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Part I - The Parabola :

The plane is referred to an orthonormal system $(O; \vec{i}, \vec{j})$.

N° 1.

Find an equation of the parabola of focus $F(3; 0)$ and directrix the straight line (d) of equation $x = -3$.

N° 2.

- 1) Find, in two methods, an equation of the parabola of focus the point $F(2; 0)$ and of directrix the straight line (d) of equation $x = -1$.
- 2) Find an equation of the parabola of focus the point $F(-1; 1)$ and of directrix the straight line (d) of equation $x = 1$.
- 3) Find an equation of the parabola of focus the point $F(2; 1)$ and of vertex the point $S(0; 1)$.
- 4) Find an equation of the parabola of vertex the point $S(1; 1)$ and of directrix the straight line (d) of equation $y = 4$.
- 5) Find an equation of the parabola of focus $F(1; 0)$ and directrix the straight line (d) of equation $y = x$.

N° 3.

Determine the elements and trace the representative curves of the parabolas whose equations are given below:

- 1) $y^2 = 2x - 4$
- 2) $y^2 - 2y = 3x - 2$.
- 3) $x^2 + 4x - 2y + 2 = 0$.

N° 4.

Consider the parabola (P) of equation $y^2 = 4x$ and the point $B(0; 2)$.

- 1) Write an equation of the straight line (δ) passing through the point

- B and of slope m .
- 2) a- Show that the relation between the abscissas of the points of intersection of (P) and (δ) is $m^2 x^2 + 4(m-1)x + 4 = 0$.
 - b- Study according to the values of m the intersection of (δ) and (P) .
 - c- In the case where (δ) is tangent to (P) , find the coordinates of the point of tangency and deduce an equation of the tangent to (P) through the point $C(0; -2)$ other than the y -axis.

N° 5.

Consider the parabola (P) of equation $y^2 = 2px$, of focus F and directrix (d) .

Let $M(x_0; y_0)$ be a variable point of (P) and H its orthogonal projection on the axis $y'y$.

The perpendiculars through O and H to the straight line (OM) intersect the straight line (MH) in K and (OF) in I .

- 1) a- Prove that the slope of the straight line (IH) is $-\frac{y_0}{2p}$.
- b- Deduce that the point I is fixed.
- 2) What is the set of points K as M varies?

N° 6.

Consider the parabolas (P) and (P') of respective equations

$$y^2 = 2x + 1 \text{ and } y^2 = -2x + 1.$$

- 1) Determine the points of intersection of (P) and (P') .
- 2) Show that (P) and (P') are symmetric to each other with respect to the axis $y'y$.
- 3) a- Determine the vertex, the focus and the directrix of (P) .
- b- Deduce the elements of (P') .
- 4) Find the equations of the tangents to (P) and (P') at the point of abscissa 0 and of positive ordinate.
- 5) Trace (P) and (P') .
- 6) Calculate the area of the domain (D) limited by (P) and (P') .
- 7) Calculate the volume of the solid obtained by rotating (D) about

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the axis $x'x$.

N°7.

In an oriented plane, consider a fixed straight line (d) and a fixed point A not belonging to (d) and designate by (C) the circle of center A and tangent to (d) at the point H .

- 1) Determine the set of points of the foci of all the parabolas (P) that pass through the point A and of directrix (d) .
- 2) The plane is referred to an orthonormal system $(H; \vec{i}, \vec{j})$ with $\vec{i} = \overrightarrow{HA}$.

Suppose that the point $F(x; y)$ belongs to (C) and designate by S the vertex of (P) .

- a- Express X and Y , the coordinates of S in terms of x and y
- b- Deduce the set of points S as F varies.

N°8.

In the plane referred to an orthonormal system $(O; \vec{i}, \vec{j})$, consider the parabola (P) of equation $y^2 = 4x$.

Designate by F the focus of (P) and by (d) its directrix.

Let M be a variable point of (P) and (T) the tangent to (P) at M .

- 1) Find the set of points N orthogonal projection of F on (T) as M varies.
- 2) Find the set of points N' orthogonal projection of F on the normal to (P) at M .

Part II - The Ellipse:

The plane is referred to an orthonormal system $(O; \vec{i}, \vec{j})$.

N°9.

- 1) Find an equation of the ellipse of focus the point $F(3; 0)$ and of directrix the axis $y'y$ and eccentricity $e = \frac{1}{2}$.
- 2) Find an equation of the ellipse of foci $F'(2; 0)$ and $F(6; 0)$ knowing that the origin O is one of the vertices of this ellipse.
- 3) Find an equation of the ellipse of foci $O(0; 0)$ and $F(0; 6)$

- knowing that the straight line $y = -1$ is a directrix of this ellipse.
- 4) Find an equation of the ellipse of vertices $A(4;1)$ and $A'(-2;1)$ knowing that the distance between the directrices of this ellipse is equal to 8.

N° 10.

- 1) Consider the ellipse (E) of equation $4x^2 + 9y^2 - 8x - 32 = 0$. Determine the center, the focal axis, the vertices, the foci and the directrices of (E) then trace (E) .
- 2) Given the ellipse (E') of equation $9x^2 + y^2 + 18x - 2y + 1 = 0$.
 - a- Trace (E') .
 - b- Write an equation of the principal circle (C) of (E') .
 - c- Calculate the area of the domain limited by (C) and (E') .

N° 11.

In the complex plane referred to an orthonormal system $(O; \vec{u}, \vec{v})$ consider the ellipse (E) of center O , focus the point $F(3;0)$ and vertex the point $A(5;0)$.

- 1) a- Find an equation of (E) as well as the equation of the directrix associated with the focus F .
- b- Trace (E) .
- 2) Let B be the point of affix $4i$ and M a variable point of (E) of affix z .

Let G be the point defined by $\overrightarrow{GA} + \overrightarrow{GB} + 2\overrightarrow{GM} = \vec{0}$ and let Z be the affix of G .

- a- Determine Z in terms of z .
- b- Show that G traces an ellipse (E') as M traces (E) .
- c- Prove that (E') is interior to (E) , draw (E') and calculate the area of the domain limited by the two ellipses (E) and (E') .

N° 12.

In the plane referred to an orthonormal system $(O; \vec{i}, \vec{j})$, consider the ellipse (E) of equation $9x^2 + 4y^2 = 36$.

P is a variable point of (E) , designate by M the midpoint of the segment joining P to the vertex of (E) of negative abscissa.

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Find the set (γ) of points M as P varies on (E) and write an equation of (γ) .

N° 13.

In the plane referred to an orthonormal system $(O; \vec{i}, \vec{j})$, consider the ellipse (E) of equation $\frac{x^2}{10} + \frac{y^2}{5} = 1$ and let (d) be the straight line of equation $3x + 2y + 7 = 0$.

- 1) Trace (E) and (d) .
- 2) Write the equations of the tangents to (E) that are parallel to (d) .
- 3) Let F and F' be the foci of (E) and $M(x; y)$ a variable point of (E) .

a- Prove that $MF^2 = \frac{1}{2}(x^2 - 4\sqrt{5}x + 20)$ and

$$MF'^2 = \frac{1}{2}(x^2 + 4\sqrt{5}x + 20).$$

b- Deduce that $MF + MF' = 2\sqrt{10}$.

N° 14.

In the plane referred to an orthonormal system $(O; \vec{i}, \vec{j})$, given the circle (C_1) of center $I(1; 0)$ and radius $R_1 = 8$ and the circle (C_2) of center $J(3; 0)$ and radius $R_2 = 4$.

A variable circle (γ) of center M varies remaining tangent internally to (C_1) and externally to (C_2) .

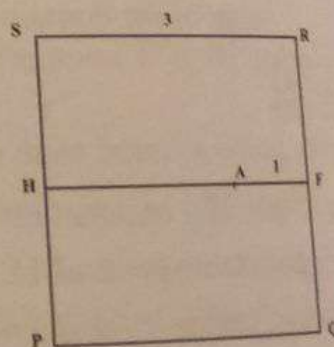
- 1) Prove that as (γ) varies, the point M traces a conic whose nature is to be determined.
- 2) Write an equation of the conic obtained.

N° 15.

$PQRS$ is a square of side 3.

H and F are the respective midpoints of $[SP]$ and $[QR]$.

Let (\mathcal{E}) be the ellipse of focus F , and of directrix the straight line (PS) and



eccentricity $e = \frac{1}{2}$.

A is a point on $[HF]$ such that $AF = 1$.

- 1) Show that R and Q belong to (\mathcal{E}) .
- 2) Show that A is a vertex of (\mathcal{E}) .
- 3) The plane is referred to a direct orthonormal system $(H; \vec{i}, \vec{j})$ with $\overrightarrow{HF} = 3\vec{i}$.

- a- Prove that an equation of (\mathcal{E}) in the system $(H; \vec{i}, \vec{j})$ is $3x^2 + 4y^2 - 24x + 36 = 0$.
- b- Determine the second vertex A' of (\mathcal{E}) lying on the focal axis.
- c- Determine the second focus F' of (\mathcal{E}) .
- d- Determine the vertices of (\mathcal{E}) lying on the non-focal axis.
- e- Determine an equation of the tangent (T) at R to (\mathcal{E}) .
- f- Trace (\mathcal{E}) in the system $(H; \vec{i}, \vec{j})$.
- g- Let (\mathcal{D}) be the domain interior to (\mathcal{E}) .
Calculate the volume of the solid obtained by rotating (\mathcal{D}) about the focal axis (\mathcal{E}) .

Part 3 - The Hyperbola:

The plane is referred to an orthonormal system $(O; \vec{i}, \vec{j})$.

N° 16.

- 1) Find an equation of the hyperbola of focus the point $F(2; 0)$, and directrix the straight line of equation $x = -1$ and of eccentricity $e = \sqrt{3}$.
- 2) Find an equation of the hyperbola of foci $F'(1; 0)$ and $F(5; 0)$ and having $2\sqrt{2}$ as a length of its focal axis.
- 3) Find an equation of the hyperbola of focal axis $y'y$, of vertices the points $O(0; 0)$ and $A(0; -2)$ and of eccentricity $e = 2$.
- 4) Find an equation of the hyperbola of foci $O(0; 0)$ and $F(0; 4)$ and passing through the point $M(12; 9)$.

N° 17.

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- 1) Determine the center, the vertices, the foci, the asymptotes then trace the hyperbola of equation $\frac{(x-1)^2}{9} - \frac{(y+1)^2}{16} = 1$
- 2) Determine the reduced equation then trace the hyperbola of equation: $4y^2 - 9x^2 + 8y + 18x - 41 = 0$.

N° 18.

In the plane referred to an orthonormal system $(O; \vec{i}, \vec{j})$, consider the family of curves (C_m) of equation $\frac{x^2}{2m-4} + \frac{y^2}{m+1} = 1$

where m is a real parameter such that $m \in \mathbb{R} - \{-1; 2\}$.
Study, according to the values of m , the nature of (C_m) .

N° 19.

In the plane referred to an orthonormal system $(O; \vec{i}, \vec{j})$ consider the family of curves (C_m) of equation: $(m-1)x^2 + my^2 - 2x + 2y - 3 = 0$ where m is a real parameter.

- 1) Study, according to the values of m , the nature of (C_m) .
- 2) Suppose that $m = 1$ and consider the parabola (P) of equation $y^2 - 2x + 2y - 3 = 0$.
 - a- Show that the straight line of equation $y = -1$ is an axis of symmetry of (P) .
 - b- Let (δ) be a variable straight line passing through the focus of (P) and that cuts (P) in two points M and N .
 - i- Prove that the tangents (T_1) and (T_2) at M and N to (P) are perpendicular
 - ii- Designate by I the point of intersection of these two tangents. Prove that I belongs to the directrix of (P) .

N° 20.

In the plane referred to an orthonormal system $(O; \vec{i}, \vec{j})$, consider the points $F(8;0)$ and $F'(-2;0)$.

Let (C) be the circle of center F and radius $R = 7$ cm and (C') the

circle of center F' and radius $R' = 1$.

(ω) is a variable circle of center M tangent externally at a point P to (C) and at a point Q to (C') .

1) Prove that as (ω) varies, the point M traces a branch of a hyperbola (H) of equation $16x^2 - 9y^2 - 96x = 0$.

2) Determine the vertices and the asymptotes of (H) and trace (H) .

3) (E) is an ellipse of focal axis the straight line of equation $x = 3$, and having the same vertices as (H) and of focal distance $2c = 2\sqrt{7}$.

a- Find an equation of (E) and trace (E) in the same system as that of (H) .

b- Deduce the drawing of the curve of equation: $16x^2 - 9y^2 |y| - 96x = 0$.

4) Let h_1 be the negative dilation that transforms the circle (C) to the circle (ω) and let h_2 be the negative dilation that transforms the circle (ω) to the circle (C') .

Determine $h_2 \circ h_1$ and prove that (PQ) passes through a fixed point.

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N° 21.

In an oriented plane, consider a fixed straight line (d) and a fixed point A not belonging to (d) .

Let (C) be a variable circle of center M passing through A and tangent to (d) .

Prove that as (C) varies, the point M traces a conic whose nature and elements are to be determined.

N° 22.

The complex plane is referred to an orthonormal system $(O; \vec{u}, \vec{v})$.

1) Let M be a point of affix $z = x + iy$.

a- Determine the set (d) of points M such that $z + \bar{z} + 4 = 0$.

b- Prove that for all points M of the plane the distance of M to

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(d) is equal to $\frac{1}{2}|z + \bar{z} + 4|$.

- 2) Let F be the point of affix $1+i$ and (P') the plane deprived of the straight line (d) .

Let (E) be the set of points M of affix z of (P') such that

$$\left| \frac{z-1-i}{z+\bar{z}+4} \right| = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{4}.$$

Prove that (E) is a conic whose eccentricity and nature are to be determined.

N° 23.

The complex plane is referred to an orthonormal system $(O; \vec{u}, \vec{v})$.

Designate by (E) the ellipse of equation $\frac{x^2}{9} + \frac{y^2}{4} = 1$, and by S the direct plane similitude of center O , of ratio $\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$ and angle $\frac{\pi}{4}$.

Let (E_1) be the image of (E) by S .

- 1) a- Trace (E) .

- b- Let F be one of the foci of (E) and (Δ) the directrix associated with F , designate by M a point of (E) and by H its orthogonal projection on (Δ) .

Designate by (Δ_1) , F_1 , H_1 and M_1 the images of (Δ) , F , H and M by S .

- i- Find the value of $\frac{M_1 F_1}{M_1 H_1}$.

- ii- Show that (E_1) is an ellipse whose two axes of symmetry are to be determined.

- 2) a- z and z_1 are the respective affixes of M and of its image M_1 by S , show that $z_1 = \frac{1}{2}(1+i)z$ and that if M is distinct from

O then triangle OMM_1 is right isosceles at M_1 .

- b- Deduce a construction of M_1 starting from a given point M distinct from O .

- c- Construct (E_1) .

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N° 24.

The complex plane is referred to an orthonormal system $(O; \vec{u}, \vec{v})$. Let S the direct plane similitude of center $\Omega(-2;3)$, of ratio $\sqrt{2}$ and angle $\frac{\pi}{4}$.

For all points M of affix $z = x + iy$, we associate the point M' of affix $z' = x' + iy'$ such that $M' = S(M)$.

- 1) a- Express z' in terms of z .
b- What is the inverse similitude S' of S ?
- 2) Write the complex form of S' .
- 3) Let (E') be the ellipse of equation $9x^2 + 16y^2 = 144$ and designate by (E) the image of (E') by S' .
Without finding an equation of (E) , precise the nature of (E) and determine its center and vertices.

N° 25.

$OABC$ is a square of center I and such that $(\overrightarrow{OA}; \overrightarrow{OC}) = \frac{\pi}{2} \pmod{2\pi}$.

Let r be the rotation of center Ω such that $r(O) = I$ and $r(I) = C$.

- 1) Determine the angle of r and construct Ω .
- 2) Construct the image of the square $OABC$ by r .
- 3) Let (P) be the parabola of focus A and of directrix (OC) .
Designate by (P') the image of (P) by r .

- a- Verify that B is a point of (P) .
- b- What does the straight line (OB) represent for (P) ?
- c- Determine the vertex of (P) .
- d- Show that the straight line (AC) is tangent to (P') at B' .
- e- Determine the vertex and the focus of (P') .

N° 26.

The space is referred to an orthonormal system $(O; \vec{i}, \vec{j}, \vec{k})$.

Consider the plane (P) of equation $4x - 3z - 8 = 0$, the circle (C) of plane (P) of center $I(5;3;4)$ and radius $R = 5$ and designate by (d) the line of intersection of the two planes (P) and (xOy) .

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- 1) Show that the orthogonal projection (E) of (C) on the plane (xOy) is an ellipse.
- 2) Calculate the eccentricity of (E) as well as the area of the domain interior to (E) .

N° 27.

In the plane referred to an orthonormal system $(O; \vec{i}, \vec{j})$ consider the circle (C) of center $I(6;0)$ and radius $R = 2$.
Let M be a variable point of (C) and M' the orthogonal projection of M on $y'y$ and let N be the midpoint of $[MM']$.

- 1) Show that N describes an ellipse (E) as M describes (C) .
- 2) Trace (E) .
- 3) Let L be a point defined by $\overline{ML} = \lambda \overline{M'M}$ where λ is a non-zero real number.
Prove that L describes a conic (Γ_λ) whose nature is to be determined.

N° 28.

In the plane referred to an orthonormal system $(O; \vec{i}, \vec{j})$ consider the ellipse (E) of equation $\frac{x^2}{25} + \frac{y^2}{9} = 1$.

Let F be the focus of (E) of positive abscissa and (d) the directrix associated to F .

- 1) Trace (E) , place F and (d) and calculate the eccentricity e .
- 2) (MM') is a focal cord passing through F such that $(\vec{i}; \overline{FM}) = \theta \pmod{2\pi}$ where $0 < \theta < \pi$, suppose $FM = r$.
a- Prove that the abscissa of M is $x_M = 4 + r \cos \theta$.
b- Calculate the distance of M to (d) in terms of r and θ and

deduce that $r = \frac{9}{5 + 4 \cos \theta}$.

- c- Prove that $\frac{1}{FM} + \frac{1}{FM'}$ remains constant as θ varies.

- d- What is the minimal length of the focal cord ?
Construct this cord .

N° 29.

The complex plane is referred to an orthonormal system $(O; \vec{u}, \vec{v})$.
Consider the points $A(m; 0)$ and $B(0; n)$ where m and n are two real numbers.

Let P be the point defined by $\overrightarrow{OA} = 2 \overrightarrow{BP}$.

- 1) Determine the coordinates x and y of P in terms of m and n .
- 2) Suppose that m and n vary in such a way that $AB = 2$.
Prove that P varies on an ellipse (E) of equation $4x^2 + y^2 = 4$.
- 3) Let (C) be the curve of equation $5x^2 + 6xy + 5y^2 - 8 = 0$.
a- Prove that (C) is the image of (E) by the rotation r of center O and angle $\frac{\pi}{4}$.
b- Deduce the nature of (C) .
c- Determine the focal axis and a focus of (C) .
d- Calculate the eccentricity of (C) and its area.

N° 30.

In the plane referred to an orthonormal system $(O; \vec{i}, \vec{j})$, consider the parabola (P) of equation $y^2 = 4x + 4$.

- 1) Determine the vertex, the focus and the directrix of (P) .
- 2) Trace (P) .
- 3) (P) cuts the axis $y'y$ in two points A and B .
Prove that $OA = OB = 2$.
- 4) a- Let M be a point of (P) of positive abscissa and H the orthogonal projection of M on $y'y$, show that $MO - MH = 2$.
b- Deduce that the circle of center M and radius MH remains tangent to the circle of diameter $[AB]$.
- 5) Let (d) be a straight line passing through F and of slope m .
 (d) intersects (P) in two points M' and M'' , designate by I the midpoint of $[M'M'']$.
a- Calculate the coordinates of I in terms of m .

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- b- Deduce that I varies on a parabola (P') .
- c- (T') and (T'') are the tangents at M' and M'' to (P) .
- Show by two methods, algebraic and geometric that (T') and (T'') are perpendicular.

N° 31

In the plane referred to an orthonormal system $(O; \vec{i}, \vec{j})$, consider the fixed circle (C) of center $w(3; 0)$ and radius $R = 1$.

- 1) Let (γ) be a variable circle of center M tangent externally to (C) and to the axis $y'y$.

Prove that M describes a conic (Γ) whose focus and directrix are to be determined.

- 2) Write an equation of (Γ) .
- 3) Trace (Γ) .
- 4) a- Calculate the area of the domain limited by (Γ) and the straight line of equation $x = 3$.
- b- Deduce the area of the domain limited by (Γ) , the axis $y'y$ and the two straight lines of equations $y = 4$ and $y = -4$.

N° 32

The complex plane is referred to an orthonormal system $(O; \vec{u}, \vec{v})$.

Consider the curve (E) of equation $25(x^2 + y^2) = (3x - 16)^2$.

- 1) Interpret, geometrically, the equation of (E) and show that (E) is a conic of focus O and directrix the straight line (Δ) of equation

$$x = \frac{16}{3}.$$

- 2) Trace (E) .

- 3) Suppose that $(\vec{i}; \overrightarrow{OM}) = \theta$ where $-\frac{\pi}{2} < \theta < \frac{\pi}{2}$ and consider a point

$M(x; y)$ of (E) .

- a- Express OM in terms of x .

- b- Deduce that $OM = \frac{16}{5 + 3 \cos \theta}$.

4) The straight line (OM) cuts (Δ) at a point I and cuts (E) at a point M' .

a- Prove that $\frac{1}{OM} + \frac{1}{OM'}$ is a constant independent of the position of M on (E) .

b- Prove that $\frac{1}{OM} - \frac{1}{OM'} = \frac{2}{OI}$ and deduce that

$$OI = \frac{16 \times OM}{16 - 5 \times OM}.$$

5) Let w be the center of (E) and F the second focus of (E) , the straight line (wM') cuts (E) at a point M'' .

a- Prove that $\overline{FM''}$ and \overline{OM} are collinear.

b- Calculate the coordinates of the point M'' in terms of θ .

6) Let N be the center of gravity of triangle $MM'M''$.

a- Using a dilation that transforms M onto N , prove that N describes a part of the conic (E') .

b- Calculate the area of the domain limited by (E) and (E') .

c- Calculate θ in case $y_I = \frac{16\sqrt{3}}{3}$ and calculate the coordinates of N .

7) Suppose that $\theta = \frac{\pi}{3}$.

a- Write the equations of the tangents to (E) at the points M , M' and M'' .

b- Prove that the tangents to (E) at the points M and M' intersect at a point situated on the directrix (Δ) of (E) .

c- Prove that the tangents to (E) at the points M and M'' intersect at a point situated on the principal circle of (E) .

