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PARABOLA

Solved Problems

1. Find the coordinates of the vertex and focus, and the equations of the directrix and axes of

the following parabolas.

A. $y^2 = 16x$

B. $x^2 = -4y$

C. $3x^2 - 9x + 5y - 2 = 0$

D. $y^2 - x + 4y + 5 = 0$

Answer: B



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2. Find the equation of the parabola whose vertex is (3,-2) and focus is (3,1).



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3. Find the coordinates of the points on the parabola $y^2 = 2x$ whose focal distance is $\frac{5}{2}$.



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4. Find the equation of the parabola passing through the points $(-1,2)$, $(1,-1)$ and $(2,1)$ and having its axis parallel to the X-axis.



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5. A double ordinate of the curve $y^2 = 4ax$ is of length $8a$. Prove that the line from the vertex its ends are at right angles.



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6. If the coordinates of the ends of a focal chord of the parabola $y^2 = 4ax$ are (x_1, y_1) and (x_2, y_2) , then prove that $x_1x_2 = a^2, y_1y_2 = 4a^2$.



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7. For a focal chord PQ of the parabola $y^2 = 4ax$ if $SP = l$ and $SQ = l$ then prove that $\frac{1}{l} + \frac{1}{l} + \frac{1}{a}$.



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8. If Q is the foot of the perpendicular from a point p on the parabola $y^2 = 8(x - 3)$ to its directrix. S is an equilateral triangle then find the length of side of the triangle.



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9. Find the condition for the straight line $lx + my + n = 0$ to be a tangent to the parabola $y^2 = 4ax$ and find the coordinates of the point of contact.





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10. Show that straight line $7x+6y=13$ is a tangent to the parabola $y^2 - 7x - 8y + 14 = 0$ and find the point of contact.



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11. Prove that the normal chord at the point other than origin whose ordinate is equal to

its abscissa subtends a right angle at the focus.



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12. From an external point P tangents are drawn to the parabola $y^2 = 4ax$ and these tangents make angles θ_1, θ_2 with the x-axis. If $\cot \theta_1 + \cot \theta_2$ is a constant 'a' show that P lies on a horizontal line.



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13. show that the common tangent to the parabola $y^2 = 4ax$ and $x^2 = 4by$ is

$$xa^{1/3} + yb^{1/3} + a^{2/3}b^{2/3} = 0.$$



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14. Prove that the area of the triangle formed by the tangents at (x_1, y_1) , (x_2) and (x_3, y_3) to the parabola $y^2 = 4ax$ ($a > 0$) is

$$\frac{1}{16a} |(y_1 - y_2)(y_2 - y_3)(y_3 - y_1)| \text{ sq.units.}$$



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15. Prove that two parabolas $y^2 = 4ax$ and $x^2 = 4by$ intersect (other than the origin)

at an angle of $\tan^{-1} \left[\frac{3a^{1/3}b^{1/3}}{2(a^{2/3} + b^{2/3})} \right]$.



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16. Prove that the orthocenter of the triangle formed by any three tangents to a parabola lies on the directrix of the parabola.



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Exercise 3 A I

1. Find the vertex and focus of

$$4y^2 + 12x - 20y + 67 = 0$$



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Exercise 3 A

1. Find the vertex and focus of

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



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2. Find the equations of axis and directrix of the parabola $y^2 + 6y - 2x + 5 = 0$.



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3. Find the equations of axis and directrix of the parabola $4x^2 + 12x - 20y + 67 = 0$



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4. Find the equation of the parabola whose focus is S (1,-7) and vertex is A(1,-2).



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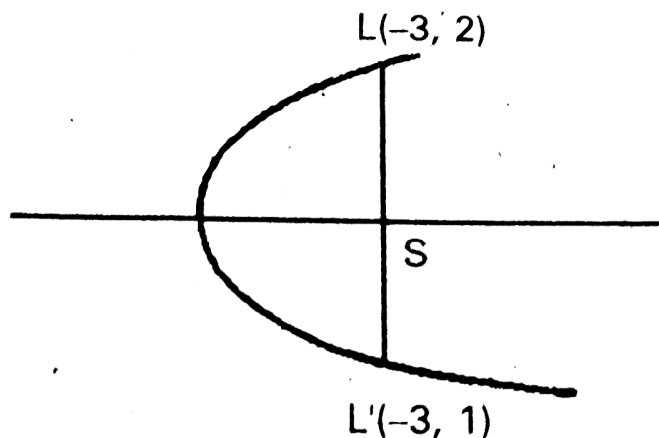
5. Find the equation of the parabola whose focus is $S(3,5)$ and vertex is $A(1,3)$.



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6. Find the equation of the parabola whose latus rectum is the line segment of joining the

points $(-3,2)$ and $(-3,1)$.



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7. Find the position (interior or exterior or on)
of the following points with respect to the
parabola $y^2 = 6x$

(i) $(2, 3)$



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8. Find the co-ordinates of the point on the parabola $y^2 = 8x$ whose focal distance is 10.



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9. If $\left(\frac{1}{2}, 2\right)$ is one extremity of a focal chord of the parabola $y^2 = 8x$. Find the co-ordinates of the other extremity.



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10. Prove that the parabola $y^2 = 4ax$, ($a > 0$)

Nearest to the focus is its vertex.



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Exercise 3 A li

1. Find the locus of the points of trisection of double ordinate of a parabola

$$y^2 = 4x \quad (a > 0)$$



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2. Find the equation of the parabola whose vertex and focus are on the positive X-axis at a distance of a and a' from the origin respectively.



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3. If L and L' are the ends of the latus rectum of the parabola $x^2 = 6y$ find the equations of

OL and OL' where 'O' is the origin. Also find the angle between them.



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4. Find the equation of the parabola whose axis is parallel to X-axis and which passes through these points.

$(-2,1)$, $(1,2)$, and $(-1,3)$



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5. Find the equation of the parabola whose axis is parallel to Y-axis and which passes through the points $(4,5)$, $(-2,11)$ and $(-4,21)$.



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Exercise 3 A iiii

1. Find the equation of the parabola whose focus is $(-2,3)$ and directrix is the line $2x+3y-$

$4=0$. Also find the length of the latus rectum and the equation of the axis of the parabola.



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2. Prove that the area of the triangle inscribed in the parabola $y^2 = 4ax$ is

$$\frac{1}{8a} |(y_1 - y_2)(y_2 - y_3)(y_3 - y_1)| \text{ sq. units}$$

where y_1, y_2, y_3 are the ordinates of its vertices.



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3. Find the co-ordinates of the vertex and focus the equation of the directrix and axis of the following parabolas.



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Exercise 3 B I

1. Find equation of the tangent and normal to the parabola $y^2 = 6x$ at the positive end of the latus rectum.



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2. Find the equation of the tangent and normal to the parabola

$$x^2 - 4x - 8y + 12 = 0$$

at $\left(4, \frac{3}{2}\right)$



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3. Find the value of k if the line $2y=5x+k$ is a tangent to the parabola $y^2 = 6x$



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4. Find the equation of the normal to the parabola $y^2 = 4x$ which is parallel to $y-2x+5=0$.



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5. Show that the line $2x-y+2=0$ is a tangent to the parabola $y^2 = 16x$. Find the point of contact also.



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6. Find the equation of tangent to the parabola $y^2 = 16x$ inclined at an angle 60° with its axis and also find the point of contact.



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Exercise 3 B li

1. Find the equation of tangents to the parabola $y^2 = 16x$ which are parallel and perpendicular respectively to the line $2x - y + 5 = 0$,

also find the co-ordinates of the points of contact also.



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2. If $lx+my+n=0$ is a normal to the parabola

$y^2 = 4ax$, then show that

$$al^3 + 2alm^2 + nm^2 = 0.$$



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3. Show that the equations of common tangents to the circle $x^2 + y^2 = 2a^2$ and the parabola $y^2 = 8ax$ are $y = \pm (x + 2a)$.



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4. Find the condition for the line $y=mx+c$ to be a tangent to the parabola $x^2 = 4ay$.



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5. Three normals are drawn from $(k,0)$ to the parabola $y^2 = 8x$ one of the normals is the x -axis and the remaining two normals are perpendicular to each other, then find the value of k .



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6. Show that the locus of point of intersection of perpendicular tangents to the parabola $y^2 = 4ax$ is the directrix $x+a=0$.





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7. Two parabolas have the same vertex and equal length of latus rectum such that their axes are at right angle. Prove that the common tangents touch each at the end of latus rectum.



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8. Show that the foot of the perpendicular from focus to the tangent of the parabola

$y^2 = 4ax$ lies on the tangent at vertex.



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9. Show that the tangent at one extremity of a focal chord of a parabola is parallel to the normal at the other extremity.



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Exercise 3 B iiii

1. If the normal at t_1 on the parabola $y^2 = 4ax$ meet it again at t_2 on the curve then $t_1(t_1 + t_2) + 2 =$



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2. From an external point P tangents are drawn to the parabola $y^2 = 4ax$ and these tangents make angles θ_1, θ_2 with the axis such that $\cot \theta_1 + \cot \theta_2$ is a constant 'a' show that P lies on a horizontal line.





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3. Show that the common tangent to the circle $2x^2 + 2y^2 = a^2$ and the parabola $y^2 = 4ax$ intersect at the focus of the parabola $y^2 = -4ax$.



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4. The sum of the ordinates of two points on $y^2 = 4ax$ is equal to the sum of the ordinates of two other points on the same

curve. Show that the chord joining the first two points is parallel to the chord joining the other two points.



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5. If normal chord a point 't' on the parabola $y^2 = 4ax$ subtends a right angle at vertex, then prove that $t = \pm\sqrt{2}$



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