

# Matrix Project On Coordinate Geometry

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**P** and **Q** are two distinct points on the parabola

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with parameters  $t$  and  $t_1$  respectively. If the normal at **P** passes through **Q**, then find the minimum value of  $t_1^2$ .

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- Now, use the parametric form of  $\mathbf{x}$  (i.e.)

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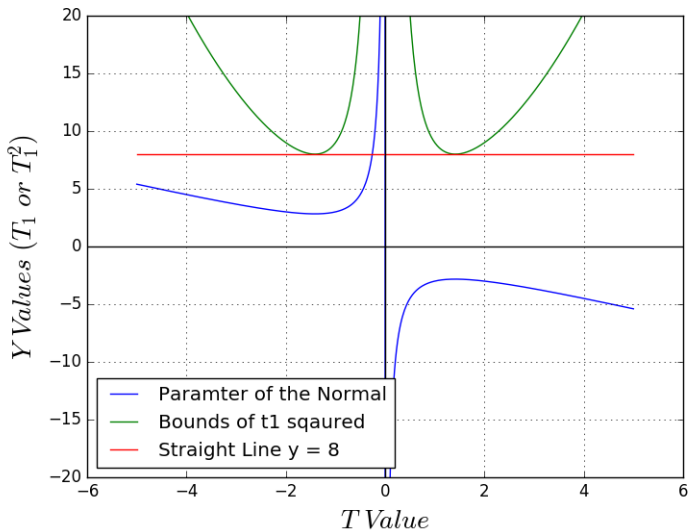
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- $\therefore$  The Minimum possible value of  $t_1^2$  is 8.

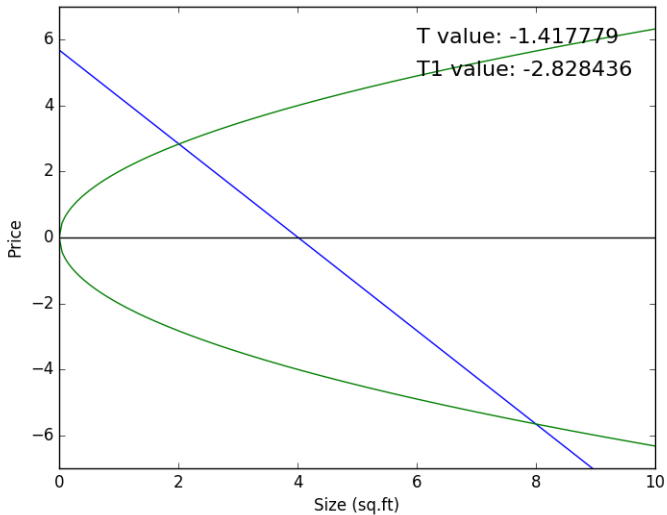
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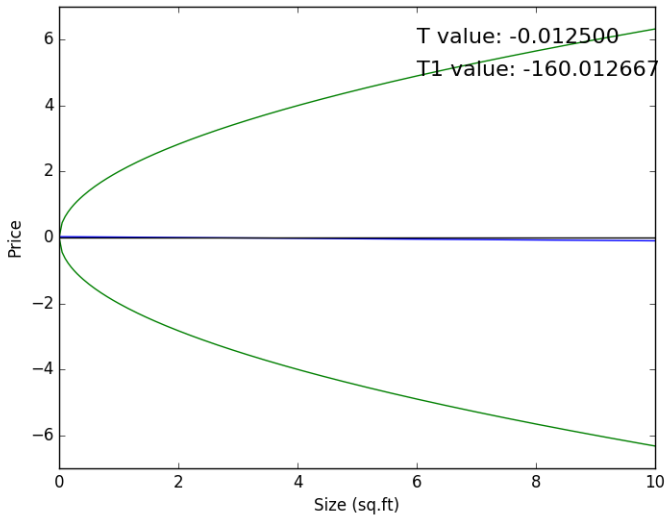
# Bounds of $t_1$ and $t_1^2$



# Normal at minimum $t_1^2$



$$t_1^2 = 0$$



The End