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**Tutorial Sheet 1**

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- For each given parabola below, find the vertex, focus, and directrix. Then, sketch the parabola.
  - $y^2 = -6x$
  - $x^2 = 4y$
  - $x = \frac{y^2}{28}$
  - $6y = -2x^2$
- Find an equation of the parabola with vertex at the origin if
  - focus is at  $(-12, 0)$
  - focus is at  $(0, 7)$
  - directrix is  $y = -1$
  - directrix is  $x = \frac{2}{3}$
- A parabola has focus at  $(3, -4)$  and the  $x$ -axis is the equation of the directrix. Find the equation of the parabola and sketch it, clearly showing the vertex and the  $y$ -intercepts.
- Show that the line  $4x + 12y = -21$  passes through the focus of the parabola  $x^2 = -7y$ . Hence, find the coordinates at which this line intersects the parabola.
- Prove that the length of latus rectum of any parabola with vertex at the origin is  $4p$ . Hence, find the length of latus rectum for each of the following parabolas:
  - $2y^2 = 3x$
  - $4x^2 = 6y$
  - $x^2 = -10y$
  - $5x^2 = -2y$
  - $y^2 = -\frac{3}{10}$
- A beam is supported at its ends by two supports which are 16 metres apart. Since the load is concentrated at the center, there is a deflection of 1 metre at the center. How far from the center is the deflection of 0.5 metres?
- Find the foci for of each of the following ellipses and sketch the graph:
  - $\frac{2x^2}{9} + \frac{4y^2}{25} = 1$
  - $\frac{x^2}{25} + 4y^2 = 1$
  - $100x^2 + 5100y^2 = 1$
- An ellipse is centred at the origin and passes through the points  $(3, \sqrt{7})$  and  $(-\sqrt{3}, 3)$ . Find the equation and sketch it.
- Write down the standard form for the equation of the hyperbola with
  - $\pm(|PF_1| - |PF_2|) = 6$  and foci at  $(0, \pm 5)$
  - $\pm(|PF_1| - |PF_2|) = \frac{1}{2}$  and foci at  $(\pm 2, 0)$
- Find the equation of the hyperbola that goes through the points  $(\sqrt{6}, 4)$  and  $(4, 6)$  if its foci are on the  $y$ -axis and the hyperbola has the  $x$ -axis as the axis of symmetry.
- Find the eccentricity of each of the following conics:
  - $169x^2 + 25y^2 = 4225$
  - $y^2 - 4y - 8x - 12 = 0$
  - $64x^2 - 36y^2 = 2304$
- Find the standard equation of the following conic sections:

- (a) Foci :  $(0, \pm 3)$ ; Eccentricity : 0.5      (e) Eccentricity : 3; Vertices :  $(0, \pm 1)$   
 (b) Vertices :  $(0, \pm 70)$ ; Eccentricity : 0.1      (f) Eccentricity : 2; Vertices :  $(\pm 2, 0)$   
 (c) Foci :  $(\pm 8, 0)$ ; Eccentricity : 0.2      (g) Eccentricity : 3; Foci :  $(\pm 3, 0)$   
 (d) Vertices :  $(\pm 10, 0)$ ; Eccentricity : 0.24      (h) Eccentricity : 1.25; Foci :  $(0, \pm 5)$

13. Find the standard equation of the conic section described below:

- (a) major axis is 10 and  $e = \frac{1}{2}$   
 (b) Transverse axis is 12 and  $e = 2$   
 (c) distance between the foci is 32, major axis is along x-axis and  $e = \frac{1}{3}$   
 (d) vertices are at  $(\pm 2, 0)$  and foci at  $(\pm 6, 0)$   
 (e) minor axis is 10 and foci at  $(\pm 4, 0)$   
 (f) distance between the foci is 16 and distance between directrices is 30.  
 (g) focus is at  $(\sqrt{5}, 0)$  and asymptotes are  $2y = \pm x$ .

14. Show that the vertical distance between the asymptotes and the hyperbola  $\frac{x^2}{a^2} - \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1$  approaches 0.

15. Discuss the graph of each of the following conic sections:

- (a)  $x^2 + 4x + y^2 = 12$       (f)  $2x^2 - y^2 + 6y = 3$   
 (b)  $y^2 + 20 = x^2 + 10y + 4x$       (g)  $x + 20y^2 + 40y + 27 = 0$   
 (c)  $x^2 + 2y^2 - 2x - 4y = -1$       (h)  $2x^2 + 2y^2 - 28x + 12y = -114$   
 (d)  $x^2 - y^2 - 2x + 4y = 4$       (i)  $2y + 180x = x^2 + 7950$   
 (e)  $y^2 - 4x^2 + 16x = 24$

16. Find a Cartesian equation for the hyperbola centred at  $(3, 0)$  with  $x = 1$  as one equation of the directrix and distance from vertex to the directrix equal to  $\frac{3}{2}$ .

17. Discuss the graph of each of the following conics:

- (a)  $3x^2 + 4\sqrt{3}xy - y^2 = 7$       (i)  $x^2 - 4xy + 4y^2 - 5 = 0$   
 (b)  $x^2 + xy + y^2 = 1$       (j)  $3x^2 + 4\sqrt{3}xy - y^2 = 7$   
 (c)  $3x^2 + 2\sqrt{3}xy + y^2 - 8x + 8\sqrt{3}y = 0$       (k)  $x^2 + y^2 + 2xy + 2\sqrt{2}x - 2\sqrt{2}y + 2 = 0$   
 (d)  $x^2 - \sqrt{3}xy + 2y^2 = 1$       (l)  $9x^2 + 6y^2 + 4xy - 20 = 0$   
 (e)  $3x^2 + 2\sqrt{3}xy + y^2 - 8x + 8\sqrt{3}y = 0$       (m)  $4x^2 + 12xy + 9y^2 = 52$   
 (f)  $3x^2 - 2\sqrt{3}xy + y^2 = 1$       (n)  $5x^2 - 2xy + 5y^2 - 12 = 0$   
 (g)  $\sqrt{2}x^2 + 2\sqrt{2}xy + \sqrt{2}y^2 - 8x + 8y = 0$       (o)  $9x^2 + 24xy + 16y^2 + 80x - 60y = 0$   
 (h)  $xy - y - x + 1 = 0$       (p)  $xy - 2y - 4x = 0$

18. Under what conditions is the graph

$$y = Ax^2 + Bx + C$$

a parabola? If it is indeed a parabola and passes through the points  $(1, 3)$ ,  $(2, 4)$  and  $(3, 7)$ , find the unknown constants.

19. Use the discriminant test to identify the following conic sections:

$$\begin{array}{ll}
\text{(a)} \quad 16x^2 - 24xy + 9y^2 - 30x - 40y = 0 & \text{(e)} \quad x^2 - 6xy - 5y^2 + 4x - 22 = 0 \\
\text{(b)} \quad x^2 - 4xy - 2y^2 - 6 = 0 & \text{(f)} \quad 36x^2 - 60xy + 25y^2 + 9y = 0 \\
\text{(c)} \quad 13x^2 - 8xy + 7y^2 - 45 = 0 & \text{(g)} \quad x^2 + 4xy + 4y^2 - 5x - y - 3 = 0 \\
\text{(d)} \quad 2x^2 + 4xy + 5y^2 + 3x - 4y - 20 = 0 & \text{(h)} \quad x^2 + xy + 4y^2 + x + y - 4 = 0
\end{array}$$

20. Find all the polar coordinates of each of the following points:

$$\begin{array}{lll}
\text{(a)} \quad (3, 0) & \text{(c)} \quad (5, \pi) & \text{(e)} \quad (4, 310^\circ) \\
\text{(b)} \quad (-2, \frac{\pi}{3}) & \text{(d)} \quad (7, 135^\circ) & \text{(f)} \quad (-3, -\frac{3\pi}{2})
\end{array}$$

21. Find the Cartesian coordinates of each of the following points:

$$\begin{array}{lll}
\text{(a)} \quad (\sqrt{2}, 120^\circ) & \text{(c)} \quad (2\sqrt{3}, \frac{2\pi}{3}) & \text{(e)} \quad (5, \arctan(\frac{4}{3})) \\
\text{(b)} \quad (4, \frac{\pi}{4}) & \text{(d)} \quad (-1, 480^\circ) & \text{(f)} \quad (7, \sin^{-1}(\frac{3}{5}))
\end{array}$$

22. For each of the following given polar equations, find the equivalent Cartesian equation. Then identify and describe the graph.

$$\begin{array}{ll}
\text{(a)} \quad r = 4 \csc \theta & \text{(b)} \quad r = 4 \tan \theta \sec \theta \\
\text{(c)} \quad r \sin \theta = \ln r + \ln \cos \theta & \text{(d)} \quad r = \frac{7}{1 - \cos \theta}
\end{array}$$

23. Replace the following Cartesian equations by their equivalent polar equations:

$$\begin{array}{ll}
\text{(a)} \quad x^2 - y^2 = 1 & \text{(b)} \quad xy = 2 \\
\text{(c)} \quad (x - 5)^2 + (y + 1)^2 = 4 & \text{(d)} \quad x^2 + xy + y^2 = 1
\end{array}$$

24. Identify and describe the following conics:

$$\begin{array}{lll}
\text{(a)} \quad r = \frac{-1}{1 - \sin \theta} & \text{(d)} \quad r = \frac{1}{1 + \cos \theta} & \text{(h)} \quad r = \frac{400}{16 + 8 \sin \theta} \\
\text{(b)} \quad r = \frac{6}{1 + \cos \theta} & \text{(e)} \quad r = \frac{6}{-1 + 2 \cos \theta} & \text{(i)} \quad r = \frac{6 \sec \theta}{2 \sec \theta - 2} \\
\text{(c)} \quad r = \frac{6}{2 + \cos \theta} & \text{(f)} \quad r(2 + \sin \theta) = 4 & \text{(j)} \quad r = \frac{4}{1 + 2 \cos \theta} \\
\text{(g)} \quad r(3 - 2 \cos \theta) = 6 & &
\end{array}$$

25. Show that the polar equation for

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

is

$$r^2 = \frac{-b^2}{1 - e^2 \cos^2 \theta}.$$

26. Show that the polar equation

$$r = \frac{k}{1 + e \cos \theta}$$

is equivalent to the Cartesian equation

$$(1 - e^2)x^2 + y^2 + 2kex - k^2 = 0.$$

27. Halley's Comet has an elliptical orbit with the sun at one focus. Its orbit is approximately given by

$$r = \frac{1.069}{1 + 0.967 \sin \theta}.$$

Find the distance from Halley's Comet to the sun at its shortest and greatest distance from the sun.