

## EXERCISE 25.1

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1. Find the equation of the parabola whose:

(i) focus is (3, 0) and the directrix is  $3x + 4y = 1$

(ii) focus is (1, 1) and the directrix is  $x + y + 1 = 0$

(iii) focus is (0, 0) and the directrix is  $2x - y - 1 = 0$

(iv) focus is (2, 3) and the directrix is  $x - 4y + 1 = 0$

**Solution:**

(i) focus is (3, 0) and the directrix is  $3x + 4y = 1$

Given:

The focus S(3, 0) and directrix(M)  $3x + 4y - 1 = 0$ .

Let us assume P(x, y) be any point on the parabola.

The distance between two points  $(x_1, y_1)$  and  $(x_2, y_2)$  is given as:

$$\sqrt{(x_1 - x_2)^2 + (y_1 - y_2)^2}$$

And the perpendicular distance from the point  $(x_1, y_1)$  to the line  $ax + by + c = 0$

$$\text{is } \frac{|ax_1 + by_1 + c|}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}}$$

So by equating both, we get

$$(x - 3)^2 + (y - 0)^2 = \left( \frac{|3x + 4y - 1|}{\sqrt{3^2 + 4^2}} \right)^2$$

$$x^2 - 6x + 9 + y^2 = \frac{(3x + 4y - 1)^2}{3^2 + 4^2}$$

$$x^2 + y^2 - 6x + 9 = \frac{(9x^2 + 16y^2 + 1 - 6x - 8y + 24xy)}{9 + 16}$$

Upon cross multiplication, we get

$$25x^2 + 25y^2 - 150x + 225 = 9x^2 + 16y^2 - 6x - 8y + 24xy + 1$$

$$16x^2 + 9y^2 - 24xy - 144x + 8y + 224 = 0$$

$$\therefore \text{The equation of the parabola is } 16x^2 + 9y^2 - 24xy - 144x + 8y + 224 = 0$$

(ii) focus is (1, 1) and the directrix is  $x + y + 1 = 0$

Given:

The focus S(1, 1) and directrix(M)  $x + y + 1 = 0$ .

Let us assume P(x, y) be any point on the parabola.

The distance between two points  $(x_1, y_1)$  and  $(x_2, y_2)$  is given as:

$$\sqrt{(x_1 - x_2)^2 + (y_1 - y_2)^2}$$

And the perpendicular distance from the point  $(x_1, y_1)$  to the line  $ax + by + c = 0$

$$\text{is } \frac{|ax_1 + by_1 + c|}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}}$$

So by equating both, we get

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$$(x-1)^2 + (y-1)^2 = \left( \frac{|x+y+1|}{\sqrt{1^2+1^2}} \right)^2$$

$$x^2 - 2x + 1 + y^2 - 2y + 1 = \frac{(|x+y+1|)^2}{1+1}$$

$$x^2 + y^2 - 2x - 2y + 2 = \frac{(x^2 + y^2 + 1 + 2x + 2y + 2xy)}{2}$$

Upon cross multiplication, we get

$$2x^2 + 2y^2 - 4x - 4y + 4 = x^2 + y^2 + 2x + 2y + 2xy + 1$$

$$x^2 + y^2 + 2xy - 6x - 6y + 3 = 0$$

∴ The equation of the parabola is  $x^2 + y^2 + 2xy - 6x - 6y + 3 = 0$

(iii) focus is (0, 0) and the directrix is  $2x - y - 1 = 0$

Given:

The focus S(0, 0) and directrix(M)  $2x - y - 1 = 0$ .

Let us assume P(x, y) be any point on the parabola.

The distance between two points  $(x_1, y_1)$  and  $(x_2, y_2)$  is given as:

$$\sqrt{(x_1 - x_2)^2 + (y_1 - y_2)^2}$$

And the perpendicular distance from the point  $(x_1, y_1)$  to the line  $ax + by + c = 0$

$$\frac{|ax_1 + by_1 + c|}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}}$$

So by equating both, we get

$$(x-0)^2 + (y-0)^2 = \left( \frac{|2x-y-1|}{\sqrt{2^2+(-1)^2}} \right)^2$$

$$x^2 + y^2 = \frac{(|2x-y-1|)^2}{4+1}$$

$$x^2 + y^2 = \frac{(4x^2 + y^2 + 1 - 4x + 2y - 4xy)}{5}$$

Upon cross multiplication, we get

$$5x^2 + 5y^2 = 4x^2 + y^2 - 4x + 2y - 4xy + 1$$

$$x^2 + 4y^2 + 4xy + 4x - 2y - 1 = 0$$

∴ The equation of the parabola is  $x^2 + 4y^2 + 4xy + 4x - 2y - 1 = 0$

(iv) focus is (2, 3) and the directrix is  $x - 4y + 1 = 0$

Given:

The focus S(2, 3) and directrix(M)  $x - 4y + 3 = 0$ .

Let us assume P(x, y) be any point on the parabola.

The distance between two points  $(x_1, y_1)$  and  $(x_2, y_2)$  is given as:

$$\sqrt{(x_1 - x_2)^2 + (y_1 - y_2)^2}$$

And the perpendicular distance from the point  $(x_1, y_1)$  to the line  $ax + by + c = 0$

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$$\frac{|ax_1 + by_1 + c|}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}}$$

is

So by equating both, we get

$$(x-2)^2 + (y-3)^2 = \left( \frac{|x-4y+3|}{\sqrt{1^2 + (-4)^2}} \right)^2$$

$$x^2 - 4x + 4 + y^2 - 6y + 9 = \frac{(|x-4y+3|)^2}{1+16}$$

$$x^2 + y^2 - 4x - 6y + 13 = \frac{(x^2 + 16y^2 + 9 + 6x - 24y - 8xy)}{17}$$

Upon cross multiplication, we get

$$17x^2 + 17y^2 - 68x - 102y + 221 = x^2 + 16y^2 + 6x - 24y - 8xy + 9$$

$$16x^2 + y^2 + 8xy - 74x - 78y + 212 = 0$$

∴ The equation of the parabola is  $16x^2 + y^2 + 8xy - 74x - 78y + 212 = 0$ **2. Find the equation of the parabola whose focus is the point (2, 3) and directrix is the line  $x - 4y + 3 = 0$ . Also, find the length of its latus - rectum.****Solution:**

Given:

The focus S(2, 3) and directrix(M)  $x - 4y + 3 = 0$ .

Let us assume P(x, y) be any point on the parabola.

The distance between two points  $(x_1, y_1)$  and  $(x_2, y_2)$  is given as:

$$\sqrt{(x_1 - x_2)^2 + (y_1 - y_2)^2}$$

And the perpendicular distance from the point  $(x_1, y_1)$  to the line  $ax + by + c = 0$ 

$$\frac{|ax_1 + by_1 + c|}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}}$$

is

So by equating both, we get

$$(x-2)^2 + (y-3)^2 = \left( \frac{|x-4y+3|}{\sqrt{1^2 + (-4)^2}} \right)^2$$

$$x^2 - 4x + 4 + y^2 - 6y + 9 = \frac{(|x-4y+3|)^2}{1+16}$$

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∴ The equation of the parabola is  $16x^2 + y^2 + 8xy - 74x - 78y + 212 = 0$ .

Now, let us find the length of the latus rectum,

We know that the length of the latus rectum is twice the perpendicular distance from the



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focus to the directrix.

So by using the formula,

$$\begin{aligned} L &= 2 \frac{|2 - 4(3) + 3|}{\sqrt{1^2 + (-4)^2}} \\ &= 2 \frac{|-7|}{\sqrt{1 + 16}} \\ &= \frac{14}{\sqrt{17}} \end{aligned}$$

∴ The length of the latus rectum is  $14/\sqrt{17}$

### 3. Find the equation of the parabola, if

(i) the focus is at (-6, 6) and the vertex is at (-2, 2)

(ii) the focus is at (0, -3) and the vertex is at (0, 0)

(iii) the focus is at (0, -3) and the vertex is at (-1, -3)

(iv) the focus is at (a, 0) and the vertex is at (a', 0)

(v) the focus is at (0, 0) and the vertex is at the intersection of the lines  $x + y = 1$  and  $x - y = 3$ .

**Solution:**

(i) the focus is at (-6, 6) and the vertex is at (-2, 2)

Given:

Focus = (-6, 6)

Vertex = (-2, 2)

Let us find the slope of the axis  $(m_1) = (6-2)/(-6-(-2))$   
 $= 4/-4$   
 $= -1$

Let us assume  $m_2$  be the slope of the directrix.

$$m_1 m_2 = -1$$

$$-1 m_2 = -1$$

$$m_2 = 1$$

Now, let us find the point on directrix.

$$(-2, 2) = [(x-6)/2, (y+6)/2]$$

By equating we get,

$$(x-6)/2 = -2 \text{ and } (y+6)/2 = 2$$

$$x-6 = -4 \text{ and } y+6 = 4$$

$$x = -4+6 \text{ and } y = 4-6$$

$$x = 2 \text{ and } y = -2$$

So the point of directrix is (2, -2).

We know that the equation of the lines passing through  $(x_1, y_1)$  and having slope  $m$  is  $y -$

$$y_1 = m(x - x_1)$$

$$y - (-2) = 1(x - 2)$$

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$$y + 2 = x - 2$$

$$x - y - 4 = 0$$

Let us assume  $P(x, y)$  be any point on the parabola.

The distance between two points  $(x_1, y_1)$  and  $(x_2, y_2)$  is given as:

$$\sqrt{(x_1 - x_2)^2 + (y_1 - y_2)^2}$$

And the perpendicular distance from the point  $(x_1, y_1)$  to the line  $ax + by + c = 0$

$$\text{is } \frac{|ax_1 + by_1 + c|}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}}$$

So by equating both, we get

$$(x - (-6))^2 + (y - 6)^2 = \left( \frac{|x - y - 4|}{\sqrt{1^2 + (-1)^2}} \right)^2$$

$$x^2 + 12x + 36 + y^2 - 12y + 36 = \frac{(x - y - 4)^2}{1 + 1}$$

$$x^2 + y^2 + 12x - 12y + 72 = \frac{(x^2 + y^2 + 16 - 8x + 8y - 2xy)}{2}$$

Now by cross multiplying, we get

$$2x^2 + 2y^2 + 24x - 24y + 144 = x^2 + y^2 - 8x + 8y - 2xy + 16$$

$$x^2 + y^2 + 2xy + 32x - 32y + 128 = 0$$

$$\therefore \text{The equation of the parabola is } x^2 + y^2 + 2xy + 32x - 32y + 128 = 0$$

(ii) the focus is at  $(0, -3)$  and the vertex is at  $(0, 0)$

Given:

$$\text{Focus} = (0, -3)$$

$$\text{Vertex} = (0, 0)$$

Let us find the slope of the axis  $(m_1) = (-3-0)/(0-0)$

$$= -3/0$$

$$= \infty$$

Since the axis is parallel to the x-axis, the slope of the directrix is equal to the slope of x-axis = 0

$$\text{So, } m_2 = 0$$

Now, let us find the point on directrix.

$$(0, 0) = [(x-0)/2, (y-3)/2]$$

By equating we get,

$$(x/2) = 0 \text{ and } (y-3)/2 = 0$$

$$x = 0 \text{ and } y - 3 = 0$$

$$x = 0 \text{ and } y = 3$$

So the point on directrix is  $(0, 3)$ .

We know that the equation of the lines passing through  $(x_1, y_1)$  and having slope  $m$  is  $y - y_1 = m(x - x_1)$

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$$y - 3 = 0(x - 0)$$

$$y - 3 = 0$$

Now, let us assume  $P(x, y)$  be any point on the parabola.

The distance between two points  $(x_1, y_1)$  and  $(x_2, y_2)$  is given as:

$$\sqrt{(x_1 - x_2)^2 + (y_1 - y_2)^2}$$

And the perpendicular distance from the point  $(x_1, y_1)$  to the line  $ax + by + c = 0$

$$\text{is } \frac{|ax_1 + by_1 + c|}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}}$$

So by equating both, we get

$$(x - 0)^2 + (y - (-3))^2 = \left(\frac{|y - 3|}{\sqrt{1^2}}\right)^2$$

$$x^2 + y^2 + 6y + 9 = \frac{(y - 3)^2}{1}$$

Now by cross multiplying, we get

$$x^2 + y^2 + 6y + 9 = y^2 - 6y + 9$$

$$x^2 + 12y = 0$$

$\therefore$  The equation of the parabola is  $x^2 + 12y = 0$

(iii) the focus is at  $(0, -3)$  and the vertex is at  $(-1, -3)$

Given:

Focus =  $(0, -3)$

Vertex =  $(-1, -3)$

Let us find the slope of the axis  $(m_1) = \frac{(-3 - (-3))}{(0 - (-1))}$

$$= 0/1$$

$$= 0$$

We know, the products of the slopes of the perpendicular lines is  $-1$  for non-vertical lines.

Here the slope of the axis is equal to the slope of the  $x$ -axis. So, the slope of directrix is equal to the slope of  $y$ -axis i.e.,  $\infty$ .

So,  $m_2 = \infty$

Now let us find the point on directrix.

$$(-1, -3) = [(x+0)/2, (y-3)/2]$$

By equating we get,

$$(x/2) = -1 \text{ and } (y-3)/2 = -3$$

$$x = -2 \text{ and } y - 3 = -6$$

$$x = -2 \text{ and } y = -6 + 3$$

$$x = -2 \text{ and } y = -3$$

So, the point on directrix is  $(-2, -3)$

We know that the equation of the lines passing through  $(x_1, y_1)$  and having slope  $m$  is  $y -$

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$$y_1 = m(x - x_1)$$

$$y - (-3) = \infty(x - (-2))$$

$$(y+3)/\infty = x + 2$$

$$x + 2 = 0$$

Now, let us assume  $P(x, y)$  be any point on the parabola.

The distance between two points  $(x_1, y_1)$  and  $(x_2, y_2)$  is given as:

$$\sqrt{(x_1 - x_2)^2 + (y_1 - y_2)^2}$$

And the perpendicular distance from the point  $(x_1, y_1)$  to the line  $ax + by + c = 0$

$$\text{is } \frac{|ax_1 + by_1 + c|}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}}$$

So by equating both, we get

$$(x - 0)^2 + (y - (-3))^2 = \left(\frac{|x + 2|}{\sqrt{1^2}}\right)^2$$

$$x^2 + y^2 + 6y + 9 = \frac{(x + 2)^2}{1}$$

By cross multiplying, we get

$$x^2 + y^2 + 6y + 9 = x^2 + 4x + 4$$

$$y^2 - 4x + 6y + 5 = 0$$

$\therefore$  The equation of the parabola is  $y^2 - 4x + 6y + 5 = 0$

(iv) the focus is at  $(a, 0)$  and the vertex is at  $(a', 0)$

Given:

$$\text{Focus} = (a, 0)$$

$$\text{Vertex} = (a', 0)$$

Let us find the slope of the axis  $(m_1) = (0-0)/(a', a)$

$$= 0/(a', a)$$

$$= 0$$

We know, the products of the slopes of the perpendicular lines is - 1 for non - vertical lines.

Here the slope of the axis is equal to the slope of the x - axis. So, the slope of directrix is equal to the slope of y - axis i.e.,  $\infty$ .

$$\text{So, } m_2 = \infty$$

Now let us find the point on directrix.

$$(a', 0) = [(x+a)/2, (y+0)/2]$$

By equating we get,

$$(x+a)/2 = a' \text{ and } (y)/2 = 0$$

$$x + a = 2a' \text{ and } y = 0$$

$$x = (2a' - a) \text{ and } y = 0$$

So the point on directrix is  $(2a' - a, 0)$ .



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We know that the equation of the lines passing through  $(x_1, y_1)$  and having slope  $m$  is  $y -$

$$y_1 = m(x - x_1)$$

$$y - (0) = \infty(x - (2a' - a))$$

$$y/\infty = x + a - 2a'$$

$$x + a - 2a' = 0$$

Now, let us assume  $P(x, y)$  be any point on the parabola.

The distance between two points  $(x_1, y_1)$  and  $(x_2, y_2)$  is given as:

$$\sqrt{(x_1 - x_2)^2 + (y_1 - y_2)^2}$$

And the perpendicular distance from the point  $(x_1, y_1)$  to the line  $ax + by + c = 0$

$$\text{is } \frac{|ax_1 + by_1 + c|}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}}$$

So by equating both, we get

$$(x - a)^2 + (y - 0)^2 = \left( \frac{|x + a - 2a'|}{\sqrt{1^2}} \right)^2$$

$$x^2 - 2ax + a^2 + y^2 = \frac{(|x + a - 2a'|)^2}{1}$$

By cross multiplying we get,

$$x^2 + y^2 - 2ax + a^2 = x^2 + a^2 + 4(a')^2 + 2ax - 4aa' - 4a'x$$

$$y^2 - (4a - 4a')x + a^2 - 4(a')^2 + 4aa' = 0$$

$$\therefore \text{The equation of the parabola is } y^2 - (4a - 4a')x + a^2 - 4(a')^2 + 4aa' = 0$$

(v) the focus is at  $(0, 0)$  and the vertex is at the intersection of the lines  $x + y = 1$  and  $x - y = 3$ .

Given:

$$\text{Focus} = (0, 0)$$

$$\text{Vertex} = \text{intersection of the lines } x + y = 1 \text{ and } x - y = 3.$$

So the intersecting point of above lines is  $(2, -1)$

$$\text{Vertex} = (2, -1)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Slope of axis } (m_1) &= (-1-0)/(2-0) \\ &= -1/2 \end{aligned}$$

We know that the products of the slopes of the perpendicular lines is  $-1$ .

Let us assume  $m_2$  be the slope of the directrix.

$$m_1 \cdot m_2 = -1$$

$$-1/2 \cdot m_2 = -1$$

$$\text{So } m_2 = 2$$

Now let us find the point on directrix.

$$(2, -1) = [(x+0)/2, (y+0)/2]$$

$$(x)/2 = 2 \text{ and } y/2 = -1$$

$$x = 4 \text{ and } y = -2$$



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The point on directrix is (4, - 2).

We know that the equation of the lines passing through  $(x_1, y_1)$  and having slope  $m$  is  $y - y_1 = m(x - x_1)$

$$y_1 = m(x - x_1)$$

$$y - (-2) = 2(x - 4)$$

$$y + 2 = 2x - 8$$

$$2x - y - 10 = 0$$

Now, let us assume  $P(x, y)$  be any point on the parabola.

The distance between two points  $(x_1, y_1)$  and  $(x_2, y_2)$  is given as:

$$\sqrt{(x_1 - x_2)^2 + (y_1 - y_2)^2}$$

And the perpendicular distance from the point  $(x_1, y_1)$  to the line  $ax + by + c = 0$

$$\frac{|ax_1 + by_1 + c|}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}}$$

So by equating both, we get

$$(x - 0)^2 + (y - 0)^2 = \left( \frac{|2x - y - 10|}{\sqrt{2^2 + (-1)^2}} \right)^2$$

$$x^2 + y^2 = \frac{(2x - y - 10)^2}{4 + 1}$$

$$x^2 + y^2 = \frac{(4x^2 + y^2 + 100 - 40x + 20y - 4xy)}{5}$$

By cross multiplying, we get

$$5x^2 + 5y^2 = 4x^2 + y^2 - 40x + 20y - 4xy + 100$$

$$x^2 + 4y^2 + 4xy + 40x - 20y - 100 = 0$$

$$\therefore \text{The equation of the parabola is } x^2 + 4y^2 + 4xy + 40x - 20y - 100 = 0$$

**4. Find the vertex, focus, axis, directrix and latus - rectum of the following parabolas**

(i)  $y^2 = 8x$

(ii)  $4x^2 + y = 0$

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

(iv)  $y^2 - 4y + 4x = 0$

(v)  $y^2 + 4x + 4y - 3 = 0$

**Solution:**

(i)  $y^2 = 8x$

Given:

Parabola =  $y^2 = 8x$

Now by comparing with the actual parabola  $y^2 = 4ax$

Then,

$$4a = 8$$

$$a = 8/4 = 2$$

So, the vertex is (0, 0)

The focus is (a, 0) = (2, 0)

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The equation of the axis is  $y = 0$ .

The equation of the directrix is  $x = -a$  i.e.,  $x = -2$

The length of the latus rectum is  $4a = 8$ .

**(ii)**  $4x^2 + y = 0$

Given:

Parabola  $\Rightarrow 4x^2 + y = 0$

Now by comparing with the actual parabola  $y^2 = 4ax$

Then,

$$4a = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$a = \frac{1}{(4 \times 4)}$$

$$= \frac{1}{16}$$

So, the vertex is  $(0, 0)$

The focus is  $(0, -1/16)$

The equation of the axis is  $x = 0$ .

The equation of the directrix is  $y = 1/16$

The length of the latus rectum is  $4a = \frac{1}{4}$

**(iii)**  $y^2 - 4y - 3x + 1 = 0$

Given:

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

$$y^2 - 4y = 3x - 1$$

$$y^2 - 4y + 4 = 3x + 3$$

$$(y - 2)^2 = 3(x + 1)$$

Now by comparing with the actual parabola  $y^2 = 4ax$

Then,

$$4b = 3$$

$$b = \frac{3}{4}$$

So, the vertex is  $(-1, 2)$

The focus is  $(3/4 - 1, 2) = (-1/4, 2)$

The equation of the axis is  $y - 2 = 0$ .

The equation of the directrix is  $(x - c) = -b$

$$(x - (-1)) = -3/4$$

$$x = -1 - \frac{3}{4}$$

$$= -7/4$$

The length of the latus rectum is  $4b = 3$

**(iv)**  $y^2 - 4y + 4x = 0$

Given:

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Parabola  $y^2 - 4y + 4x = 0$

$$y^2 - 4y = -4x$$

$$y^2 - 4y + 4 = -4x + 4$$

$$(y - 2)^2 = -4(x - 1)$$

Now by comparing with the actual parabola  $y^2 = 4ax \Rightarrow (y - a)^2 = -4b(x - c)$

Then,

$$4b = 4$$

$$b = 1$$

So, the vertex is  $(c, a) = (1, 2)$

The focus is  $(b + c, a) = (1 + 1, 2) = (2, 2)$

The equation of the axis is  $y - a = 0$  i.e.,  $y - 2 = 0$

The equation of the directrix is  $x - c = b$

$$x - 1 = 1$$

$$x = 1 + 1$$

$$= 2$$

Length of latus rectum is  $4b = 4$

(v)  $y^2 + 4x + 4y - 3 = 0$

Given:

The parabola  $y^2 + 4x + 4y - 3 = 0$

$$y^2 + 4y = -4x + 3$$

$$y^2 + 4y + 4 = -4x + 7$$

$$(y + 2)^2 = -4(x - 7/4)$$

Now by comparing with the actual parabola  $y^2 = 4ax \Rightarrow (y - a)^2 = -4b(x - c)$

Then,

$$4b = 4$$

$$b = 4/4 = 1$$

So, The vertex is  $(c, a) = (7/4, -2)$

The focus is  $(-b + c, a) = (-1 + 7/4, -2) = (3/4, -2)$

The equation of the axis is  $y - a = 0$  i.e.,  $y + 2 = 0$

The equation of the directrix is  $x - c = b$

$$x - 7/4 = 1$$

$$x = 1 + 7/4$$

$$= 11/4$$

Length of latus rectum is  $4b = 4$ .

**5. For the parabola,  $y^2 = 4px$  find the extremities of a double ordinate of length  $8p$ . Prove that the lines from the vertex to its extremities are at right angles.**

**Solution:**



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Given:

The parabola,  $y^2 = 4px$  and a double ordinate of length  $8p$ .

Let AB be the double ordinate of length  $8p$  for the parabola  $y^2 = 4px$ .

Now, let us compare to the actual parabola,  $y^2 = 4ax$

Then,

axis is  $y = 0$

vertex is  $O(0, 0)$ .

We know that double ordinate is perpendicular to the axis.

So, let us assume that the point at which the double ordinate meets the axis is  $(x_1, 0)$ .

Then the equation of the double ordinate is  $y = x_1$ . It meets the parabola at the points  $(x_1, 4p)$  and  $(x_1, -4p)$  as its length is  $8p$ .

Now, let us find the value of  $x_1$  by substituting in the parabola.

$$(4p)^2 = 4p(x_1)$$

$$x_1 = 4p.$$

The extremities of the double ordinate are  $A(4p, 4p)$  and  $B(4p, -4p)$ .

Assume the slopes of OA and OB be  $m_1$  and  $m_2$ . Let us find their values.

$$m_1 = (4p - 0)/(4p - 0)$$

$$= 4p/4p$$

$$= 1$$

$$m_2 = (4p - 0)/(-4p - 0)$$

$$= 4p/-4p$$

$$= -1$$

$$\text{So, } m_1 \cdot m_2 = 1 \cdot -1$$

$$= -1$$

The product of slopes is  $-1$ . So, the lines OA and OB are perpendicular to each other.

Hence the extremities of double ordinate make right angle with the vertex.

**6. Find the area of the triangle formed by the lines joining the vertex of the parabola  $x^2 = 12y$  to the ends of its latus - rectum.**

**Solution:**

Given:

The parabola,  $x^2 = 12y$

Now, let us compare to the actual parabola,  $y^2 = 4ax$

Then,

Vertex is  $O(0, 0)$

Ends of latus rectum is  $(2b, b)$ ,  $(-2b, b)$

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$$4b = 12$$

$$b = 12/4$$

$$= 3$$

Ends of latus rectum =  $(2(3), 3), (-2(3), 3)$

Ends of latus rectum is  $A(6, 3), B(-6, 3)$

We know that area of the triangle with the vertices  $(x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2)$  and  $(x_3, y_3)$  is

$$\frac{1}{2} \begin{vmatrix} x_1 - x_2 & x_1 - x_3 \\ y_1 - y_2 & y_1 - y_3 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$A = \frac{1}{2} \begin{vmatrix} 0 - 6 & 0 - (-6) \\ 0 - 3 & 0 - 3 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \begin{vmatrix} -6 & 6 \\ -3 & -3 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} |(-3 \times -6) - (-3 \times 6)|$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} | + 18 + 18 |$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} |36|$$

$$= 18$$

∴ The area of the triangle is 18 sq.units.

**7. Find the coordinates of the point of intersection of the axis and the directrix of the parabola whose focus is  $(3, 3)$  and directrix is  $3x - 4y = 2$ . Find also the length of the latus - rectum.**

**Solution:**

Given:

Focus =  $(3, 3)$

Directrix =  $3x - 4y = 2$

Firstly let us find the slope of the directrix.

The slope of the line  $ax + by + c = 0$  is  $-a/b$

So,  $m_1 = -3/-4$

$$= 3/4$$

Let us assume the slope of axis is  $m_2$ .

$$m_1 \cdot m_2 = -1$$

$$3/4 \cdot m_2 = -1$$

$$m_2 = -4/3$$

We know that the equation of the line passing through the point  $(x_1, y_1)$  and having slope

$m$  is  $(y - y_1) = m(x - x_1)$

$$y - 3 = -4/3 (x - 3)$$

$$3(y - 3) = -4(x - 3)$$

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$$3y - 9 = -4x + 12$$

$$4x + 3y = 21$$

On solving the lines, the intersection point is  $(18/5, 11/5)$

By using the formula to find the length is given as

$$\begin{aligned} L &= \frac{|ax_1 + by_1 + c|}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}} \\ &= 2 \frac{|3(3) - 4(3) - 2|}{\sqrt{3^2 + (-4)^2}} \\ &= 2 \frac{|9 - 12 - 2|}{\sqrt{9 + 16}} \\ &= \frac{2|-5|}{\sqrt{25}} \\ &= \frac{2 \times 5}{5} \\ &= 2 \end{aligned}$$

∴ The length of the latus rectum is 2.

**8. At what point of the parabola  $x^2 = 9y$  is the abscissa three times that of ordinate?**

**Solution:**

Given:

The parabola,  $x^2 = 9y$

Let us assume the point be  $(3y_1, y_1)$ .

Now by substituting the point in the parabola we get,

$$(3y_1)^2 = 9(y_1)$$

$$9y_1^2 = 9y_1$$

$$y_1^2 - y_1 = 0$$

$$y_1(y_1 - 1) = 0$$

$$y_1 = 0 \text{ or } y_1 - 1 = 0$$

$$y_1 = 0 \text{ or } y_1 = 1$$

The points is B  $(3(1), 1) \Rightarrow (3, 1)$

∴ The point is  $(3, 1)$ .