

Ques If e_1 and e_2 be the eccentricities of the hyperbolas $\frac{x^2}{a^2} - \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1$ and $\frac{x^2}{a^2} - \frac{y^2}{b^2} = -1$

Then show that $\frac{1}{e_1^2} + \frac{1}{e_2^2} = 1$

Soln For the hyperbola $\frac{x^2}{a^2} - \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1$

We know that $b^2 = a^2(e_1^2 - 1)$

$$\Rightarrow b^2 = a^2 e_1^2 - a^2$$

$$\Rightarrow a^2 e_1^2 = a^2 + b^2$$

$$\Rightarrow e_1^2 = \frac{a^2 + b^2}{a^2} \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

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

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

$$\Rightarrow a^2 = b^2(e_2^2 - 1) \Rightarrow a^2 = b^2 e_2^2 - b^2$$

$$\Rightarrow e_2^2 = \frac{a^2 + b^2}{b^2} \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

From (1) & (2) we get

$$\frac{1}{e_1^2} + \frac{1}{e_2^2} = \frac{a^2}{a^2 + b^2} + \frac{b^2}{a^2 + b^2}$$
$$= 1$$

Proved

Ques Chords of circle $x^2 + y^2 = a^2$ touch the hyperbola $\frac{x^2}{a^2} - \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1$.

P.T. their middle point lie on the curve $(x^2 + y^2)^2 = a^2 x^2 - b^2 y^2$

Soln Let the eqn of the chord $x^2 + y^2 = a^2$ have middle point (α, β)

then the eqn becomes

$$x\alpha + y\beta = a^2 + \beta^2 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

\therefore this chord touches the hyperbola at a single point it is also a tangent to the hyperbola. Let the tangent touch the hyperbola at point (x_1, y_1)

\therefore the eqn of the tangent is

$$\frac{xx_1}{a^2} - \frac{yy_1}{b^2} = 1 \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

If we put $x_1 = a \sec \theta$ and $y_1 = b \tan \theta$ then (2) implies

$$\frac{x \cdot a \sec \theta}{a^2} - \frac{y \cdot b \tan \theta}{b^2} = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{x \sec \theta}{a} - \frac{y \tan \theta}{b} = 1 \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

\therefore eqn (1) & (3) are same

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\alpha a}{\sec \theta} = \beta b = \frac{a^2 + \beta^2}{1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sec \theta = \frac{a^2 + \beta^2}{\alpha a} \quad \& \quad \tan \theta = \frac{-\beta b}{a^2 + \beta^2}$$

$$\therefore \sec^2 \theta - \tan^2 \theta = \frac{a^2 \alpha^2}{(\alpha^2 + \beta^2)^2} - \frac{\beta^2 b^2}{(\alpha^2 + \beta^2)^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 = \frac{a^2 \alpha^2 - \beta^2 b^2}{(\alpha^2 + \beta^2)^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow (\alpha^2 + \beta^2)^2 = a^2 \alpha^2 - b^2 \beta^2$$

\therefore the locus of the middle point is $(x^2 + y^2)^2 = a^2 x^2 - b^2 y^2$.

Proved

Ques P.T. the locus of the middle points of normal chords of the rectangular hyperbola $x^2 - y^2 = a^2$ is $(y^2 - x^2)^3 = 4a^2 x^2 y^2$.

Soln The equation of the normal at a point (x_1, y_1) is given by

$$\frac{x - x_1}{x_1/a^2} = \frac{y - y_1}{-y_1/b^2}$$

\therefore In this case the equation of hyperbola is $x^2 - y^2 = a^2$ we take point as $(a \sec \theta, a \tan \theta)$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{x - a \sec \theta}{a \sec \theta} = \frac{y - a \tan \theta}{-a \tan \theta}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{x}{a \sec \theta} - 1 = \frac{-y}{a \tan \theta} + 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{x}{a \sec \theta} + \frac{y}{a \tan \theta} = 2a \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

Again eqn to the chord of given hyperbola whose middle point is (α, β) is given by

$$x\alpha - y\beta = \alpha^2 - \beta^2 \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

\therefore Eqn (1) & (2) represent the same line we get by comparing.

$$\alpha \sec\theta = -\beta \tan\theta = \frac{\alpha^2 - \beta^2}{2\alpha}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sec\theta = \frac{\alpha^2 - \beta^2}{2\alpha} \quad \& \quad \tan\theta = \frac{-(\alpha^2 - \beta^2)}{-2\alpha\beta}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sec^2\theta - \tan^2\theta = \frac{(\alpha^2 - \beta^2)^2}{4\alpha^2} - \frac{(\alpha^2 - \beta^2)^2}{4\alpha^2\beta^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 = \frac{(\alpha^2 - \beta^2)^2}{4\alpha^2} \left\{ \frac{1}{\alpha^2} - \frac{1}{\beta^2} \right\}$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 = -\frac{(\alpha^2 - \beta^2)^2}{4\alpha^2} \cdot \left(\frac{\alpha^2 - \beta^2}{\alpha^2\beta^2} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow 4\alpha^2\alpha^2\beta^2 = -(\alpha^2 - \beta^2)^3$$

\therefore The locus of (α, β) is
 $-4\alpha^2x^2y^2 = (x^2 + y^2)^3$

Proved