

Parabola



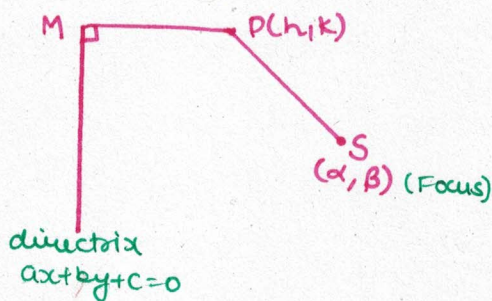
PARABOLA

parabola



DEFINATION

The locus of a point which moves in such a way that the distance of the point and from a fixed point and from a fixed line is always equal.



$$e = \frac{SP}{PM}$$

For parabola, $e = 1$

$$SP = PM$$

The fixed pt. is focus (S) and the fixed line is directrix. Locus is known as **Parabola**.

Eccentricity (e) is the ratio of SP and PM.

i.e. $e = \frac{SP}{PM}$

$$(x-\alpha)^2 + (y-\beta)^2 = \left| \frac{(ax+bx+c)^2}{a^2+b^2} \right|$$

Ques: Find the equation of a Parabola whose S(2,3) and directrix, $x+y+1=0$

Sol: $(x-2)^2 + (y-3)^2 = \frac{(x+y+1)^2}{2}$

$$\Rightarrow 2(x^2+4-4x) + 2(y^2+9-6y) = x^2+y^2+1+2x+2y+2xy$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2+y^2-2xy-10x-14y+25=0$$

The second degree general equation $\rightarrow ax^2+by^2+2hxy+2gx+2fy+c=0$ represents a parabola when,

$$\Delta \neq 0 \quad \text{and} \quad h^2 = ab$$

$$\Delta = abc + 2fgh - af^2 - bg^2 - ch^2$$

Ques: S(a, 0), directrix $\rightarrow x+a=0$

Sol: $(x-a)^2 + y^2 = (x+a)^2$

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

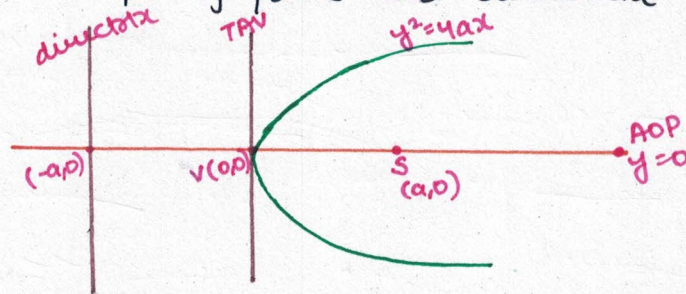
Parabola - $y^2 = 4ax$

TERMINOLOGY

- **Axis of Parabola (AOP)** - The line of symmetry which contains focus of the parabola is known as AOP.
- **Tangent at Vertex (TAV)** - A line which is \perp (perpendicular) to AOP and passing through the vertex of parabola.
- **Vertex (v)** - The POI of parabola and AOP is vertex
- **Focus (S)** - The fixed pt. which lies on AOP is known as focus
- **Directrix (D)** - The fixed line which is \perp to AOP and is of the same distance from vertex to focus in opposite direction

$$VS = VD$$

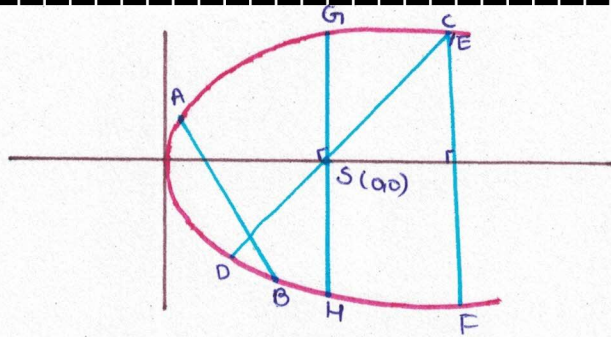
vertex is the mid pt. of focus and directrix



- **Chord** - A line which cuts the parabola at 2 distinct points is known as chord
- **Focal chord** - A chord which passes through focus
- **Double Ordinate** - A line which is \perp to AOP and cuts parabola at 2 distinct points is known as double ordinate.
- **Latus Rectum** - Double ordinate passing through focus is known as LR

$$\text{Length of latus rectum} = 4a$$

Basically, Latus rectum is also a chord, focal chord and double ordinate to parabola.



AB, CD, EF, GH are chords

CD, GH → Focal chords

EF, GH → Double ordinates

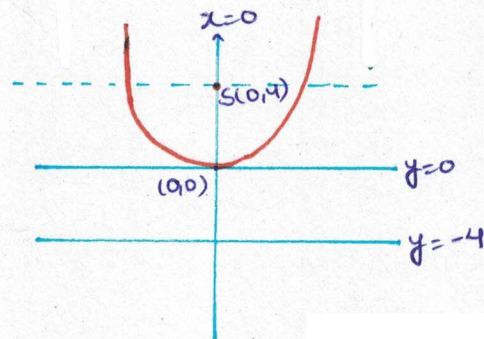
GH → latus rectum

STANDARD PARABOLA

Memorize!	$y^2 = 4ax$	$y^2 = -4ax$	$x^2 = 4ay$	$x^2 = -4ay$
Graph				
Focus	$(a, 0)$	$(-a, 0)$	$(0, a)$	$(0, -a)$
Axis of Parabola	$y = 0$	$y = 0$	$x = 0$	$x = 0$
TAV	$x = 0$	$x = 0$	$y = 0$	$y = 0$
Directrix	$x = -a$	$x = a$	$y = -a$	$y = a$
LR	$x = a$	$x = -a$	$y = a$	$y = -a$
Length of LR	$4a$	$4a$	$4a$	$4a$

Ques: $x^2 = 16y$

Sol: $V = (0, 0)$
 $S = (0, 4)$
 axis → $x = 0$
 TAV = $y = 0$
 LR = $y = 4$



Ques: $(y-4)^2 = 8(x+7)$

Sol: $V = (-7, 4)$ LR = 8
 $a = 2$ $S = (a, 0)$ $x+7 = 2$ $y = 4$
 $S(-5, 4)$ $x = -5$



Latus rectum - $x = a$ $x+7 = 2 \Rightarrow x = -5$

Directrix - $x = -a$ $x+7 = -2 \Rightarrow x = -7$

TAV - $x = 0 \Rightarrow x = -7$

Ques: $y^2 - 6x - 6y + 9 = 0$

sol: $(y^2 - 2(3y) + (3)^2) = 6x$

$(y-3)^2 = 6x = 4\left(\frac{3}{2}\right)x$ $a = \frac{3}{2}$

V = (0,0) = (0,3)

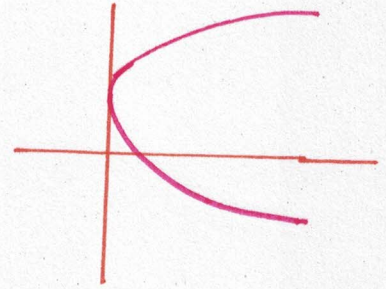
S = (a,0) = $\left(\frac{3}{2}, 3\right)$

AOP = $y = 0 \Rightarrow y = 3$

TAV = $x = 0 \Rightarrow x = 0$

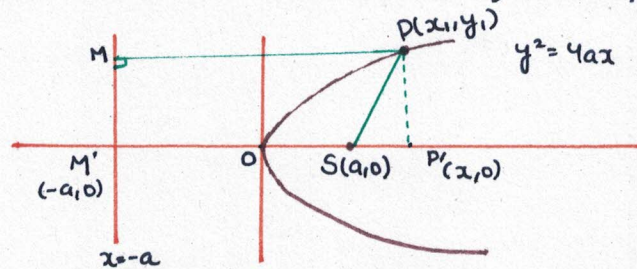
Directrix $x = -a \Rightarrow x = -3/2$

LR = $x = a \Rightarrow x = 3/2$



FOCAL LENGTH

The distance of a point on Parabola from focus is known as **Focal length**.



$PS = PM \Rightarrow PS = P'M' = OP' + OM'$

$PS = |x_1| + a$

Focal length = $|x| + a$
 \Rightarrow (mode of co-ordinate x of given point) + a

Example:



Focal length = $|4| + 4 = 5$

or we can also apply distance formula and find the focal length.

$d = \sqrt{(4-1)^2 + (4-0)^2} = \sqrt{16+9} = 5$

NOTE

If the parabola is vertical, then focal length will be $|y_1| + a$

Position of a Point w.r.t. Parabola

If we wish to find the position of a pt. w.r.t. parabola $y^2 = 4ax$ then first satisfy the pt (x_1, y_1) in the equation of parabola i.e.

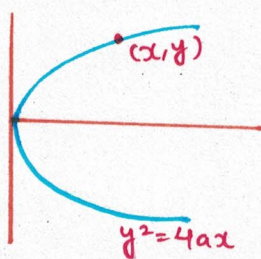
$$y_1^2 - 4ax_1$$

$$\text{If } y_1^2 - 4ax_1 > 0 \quad \text{Outside}$$

$$y_1^2 - 4ax_1 = 0 \quad \text{On}$$

$$y_1^2 - 4ax_1 < 0 \quad \text{Inside}$$

Parametric Coordinates



$$y^2 = 4ax$$
$$\frac{y}{2a} = \frac{2x}{y} = t$$

t is a parameter

$$y = 2at$$

$$2x = yt = 2at^2$$

$$x = at^2$$

$x = at^2, y = 2at$ } Parametric equation of parabola

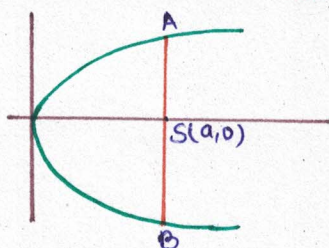
Parametric co-ordinates are-

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

$$t \in \mathbb{R}$$

Ques: If $A(t_1)$ and $B(t_2)$ are 2 pts. on the parabola $y^2 = 4ax$, then find the relation between t_1 and t_2 if AB is a focal chord.

Sol:



$$A = (at_1^2, 2at_1) \quad B = (at_2^2, 2at_2)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{2at_2 - 2at_1}{at_2^2 - at_1^2} = \frac{0 - 2at_1}{a - at_1^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{t_2 - t_1}{t_2^2 - t_1^2} = \frac{-t_1}{1 - t_1^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{t_2 - t_1}{(t_2 - t_1)(t_2 + t_1)} = \frac{-t_1}{1 - t_1^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow t_2 - 1 = t_1 t_2 + t_1^2$$

$$\Rightarrow t_1 t_2 = -1$$

If a parabola has a focal chord then, the coordinates of its end pts on parabola are $(at^2, 2at)$ and $(a/t^2, -2a/t)$

Remember $\rightarrow t_1 t_2 = -1 \rightarrow$ For focal chord

Ques: If the line joining $A(t_1)$ and $B(t_2)$ subtend right angle at the vertex of the parabola $y^2 = 4ax$. Then find relation between t_1 and t_2

Sol:

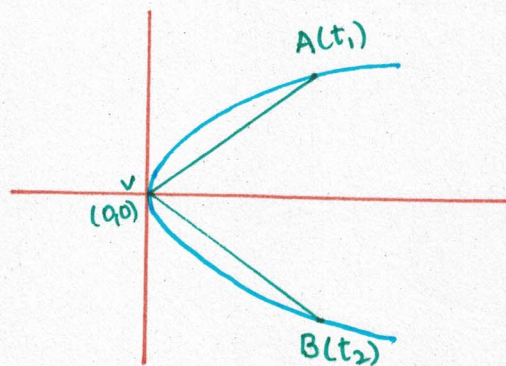
$$m_{AV} = \frac{2at_1}{at_1^2}$$

$$m_{BV} = \frac{2at_2}{at_2^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow m_{AV} m_{BV} = -1$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{2at_1}{at_1^2} \cdot \frac{2at_2}{at_2^2} = -1$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{-4 = t_1 t_2}$$



Note: Focal chord cannot subtend 90° at the vertex and a chord which subtend 90° at the vertex cannot be a focal chord.

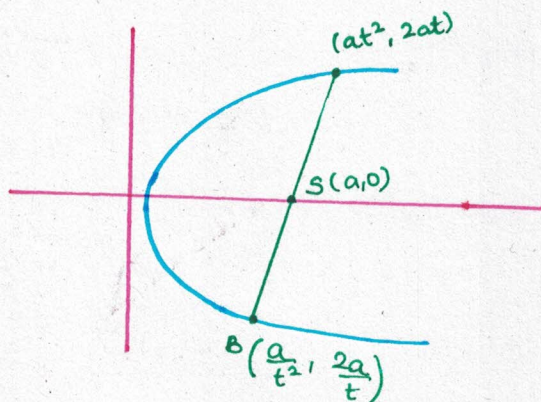
Ques: For the parabola, $y^2 = 4ax$, find the length of the focal chord in parametric form and also prove that the length of latus rectum is $4a$.

Sol: Length focal chord = AS + BS

$$= at^2 + a + \frac{a}{t^2} + a$$

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

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



For AB to be latus rectum

$$at^2 = a \Rightarrow t = \pm 1 \quad t=1 \text{ acceptable}$$

$$\text{length of latus rectum} = a(1+1)^2 = 4a$$

The length of focal chord to a parabola with parameter 't' is-

$$\left| a \left(t + \frac{1}{t} \right)^2 \right|$$

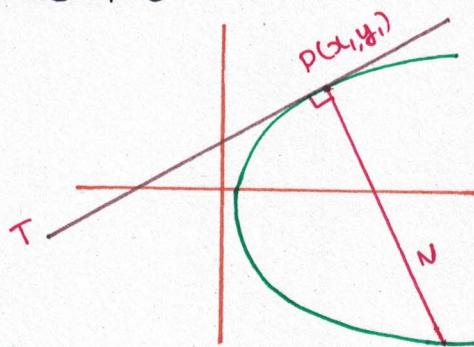
TANGENTS AND NORMALS

TANGENT AT THE POINT

* **POINT FORM:** Equation of tangent to the parabola $y^2 = 4ax$ at $P(x_1, y_1)$, then it will be given as $T=0$

$$yy_1 - 2a(x+x_1) = 0$$

$$yy_1 = 2a(x+x_1)$$



* **EQUATION OF NORMAL:**

Slope of tangent at $P(x_1, y_1) = \frac{2a}{y_1}$

$$m_1 = -y_1/2a$$

Equation of normal

$$y - y_1 = \left(\frac{-y_1}{2a}\right)(x - x_1)$$

Ques: Find the area of the Δ formed by AOP of the parabola, $y^2 = 16x$ with the tangent and normal at $(1, 4)$

Sol: Eqⁿ of tangent-

$$y(-4) = 8(x+1)$$

$$-4y = 8x + 8$$

$$8x + 4y + 8 = 0$$

Eqⁿ of AOP-

$$y = 0, \quad x = -1, \quad O(-1, 0)$$

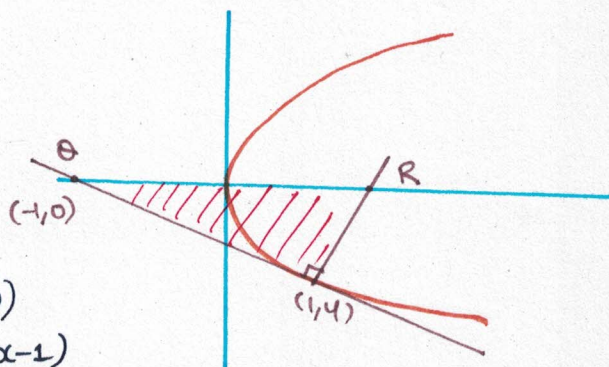
$$\text{Eqⁿ of normal } (y+4) = \frac{-4}{2(4)}(x-1)$$

$$2y + 8 = -x + 1$$

$$2y = -x - 7, \quad y = 0$$

$$R(9, 0), \quad x = 9, \quad x = -7$$

$$\text{area} = \frac{1}{2} \times B \times H = \frac{1}{2} \times 20 \times 2 = 20 \text{ units}$$



Ques: A chord is drawn inside the parabola $y^2 = 4ax$ which is passing through focus. Prove that the product of slope of the tangents drawn the extremities is -1.

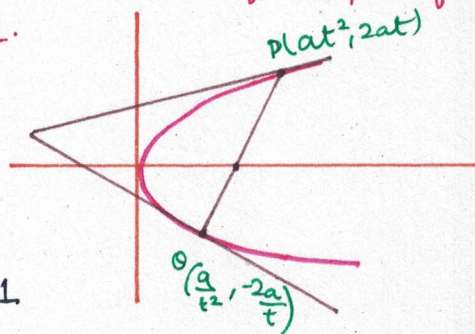
Sol: Tangent at P-

$$y(2at) = 2a(x+at^2)$$

at Q,

$$y\left(-\frac{a}{t}\right) = 2a\left(x + \frac{a}{t^2}\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow m_1 \times m_2 = \frac{2a}{2at} \times \frac{2at}{2a} = -1$$



POINTS TO REMEMBER

- 1 If we draw 2 tangents at the extremities of focal chord, then they are always mutually perpendicular
- 2 Slope of the tangent at any pt. P ($at^2, 2at$) is $(1/t)$
- 3 The slope of normal at any pt. P ($at^2, 2at$) will be $(-t)$.

TANGENT AND NORMAL IN PARAMETRIC FORM

If we wish to find the equation of tangent and normal at any pt. P on $y^2 = 4ax$ parametrically, then substitute $x_1 = at^2$ and $y_1 = 2at$

Hence, $yy_1 = 2a(x + x_1)$
 $y(2at) = 2a(x + at^2)$

$$yt = x + at^2$$

} Equation of Tangent

$$(y - y_1) = \frac{-y_1}{2a} (x - x_1)$$

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

$$(y - 2at) = -t(x - at^2)$$

$$y = 2at - xt + at^3$$

$$y = -xt + 2at + at^3$$

} Equation of Normal

Ques: If we draw normal to the parabola $y^2 = 4ax$ which meets the parabola again at a pt., then prove that this normal cannot pass through the focus of the parabola. Co-ordinate of P is (t_1) and Q is (t_2) where P is a pt. from which normal is drawn and meets the parabola again at Q. Find relation between t_1 and t_2 .

Sol: $y = -xt + 2at + at^3$

$$S(a, 0)$$

$$y = -at + 2at + at^3$$

$$y = at + at^3$$

The normal does not pass through focus.



$$\Rightarrow \frac{2at_2 - 2at_1}{at_2^2 - at_1^2} = \frac{y - 2at_1}{x - at_1^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2at_1 = -at_1^3 + 2at_1 + at_1^3$$

$$\Rightarrow 2at_2 = -at_2^3 + 2at_2 + at_2^3$$

$$\Rightarrow 2t_1 = -t_1^3 + 2t_1 + t_1^3$$

$$\Rightarrow 2at_2x - 2at_1x - 2a^2t_1^2t_2 + 2a^2t_1^3 = y at_2^2 - 2a^2t_1t_2^2 - y at_1^2 + 2a^2t_1$$

$$\Rightarrow 2t_2x - 2t_1x - 2t_1^2t_2 + 2t_1^3 - y t_2^2 + 2t_1t_2^2 - y t_1^2 - 2t_1^3 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -y(t_1^2 + t_2^2) + 2x(t_2 - t_1)$$

$$\Rightarrow y = -x(2t_2 - 2t_1)$$

$$\Rightarrow 2at_2 = -at_1t_2^2 + 2at_1 + at_1^3$$

$$\Rightarrow at_2(2 + t_1t_2) = at_1(2 + t_1^2)$$

$$m_{PQ} = \frac{2at_2 - 2at_1}{at_2^2 - at_1^2} = \frac{2(t_2 - t_1)}{(t_2 - t_1)(t_2 + t_1)}$$

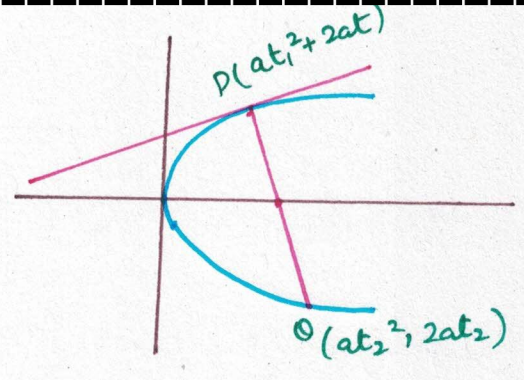
$$m_{PQ} = \frac{2}{t_2 + t_1}$$

$$\frac{2}{t_2 + t_1} = -t_1$$

$$t_2 = -t_1 - \frac{2}{t_1}$$

$$t_1^2 + t_1t_2 = -2 \quad t_1^2 = -2$$

$$t_1t_2 = -1$$



Ques: If normal at A (t_1) and B (t_2) meets the parabola again at C (t_3), then find relation between t_1 and t_2 .

Sol:

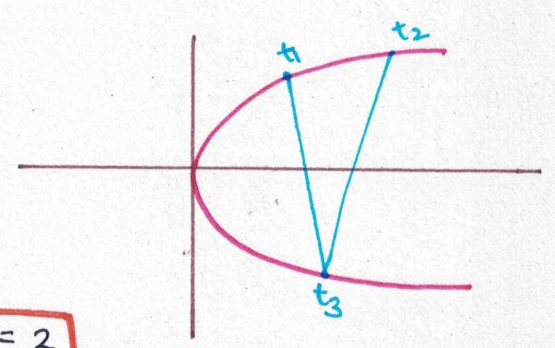
$$y^2 = 4ax$$

$$y = -xt_1 + 2at_1 + at_1^3$$

$$y = -xt_2 + 2at_2 + at_2^3$$

$$t_3 = -t_1 - \frac{2}{t_1} = -t_2 - \frac{2}{t_2}$$

$$-\frac{t_1^2 - 2}{t_1} = -\frac{t_2^2 - 2}{t_2} \Rightarrow t_1t_2 = 2$$



TANGENT AND NORMAL IN SLOPE FORM

Let $y = mx + c$ is tangent to parabola $y^2 = 4ax$

So, put the value in parabola,

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

$$\Rightarrow m^2x^2 + c^2 + 2mxc - 4ax = 0$$

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

\therefore The tangent will cut parabola at only 1 pt. \therefore D of eq. should be 0.

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

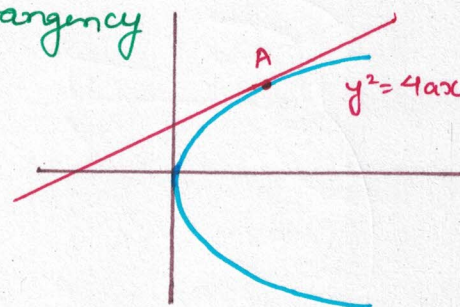
$$m^2c^2 + 4a^2 - 4mac - m^2c^2 = 0$$

$$4a^2 = 4mac$$

$$\boxed{c = \frac{a}{m}} \quad \left. \vphantom{\frac{a}{m}} \right\} \text{condition for tangency}$$

or eq. of tangent is -

$$\boxed{y = mx + \frac{a}{m}}$$



$m \rightarrow$ slope of tangent

From the above eqⁿ it is clear that we cannot draw two parallel tangents to a given parabola.

$$m = \frac{1}{t} \quad P(at^2, 2at)$$

$$\boxed{P = \left(\frac{a}{m^2}, \frac{2a}{m} \right)} \quad \left. \vphantom{\left(\frac{a}{m^2}, \frac{2a}{m} \right)} \right\} \text{co-ordinates of pt. P in slope form}$$

As we know,

eqⁿ of normal to parabola $y^2 = 4ax$ in parametric form is -

$$\boxed{Y = -xt + 2at + at^3}$$

slope of normal $m = -t$

So, eqⁿ of normal in slope form is -

$$\boxed{y = mx - 2am - am^3}$$

$m \rightarrow$ slope of normal

POI of normal to parabola

$$\boxed{P = (am^2, -2am)}$$

★ If parabola is shifted eg. $(y-\beta)^2 = 4a(x-\alpha)^2$, then equation of tangent becomes-

$$(y-\beta) = m(x-\alpha) + \frac{a}{m}$$

Ques: Find the eqⁿ of tangent to the parabola $y^2 = 4ax$ which is also the tangent to the circle $x^2 + y^2 = 1$.

Sol: $y = mx + c$
 $y = mx + \frac{a}{m}$ ($c = a/m$)

$$y = mx \pm a\sqrt{1+m^2}$$

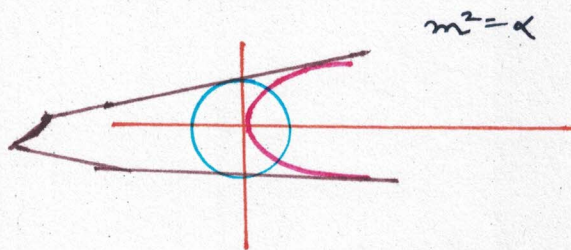
$$c = a\sqrt{1+m^2}$$

$$y = \sqrt{\frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{1+4a^2}}{2}} x + \frac{a}{m}$$

$$\frac{a}{m} = a\sqrt{1+m^2}$$

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

$$a = -\frac{1 \pm \sqrt{1+4a^2}}{2} = -\frac{1 \pm \sqrt{5}}{2}$$



TANGENT & NORMAL

Parabola $\rightarrow y^2 = 4ax$

QUICK REVISION

① Point Form

Tangent: $yy_1 = 2a(x+x_1)$

Normal: $(y-y_1) = \left(\frac{-y_1}{2a}\right)(x-x_1)$

② Parametric Form

Tangent: $yt = x + at^2$

Normal: $y = -xt + 2at + at^3$

③ Slope Form

Tangent: $y = mx + a/m$

Normal: $y = mx - 2am - am^3$



TANGENT & NORMAL FROM A POINT



If the point P lies outside the parabola, then we can draw 2 tangents to the parabola.

Combined Form:

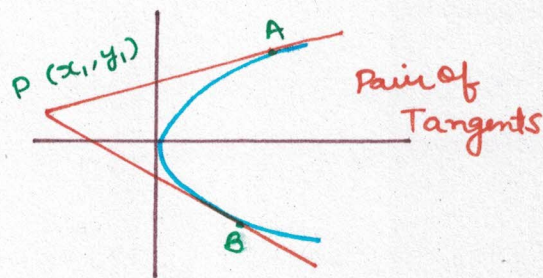
$$SS_1 = T^2$$

$$S = y^2 - 4ax$$

$$S_1 = y_1^2 - 4ax_1$$

$$T = yy_1 - 2a(x+x_1)$$

where (x_1, y_1) is a pt. lying outside to parabola $y^2 = 4ax$



Separate Form:

Substitute the pt. $P(x_1, y_1)$ in the tangent in slope form and make a quadratic in 'm'. We will get 2 values of m and 2 equations of tangent.

1- Let $y = mx + \frac{a}{m}$ is tangent to $y^2 = 4ax$

2- Substitute the pt. (x_1, y_1) in $y = mx + \frac{a}{m}$ i.e. $y_1 = mx_1 + \frac{a}{m}$

3- We get a quadratic equation in m. value of m will provide 2 tangents.

Ques: $y^2 = 32x$. Find the equation of tangent to this parabola from $(0, 4)$.

Sol: $4 = \frac{8}{m} \quad m = 2 \quad y = 2x + \frac{8}{2}$

Tangent $\rightarrow y = 2x + 4$

other tangent $x = 0$

Ques: $y^2 = 4x$. Two tangents are drawn from $(0, 10)$. Find the area of the Δ formed by tangents with x-axis.

Sol: $10 = \frac{1}{m} \quad m = \frac{1}{10}$

$$y = \frac{1}{10}x + 10$$

$$10y = x + 100$$

$$x = 0, \quad y = 10$$

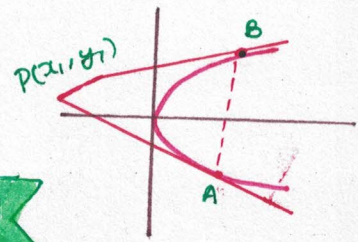
$$\text{Area} = \frac{1}{2} \times 100 \times 100 = 5000$$

EQUATION OF CHORD OF CONTACT

If we draw 2 tangents outside a pt. P to the parabola $y^2 = 4ax$, then the line joining the pt. of contact is known as chord of contact and the equation of chord of contact will be given by $T = 0$.

i.e.

$$yy_1 - 2a(x+x_1) = 0$$

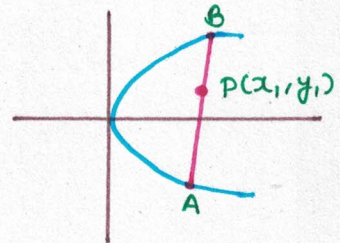


EQUATION OF CHORD WHOSE MIDPOINT IS GIVEN

If $P(x_1, y_1)$ is the mid pt. of the chord AB, then eqn of chord AB will be $T = S_1$

i.e.

$$yy_1 - 2a(x+x_1) = y_1^2 - 4ax_1$$



Ques: If we draw 2 tangents to parabola $y^2 = 4ax$ from any pt. on the directrix, then-

- i) Prove that angle between the tangents is 90°
- ii) The chord of contact is a focal chord
- iii) In case of parabola, the directrix behaves as a director circle.

Sol: i) $y = mx + \frac{a}{m}$

pt. $(-a, \beta)$

$$\beta = m(-a) + \frac{a}{m}$$

$$am^2 + m\beta - a = 0$$

$$m_1 m_2 = -\frac{a}{a} = -1$$

Hence the tangents are perpendicular

ii) pt. $(-a, \beta)$

$$y(\beta) = 2a(x-a)$$

$$S = (a, 0)$$

It passes through $(a, 0)$

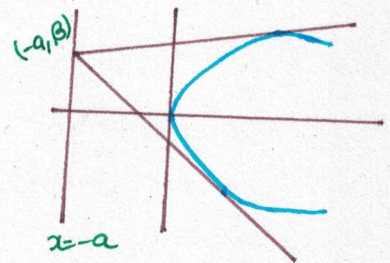
Hence it is a focal chord

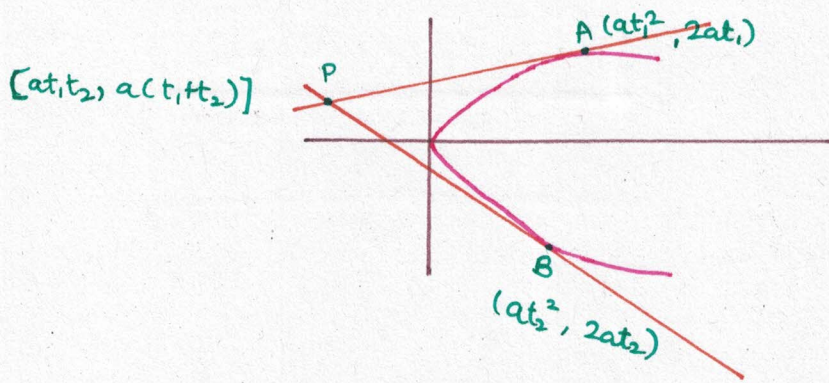
iii) In case of parabola, all the perpendicular tangents intersect at directrix. In other words, all the pts. on directrix will draw perpendicular tangents to parabola.

* In parabola, if we draw tangents at the extremities of the focal chord, then their pt. of intersection will lie on directrix

** If we draw tangents to parabola $y^2 = 4ax$ at $A(t_1)$ and $B(t_2)$ then the co-ordinates of POI of the tangents are -

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 at_1 t_2 & , & a(t_1 + t_2) \\
 \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 \text{GM of } x\text{-coordinate} & & \text{AM of } y\text{-coordinate}
 \end{array}$$





Ques: Find the locus of mid pt. of the chords which are parallel.

Sol: Equation of the chord is (h, k) is

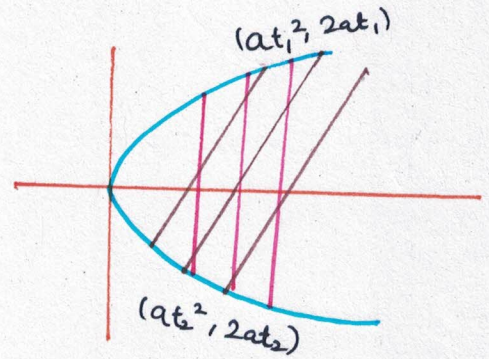
$$yk - 2a(x+h) = k^2 - 4ah$$

$$2ax - yk + 2ah - 4ah + k^2 = 0$$

$$m = \frac{2a}{k} \quad k = \frac{2a}{m}$$

$$\text{Locus} - y = \frac{2a}{m}$$

This line is called diameter



Ques: Find the condition for h when normals drawn to the parabola $y^2 = 4ax$ from $(h, 0)$ are-

- (i) Only one
- (ii) 3 normals all are coincident on AOP
- (iii) Are 3 distinct normals.

Sol: Let eqⁿ of normal is

$$y = mx - 2am - am^3$$

it satisfies $P(h, 0)$

$$0 = hm - 2am - am^3$$

$$m(am^2 + 2a - h) = 0$$

$$am^2 + (2a - h) = 0$$

Case I: $2a - h > 0$

$$2a > h \quad \text{one normal i.e. AOP}$$

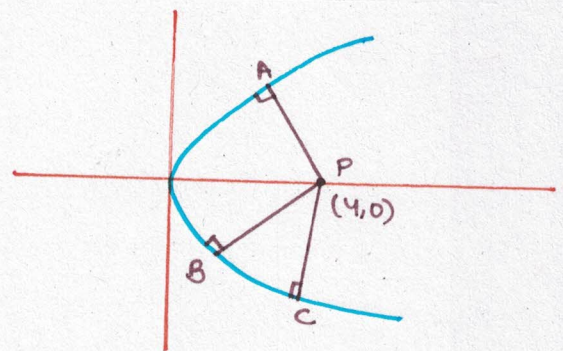
Case II: $2a - h = 0, \quad m = 0, \quad m = 0$

$$h = 2a$$

3 coincident normals on AOP

Case III: $2a - h < 0 \quad 2a < h$

3 distinct normals



NOTE

$$y = mx - 2am - am^3$$

$$y_1 = mx_1 - 2am - am^3$$

$$am^3 + 2am - mx_1 + y_1 = 0$$

$$am^3 + (2a - x_1)m + y_1 = 0$$

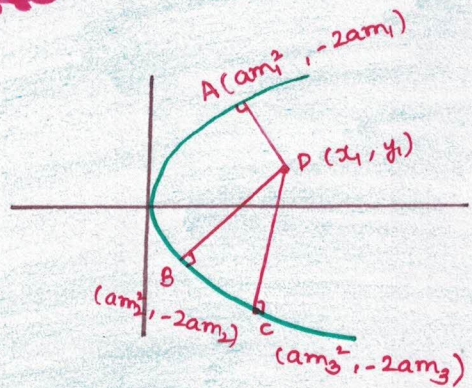
Let this cubic equation has 3 roots-

m_1, m_2, m_3 then,

$$m_1 + m_2 + m_3 = 0$$

$$m_1 m_2 + m_2 m_3 + m_3 m_1 = \frac{2a - x_1}{a}$$

$$m_1 m_2 m_3 = -y_1/a$$



- A, B and C are said to be co-normal pts.
- The sum of the ordinates of all these co-normal pts. is zero
- From a pt. $P(x_1, y_1)$ either we can draw one normal or at max. 3 normals.

TRANSFORMATION RULE

Parabola

$$\Rightarrow y^2 = 4ax \quad E(x, y, a) = 0$$

Normal - $y = m_n x - 2am_n - am_n^3$

$$\Rightarrow y^2 = -4ax \quad E(x, y, -a) = 0$$

$$y = m_n x + 2am_n + am_n^3$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 = 4ay \quad E(y, x, a) = 0$$

$$x = m_y y - 2am - am^3$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 = -4ay \quad E(y, x, -a) = 0$$

$$x = m_y y + 2am + am^3$$

Tangent

$$y = m_t x + a/m_t$$

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

$$y = m_t x - \frac{a}{m_t}$$

$$(-at^2, -2at)$$

$$x = m_y y + a/m$$

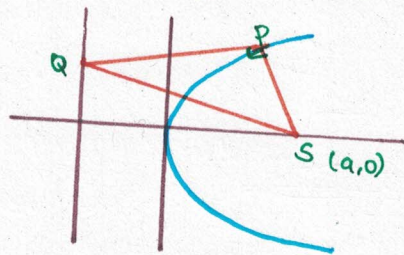
$$(2at, at^2)$$

$$x = m_y y - a/m$$

$$(-2at, -at^2)$$

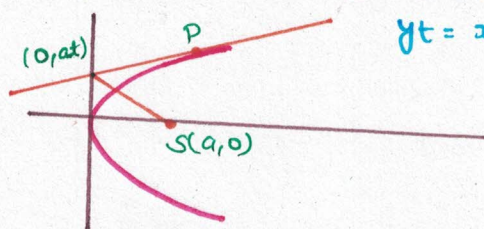
PROPERTIES OF PARABOLA

- 1 If we draw tangents from any point on the directrix to the parabola, then angle between them will be $\pi/2$.
- 2 The chord of contact of 2 tangents drawn from any pt. on the directrix will be a focal chord.
- 3 If we draw 2 tangents at the extremities of the focal chord of parabola, then their POI will be on directrix.
- 4 If we take the portion of contact and directrix, then this portion subtend an angle of $\pi/2$ at focus.



5 No normal can pass through focus of parabola except AOP.

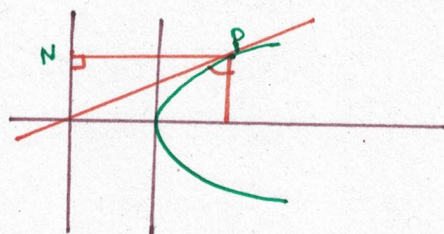
6 If we draw perpendicular to any tangent from S, then the foot of the perpendicular lies on TAV.



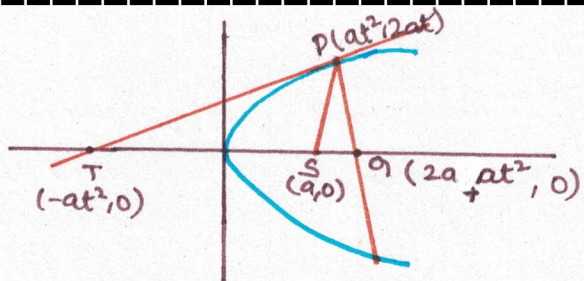
$$\frac{x-a}{t} = \frac{y-0}{-t} = -\frac{(a+at^2)}{1+t^2}$$

$$x=0, y=at$$

7 The tangent at any pt. P is the angle bisector of focal chord from P and perpendicular line to the directrix through P.

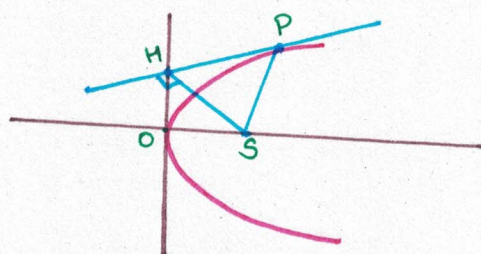


8 If we draw tangent and normal at the pt. P on parabola which cuts the AOP at T and G, then $ST = SG = SP$



$$ST = SQ = SP = a + at^2$$

- 9 If we draw any tangent at a pt. P on parabola which meets TAV at H then $SH^2 = OS \cdot SP$



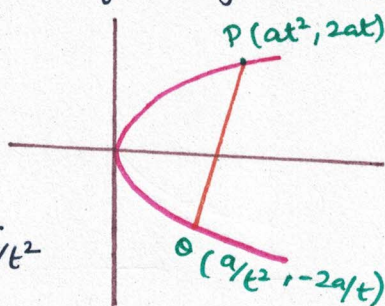
$$SH^2 = OS \cdot SP$$

- 10 The length of semi latus rectum of parabola is the harmonic mean of the portion of the focal chord between focus and parabola.

$$PS = a + at^2$$

$$QS = a + a/t^2$$

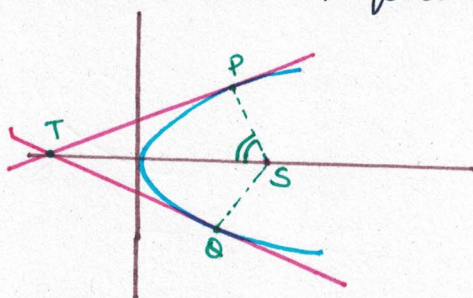
$$\frac{1}{PS} + \frac{1}{QS} = \frac{1}{a + at^2} + \frac{1}{a + a/t^2} = \frac{1}{a}$$



$$\frac{2(OS)(SQ)}{AS + SQ} = 2a$$

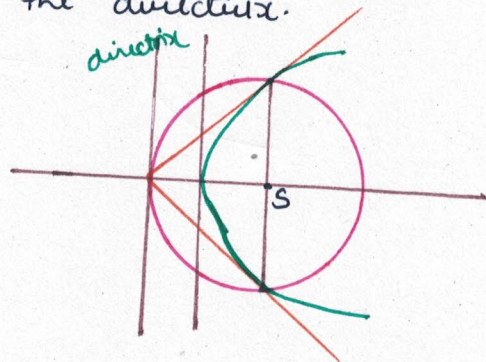
$$\frac{1}{a} = \frac{1}{SP} + \frac{1}{SQ}$$

- 11 If we draw two tangents at P and Q which meet at the point T, then TP and TQ subtends equal angle at the focus.

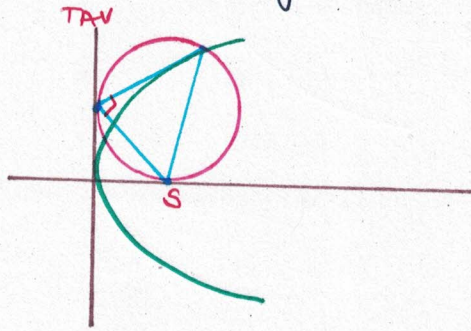


$$\angle TSP = \angle TSQ$$

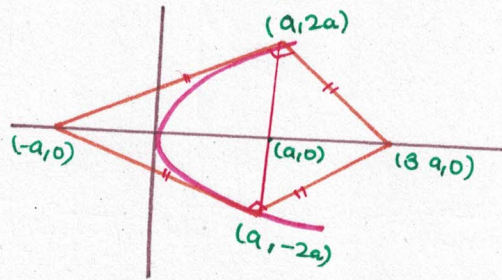
- 12 If we take focal chord as a diameter, then the circle will always touch the directrix.



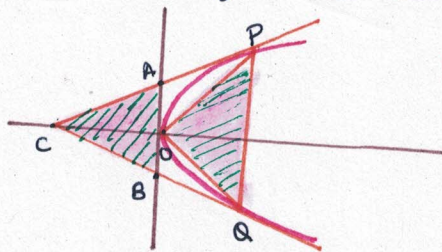
13 If we draw a circle considering focal length as diameter, then the circle will always touch TAV.



14 If we draw tangents and normals at the extremities of a latus rectum, it will form a square.

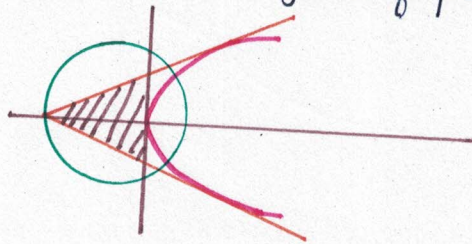


15 If we draw 3 tangents to the parabola $y^2 = 4ax$, then the area of the Δ formed by these 3 tangents is half of the area of the Δ formed by point of contact of these tangents.



area of highlighted ΔACB
 $= \frac{1}{2}$ area of ΔPOQ

16 The circumcircle of the ΔABC shown in the given diagram will always pass through the focus of parabola.



17 If 3 tangents are drawn at pt $A(t_1)$, $B(t_2)$ and $C(t_3)$ on the parabola $y^2 = 4ax$ then the orthocenter of Δ formed by these 3 tangents always lies on directrix at orthocenter -

$[a, a(t_1 + t_2 + t_3 + t_1 \cdot t_2 + t_2 \cdot t_3 + t_3 \cdot t_1)]$

18 Reflection Property

If any ray is incident on parabola parallel to AOP, then after reflection it will pass through focus and vice versa.

