



Co-ordinate Geometry

1. Reflection of $(-4, 3)$ on X-axis is

a. $(4, -3)$

b. $(-4, -3)$

c. $(4, 3)$

d. None of these

Answer: b. Change the sign of ordinate



2. The slope & intercept of $x - y + 1 = 0$ is...

a) 1, 1

b) 1, -1

c) -1, 1

d) -1, -1

Answer: a

Solution: $x - y + 1 = 0 \Rightarrow y = x + 1$. ($y = mx + c$),
i.e. $m = c = 1$.

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3. The equation $ax^2+2hxy+by^2+2gx+2fy+c=0$ represents a circle if

a) $h=0$ and $a \neq b$

b) $h \neq 0$ and $a=b$

c) $h \neq 0$ and $a \neq b$

d) $h=0$ and $a=b$

Answer is d. It represents the standard formula of circle



4. The number of common tangents to the circles $x^2 + y^2 = 4$ & $x^2 + y^2 - 6x - 8y = 24$ is.....

a) 2

b) 1

c) 3

d) None of these

Answer is b.



5) The lines $2x-3y=5$ & $3x-4y=7$ are diameters of the circles having area as 154sq. Units , then the equation of the circle is

a) $x^2+y^2-2x-2y+47=0$

b) $x^2+y^2+2x-2y-47=0$

c) $x^2+y^2-2x+2y-47=0$

d) None of these

Answer is c.



Solution: solve the given equation (1)&(2)
 $2x-3=5$...(1) $3x-4y=7$...(2) we get $x=1, y=-1$,
i.e., the centre of the circle is $(1, -1)$ area of
the circle $A = \pi r^2$

$$r^2 = 154/\pi = 154/(22/7) = (154)7/22 = 49$$

Hence the equation of the circle is

$$(x-h)^2 + (y-k)^2 = r^2 \text{ i.e., } (x-1)^2 + (y+1)^2 = 49$$

$$\text{i.e., } x^2 + y^2 - 2x + 2y - 47 = 0$$



6. The intercept on the line $y=x$ by the circle $x^2+y^2-4x=0$ is A&B. Find the equation of the circle on AB as diameter.

a) $x^2+y^2-2x-2y=0$

b) $x^2+y^2+2x+2y=0$

c) $x^2+y^2+2x-2y=0$

d) $x^2+y^2-2x+2y=0$

Answer is a.



Solution: Given equation of circle $x^2+y^2-4x=0$...(1) is

Given line is $y=x$..(2), put $y=x$ in (1),
 $x^2+y^2-4x=0$ $2x^2-4x=0 \Rightarrow 2x(x-2)=0$
therefore $x=0, x=2$

When $x=0, y=0$, when $x=2, y=2$,
 $A(0,0), B(2,2), (x_1, y_1) (x_2, y_2)$



equation of the circle on AB as diameter
is $(x - x_1)(x - x_2) + (y - y_1)(y - y_2) = 0$

$$\Rightarrow (x - 0)(x - 2) + (y - 0)(y - 2) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 - 2x + y^2 - 2y = 0$$

I.e. $x^2 + y^2 - 2x - 2y = 0$ is the equation of the
circle on AB



7. The equation of the circle is $x^2 + y^2 + 4x - 4y + 4 = 0$ which makes equal intercepts on the +ve co-ordinate axes.

Then the equation of tangent is...

a) $x - y + 2\sqrt{2} = 0$

b) $x - y - 2\sqrt{2} = 0$

c) $x + y - 2\sqrt{2} = 0$

d) None of these,

Answer is c.



Solution: Equation of the tangent is
 $(x/a) + (y/b) = 1$ --(i) Put $b=a$ in (i), $x+y=a$ --(ii)

Centre $(-2, 2)$, radius $= r = \sqrt{2+4-4} = 2$

Length of perpendicular from $(-2, 2)$ on
(ii) = radius

I, e. $\{ [1(-2) + 1(2) - a] / \sqrt{1^2 + 1^2} \} = 2$

$\{ (-2 + 2 - a) / \sqrt{2} \} = 2 \Rightarrow a = 2\sqrt{2}$

In equation (ii) $x+y = 2\sqrt{2}$ or $x+y - 2\sqrt{2} = 0$



8.If $x+y=p$ is normal is $y^2 = 16x$ then
p is

a)10

b)4

c)3

d)12

Answer is d.



Solution: if $y=mx+c \dots(1)$ is a normal to
 $y^2 =4ax$ if $c=-2am-am^3 \dots(2)$

$4a=16$ $a=4$, given $x+y=p$

$\Rightarrow y=-x+p$ therefore $m=-1, c=p$

Now equation (2) $\Rightarrow p=-2(4)(1)^3$

$$=8+4$$

$$=12$$



9. If the parabola $y=x^2-5x+6$ at the points $(2,0)$ & $(3,0)$. Then the angle between the tangents to the parabola is....

a) $\pi/2$

b) $\pi/4$

c) π

d) None of these

Answer is a.

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Solution: If $y = x^2 - 5x + 6$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 2x - 5$$

$$\left[\frac{dy}{dx}\right](2,0) = 2 \cdot 2 - 5 = 4 - 5 = -1 = m_1$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 2x - 5$$

$$\left[\frac{dy}{dx}\right](3,0) = 2 \cdot 3 - 5 = 6 - 5 = 1 = m_2$$

$$\Rightarrow m_1 m_2 = -1$$

\Rightarrow Angle between the tangents = $\pi/2$



10. If $e = 1/2$ & one of the directrix is $x = 4$, then the equation of the ellipse is

- a) $x^2/9 + y^2/4 = 1$
- b) $x^2/8 + y^2/9 = 1$
- c) $x^2/4 + y^2/3 = 1$
- d) None of these

Answer is c.



Solution: given $e=1/2$ & $x=a/e$

$$\Rightarrow 4=a/(1/2)$$

$$\Rightarrow 4=2a \Rightarrow a=2 \Rightarrow a^2 =4$$

Now $b^2 = a^2(1-e^2) = 4(1-1/4)=4(3/4),$

$$b^2=3$$

Therefore equation of the ellipse is

$$x^2/4+y^2/3=1$$



11. The hypothesis $x^2/\cos^2\alpha - y^2/\sin^2\alpha = 1$ then abscissa of foci....., when α varies,

a) (1,0)

b) (-1,0)

c) (0,0)

d) ($\pm 1,0$)

Answer is d.



Solution: we know that $b^2 = a^2(e^2 - 1)$
when $a = \cos\alpha$ $b = \sin\alpha$

$$\sin^2\alpha = \cos^2\alpha(e^2 - 1)$$

By dividing $\cos^2\alpha$, $\tan^2\alpha = e^2 - 1$

$$\Rightarrow 1 + \tan^2\alpha = e^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \sec^2\alpha = e^2$$



$$e = \sec\alpha$$

coordinate of foci are $(\pm ae, 0)$

$$\Rightarrow (\pm \cos\alpha \cdot \sec\alpha, 0)$$

$$\Rightarrow (\pm \cos\alpha \cdot 1/\cos\alpha, 0)$$

$$\Rightarrow (\pm 1, 0)$$



12. The locus of a point $p(\alpha, \beta)$ moving condition that line $y = \alpha x + \beta$ is a tangent to the hyperbola $(x^2/a^2) - (y^2/b^2) = 1$ is a....

- a) Hyperbola
- b) Parabola
- c) Ellipse
- d) None of these

Answer is d.

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Solution: If $y = \alpha x + \beta$ touches

$$\left(\frac{x^2}{a^2}\right) - \left(\frac{y^2}{b^2}\right) = 1$$

$$\text{If } \beta^2 = a^2\alpha^2 - b^2$$

therefore locus of (α, β) is

$$y^2 = a^2x^2 - b^2$$

$$\Rightarrow b^2 = a^2x^2 - y^2$$



13. If a line makes an angle of α with the +ve direction to the x-axis and β with the +ve direction to the y-axis, then the angle that line makes with the +ve direction to the z-axis is...

- a) $\pi/3$
- b) $\pi/2$
- c) $\pi/4$
- d) $\pi/6$, Answer is b.



Solution: By using $\cos^2 p + \cos^2 q + \cos^2 r = 1$

$$\cos^2 \pi/4 + \cos^2 \pi/4 + \cos^2 r = 1$$

$$1/2 + 1/2 + \cos^2 r = 1 - 1 = 0$$

$$\cos r = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow r = \pi/2$$



14. A focus of an ellipse is at the origin, the directrix is the line $x+4$ & the eccentricity is $\frac{1}{2}$. Then the length of the semi-major axis is....

a) $\frac{8}{3}$

b) $\frac{2}{3}$

c) $\frac{4}{3}$

d) $\frac{5}{3}$,

Answer is a.



Solution: Major axis along x-axis

$$(a/e) - ae = 4$$

$$a\{1/(1/2)\} - 1/2 = 4$$

$$a\{2 - 1/2\} = 4$$

$$a(3/2) = 4$$

$$3a = 8, \quad a = 8/3$$



15. The point diametrically opposite to the point $p(\alpha, \beta)$ on the circle $x^2 + y^2 + 2x + 4y - 3 = 0$ is....

a) $(-3, 4)$

b) $(3, -4)$

c) $(-3, -4)$

d) $(3, 4)$, Answer is c.



Solution: centre of circle is $(-1, -2)$

Let (α, β) is the required point

$$(\alpha+1)/2=-1, (\beta+0)/2=-2$$

$$\alpha+1=-2 \quad \beta=-4$$

$$\alpha=-3$$

therefore $(\alpha, \beta)=(-3, -4)$



16.Length of the chord of the circle $x^2+y^2-6x+4y+5=0$ is intercepted by x-axis is...

a)4units

b)2 units

c)0

d)none of these

Answer is a.



Solution: Equation of the circle is

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

$$g = -3, f = 0, c = 5$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{x-intercepted} &= 2\sqrt{g^2 - c} \\ &= 2\sqrt{3^2 - 5} \\ &= 2\sqrt{4} \\ &= 2(2) = 4 \text{ units} \end{aligned}$$



17. If the vertex of the parabola $Y=x^2-8x+c$ lies on x-axis then the value of c is.....

a) 16

b) 4

c) -16

d) None of these

Answer is a.

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Solution: $x^2 - 8x = y - c \Rightarrow (x - 4)^2 - 16 = y - c$

$(x - 4)^2 = y - c + 16 \Rightarrow (x - 4)^2 = [y - (c + 16)]$

Therefore vertex $v(4, c - 16)$

It is given that lies on x-axis

hence y co-ordinate is zero

i.e., $c - 16 = 0 \Rightarrow c = 16$



18.If $x+y=k$ is normal to $y^2=12x$, then k is.....

a)3

b)-3

c)9

d)none of these

Answer is c.



Solution: $y=mx+c$ is normal to $y^2=4ax$,
if $c=-2am-am^3$ ---(i)

When $4a=12$, $y=-x+k \Rightarrow m=-1$, $c=k$

$$a=3, (i) \Rightarrow k=-2(3)(-1)^2-3(-1)^3$$

$$k=6+3=9$$

$$k=9=c$$



19. Equation of $x^2+y^2-4x+6y+8=0$ from $(-5,-4)$ is...

a) $3x+y+14=0$

b) $x+2y-3=0$

c) $2x-2y+6=0$

d) None of these

Answer is a.



Solution: Equation of tangent is

$$xx_1 + yy_1 + g(x+x_1) + f(y+y_1) + c = 0 \dots\dots (i)$$

$$g=2, f=3, c=8, x_1=-5, y_1=-4$$

$$\text{In(1) } x(-5) + y(-4) + 2(x-5) + 3(y-4) + 8 = 0$$

$$-5x - 4y + 2x - 10 + 3y - 12 + 8 = 0$$

$$-3x - y - 14 = 0$$

$3x + y + 14 = 0$ is the equation of the tangent.



20. The given equation of the circle is $x^2 + y^2 - 4x - 3y + 4 = 0$ Then it touches...

- a) x-axis
- b) y-axis
- c) co-ordinate axes
- d) none of these

Answer is a.



Solution: Where $g=2$, $c=4$,
if $g^2 = c$ then $2^2=4$

$$4=4$$

Therefore circle touch x-axis



21. If $y = x + c$ may be tangent to the parabola $y^2 = 12x$ then the co-ordinates of the point of contact is.....

a) (1, 2)

b) (3, 4)

c) (3, 6)

d) None of these

Answer is c.

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Solution: $y^2=12x$

$y^2=4ax$ therefore $a=3$

If $y=x+c$ where $c=a/m=3/1=3$

Point of contact $(a/m^2, 2a/m)$

I.e. $(3/1, 2.3/1)=(3,6)$



22.If the latus rectum is 4 & distance between foci is $2\sqrt{15}$.Then the equation of ellipse is.....

(The standard form of the ellipse is $\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1$ $a > b$)

- a) $\frac{x^2}{25} + \frac{y^2}{10} = 1$ b) $\frac{x^2}{5} + \frac{y^2}{10} = 1$
c) $\frac{x^2}{10} + \frac{y^2}{25} = 1$ d) None of these

Answer is a.



Solution: $2b^2/a=4 \Rightarrow b^2=2a.$

$$2ae=2\sqrt{15} \Rightarrow ae=\sqrt{15}$$

We know that $b^2=a^2-a^2e^2$

$$2a=a^2-15 \Rightarrow a^2-2a-15=0$$

Therefore $a=5, a=-3$

in $b^2=2a=2.5=10$ neglect the value of $a=-3$. Hence equation of ellipse is

$$x^2/25+y^2/10=1$$

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23. The distance between foci is 8 & distance between directrices is $9/2$, the equation of hyperbola is....

a) $x^2/36 + y^2/45 = 1$

b) $x^2/9 - y^2/7 = 1$

c) $x^2/45 - y^2/36 = 1$

d) None of these

Answer is b.

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Solution: if $2ae=8$, $ae=4$(i)

And $2a/e=(9/2)$

Therefore $a=9/4(e)$(ii)

From(ii) in (i) i.e. $9/4(e).e=4 \Rightarrow e^2=16/9$
 $\Rightarrow e=4/3$ In (i) $a.4/3=4 \Rightarrow a=3 \Rightarrow a^2=9$

$b^2 = a^2 (e^2 - 1) \Rightarrow b^2 = 9(16-9)/9=7$ the
equation of hyperbola is $x^2/9-y^2/7=1$



24. The eccentricity of a hyperbola is $\sqrt{3}$ then eccentricity of its conjugate is.....

- a) $2/\sqrt{3}$
- b) $\sqrt{3}/\sqrt{2}$
- c) $\sqrt{3}/2$
- d) $3/\sqrt{2}$

Answer is b.

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Solution: $e_1 = \sqrt{3}$, $e_2 = ?$

By using formula $1/(e_1)^2 + 1/(e_2)^2 = 1$

$$\Rightarrow 1/3 + 1/(e_2)^2 = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow 1/(e_2)^2 = 1 - 1/3 = 2/3$$

then $e_2 = \sqrt{3}/\sqrt{2}$



25. In a standard equation of a hyperbola with the centre of the origin $SS' = 16$ & $e = \sqrt{2}$ then the equation is....

a) $x^2 - y^2 = 32$

b) $x^2 - y^2 = 16$

c) $y^2 - x^2 = 16$

d) $y^2 - x^2 = 32$

Answer is a.



Solution: $2ae=16$, $ae=8$

$$a^2e^2 = 64 \dots (i)$$

given $e=\sqrt{2} \Rightarrow e^2=2$.

In (i) substitute the value of e^2

we get $a^2=32=b^2$

then the standard equation of hyperbola is $x^2-y^2 = 32$