

**CBSE Class 11 Mathematics**

**Important Questions**

**Chapter 11**

**Conic Sections**

**1 Marks Questions**

**1. Find the equation of a circle with centre (P,Q) & touching the y axis**

(A)  $x^2 + y^2 + 2Qy + Q^2 = 0$

(B)  $x^2 + y^2 - 2px + 2Qy + Q^2 = 0$

(C)  $x^2 + y^2 - 2px + 2Qy + Q^2 = 0$

(D) none of these

**Ans.**  $x^2 + y^2 - 2px + 2Qy + Q^2 = 0$

**2. Find the equations of the directrix & the axis of the parabola  $\Rightarrow 3x^2 = 8y$**

(A)  $3y - 4 = 0, x = 0$

(B)  $3x - 4 = 0, y = 0$

(C)  $3y - 4x = 0$

(D) none of these

**Ans.**  $3y - 4 = 0, x = 0$

**3. Find the coordinates of the foci of the ellipse  $\Rightarrow x^2 + 4y^2 = 100$**

(A)  $F(\pm 5\sqrt{3}, 0)$

(B)  $F(\pm 3\sqrt{5}, 0)$

(C)  $F(\pm 4\sqrt{5}, 0)$

(D) none of these

Ans.  $F(\pm 5\sqrt{3}, 0)$

4. Find the eccentricity of the hyperbola:  $3x^2 - 2y^2 = 6$

(A)  $e = \sqrt{\frac{5}{2}}$  (B)  $e = \frac{\sqrt{5}}{2}$  (C)  $e = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{5}$  (D) none of these

Ans.  $e = \sqrt{\frac{5}{2}}$

5. Find the equation of a circle with centre  $(b, a)$  & touching  $x$ -axis?

(A)  $x^2 + y^2 - 2bx + 2ay + b^2 = 0$

(B)  $x^2 + y^2 + 2bx - 2ay + b^2 = 0$

(C)  $x^2 + y^2 - 2bx - 2ay + b^2 = 0$

(D) none of these

Ans.  $x^2 + y^2 - 2bx - 2ay + b^2 = 0$

6. Find the lengths of axes of  $3x^2 - 2y^2 = 6$ ?

(A)  $2\sqrt{2}$  &  $2\sqrt{5}$  units

(B)  $2\sqrt{2}$  &  $2\sqrt{3}$  units

(C)  $2\sqrt{5}$  &  $2\sqrt{2}$  units

(D) none of these

Ans.  $2\sqrt{2}$  Units &  $2\sqrt{3}$  units

7. Find the length of the latus rectum of  $3x^2 + 2y^2 = 18$ ?

(A) 2 units (B) 3 units (C) 4 units (D) none of these

Ans. 4 units

8. Find the length of the latus rectum of the parabola  $3y^2 = 8x$

(A)  $\frac{4}{3}$  units (B)  $\frac{8}{3}$  units (C)  $\frac{2}{3}$  units (D) none of these

Ans.  $\frac{8}{3}$  units

9. The equation  $x^2 + y^2 - 12x + 8y - 72 = 0$  represent a circle find its centre

(A)  $(-6, -4)$  (B)  $(6, -4)$  (C)  $(6, 4)$  (D)  $(-6, 4)$

Ans.  $(6, -4)$

10. Find the equation of the parabola with focus  $F(4, 0)$  & directrix  $x = -4$

(A)  $y^2 = 32x$  (B)  $y^2 = -16x$  (C)  $y^2 = 8x$  (D)  $y^2 = 16x$

Ans.  $y^2 = 16x$

11. Find the coordinates of the foci of  $\frac{x^2}{8} + \frac{y^2}{4} = 1$

(A)  $F_1(2, 0)$  &  $F_2(-2, 0)$

(B)  $F_1(-2, 0)$  &  $F_2(2, 0)$

(C)  $F_1(-2, 0)$  &  $F_2(-2, 0)$

(D) none of these

**Ans.**  $F_1(-2, 0)$  &  $F_2(2, 0)$

**12.** Find the coordinates of the vertices of  $x^2 - y^2 = 1$

(A)  $A(-1, 0), B(-1, 0)$

(B)  $A(-1, 0), B(1, 0)$

(C)  $A(1, 0), B(-1, 0)$

(D) none of these

**Ans.**  $A(-1, 0), B(1, 0)$

**13.** Find the coordinates of the vertices of  $x^2 - y^2 = 1$

(A)  $A(-1, 0)$  &  $B(5, 0)$

(B)  $A(-5, 0)$  &  $B(-1, 0)$

(C)  $A(-1, 0)$  &  $B(-5, 0)$

(D) none of these

**Ans.**  $A(-1, 0)$  &  $B(5, 0)$

14. Find the eccentricity of ellipse  $4x^2 + 9y^2 = 1$

(A)  $e = \frac{\sqrt{5}}{3}$  (B)  $e = \frac{-\sqrt{5}}{3}$  (C)  $e = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{5}$  (D)  $e = \frac{3}{\sqrt{5}}$

Ans.  $e = \frac{\sqrt{5}}{3}$

15. Find the length of the latus rectum of  $9x^2 + y^2 = 36$

(A)  $\frac{1}{3}$  units (B)  $\frac{1}{5}$  units (C)  $1\frac{1}{3}$  units (D)  $\frac{1}{6}$  units

Ans.  $1\frac{1}{3}$  units

16. Find the length of minor axis of  $x^2 + 4y^2 = 100$

(A) 10 units (B) 12 units (C) 14 units (D) 8 units

Ans. 10 units

17. Find the centre of the circles  $x^2 + (y-1)^2 = 2$

(A) (1, 0) (B) (0, 1) (C) (1, 2) (D) None of these

Ans. (0, 1)

18. Find the radius of circles  $x^2 + (y-1)^2 = 2$

(A)  $\sqrt{2}$  (B) 2 (C)  $2\sqrt{2}$  (D) None of these

Ans.  $\sqrt{2}$

19. Find the length of latus rectum of  $x^2 = -22y$

(A) 11 (B) -22 (C) 22 (D) None of these

Ans. 22

20. Find the length of latus rectum of  $25x^2 + 4y^2 = 100$

(A)  $\frac{3}{5}$  units (B)  $\frac{1}{5}$  units (C)  $\frac{8}{5}$  units (D) None of these

Ans.  $\frac{8}{5}$  Units

**CBSE Class 12 Mathematics**

**Important Questions**

**Chapter 11**

**Conic Sections**

**4 Marks Questions**

**1. Show that the equation  $x^2 + y^2 - 6x + 4y - 36 = 0$  represent a circle, also find its centre & radius?**

**Ans.** This is of the form  $x^2 + y^2 + 2gx + 2fy + c = 0$ ,

where  $2g = -6, 2f = 4$  &  $c = -36$

$\therefore g = -3, f = 2$  &  $c = -36$

So, centre of the circle  $= (-g, -f) = (3, -2)$

&

Radius of the circle  $= \sqrt{g^2 + f^2 - c} = \sqrt{9 + 4 + 36}$

$= 7$  units

**2. Find the equation of an ellipse whose foci are  $(\pm 8, 0)$  & the eccentricity is  $\frac{1}{4}$  ?**

**Ans.** Let the required equation of the ellipse be  $\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1$ , where  $a^2 > b^2$

let the foci be  $(\pm c, 0), c = 8$

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$$e = \frac{c}{a} \Leftrightarrow a = \frac{c}{e} = \frac{8}{\frac{1}{4}} = 32$$

$$\text{Now } c^2 = a^2 - b^2 \Leftrightarrow b^2 = a^2 - c^2 = 1024 - 64 = 960$$

$$\therefore a^2 = 1024 \quad \& \quad b^2 = 960$$

$$\text{Hence equation is } \frac{x^2}{1024} + \frac{y^2}{960} = 1$$

**3. Find the equation of an ellipse whose vertices are  $(0, \pm 10)$  &  $e = \frac{4}{5}$**

$$\text{Ans. Let equation be } \frac{x^2}{b^2} + \frac{y^2}{a^2} = 1$$

$$\& \text{ its vertices are } (0, \pm a) \quad \& \quad a = 10$$

$$\text{Let } c^2 = a^2 - b^2$$

$$\text{Then } e = \frac{c}{a} \Rightarrow c = ae = 10 \times \frac{4}{5} = 8$$

$$\text{Now } c^2 = a^2 - b^2 \Leftrightarrow b^2 = (a^2 - c^2) = 100 - 64 = 36$$

$$\therefore a^2 = (10)^2 = 100 \quad \& \quad b^2 = 36$$

$$\text{Hence the equation is } \frac{x^2}{36} + \frac{y^2}{100} = 1$$

**4. Find the equation of hyperbola whose length of latus rectum is 36 & foci are  $(0, \pm 12)$**

$$\text{Ans. Clearly } C = 12$$



$$\text{Length of cat us rectum} = 36 \Leftrightarrow \frac{2b^2}{a} = 36$$

$$\Rightarrow b^2 = 18a$$

$$\text{Now } c^2 = a^2 + b^2 \Leftrightarrow a^2 = c^2 - b^2 = 144 - 18a$$

$$a^2 + 18a - 144 = 0$$

$$(a+24)(a-6) = 0 \Leftrightarrow a = 6 \quad [\because a \text{ is non negative}]$$

$$\text{This } a^2 = 6^2 = 36 \quad \& \quad b^2 = 108$$

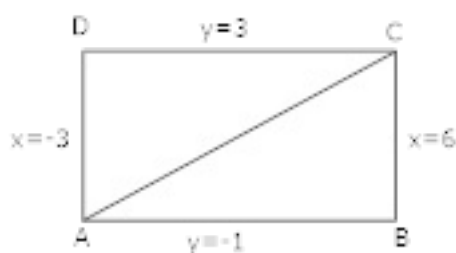
$$\text{Hence, } \frac{x^2}{36} + \frac{y^2}{108} = 1$$

**5. Find the equation of a circle drawn on the diagonal of the rectangle as its diameter, whose sides are  $x = 6$ ,  $x = -3$ ,  $y = 3$  &  $y = -1$**

**Ans.** Let ABCD be the given rectangle &

$$AD = x = -3, BC = x = 6, AB = y = -1 \quad \& \quad CD = y = 3$$

Then  $A(-3, -1)$  &  $C(6, 3)$



So the equation of the circle with AC as diameter is given as

$$(x+3)(x-6) + (y+1)(y-3) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 + y^2 - 3x - 2y - 21 = 0$$

**6. Find the coordinates of the focus & vertex, the equations of the diretrix & the axis &**

length of latus rectum of the parabola  $x = -8y$

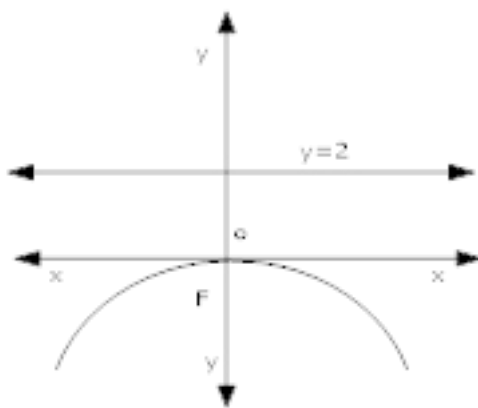
Ans.  $x^2 = -8y$

&  $x^2 = -4ay$

So,  $4a = 8 \Leftrightarrow a = 2$

So it is case of downward parabola

o, foci is  $F(0, -a)$  i.e.  $F(0, -2)$



Its vertex is  $O(0,0)$

So,  $y = a = 2$

Its axis is y – axis, whose equation is  $x = 0$  length of latus rectum

$= 4a = 4 \times 2 = 8$  units.

**7. Show that the equation  $6x^2 + 6y^2 + 24x - 36y - 18 = 0$  represents a circle. Also find its centre & radius.**

Ans.  $6x^2 + 6y^2 + 24x - 36y + 18 = 0$

So  $x^2 + y^2 + 4x - 6y + 3 = 0$

Where,  $2g = 4, 2f = -6$  &  $C = 3$

$$\therefore g = 2, f = -3 \text{ \& } C = 3$$

Hence, centre of circle  $= (-g, -f) = (-2, 3)$

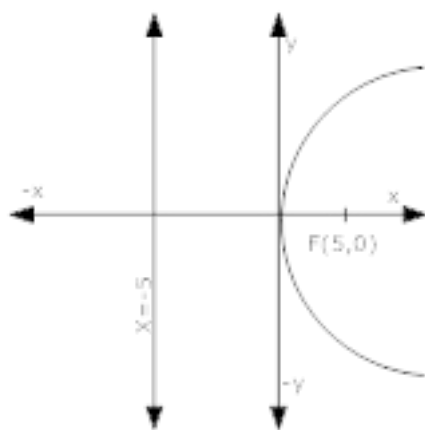
&

$$\text{Radius of circle} = \sqrt{4 + 9 + 9} = \sqrt{20}$$

$$= 2\sqrt{5} \text{ units}$$

**8. Find the equation of the parabola with focus at  $F(5, 0)$  & directrix is  $x = -5$**

**Ans.** Focus  $F(5, 0)$  lies to the right hand side of the origin



So, it is right hand parabola.

Let the required equation be

$$y^2 = 4ax \text{ \& } a = 5$$

$$\text{So, } y^2 = 20x$$

**9. Find the equation of the hyperbola with centre at the origin, length of the transverse axis 18 & one focus at  $(0, 4)$**

$$\text{Ans. Let its equation be } \frac{y^2}{a^2} - \frac{x^2}{b^2} = 1$$

Clearly,  $c = 4$ .

length of the transverse axis  $= 8 \Leftrightarrow 2a = 18$

$$a = 9$$

Also,  $c^2 = (a^2 + b^2)$

$$b^2 = c^2 - a^2 = 16 - 81 = -65$$

So,  $a^2 = 81$  &  $b^2 = -65$

So, equation is  $\frac{y^2}{81} + \frac{x^2}{65} = 1$

**10. Find the equation of an ellipse whose vertices are  $(0, \pm 13)$  & the foci are  $(0, \pm 5)$**

**Ans.** Let the equation be  $\frac{x^2}{b^2} + \frac{y^2}{a^2} = 1$

&  $a = 13$

Let its foci be  $(0, \pm c)$ , then  $c = 5$

$$\therefore b^2 = a^2 - c^2 = 169 - 25 = 144$$

So,  $a^2 = 169$  &  $b^2 = 144$

So, equation be  $\frac{x^2}{144} + \frac{y^2}{169} = 1$

**11. Find the equation of the ellipse whose foci are  $(0, \pm 3)$  & length of whose major axis is 10**

**Ans.** Let the required equation be  $\frac{x^2}{b^2} + \frac{y^2}{a^2} = 1$

Let  $c^2 = a^2 - b^2$

Its foci are  $(0, \pm c)$  &  $c = 3$

Also,  $a$  = length of the semi- major axis  $= \frac{1}{2} \times 10 = 5$

Now,  $c^2 = a^2 - b^2 \Rightarrow b^2 = a^2 - c^2 = 25 - 3 = 16$ .

Then,  $a^2 = 25$  &  $b^2 = 16$

Hence the required equation is  $\frac{x^2}{16} + \frac{y^2}{25} = 1$ .

**12. Find the equation of the hyperbola with centre at the origin, length of the transverse axis 8 & one focus at (0,6)**

**Ans.** Let its equation be  $\frac{y^2}{a^2} - \frac{x^2}{b^2} = 1$

Clearly,  $C = 6$

& length of the transverse axis  $= 8 \Rightarrow 2a = 8 \Rightarrow a = 4$

Also,  $c^2 = a^2 + b^2 \Leftrightarrow b^2 = c^2 - a^2 \Rightarrow 36 - 16 = 20$

So,  $a^2 = 16$  &  $b^2 = 20$

Hence, the required equation is  $\frac{y^2}{16} - \frac{x^2}{20} = 1$

**13. Find the equation of the hyperbola whose foci are at  $(0, \pm B)$  & the length of whose conjugate axis is  $2\sqrt{11}$**

**Ans.** Let its equation be  $\frac{y^2}{a^2} - \frac{x^2}{b^2} = 1$

Let its foci be  $(0, \pm C)$

$$\therefore C = 8$$

Length of conjugate axis  $= 2\sqrt{11}$

$$\Rightarrow 2b = 2\sqrt{11} \Rightarrow b = \sqrt{11} \Rightarrow b^2 = 11$$

$$\text{Also, } C^2 = (a^2 + b^2) = (c^2 - b^2) = 64 - 11 = 53$$

$$a^2 = 53$$

Hence, required equation is  $\frac{y^2}{53} - \frac{x^2}{11} = 1$

**14. Find the equation of the hyperbola whose vertices are  $(0, \pm 3)$  & foci are  $(0, \pm 8)$**

**Ans.** The vertices are  $(0 \pm a)$

But it is given that the vertices are  $(0 \pm 3)$

$$\therefore a = 3$$

Let its foci be  $(0, \pm c)$

But it is given that the foci are  $(0, \pm 8)$

$$\therefore c = 8$$

$$\text{Now } b^2 = (c^2 - a^2) = 8^2 - 3^2 = 64 - 9 = 55$$

$$\text{Then } a^2 = 3^2 = 9 \text{ \& } b^2 = 55$$

Hence the required equation is  $\frac{y^2}{9} - \frac{x^2}{55} = 1$

15. Find the equation of the ellipse for which  $e = \frac{4}{5}$  & whose vertices are  $(0, \pm 10)$ .

**Ans.** Its vertices are  $(0, \pm a)$  & therefore  $a = 10$

$$\text{Let } c^2 = (a^2 - b^2)$$

$$\text{Then, } e = \frac{c}{a} \Rightarrow c = ae = \left[ 10 \times \frac{4}{5} \right] = 8$$

$$\text{Now, } c^2 = (a^2 - b^2) \Rightarrow b^2 = (a^2 - c^2) = (100 - 64) = 36$$

$$\therefore a^2 = (10)^2 = 100 \text{ \& } b^2 = 36$$

$$\text{Hence the required equation is } \frac{x^2}{36} + \frac{y^2}{100} = 1$$

16. Find the equation of the ellipse, the ends of whose major axis are  $(\pm 7, 0)$  & the ends of whose minor axis are  $(0, \pm 2)$

**Ans.** Its vertices are  $(\pm a, 0)$  & therefore,  $a = 5$  ends of the minor axis are

$$C(0, -5) \text{ \& } D(0, 5)$$

$$\therefore CD = 25 \text{ i.e length of minor axis} = 25 \text{ units}$$

$$\therefore 2b = 25 \Rightarrow \frac{25}{2} = 12.5$$

$$\text{Now, } a = 5 \text{ \& } b = 12.5 \Rightarrow a^2 = 25 \text{ \& } b^2 = 156.25$$

$$\text{Hence, the required equation } \frac{x^2}{25} + \frac{y^2}{156.25} = 1$$

16. Find the equation of the parabola with vertex at the origin &  $y+5 = 0$  as its directrix.  
Also, find its focus

**Ans.** Let the vertex of the parabola be  $O(0,0)$

Now  $y+5=0 \Rightarrow y=-5$

Then the directrix is a line parallel

To the  $x$  axis at a distance of 5 units below the  $x$  axis so the focus is  $F(0,5)$

Hence the equation of the parabola is

$$x^2 = 4ay \text{ Where } a = 5 \text{ i.e., } x^2 = 20y$$

**17. Find the equation of a circle, the end points of one of whose diameters are  $A(2, -3)$  &  $B(-3, 5)$ .**

**Ans.** Let the end points of one of whose diameters are  $(x_1, y_1)$  &  $(x_2, y_2)$  is given by

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

Hence  $x_1 = 2, y_1 = -3$  &  $x_2 = -3, y_2 = 5$

$\therefore$  The required equation of the circle is

$$(x - 2)(x + 3) + (y + 3)(y - 5) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 + y^2 + x - 2y - 21 = 0$$

**18. Find the equation of ellipse whose vertices are  $(0, \pm 13)$  & the foci are  $(0, \pm 5)$**

**Ans.** Let the required equation be  $\frac{x^2}{b^2} + \frac{y^2}{a^2} = 1$ .

Its vertices are  $(0 \pm a)$  & therefore  $a = 13$

Let its foci be  $(0 \pm C)$  then  $C = 5$



$$\therefore b^2 = a^2 - c^2 = 169 - 25 = 144$$

This  $b^2 = 144$  &  $a^2 = 169$

Hence, the required equation is  $\frac{x^2}{144} + \frac{y^2}{169} = 1$

**19. Find the equation of the hyperbola whose foci are  $(\pm 5, 0)$  & the transverse axis is of length 8.**

**Ans.** Let the required equation be  $\frac{x^2}{a^2} - \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1$

Length of its Transverse axis =  $2a$

$$\therefore 2a = 8 \Leftrightarrow a = 4 \Leftrightarrow a^2 = 16$$

Let its foci be  $(\pm C, 0)$

Then  $C = 5$

$$\therefore b^2 = (c^2 - a^2) = 5^2 - 4^2 = 9$$

This  $a^2 = 16$  &  $b^2 = 9$

Hence, the required equation is  $\frac{x^2}{16} - \frac{y^2}{9} = 1$

**20. Find the equation of a circle, the end points of one of whose diameters are  $A(-3, 2)$  &  $B(5, -3)$ .**

**Ans.** Let the equation be  $(x - x_1)(x - x_2) + (y - y_1)(y - y_2) = 0$

Hence  $x_1 = -3, y_1 = 2$  &  $x_2 = 5, y_2 = -3$

So  $(x + 3)(x - 5) + (y - 2)(y + 3) = 0$

$$x^2 - 2x - 15 + y^2 + y - 6 = 0$$

$$x^2 + y^2 - 2x + y - 21 = 0$$

21.If eccentricity is  $\frac{1}{5}$  & foci are  $(\pm 7, 0)$  find the equation of an ellipse.

**Ans.** Let the required equation of the ellipse be

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

Let its foci be  $(\pm C, 0)$ , Then  $C = 7$

Also,

$$e = \frac{c}{a} \Leftrightarrow a = \frac{c}{e} = \frac{7}{\frac{1}{5}} = 35$$

$$\text{Now } c^2 = (a^2 - b^2)$$

$$b^2 = a^2 - c^2 = (35)^2 - 49 = 1225 - 49 = 1176$$

$$\therefore a^2 = 1225 \text{ \& } b^2 = 1176$$

Hence the required equation is  $\frac{x^2}{1225} + \frac{y^2}{1176} = 1$

22.Find the equation of the hyperbola where foci are  $(\pm 5, 0)$  & the transverse axis is of length

**Ans.** Let the required equation be  $\frac{x^2}{a^2} - \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1$

Length of its transverse axis =  $2a$

$$\therefore 2a = 8 \Leftrightarrow a = \frac{8}{2} = 4$$

$$a^2 = 16$$

Let its foci be  $(\pm C, 0)$

Then  $C = 5$

$$\therefore b^2 = c^2 - a^2 = 25 - 16 = 9$$

Hence the required equation is  $\frac{x^2}{16} - \frac{y^2}{9} = 1$

**23. Find the length of axes & coordinates of the vertices of the hyperbola  $\frac{x^2}{49} - \frac{y^2}{64} = 1$**

**Ans.** The equation of the given hyperbola is  $\frac{x^2}{49} - \frac{y^2}{64} = 1$

Comparing the given equation with  $\frac{x^2}{a^2} - \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1$ , we get

$$a^2 = 49 \text{ \& } b^2 = 64$$

$$\therefore C^2 = (a^2 + b^2) = 49 + 64 = 113$$

Length of transverse axis =  $2a = 2 \times 7 = 14$  units

Length of conjugate axis =  $2b = 2 \times 8 = 16$  units

The coordinators of the vertices are  $A(-a, 0)$  &  $B(a, 0)$  ie  $A(-7, 0)$  &  $B(7, 0)$

**24. Find the lengths of axes & length of latus rectum of the hyperbola,  $\frac{y^2}{9} - \frac{x^2}{16} = 1$**

**Ans.** The given equation is  $\frac{y^2}{9} - \frac{x^2}{16} = 1$  means hyperbola

Comparing the given equation with  $\frac{y^2}{a^2} - \frac{x^2}{b^2} = 1$ , we get

$$a^2 = 9 \quad \& \quad b^2 = 16$$

Length of transverse axis  $= 2a = 2 \times 3 = 6$  units

Length of conjugate axis  $= 2b = 2 \times 4 = 8$  units

The coordinates of the vertices are  $A(0, -a)$  &  $B(0, a)$  i.e.  $A(0, -3)$  &  $B(0, 3)$

**25. Find the eccentricity of the hyperbola of  $\frac{y^2}{9} - \frac{x^2}{16} = 1$**

**Ans.** As in above question

$$a = 3 \quad \& \quad b = 4$$

&

$$c^2 = a^2 + b^2 = 9 + 16 = 25$$

So,  $c = 5$

$$\text{Then } e = \frac{c}{a} = \frac{5}{3}$$

**26. Find the equation of the hyperbola with centre at the origin, length of the transverse axis 6 & one focus at  $(0, 4)$**

**Ans.** Let its equation be  $\frac{y^2}{a^2} - \frac{x^2}{b^2} = 1$

Clearly  $c = 4$

Length of transverse axis  $= 6 \Leftrightarrow 2a = 6 \Leftrightarrow a = 3$ .

Also,  $c^2 = a^2 + b^2 \Leftrightarrow b^2 = c^2 - a^2 = 4^2 - 3^2 = 16 - 9 = 7$

Then  $a^2 = 3^2 = 9$  &  $b^2 = 7$

Hence, the required equation is  $\frac{y^2}{9} - \frac{x^2}{7} = 1$

**27. Find the equation of the ellipse, the ends of whose major axis are  $(\pm 3, 0)$  & at the ends of whose minor axis are  $(0, \pm 4)$**

**Ans.** Let the required equation be  $\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1$

Its vertices are  $(\pm a, 0)$  &  $a = 3$

Ends of minor axis are  $C(0, -4)$  &  $D(0, 4)$

$\therefore CD = 8$  i.e length of the minor axis = 8 units

Now,  $2b = 8 \Leftrightarrow b = 4$

$\therefore a = 3$  &  $b = 4$

Hence the required equation is  $\frac{x^2}{9} + \frac{y^2}{16} = 1$

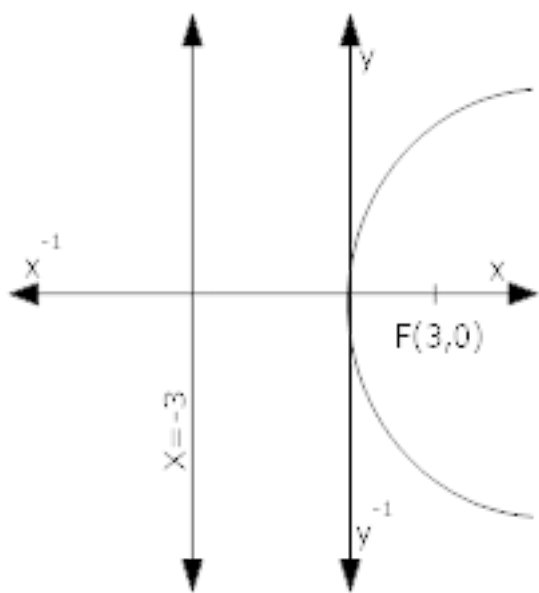
**28. Find the equation of the parabola with focus at  $F(4, 0)$  & directrix  $x = -3$**

**Ans.** Focus  $F(4, 0)$  lies on the axis hand side of the origin so, it is a right handed parabola.

Let the required equation be  $y^2 = 4ax$ .

Then,  $a = 4$

Hence, the required equation is  $y^2 = 16x$



29.If  $y = 2x$  is a chord of the circle  $x^2 + y^2 - 10x = 0$ , find the equation of the circle with this chord as a diameter

Ans.  $y = 2x$  &  $x^2 + y^2 - 10x = 0$

Putting  $y = 2x$  in  $x^2 + y^2 - 10x = 0$  we get

$$5x^2 - 10x = 0 \Leftrightarrow 5x(x-2) = 0 \Leftrightarrow x = 0 \text{ or } x = 2$$

Now,  $x = 0 \Rightarrow y = 0$  &  $x = 2 \Rightarrow y = 4$

$\therefore$  the points of intersection of the given chord & the given circle are

$A(0,0)$  &  $B(2,4)$

$\therefore$  the required equation of the circle with AB as diameter is

$$(x-0)(x-2) + (y-0)(y-4) = 0$$

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

**CBSE Class 12 Mathematics**

**Important Questions**

**Chapter 11**

**Conic Sections**

**6 Marks Questions**

**1. Find the length of major & minor axis- coordinate's of vertices & the foci, the eccentricity & length of latus rectum of the ellipse  $16x^2 + y^2 = 16$**

**Ans.**  $16x^2 + y^2 = 16$

Dividing by 16,

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

So  $b^2 = 1$  &  $a^2 = 16$  &  $b = 1$  &  $a = 4$

&

$$c = \sqrt{a^2 - b^2} = \sqrt{16 - 1}$$
$$= \sqrt{15}$$

Thus  $a = 4$ ,  $b = 1$  &  $c = \sqrt{15}$

**(i)**Length of major axis  $= 2a = 2 \times 4 = 8$  units

Length of minor axis  $= 2b = 2 \times 1 = 2$  units

**(ii)**Coordinates of the vertices are  $A(-a, 0)$  &  $B(a, 0)$  i.e.  $A(-4, 0)$  &  $B(4, 0)$

**(iii)**Coordinates of foci are  $F_1(-c, 0)$  &  $F_2(c, 0)$  i.e.  $F_1(-\sqrt{15}, 0)$  &  $F_2(\sqrt{15}, 0)$

(iv) Eccentricity,  $e = \frac{c}{a} = \frac{\sqrt{15}}{4}$

(v) Length of latus rectum  $= \frac{2b^2}{a} = \frac{2}{4} = \frac{1}{2}$  units

**2. Find the lengths of the axis , the coordinates of the vertices & the foci the eccentricity & length of the latus rectum of the hyperbola  $25x^2 - 9y^2 = 225$**

**Ans.**  $25x^2 - 9y^2 = 225 \Rightarrow \frac{x^2}{9} - \frac{y^2}{25} = 1$

So,  $a^2 = 9$  &  $b^2 = 25$

&  $c = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2} = \sqrt{9 + 25} = \sqrt{34}$

(i) Length of transverse axis  $= 2a = 2 \times 3 = 6$  units

Length of conjugate axis  $= 2b = 2 \times 5 = 10$  units

(ii) The coordinates of vertices are  $A(-a, 0)$  &  $B(a, 0)$  i.e.  $A(-3, 0)$  &  $B(3, 0)$

(iii) The coordinates of foci are

$F_1(-c, 0)$  &  $F_2(c, 0)$  i.e.  $F_1(-\sqrt{34}, 0)$  &  $F_2(\sqrt{34}, 0)$

(iv) Eccentricity,  $e = \frac{c}{a} = \frac{\sqrt{34}}{3}$

(v) Length of the latus rectum  $= \frac{2b^2}{a} = \frac{50}{3}$  units

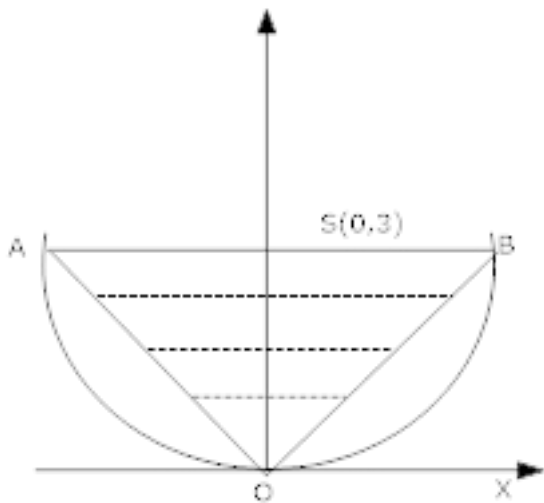
**3. Find the area of the triangle formed by the lines joining the vertex of the parabola  $x^2 = 12y$  to the ends of its latus rectum.**

**Ans.** The vertex of the parabola  $x^2 = 12y$  i.e.  $O(0, 0)$ .



0	0	1
6	3	1
-6	3	1

Comparing  $x^2 = 12y$  with  $x^2 = 4ay$ , we get  $a = 3$  the coordinates of its focus S are  $(0, 3)$ .



Clearly, the ends of its latus rectum are :  $A(-2a, a)$  &  $B(2a, a)$

Ie  $A(-6, 3)$  &  $B(6, 3)$

$$\therefore \text{area of } \triangle OBA = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} [1 \times (18 + 18)]$$

$$= 18 \text{ units.}$$

**4. A man running in a race course notes that the sum of the distances of the two flag posts from him is always 12 m & the distance between the flag posts is 10 m. find the equation of the path traced by the man.**

**Ans.** We know that on ellipse is the locus of a point that moves in such a way that the sum of its distances from two fixed points (called foci) is constant.

So, the path is ellipse.

Let the equation of the ellipse be

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

$$\text{where } b^2 = a^2(1 - e^2)$$

$$\text{Clearly, } 2a = 12 \quad \& \quad 2ae = 10$$

$$\Rightarrow a = 6 \quad \& \quad e = \frac{5}{6}$$

$$\Rightarrow b^2 = a^2(1 - e^2) = 36 \left(1 - \frac{25}{36}\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow b^2 = 11$$

$$\text{Hence, the required equation is } \frac{x^2}{36} + \frac{y^2}{11} = 1$$

**5. An equilateral triangle is inscribed in the parabola  $y^2 = 4ax$  so that one angular point of the triangle is at the vertex of the parabola. Find the length of each side of the triangle.**

**Ans.** Let  $\triangle PQR$  be an equilateral triangle inscribed in the parabola  $y^2 = 4ax$

$$\text{Let } QP = QR = PR = C$$

Let ABC at the  $x$  - axis at M.

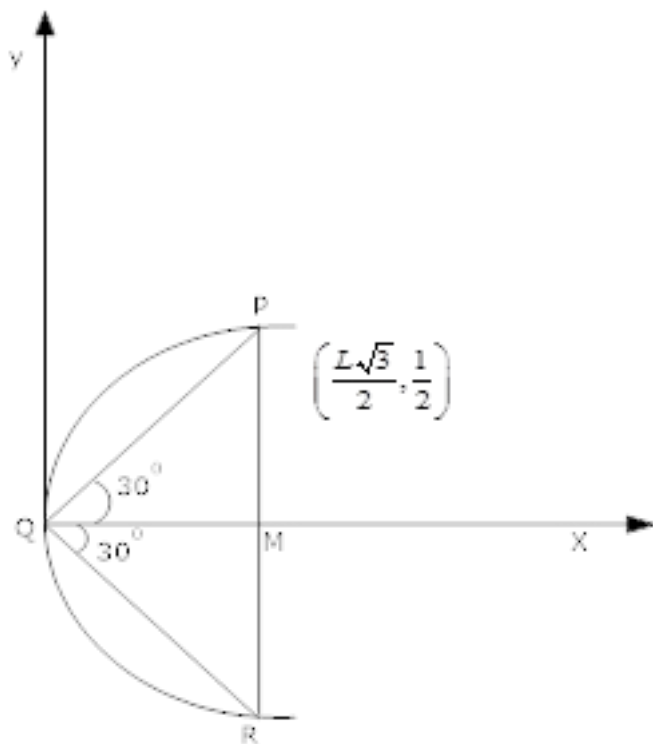
$$\text{Then, } \angle PQM = \angle RQM = 30^\circ$$

$$\therefore \frac{QM}{QP} = \cos 30^\circ \Rightarrow QM = C \cos 30^\circ$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{L\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{PM}{QP} = \sin 30^\circ \Rightarrow PM = L \sin 30^\circ$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{L}{2}$$



$$\therefore \text{the coordinates of P are } \left[ \frac{L\sqrt{3}}{2}, \frac{L}{2} \right]$$

Since P lies on the parabola  $y^2 = 4ax$ , we have

$$l^2 = 4a \times \frac{L\sqrt{3}}{2} \Rightarrow l = 8a\sqrt{3}$$

Hence length of each side of the triangle is  $8a\sqrt{3}$  units.

**6. Find the equation of the hyperbola whose foci are at  $(0, \pm\sqrt{10})$  & which passes through the points  $(2, 3)$**

**Ans.** Let its equation be  $\frac{y^2}{a^2} - \frac{x^2}{b^2} = 1 \dots (i)$

Let its foci be  $(0, \pm C)$

But the foci are  $(0, \pm\sqrt{10})$

$$\therefore C = \sqrt{10} \Leftrightarrow C^2 = 10 \Leftrightarrow (a^2 + b^2) = 10 \dots (ii)$$

Since (i) passes through (2,3), we have  $\frac{9}{a^2} - \frac{4}{b^2} = 1$

Now

$$\frac{9}{a^2} - \frac{4}{b^2} = 1 \Leftrightarrow \frac{9}{a^2} - \frac{4}{(10 - a^2)} = 1 \dots (iii)$$

$$\Rightarrow 9(10 - a^2) - 4a^2 = a^2(10 - a^2)$$

$$\Rightarrow a^2 - 23a^2 + 90 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (a^2 - 18)(a^2 - 5) = 0 \Leftrightarrow a^2 = 5$$

[ $\because a^2 = 18 \Rightarrow b^2 = -8$ , which is not possible]

Then  $a^2 = 5$  &  $b^2 = 5$

Hence, the required equation is  $\frac{y^2}{5} - \frac{x^2}{5} = 1$ ,

i.e.  $y^2 - x^2 = 5$

**7. Find the equation of the curve formed by the set of all these points the sum of whose distance from the points  $A(4, 0, 0)$  &  $B(-4, 0, 0)$  is 10 units.**

**Ans.** Let  $P(x, y, z)$  be an arbitrary point on the given curve

Then  $PA + PB = 10$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{(x-4)^2 + y^2 + z^2} + \sqrt{(x+4)^2 + y^2 + z^2} = 10$$

$$= \sqrt{(x+4)^2 + y^2 + z^2} = 10 - \sqrt{(x-4)^2 + y^2 + z^2} \dots\dots(i)$$

Squaring both sides

$$\Rightarrow (x+4)^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 100 - (x-4)^2 + y^2 + z^2 - 20\sqrt{(x-4)^2 + y^2 + z^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow 16x = 100 - 20\sqrt{(x-4)^2 + y^2 + z^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow 5\sqrt{(x-4)^2 + y^2 + z^2} = 25 - 4x$$

$$\Rightarrow 25[(x-4)^2 + y^2 + z^2] = 625 + 16x^2 - 200x$$

$$\Rightarrow 9x^2 + 25y^2 + 25z^2 - 225 = 0$$

Hence, the required equation of the curve is

$$9x^2 + 25y^2 + 25z^2 - 225 = 0$$

**8. Find the equation of the hyperbola whose foci are at  $(0, \pm\sqrt{10})$  & which passes through the point  $(2, 3)$ .**

**Ans.** Let its equation be  $\frac{y^2}{a^2} - \frac{x^2}{b^2} = 1 \dots\dots(i)$

Let its foci be  $(0, \pm c)$

But, the foci are  $(0, \pm\sqrt{10})$

$$\therefore C = \sqrt{10} \Leftrightarrow C^2 = 10$$

$$\& a^2 + b^2 = 10 \dots\dots (ii)$$

Since (i) passes through  $(2, 3)$ , we have

$$\frac{9}{a^2} - \frac{4}{b^2} = 1$$

Now

$$\frac{9}{a^2} + \frac{4}{b^2} = 1 \Leftrightarrow \frac{9}{a^2} - \frac{4}{(10 - a^2)} = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow a^4 - 23a^2 + 90 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (a^2 - 18)(a^2 - 5) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow a^2 = 5$$

Then  $a^2 = 5 = b^2$

Hence, the required equation is  $\frac{y^2}{5} - \frac{x^2}{5} = 1$

$$\text{i.e. } y^2 - x^2 = 5$$

**9. Find the equation of the ellipse with centre at the origin, major axis on the y – axis & passing through the points  $(3, 2)$  &  $(1, 6)$**

**Ans.** Let the required equation be  $\frac{x^2}{b^2} + \frac{y^2}{a^2} = 1 \dots\dots (i)$

Since  $(3, 2)$  lies on (i) we have  $\frac{9}{b^2} + \frac{4}{a^2} = 1 \dots\dots (ii)$

Also, since  $(1, 6)$  lies on (i), we have  $\frac{1}{b^2} + \frac{36}{a^2} = 1 \dots\dots (iii)$

Putting  $\frac{1}{b^2} = u$  &  $\frac{1}{a^2} = v$  these equations become:

$$9u + 4v = 1 \dots\dots (iv) \text{ \& } u + 36v = 1 \dots\dots (v)$$

On multiplying (v) by 9 & subtracting (iv) from it we get

$$320v = 8 \Leftrightarrow v = \frac{8}{320} = \frac{1}{40} \Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{a^2} = \frac{1}{40} \Leftrightarrow a^2 = 40$$

Putting  $v = \frac{1}{40}$  in (v) we get

$$u + \left[ 36 \times \frac{1}{40} \right] = 1 \Leftrightarrow u = \left[ 1 - \frac{9}{10} \right] = \frac{1}{10} \Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{b^2} = \frac{1}{10} \Leftrightarrow b^2 = 10$$

Then,  $b^2 = 10$  &  $a^2 = 40$

Hence the required equation is  $\frac{x^2}{10} + \frac{y^2}{40} = 1$

**10. Prove that the standard equation of an ellipse is  $\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1$**

**Where a & b are the lengths of the semi major axis & the semi- major axis respectively & a > b.**

**Ans.** Let the equation of the given curve be  $\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1$  & let

$P(x, y)$  be an arbitrary point on this curve

Then,

$$\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1 \Rightarrow y^2 = b^2 \left[ 1 - \frac{x^2}{a^2} \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow y^2 = \frac{b^2[a^2 - x^2]}{a^2} \dots\dots(i)$$

Also, let  $(a^2 - b^2) = c^2 \dots\dots(ii)$

Let  $F_1(-c, 0)$  &  $F_2(c, 0)$  be two fixed points on the x- axis, than

$$\begin{aligned} PF_1 &= \sqrt{(x+c)^2 + y^2} \\ &= \sqrt{(x+c)^2 + \frac{b^2(a^2 - x^2)}{a^2}} \text{ using (i)} \\ &= \sqrt{(x+c)^2 + \frac{(a^2 - c^2)(a^2 - x^2)}{a^2}} \text{ using (ii)} \\ &= \sqrt{a^2 + 2cx + \frac{c^2 x^2}{a^2}} \\ &= \sqrt{\left[a + \frac{cx}{a}\right]^2} = \left[a + \frac{cx}{a}\right] \end{aligned}$$

Similarly,  $PF_2 = \left[a - \frac{cx}{a}\right]$

$$\therefore PF_1 + PF_2 = \left[a + \frac{cx}{a} + a - \frac{cx}{a}\right]$$

$$\Rightarrow PF_1 + PF_2 = 2a$$

This shows that the given curve is an ellipse

Hence the equation of the ellipse is  $\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1$