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Various Forms of Equations of Tangents

VARIOUS FORMS OF TANGENTS

Point Form

Parametric Form

Slope Form

Parabola	Parametric Co. od	Point Form (T=0)	Parametric Form	Slope Form ($y = mx+c$)
$y^2 = 4ax$	$(at^2, 2at)$	$yy_1 = 2a(x + x_1)$	$yt = x + at^2$	$y = mx + a/m$
$y^2 = -4ax$	$(-at^2, 2at)$	$yy_1 = -2a(x + x_1)$	$yt = -x + at^2$	$y = mx - a/m$
$x^2 = 4ay$	$(2at, at^2)$	$xx_1 = 2a(y + y_1)$	$xt = x + at^2$	$y = mx - am^2$
$x^2 = -4ay$	$(2at, -at^2)$	$xx_1 = -2a(y + y_1)$	$xt = -y + at^2$	$y = mx + am^2$

DOUBTS :



Topics	Equation of Parabola
1.(E) The points on the parabola $y^2 = 36x$ whose ordinate is three times the abscissa are (a)(0, 0), (4, 12) (b)(1, 3), (4, 12) (c)(4, 12) (d)None of these	L.L.R. = 3 (c)V (-6, 2), S (-11/2, 2), Eq. of directrix $x = -13/2$, L.L.R. = 2 (d) None of these
2.(E) The equation of the lines joining the vertex of the parabola $y^2 = 6x$ to the points on it whose abscissa is 24, is (a) $y \pm 2x = 0$ (b) $2y \pm 3x = 0$ (c) $x \pm 2y = 0$ (d) $2x \pm y = 0$	8.(E) The equation of the directrix of the parabola $y^2 + 4y + 4x + 2 = 0$ is [IIT-2001] (a) $x = -1$ (b) $x = 1$ (c) $x = -\frac{3}{2}$ (d) $x = \frac{3}{2}$
3.(E) The points on the parabola $y^2 = 12x$ whose focal distance is 4, are (a) $(2, \sqrt{3}), (2, -\sqrt{3})$ (b) $(1, 2\sqrt{3}), (1, -2\sqrt{3})$ (c)(1, 2) (d)None of these	9.(E) The equation of the parabola whose axis is vertical and passes through the points (0, 0), (3, 0) and (-1, 4) is (a) $x^2 - 3x - y = 0$ (b) $x^2 + 3x + y = 0$ (c) $x^2 - 4x + 2y = 0$ (d) $x^2 - 4x - 2y = 0$
4.(E) If the parabola $y^2 = 4ax$ passes through (-3, 2), then length of its latus rectum is (a) 2/3 (b) 1/3 (c) 4/3 (d) 4	10.(E) The equation of the parabola whose vertex is (-1, -2), axis is vertical and which passes through the point (3, 6), is (a) $x^2 + 2x - 2y - 3 = 0$ (b) $2x^2 = 3y$ (c) $x^2 - 2x - y + 3 = 0$ (d)None of these
5.(E) A parabola has the origin as its focus and the line $x = 2$ as the directrix. Then the vertex of the parabola is at [AIEEE 2008] (a) (1, 0) (b) (0, 1) (c) (2, 0) (d) (0, 2)	11.(M) The latus rectum of a parabola whose directrix is $x + y - 2 = 0$ and focus is (3, -4), is (a) $-3\sqrt{2}$ (b) $3\sqrt{2}$ (c) $-3/\sqrt{2}$ (d) $3/\sqrt{2}$
6.(E) $x - 2 = t^2, y = 2t$ are the parametric equations of the parabola (a) $y^2 = 4x$ (b) $y^2 = -4x$ (c) $x^2 = -4y$ (d) $y^2 = 4(x - 2)$	12.(E) 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 is (a) 12 sq. unit (b) 16 sq. unit (c) 18 sq. unit (d) 24 sq. unit
7.(E) The vertex, focus, directrix and length of the latus rectum of the parabola $y^2 - 4y - 2x - 8 = 0$ is (a) V (6, 2), S (-11/2, 2), Eq. of directrix $x = -13/2$, L.L.R. = 2 (b) V (-6, 2), S (11/2, 2), Eq. of directrix $x = -13/2$,	13.(E) The area of triangle formed inside the parabola $y^2 = 4x$ and whose ordinates of vertices are 1, 2 and 4 will be

- (a) $\frac{7}{2}$ (b) $\frac{5}{2}$
- (c) $\frac{3}{2}$ (d) $\frac{3}{4}$
- 14.(E)** An equilateral triangle is inscribed in the parabola $y^2 = 4x$ one of whose vertex is at the vertex of the parabola, the length of each side of the triangle is
- (a) $\sqrt{3}/2$ (b) $4\sqrt{3}/2$
- (c) $8\sqrt{3}/2$ (d) $8\sqrt{3}$
- 15.(E)** If a double ordinate of the parabola $y^2 = 4ax$ be of length $8a$, then the angle between the lines joining the vertex of the parabola to the ends of this double ordinate is
- (a) 30° (b) 60°
- (c) 90° (d) 120°
- 16.(E)** Let P be the point $(1, 0)$ & Q be any point on $y^2 = 8x$ then locus of mid point of PQ is
- (a) $x^2 + 4y + 2 = 0$ (b) $x^2 - 4y + 2 = 0$
- (c) $y^2 - 4x + 2 = 0$ (d) $y^2 + 4x + 2 = 0$
- 17.** PQ is a double ordinate of the parabola $y^2 = 4ax$. The locus of the points of trisection of PQ is
- (a) $9y^2 = 4ax$ (b) $9x^2 = 4ay$
- (c) $9y^2 + 4ax = 0$ (d) $9x^2 + 4ay = 0$
- 18.(E)** The focal distance of a point on the parabola $y^2 = 16x$ whose ordinate is twice the abscissa, is
- (a) 6 (b) 8
- (c) 10 (d) 12
- 19.(M)** Let A be the vertex and L the length of the latus rectum of the parabola $y^2 - 2y - 4x - 7 = 0$. The equation of the parabola with A as vertex, $2L$ the length of the latus rectum and the axis at right angles to that of the given curve is
- (a) $x^2 + 4x + 8y - 4 = 0$ (b) $x^2 + 4x + 8y - 12 = 0$
- (c) $x^2 + 4x - 8y + 12 = 0$ (d) $x^2 + 8x - 4y + 8 = 0$
- 20.(T)** The circle $x^2 + y^2 + 2\lambda x = 0$, $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ touches the parabola $y^2 = 4x$ externally, then
- (a) $\lambda > 0$ (b) $\lambda < 0$
- (c) $\lambda > 1$ (d) None of these

ANSWER KEY:

1	a	2	c	3	b	4	c	5	a
6	d	7	c	8	d	9	a	10	a
11	b	12	c	13	d	14	d	15	c
16	c	17	a	18	b	19	c	20	a

11.(M) The latus rectum of a parabola whose directrix is $x + y - 2 = 0$ and focus is $(3, -4)$, is

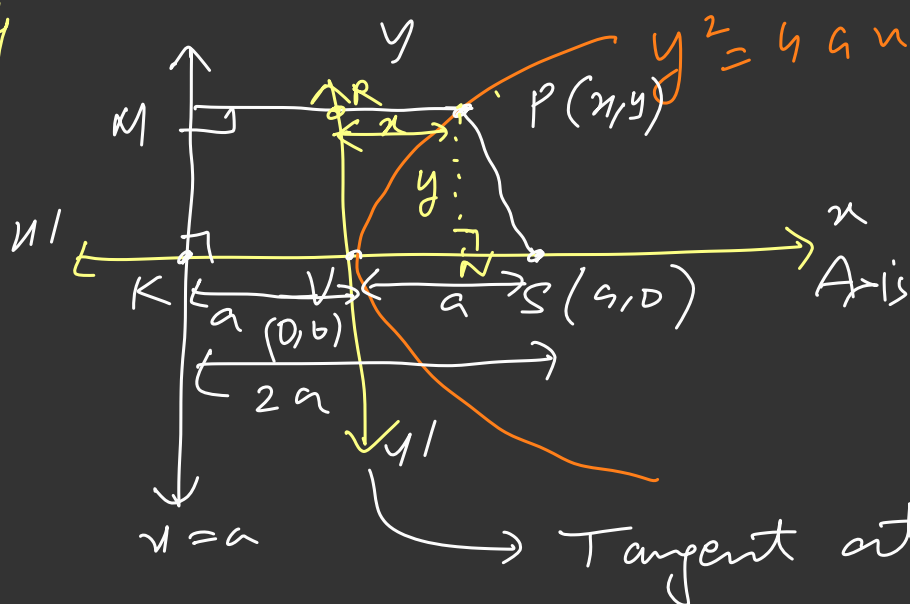
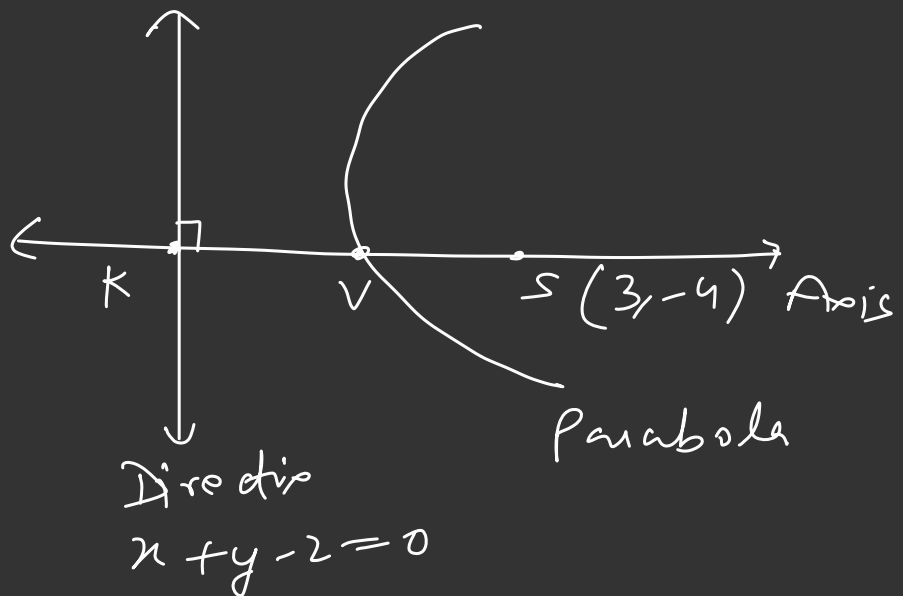
- (a) $-3\sqrt{2}$ (b) $3\sqrt{2}$
(c) $-3 / \sqrt{2}$ (d) $3 / \sqrt{2}$

Sol^o -

$$y^2 = 4ax$$

$$L \cdot R = 4 \text{ A}$$

$$= 4$$



$$L \cdot R = 4 \text{ g} = 4 \text{ (g)}$$

$$L \cdot R = 4 \left(\text{Distance of focus from tangent at vertex} \right)$$

$$= 2 \quad (2c)$$

$L \cup R = 2$ (Distance of Fours from Direction)

Applicable to all parabolas

Now

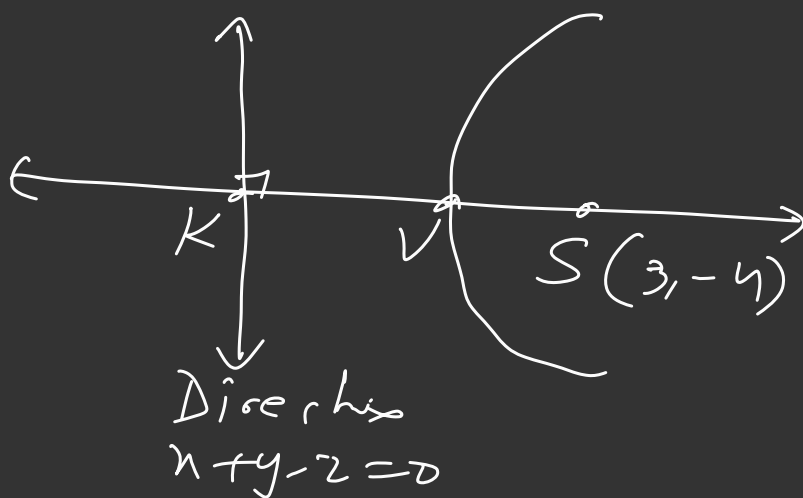
$$y^2 = 4ax$$

$$\Rightarrow (PN)^2 = (4a)(PR)$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(\text{Distance of Point P on parabola} \right)^2 = (L \cdot R) \left(\text{Distance of point P from tangent at vertex} \right)$$

Applicable to all parabolas having axis \parallel to x axis.

∴ (11)



$$L \cdot R = 4a = 2(2a)$$

$$= 2 \left(\text{Distance of focus from directrix} \right)$$

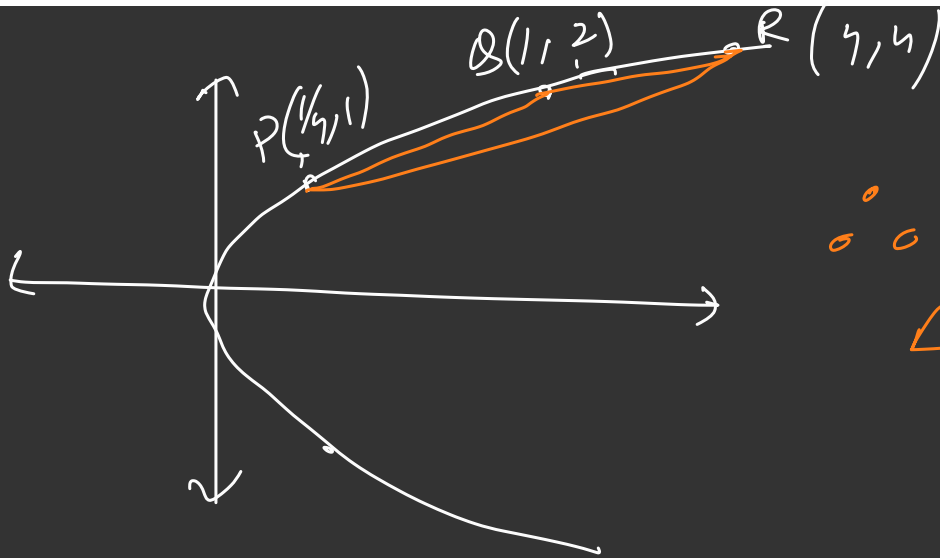
∴ Distance of $S(3, -4)$ from $x + y - 2 = 0$

$$\text{is : } \frac{|3 + (-4) - 2|}{\sqrt{2}} = \frac{3}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\therefore L \cdot R = 2 \left(\frac{3}{\sqrt{2}} \right) = \frac{6}{\sqrt{2}} = 3\sqrt{2} \text{ units}$$

13.(E) The area of triangle formed inside the parabola $y^2 = 4x$ and whose ordinates of vertices are 1, 2 and 4 will be

Sol:
=



∴ Area of $\triangle PQR$.

$y^2 = 4x$ As P, Q, R lies on this

$$\therefore (1)^2 = 4x \Rightarrow x = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$(2)^2 = 4x \Rightarrow x = 1$$

$$(4)^2 = 4x \Rightarrow x = 4$$

$$\therefore P\left(\frac{1}{4}, 1\right); Q(1, 2); R(4, 4)$$

∴ Obtain Area of $\triangle PQR$

17. PQ is a double ordinate of the parabola $y^2 = 4ax$.

The locus of the points of trisection of PQ is

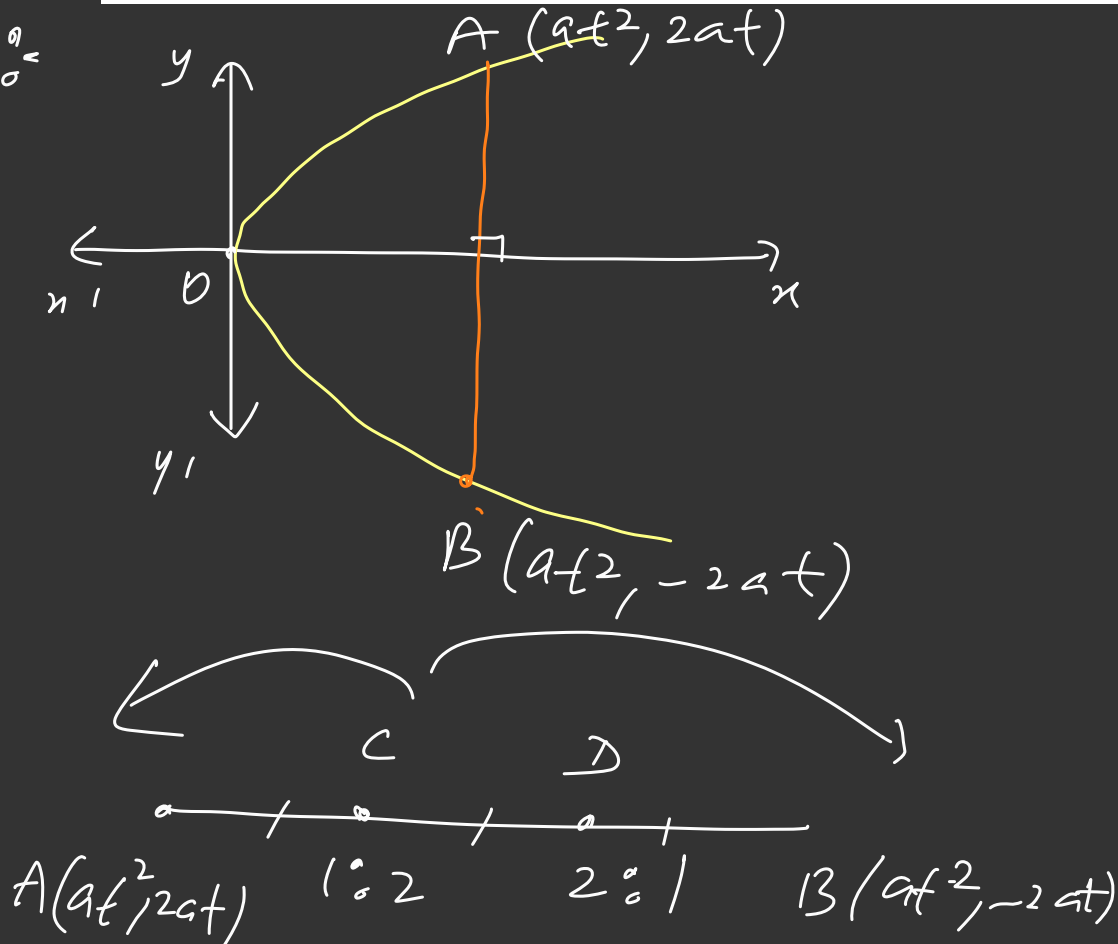
(a) $9y^2 = 4ax$

(b) $9x^2 = 4ay$

(c) $9y^2 + 4ax = 0$

(d) $9x^2 + 4ay = 0$

Solⁿ:



C divides AB in $1:2$

D divides AB in $2:1$

$$\therefore C \left(\frac{3at^2}{3}, \frac{2at}{3} \right) \equiv C(h, k)$$

$$\therefore at^2 = h, \quad \frac{2at}{3} = k$$

$$t = \frac{3k}{2a}$$

$$\therefore a \left(\frac{3k}{2a} \right)^2 = h$$

$$\Rightarrow a \left(\frac{9k^2}{4a^2} \right) = h$$

$$\Rightarrow 9k^2 = 4ah$$

$$\therefore \text{Loc is : } \boxed{9y^2 = 4ax}$$

19.(M) Let A be the vertex and L the length of the latus rectum of the parabola $y^2 - 2y - 4x - 7 = 0$. The equation of the parabola with A as vertex, 2L the length of the latus rectum and the axis at right angles to that of the given curve is

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 (c) $x^2 + 4x - 8y + 12 = 0$ (d) $x^2 + 8x - 4y + 8 = 0$

Sol:

$$y^2 - 2y - 4x - 7 = 0$$

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

$$\Rightarrow y^2 - 2y + 1 = 4x + 8$$

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

$$y-1 = y_1$$

$$x+2 = x$$

$$\therefore y^2 = 4x$$

$$\boxed{a=1}$$

$$\therefore A(0,0) : x=0, y=0$$

Axis: $y=0$

$$\boxed{y=1}$$

$$x=-2 \quad y=1$$

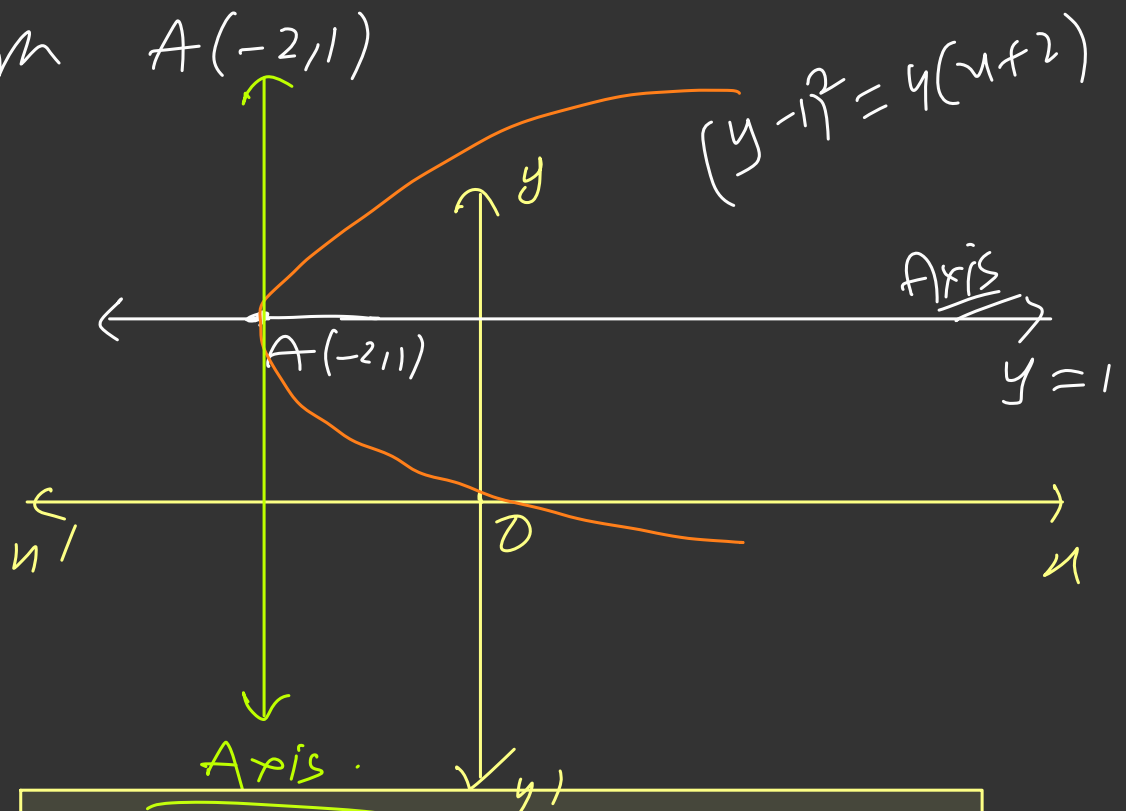
$$\therefore A(-2,1)$$

$$L = L \cdot R = 4(1) = 4 \text{ units}$$

$$\text{Now new } L \cdot R = 2L = 2(4) = 8 \text{ units}$$

Vertex is same ie $A(-2,1)$

\therefore Axis tan to this and passing through $A(-2,1)$



$$\boxed{x=-2}$$

$$L \cdot R = 8 \text{ units}$$

Vertex $(-2,1)$

Eq. of Upward parabola with vertex at $A(a, b)$ $L \cdot R = L$ is

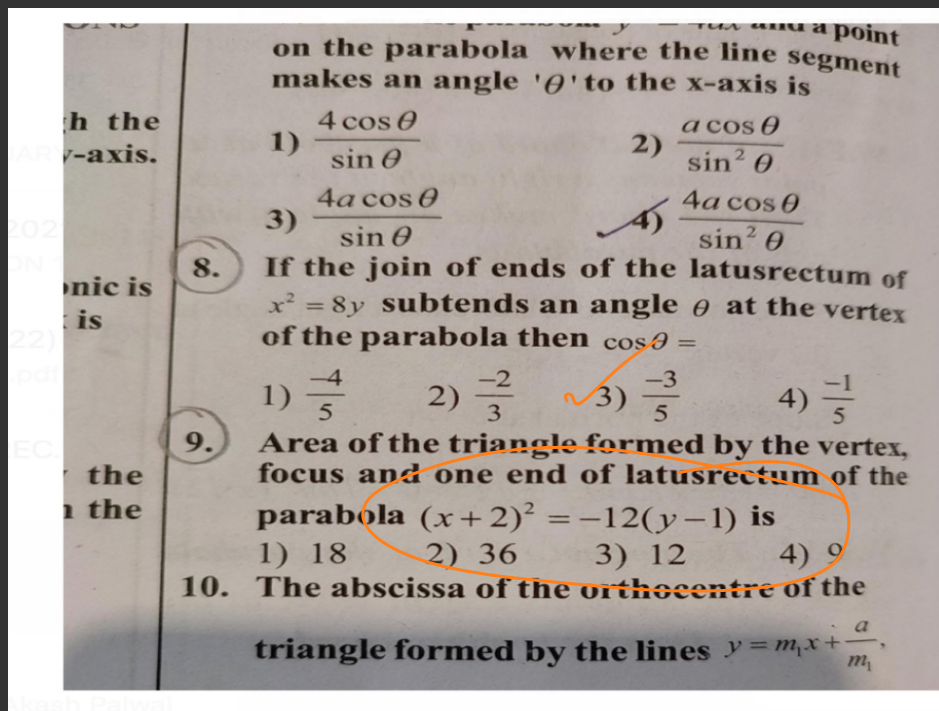
$$(x-a)^2 = (L) (y-b)$$

$$\Rightarrow (x+2)^2 = 8(y-1)$$

is reqd. eq.

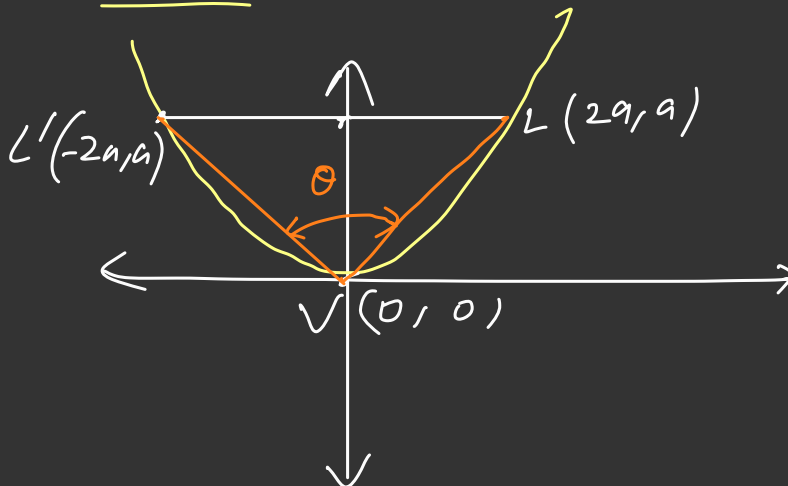
$$(x-a)^2 = -L(y-b)$$

$$(x+2)^2 = -8(y-1)$$

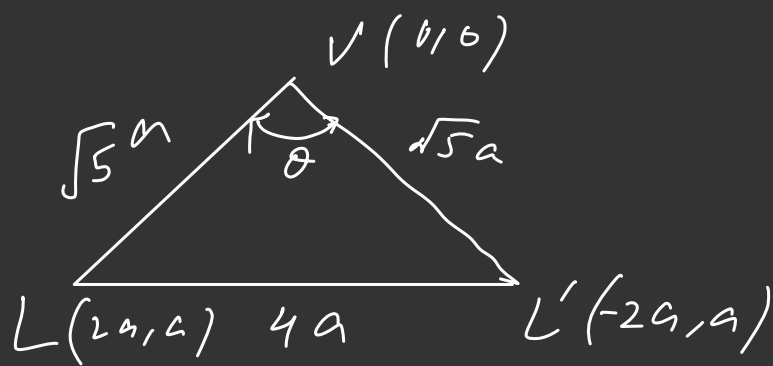


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then $\cos \theta = ?$



$$LV = \sqrt{5}a$$

$$\cos \theta = ?$$

$$L'V = \sqrt{5}a$$

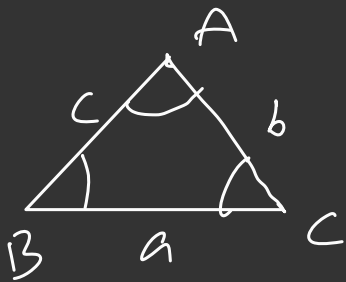
$$LL' = 4a$$

\therefore Apply cosine Law

$$\cos \theta = \frac{(LV)^2 + (L'V)^2 - (LL')^2}{2(LV)(L'V)}$$

$$= \frac{5a^2 + 5a^2 - 16a^2}{2(5a^2)} = \frac{-6}{10}$$

$$\boxed{\cos \theta = -3/5}$$



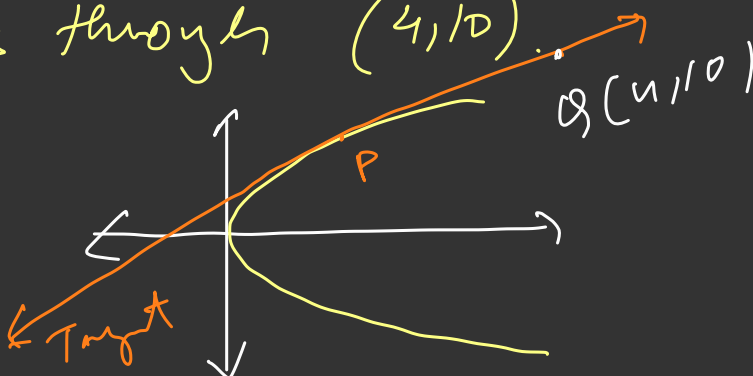
$$\cos A = \frac{b^2 + c^2 - a^2}{2bc}; \quad \cos B = \frac{c^2 + a^2 - b^2}{2ca}$$

$$\cos C = \frac{a^2 + b^2 - c^2}{2ab}$$

Examples:

(1) Find eq. of tangent to $y^2 = 16x$ which passes through $(4, 10)$.

Sol:



$$y = mx + \frac{a}{m} \text{ is eq. of tangent}$$

$$a = 4$$

$$\Rightarrow y = mx + \frac{4}{m} \text{ (i)}$$

This passes through $(4, 10)$

$$\therefore 10 = m(4) + \frac{4}{m}$$

$$\Rightarrow 10m = 4m^2 + 4$$

$$\Rightarrow 5m = 2m^2 + 2$$

$$\Rightarrow 2m^2 - 5m + 2 = 0$$

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

$$\therefore \text{i) becomes: } y = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)x + \frac{4}{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$\boxed{y = \frac{x}{2} + 8}$$

and

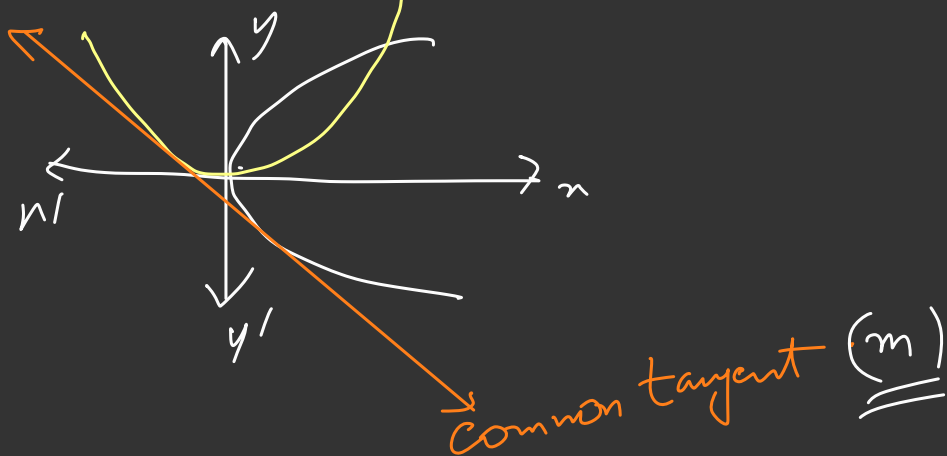
$$y = 2x + \frac{4}{2}$$

$$\boxed{y = 2x + 2}$$

2. Find eq. of common tangent to $y^2 = 32x$ and $x^2 = 108y$.

$$a = 8$$

$$a = 27$$



Sol: Eq. of tangent to $y^2 = 4ax$ is

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

$$\therefore \boxed{y = mx + \frac{8}{m}} \text{ (i)}$$

Eq. of tangent to $x^2 = 4ay$ is

$$y = mx - am^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{y = mx - 27m^2} \text{ (ii)}$$

i) & ii) rep. same line

$$\therefore \frac{8}{m} = -27m^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{-8}{27} = m^3$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{m = -\frac{2}{3}}$$

$$\therefore \text{ i) becomes: } y = -\frac{2}{3}x + \frac{8}{(-2/3)}$$

$$\boxed{y = -\frac{2}{3}x - 12}$$

is common tangent.

(3) Find eq. of common tangent to
 $y^2 = 4x$ and $x^2 = 32y$.

Sol:-

$$\left. \begin{aligned} y &= mx + \frac{1}{m} \quad (i) \\ y &= mx - 8m^2 \quad (ii) \end{aligned} \right\}$$

$$\therefore \frac{1}{m} = -8m^2 \Rightarrow m^3 = -1/8$$

$$\boxed{m = -1/2}$$

$$\therefore (i) \Rightarrow y = \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)x + \frac{1}{(-1/2)}$$

$$y = -\frac{x}{2} - 2$$

$$\Rightarrow 2y = -x - 4$$

$$\boxed{x + 2y + 4 = 0}$$

(4) Find eq. of common tangent to

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

Sol:

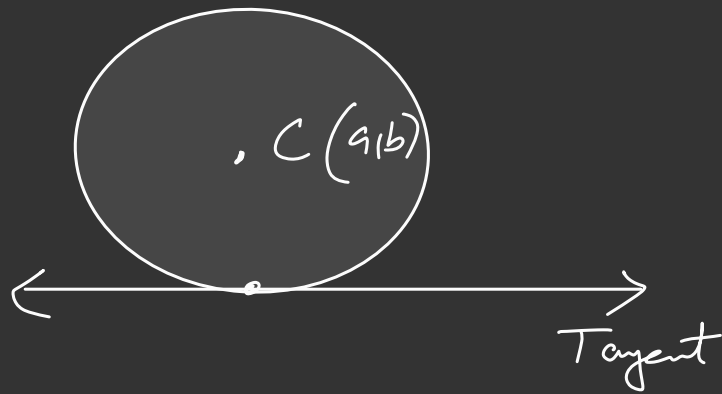
$$C(3, 0); r = 3$$

Eq. of tangent to $y^2 = 4x$ is

$$y = mx + \frac{1}{m}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{m^2x - y + 1 = 0}$$

Now this line is also tangent to
circle : $C(3, 0); r = 3$



Various Forms of Equations of Tangents

1. Point of Intersection of Tangents:

Examples:

2. Normal to Parabola:

3. Slope Form: