(t - \frac{1}{t} \right) \Rightarrow t - \frac{1}{t} = \frac{2y}{5}$

ADDING THE EQUATIONS: $2t = \frac{2x}{3} + \frac{2y}{5} \Rightarrow t = \frac{x}{3} + \frac{y}{5}$
SUBTRACTING THE EQUATIONS: $\frac{2}{t} = \frac{2x}{3} - \frac{2y}{5} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{t} = \frac{x}{3} - \frac{y}{5}$

MULTIPLY THE EXPRESSIONS:
 $\left(\frac{x}{3} + \frac{y}{5} \right) \left(\frac{x}{3} - \frac{y}{5} \right) = 1$
 $\frac{x^2}{9} - \frac{y^2}{25} = 1$

b) USING STANDARD FORMULA FOR $\frac{x^2}{a^2} - \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1$
 $a = 3, b = 5$
i) ASYMPTOTES: $y = \pm \frac{b}{a}x = \pm \frac{5}{3}x$
ii) FIND THE ECCENTRICITY: $b^2 = 25, a^2 = 9$
 $c^2 = a^2 + b^2 = 34 \Rightarrow c = \sqrt{34}$
Foci: $(\pm\sqrt{34}, 0)$
Directrices: $x = \pm \frac{a^2}{c} = \pm \frac{9}{\sqrt{34}}$

c) SKETCH: A coordinate system showing a hyperbola opening horizontally. The center is at the origin. The vertices are at $(\pm\sqrt{34}, 0)$. Dashed lines represent the asymptotes $y = \pm \frac{5}{3}x$. Vertical dashed lines represent the directrices $x = \pm \frac{9}{\sqrt{34}}$. The hyperbola equation $\frac{x^2}{9} - \frac{y^2}{25} = 1$ is written in a box.

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

$$4(a^2x^2 - b^2y^2) = (a^2 + b^2)^2.$$

, proof

a) DETERMINE THE GRADIENT FUNCTION PARAMETERICALLY

$$\begin{aligned} x &= a \sec \theta \\ y &= b \tan \theta \end{aligned} \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{\frac{dy}{d\theta}}{\frac{dx}{d\theta}} = \frac{b \sec^2 \theta}{a \sec \theta \tan \theta} = \frac{b \sec \theta}{a \tan \theta}$$

$$= \frac{(b \sec \theta) \left(\frac{1}{\sin \theta} \right)}{a \frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta}} = \frac{b}{a \sin \theta} \cdot \frac{\cos \theta}{\sin \theta} = \frac{b \cos \theta}{a \sin \theta}$$

THENCE THE GRADIENT AT THE POINT $(a \sec \theta, b \tan \theta)$ IS $\frac{b \cos \theta}{a \sin \theta}$

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

$$\Rightarrow by - b^2 \tan \theta = -a \sin \theta x + a^2 \sin \theta \sec \theta$$

$$\Rightarrow by + a \sin \theta x = b^2 \tan \theta + a^2 \sin \theta \sec \theta$$

$$\Rightarrow by + a \sin \theta x = b^2 \frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta} + a^2 \frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta}$$

$$\Rightarrow by + a \sin \theta x = (a^2 + b^2) \frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta}$$

b) FIND THE COORDS OF A & B

x=0 $\Rightarrow by = (a^2 + b^2) \frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta}$
 $\Rightarrow y = \frac{a^2 + b^2}{b} \frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta}$ A $(0, \frac{a^2 + b^2}{b} \tan \theta)$

y=0 $\Rightarrow a \sin \theta x = (a^2 + b^2) \frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta}$
 $a \sin \theta x = (a^2 + b^2) \frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta}$
 $ax = \frac{a^2 + b^2}{\cos \theta}$
 $x = \frac{a^2 + b^2}{a \cos \theta}$ B $(\frac{a^2 + b^2}{a \cos \theta}, 0)$

THE MIDPOINT OF AB IS M $(\frac{a^2 + b^2}{2a \cos \theta}, \frac{a^2 + b^2}{2b} \tan \theta)$

$$\Rightarrow 1 + \tan^2 \theta = \sec^2 \theta$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 + \left(\frac{2by}{a^2 + b^2} \right)^2 = \left(\frac{2ax}{a^2 + b^2} \right)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 + \frac{4b^2y^2}{(a^2 + b^2)^2} = \frac{4a^2x^2}{(a^2 + b^2)^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow (a^2 + b^2)^2 + 4b^2y^2 = 4a^2x^2$$

$$\Rightarrow (a^2 + b^2)^2 = 4a^2x^2 - 4b^2y^2$$

$$\Rightarrow 4(a^2x^2 - b^2y^2) = (a^2 + b^2)^2$$

AS REQUIRED

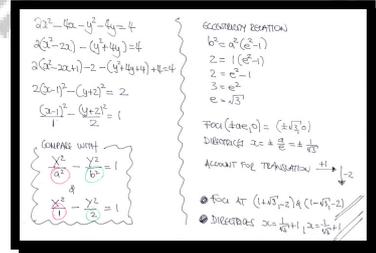
Question 5 (***)

A hyperbola has Cartesian equation

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

Find the coordinates of its foci and the equations of its directrices.

$$\boxed{(1 + \sqrt{3}, -2), (1 - \sqrt{3}, -2)}, \quad \boxed{x = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} + 1, \quad x = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} + 1}$$



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 $0 \leq \theta < 2\pi$.

$$\theta = \frac{\pi}{3}, \frac{5\pi}{3}$$

a) DIFFERENTIATE W.R.T θ

$$\frac{d}{d\theta} \left(\frac{a^2 x^2}{a^2} - \frac{y^2}{b^2} \right) = \frac{d}{d\theta} (1)$$

$$\frac{2ax}{a^2} \frac{dx}{d\theta} - \frac{2y}{b^2} \frac{dy}{d\theta} = 0$$

$$\frac{dx}{dy} = \frac{by}{a^2 x}$$

SLOPE AT P

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{b^2 \sec^2 \theta}{a^2 \tan \theta} = \frac{b^2 \sec \theta \cos \theta}{a^2 \sin \theta} = \frac{b^2}{a^2 \sin \theta}$$

NORMAL EQUATION IS GIVEN BY

$$y - b \tan \theta = -\frac{a^2 \sin \theta}{b} (x - a \sec \theta)$$

$$by - b^2 \tan \theta = -a^2 \sin \theta x + a^2 \sin \theta \sec \theta$$

$$by + a^2 \sin \theta = b^2 \tan \theta + a^2 \sin \theta \sec \theta$$

$$by + a^2 \sin \theta = b^2 \tan \theta + a^2 \tan \theta$$

$$by + a^2 \sin \theta = (b^2 + a^2) \tan \theta$$

b) FIRST FIND THE CO-ORDINATES OF X $\Rightarrow y=0$

$$a^2 \sin \theta = (a^2 + b^2) \tan \theta$$

$$a = \frac{a^2 + b^2}{a} \frac{\tan \theta}{\sin \theta}$$

$$a = \frac{a^2 + b^2}{a} \sec \theta$$

$\therefore X \left(\frac{a^2 + b^2}{a} \sec \theta, 0 \right)$

USING THE ECCENTRICITY RELATION

$$b^2 = a^2(e^2 - 1)$$

$$b^2 = a^2 \left(\frac{9}{4} - 1 \right)$$

$$b^2 = \frac{5}{4} a^2 \Rightarrow X \left(\frac{a^2 + \frac{5}{4} a^2}{a} \sec \theta, 0 \right)$$

$$X \left(\frac{9}{4} a \sec \theta, 0 \right)$$

NEXT THE FOCI S WITH POSITIVE x CO-ORDINATE

$$S(a, 0) \Rightarrow S \left(\frac{3}{2} a, 0 \right)$$

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

a) $x = \sinh t \Rightarrow x^2 = \sinh^2 t$
 $y = \cosh t \Rightarrow y^2 = \cosh^2 t$
 $\Rightarrow \cosh^2 t - \sinh^2 t = 1$
 $y^2 - x^2 = 1, \quad y > 1$

THIS BEHAVIOUR IS EXACT THE SAME

b) $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{d \cosh t}{d \sinh t} = \frac{\sinh t}{\cosh t}$
 $\therefore \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{\sinh t}{\cosh t}$
 $\Rightarrow y - y_0 = m(x - x_0)$
 $\Rightarrow y - \cosh t = \frac{\sinh t}{\cosh t} (x - \sinh t)$
 $\Rightarrow y \cosh t - \cosh^2 t = x \sinh t - \sinh^2 t$
 $\Rightarrow y \cosh t - x \sinh t = \cosh^2 t - \sinh^2 t$
 $y \cosh t - x \sinh t = 1$

INTERSECTION WITH $y = -x$
 $-x \cosh t - x \sinh t = 1$
 $-x(\cosh t + \sinh t) = 1$
 $-x = \frac{1}{\cosh t + \sinh t}$
 $-x = \frac{\cosh t - \sinh t}{(\cosh t + \sinh t)(\cosh t - \sinh t)}$
 $-x = \frac{\cosh t - \sinh t}{\cosh^2 t - \sinh^2 t}$
 $-x = \frac{\cosh t - \sinh t}{1}$
 $x = \sinh t - \cosh t$
 $y = \cosh t - \sinh t$

INTERSECTION WITH $y = x$
 $y \cosh t - y \sinh t = 1$
 $y(\cosh t - \sinh t) = 1$
 $y = \frac{1}{\cosh t - \sinh t}$
 $y = \frac{\cosh t + \sinh t}{(\cosh t - \sinh t)(\cosh t + \sinh t)}$
 $y = \frac{\cosh t + \sinh t}{\cosh^2 t - \sinh^2 t}$
 $y = \frac{\cosh t + \sinh t}{1}$
 $y = \cosh t + \sinh t$

IF EQUIDISTANT $P(\sinh t, \cosh t)$ MEANS THE MIDPOINT OF $A[(\cosh t + \sinh t, \cosh t - \sinh t)]$ & $B[\sinh t - \cosh t, \cosh t - \sinh t]$

FIND THE MIDPOINT
 $\left[\frac{\cosh t + \sinh t + \sinh t - \cosh t}{2}, \frac{\cosh t - \sinh t + \cosh t - \sinh t}{2} \right]$
 $= [\sinh t, \cosh t]$ WHICH IS INDEED P

c) $A = (\cosh t + \sinh t, \cosh t - \sinh t)$
 $B = (\sinh t - \cosh t, \cosh t - \sinh t)$
 $O = (0, 0)$

$\text{Area} = \frac{1}{2} |x_1 y_2 - x_2 y_1| = \frac{1}{2} |(\cosh t + \sinh t)(\cosh t - \sinh t) - (\sinh t - \cosh t)(\cosh t - \sinh t)|$
 $= \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{2(\cosh t + \sinh t)^2 - 2(\cosh t - \sinh t)^2}$
 $= \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{4(\cosh t + \sinh t)^2 - 4(\cosh t - \sinh t)^2}$
 $= \frac{1}{2} \times 2(\cosh t + \sinh t)(\cosh t - \sinh t)$
 $= \cosh^2 t - \sinh^2 t$
 $= 1$

NOTE: $(a-b)(a+b) = a^2 - b^2$

Question 8 (***)

A hyperbola H and a line L have the following Cartesian equations

$$H: \frac{x^2}{a^2} - \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1$$

$$L: y = mx + c,$$

where a, b, m and c are non zero constants.

- a) Show that the x coordinates of the points of intersection between L and H satisfy the equation

$$(a^2 m^2 - b^2)x^2 + (2a^2 mc)x + a^2(b^2 + c^2) = 0.$$

- b) Given the line is a tangent to the hyperbola show that

$$a^2 m^2 = b^2 + c^2.$$

- c) Find the equations of the two tangents to the hyperbola with Cartesian equation

$$\frac{x^2}{25} - \frac{y^2}{16} = 1$$

that pass through the point $(1, 4)$, and for each tangent the coordinates of their point of tangency.

$$y = x + 3, \left(-\frac{25}{3}, -\frac{16}{3}\right), y = -\frac{4}{3}x + \frac{16}{3}, \left(\frac{25}{4}, -3\right)$$

Q1

$$\frac{x^2}{a^2} - \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1$$

$$y = mx + c$$

Substitute $y = mx + c$ into $\frac{x^2}{a^2} - \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1$

$$\frac{x^2}{a^2} - \frac{(mx+c)^2}{b^2} = 1$$

Tidy up

$$\Rightarrow \frac{b^2 x^2}{a^2 b^2} - \frac{a^2 (m^2 x^2 + 2mcx + c^2)}{a^2 b^2} = \frac{a^2 b^2}{a^2 b^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{b^2 x^2 - a^2 m^2 x^2 - 2a^2 mcx - a^2 c^2}{a^2 b^2} = \frac{a^2 b^2}{a^2 b^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow (b^2 - a^2 m^2)x^2 - 2a^2 mcx - a^2(c^2 + b^2) = 0$$

b) TANGENT \Rightarrow DISCRIMINANT EQUALS 0

$$\Rightarrow b^2 - 4ac = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 4a^2 m^2 c^2 - 4a^2 (a^2 m^2 - b^2)(b^2 + c^2) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 4a^2 c^2 m^2 - 4a^4 m^2 (b^2 + c^2) + 4a^2 b^2 (b^2 + c^2) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow a^2 c^2 m^2 - (a^4 m^2 - b^4 - b^2 c^2) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow a^2 c^2 m^2 + b^4 + b^2 c^2 - a^4 m^2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow b^4 + b^2 c^2 - a^4 m^2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow b^2 + c^2 - a^2 m^2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow b^2 + c^2 = a^2 m^2$$

c) $a^2 = 25, b^2 = 16$

TANGENT PASSES THROUGH $(1, 4)$

$$y = mx + c$$

$$4 = m + c$$

$$m = 4 - c$$

HENCE $a^2 m^2 = b^2 + c^2$

REARANGE

$$\Rightarrow 25m^2 = 16 + c^2$$

$$\Rightarrow 25(4-c)^2 = 16 + c^2$$

$$\Rightarrow 25(16 - 8c + c^2) = 16 + c^2$$

$$\Rightarrow 400 - 200c + 25c^2 = 16 + c^2$$

$$\Rightarrow 3c^2 - 200c + 384 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (3c-16)(c-24) = 0$$

$c = \frac{16}{3}, m = \frac{1}{3}$ or $c = 24, m = -\frac{11}{3}$

SO $y = \frac{1}{3}x + \frac{16}{3}$ or $y = -\frac{11}{3}x + 24$

NOW TANGENCY POINTS

$$(a^2 m^2 - b^2)x^2 + 2a^2 mcx + a^2(b^2 + c^2) = 0$$

$$(b^2 - b^2)x^2 + 2a^2 mcx + a^2(b^2 + c^2) = 0$$

$$0x^2 + 2a^2 mcx + a^2(b^2 + c^2) = 0$$

$$2a^2 mcx + a^2(b^2 + c^2) = 0$$

$$2(4-c)c(25) + 25(b^2 + c^2) = 0$$

$$200c - 25c^2 + 25(16 + c^2) = 0$$

$$200c - 25c^2 + 400 + 25c^2 = 0$$

$$200c + 400 = 0$$

$$2c + 4 = 0$$

$$2c = -4$$

$$c = -2$$

$$m = 4 - (-2) = 6$$

$\therefore y = 6x - 2$ or $y = \frac{1}{3}x + \frac{16}{3}$

Question 9 (***)

A hyperbola H has Cartesian equation

$$\frac{x^2}{a^2} - \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1,$$

where a and b are positive constants.

The straight line T_1 is the tangent to H at the point $(a \cosh \theta, b \sinh \theta)$.

T_1 meets the x axis at the point P .

The straight line T_2 is a tangent to the hyperbola at the point $(a, 0)$.

T_1 and T_2 meet each other at the point Q .

Given further that M is the midpoint of PQ , show that as θ varies, the locus of M traces the curve with equation

$$x(4y^2 + b^2) = ab^2.$$

□, proof

OSTENDING THE GRADIENT FUNCTION IN HYPERBOLIC (OR CASHTIC)

$\frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{dx}{d(\cosh t)} = \frac{b \cosh t}{a \sinh t}$

AT THE POINT $(a \cosh t, b \sinh t) \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{b \cosh t}{a \sinh t}$

EQUATION OF TANGENT T_1 AT $(a \cosh t, b \sinh t)$

$\Rightarrow y - b \sinh t = \frac{b \cosh t}{a \sinh t} (x - a \cosh t)$

$\Rightarrow ay \sinh t - ab \cosh^2 t = bx \cosh t - ab \cosh t$

$\Rightarrow ay \sinh t - bx \cosh t = ab \cosh t - ab \cosh t$

$\Rightarrow bx \cosh t - ay \sinh t = ab (\cosh t - \sinh t)$

$\Rightarrow bx \cosh t - ay \sinh t = ab$

AT THE POINT $(a, 0)$ IS A CBV INSPECTING

$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{d(\cosh t)} = \frac{0}{\sinh t} = 0$ (vertical)

$\therefore T_2: x = a$

ALTERNATIVE FOR T_1 WITH $t=0$

$bx \cosh 0 - ay \sinh 0 = ab$

$bx = ab$

$x = a$

TO FIND P , SET $y=0$ IN T_1

$bx \cosh t - ay \sinh t = ab$

$bx \cosh t - a = ab$

$x = \frac{a}{\cosh t} \quad \therefore P(\frac{a}{\cosh t}, 0)$

TO FIND Q , SOLVE SIMULTANEOUSLY T_1 & T_2

$bx \cosh t - ay \sinh t = ab$ & $x = a$

$ab \cosh t - ay \sinh t = ab$

$b \cosh t - y \sinh t = b$

$b \cosh t - b = y \sinh t$

$y = \frac{b(\cosh t - 1)}{\sinh t} \quad \therefore Q(a, \frac{b(\cosh t - 1)}{\sinh t})$

MIDPOINT OF PQ IS $(\frac{1}{2}(\frac{a}{\cosh t} + a), \frac{1}{2} \frac{b(\cosh t - 1)}{\sinh t})$

$\bullet x = \frac{1}{2} a (\frac{1}{\cosh t} + 1)$ $\bullet y = \frac{1}{2} b \frac{\cosh t - 1}{\sinh t}$

$\frac{2x}{a} = \frac{1}{\cosh t} + 1$ $\frac{2y}{b} = \frac{\cosh t - 1}{\sinh t}$

$\frac{2x}{a} - 1 = \frac{1}{\cosh t}$ $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{\cosh t - 1}{\sinh t}$

$\frac{2x-a}{a} = \frac{1}{\cosh t}$ $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{(\cosh t - 1)^2}{\cosh t - 1}$

$\cosh t = \frac{a}{2x-a}$ $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{(\cosh t - 1)^2}{\cosh t - 1}$

$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{(\cosh t - 1)^2}{(\cosh t - 1)(\cosh t + 1)}$

$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{\cosh t - 1}{\cosh t + 1}$

$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{\frac{e^t + e^{-t}}{2} - 1}{\frac{e^t + e^{-t}}{2} + 1}$ (using $\frac{1}{2}(e^t + e^{-t})$ for $\cosh t$)

$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{e^t - 2 + e^{-t}}{e^t + 2 + e^{-t}}$

$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{e^t - 2 + e^{-t}}{e^t + 2 + e^{-t}}$

$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{e^t - 2 + e^{-t}}{e^t + 2 + e^{-t}}$

$\Rightarrow 4xy^2 + b^2 = ab^2$

$\Rightarrow x(4y^2 + b^2) = ab^2$

$\Rightarrow x(4y^2 + b^2) = ab^2$ (As required)

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

$P(a \sec \theta, b \tan \theta) \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{a^2 \sec \theta}{a^2 \tan \theta} = \frac{a \sec \theta}{a \tan \theta}$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{b \times \sec \theta \cos \theta}{a \times \frac{1}{\cos \theta} \times \frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta}}$$

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

THE GRADIENT OF A GENERAL TANGENT WILL BE

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

THIS TANGENT MUST PASS THROUGH THE FOCUS OF THE ELLIPSE $(ae, 0)$

$$\Rightarrow -b \tan \theta = \frac{b}{a \sin \theta} (ae - a \sec \theta)$$

$$\Rightarrow -\tan \theta = \frac{e - \sec \theta}{\sin \theta} (e - \sec \theta)$$

$$\Rightarrow -\tan \theta = \frac{1}{\sin \theta} (e - \sec \theta)$$

$$\Rightarrow -\tan \theta \sin \theta = e - \sec \theta$$

$$\Rightarrow \sec \theta - \tan \theta \sin \theta = e$$

$$\Rightarrow e = \frac{1}{\cos \theta} - \frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta} \sin \theta$$

$$\Rightarrow e = \frac{1 - \sin^2 \theta}{\cos \theta} = \frac{\cos^2 \theta}{\cos \theta}$$

$$\Rightarrow e = \cos \theta$$

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

$$\frac{b}{a \sin \theta} = \frac{b}{a} \times \frac{1}{\sin \theta} = \sin \theta \times \frac{1}{\sin \theta} = 1$$

HERE THE TANGENT MUST HAVE GRADIENT 1