

Exp. Find the condition that the conics:

$$ax^2 + by^2 = 1$$

$$a_1x^2 + b_1y^2 = 1$$

shall cut orthogonally (perpendicular).

Sol. If the two curves cut each other orthogonally, then at their point of intersection the angle between their tangents will be one right angle ( $\angle = 90^\circ$ )

Given  $ax^2 + by^2 = 1$  — (1)

$a_1x^2 + b_1y^2 = 1$  — (2)

We know that if the two curves cut each other orthogonally, then the condition for this is

$$1 + m_1m_2 = 0 \text{ — (3)}$$

from (1) diff. w.r.t.  $x$

$$2ax + 2by \frac{dy}{dx} = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = m_1 = -\frac{ax}{by}$$

from (2) diff. w.r.t.  $x$

$$2a_1x + 2b_1y \frac{dy}{dx} = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = m_2 = -\frac{a_1x}{b_1y}$$

from (3)  $1 + \left(-\frac{ax}{by}\right) \left(-\frac{a_1x}{b_1y}\right) = 0$

$$aa_1x^2 + bb_1y^2 = 0 \text{ — (4)}$$

Here,  $x$  and  $y$  are the co-ordinates of the point of intersection of the two curves.

$$ax^2 + by^2 - 1 = 0 \text{ — (i)}$$

$$a_1x^2 + b_1y^2 - 1 = 0 \text{ — (ii)}$$

From (i) - (ii)  $(a - a_1)x^2 + (b - b_1)y^2 = 0$

$$(a - a_1)x^2 = -(b - b_1)y^2 \text{ — (5)}$$

$$\text{From } \textcircled{A} \quad a a_1 x^2 = -b b_1 y^2$$

$$\text{From } \textcircled{B} \quad (a - a_1) x^2 = - (b - b_1) y^2$$

Dividing  $\textcircled{B}$  by  $\textcircled{A}$

$$\frac{(a - a_1) x^2}{a a_1 x^2} = \frac{(b - b_1) y^2}{b b_1 y^2}$$

$$\frac{a - a_1}{a a_1} = \frac{b - b_1}{b b_1}$$

$$\frac{1}{a_1} - \frac{1}{a} = \frac{1}{b_1} - \frac{1}{b}$$

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This is the required condition

Q.3 Find the condition that the curves  $\frac{x^2}{a} + \frac{y^2}{b} = 1$  and  $\frac{x^2}{a'} + \frac{y^2}{b'} = 1$  should intersect orthogonally.

Sol. Given curves

$$\frac{x^2}{a} + \frac{y^2}{b} = 1 \quad \text{--- (i)}$$

$$\frac{x^2}{a'} + \frac{y^2}{b'} = 1 \quad \text{--- (ii)}$$

Thus, Both curves intersect orthogonally if  $1 + m_1 m_2 = 0$

$$m_1 = \frac{dy}{dx} \text{ for first curve}$$

$$m_2 = \frac{dy}{dx} \text{ for second curve}$$

Then diff. (i) and (ii) w.r.t.  $x$

from (i)  $\frac{2x}{a} + \frac{2y}{b} \frac{dy}{dx} = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{b}{a} \frac{x}{y} \Rightarrow m_1$

Similarly, from (ii)

$$\frac{2x}{a'} + \frac{2y}{b'} \frac{dy}{dx} = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{b'}{a'} \frac{x}{y} \Rightarrow m_2$$

Now  $1 + m_1 m_2 = 0$

$$1 + \left(-\frac{b}{a} \frac{x}{y}\right) \left(-\frac{b'}{a'} \frac{x}{y}\right) = 0$$

$$1 + \frac{bb'}{aa'} \frac{x^2}{y^2}$$

$$aa' y^2 + bb' x^2 = 0 \quad \text{--- (iii)}$$

Solve the Eph (i) & (ii)

$$\frac{x^2}{a} + \frac{y^2}{b} = 1 \Rightarrow bx^2 + ay^2 = ab \quad \text{--- (i)}$$

$$\frac{x^2}{a'} + \frac{y^2}{b'} = 1 \Rightarrow b'x^2 + a'y^2 = a'b' \quad \text{--- (ii)}$$

Subtracting Eph (i)  $\times b'$  from (ii)  $\times b$

$$b b' x^2 + a b' y^2 = a b b'$$

$$b b' x^2 + a' b y^2 = a' b' b$$

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$$y^2 (a b' - a' b) = b' (a b - a' b)$$

$$y^2 = \frac{b' (a b - a' b)}{(a b' - a' b)} = \frac{b b' (a - a')}{(a b' - b a')} \quad \checkmark$$

Putting in Eph (i)

$$b x^2 + \frac{a b b' (a - a')}{(a b' - b a')} = ab$$

$$b x^2 = ab - \frac{a b b' (a - a')}{a b' - b a'}$$

$$b x^2 = \frac{ab(a b' - b a') - a b b' (a - a')}{a b' - b a'}$$

$$b x^2 = \frac{ab[a b' - b a' - b' a + a' b]}{a b' - b a'}$$

$$x^2 = \frac{a(a' b' - b a)}{a b' - b a} \quad \frac{a a' (b' - b)}{a b' - b a}$$

