

Q16 Find at what points on the curve $\frac{x^3}{a} + \frac{y^3}{b} = xy$ the tangent is parallel to one of the coordinate axes.

Sol. $\frac{x^3}{a} + \frac{y^3}{b} = xy$ — (I)

Diff. w. r. to x

$$3\frac{x^2}{a} + 3\frac{y^2}{b} \cdot \frac{dy}{dx} = y + x\frac{dy}{dx}$$

$$\left(3\frac{y^2}{b} - x\right)\frac{dy}{dx} = y - \frac{3x^2}{a}$$
 — (II)

The Eqⁿ of tangent at (x_1, y_1)

$$(y - y_1) = \frac{dy}{dx} (x - x_1)$$

Tangent is \parallel to x axis.

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = 0$$

From (II)

$$\left(\frac{3y^2}{b} - x\right) \cdot 0 = y - \frac{3x^2}{a}$$

$$y = \frac{3x^2}{a}$$

Putting in (I)

$$\Rightarrow \frac{x^3}{9} + \frac{27x^6}{9^3b} = x \cdot \frac{3x^2}{9}$$

$$\frac{1}{9} + \frac{27}{b} \frac{x^3}{9^3} = \frac{3}{9}$$

$$27 \frac{x^3}{9^3b} = \frac{2}{9}$$

$$27x^3 = 2b9^2$$

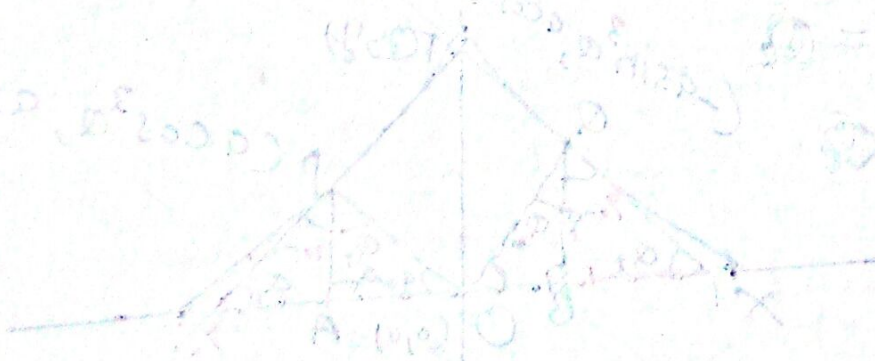
$$x^3 = \frac{2}{27} b9^2$$

$$x = \frac{(2)^{1/3}}{3} \cdot b^{1/3} a^{2/3}$$

$$y = \frac{2}{9} \cdot \frac{(2)^{2/3}}{9^{2/3}} \cdot b^{2/3} a^{2/3}$$

$$y = \frac{1}{3} \cdot (2)^{2/3} b^{2/3} a^{2/3}$$

$$(x, y) \Rightarrow \left(\frac{1}{3} \cdot 2^{1/3} \cdot b^{1/3} a^{2/3}, \frac{1}{3} \cdot 2^{2/3} b^{2/3} a^{2/3} \right)$$



Q.2) Find the equation of the tangent to the curve $x^{2/3} + y^{2/3} = a^{2/3}$ at the point $(a \cos^3 \theta, a \sin^3 \theta)$. If P and Q be the points corresponding to $\theta, \pi/2 + \theta$ and the tangents at these points meet at T , prove that $OP^2 + OQ^2 + 3OT^2 = \text{const.}$

Sol. Given curve $x^{2/3} + y^{2/3} = a^{2/3}$ — (1)

Point P corresponding to θ .

$$P (a \cos^3 \theta, a \sin^3 \theta)$$

and point Q corresponding to $\theta \rightarrow \pi/2 + \theta$

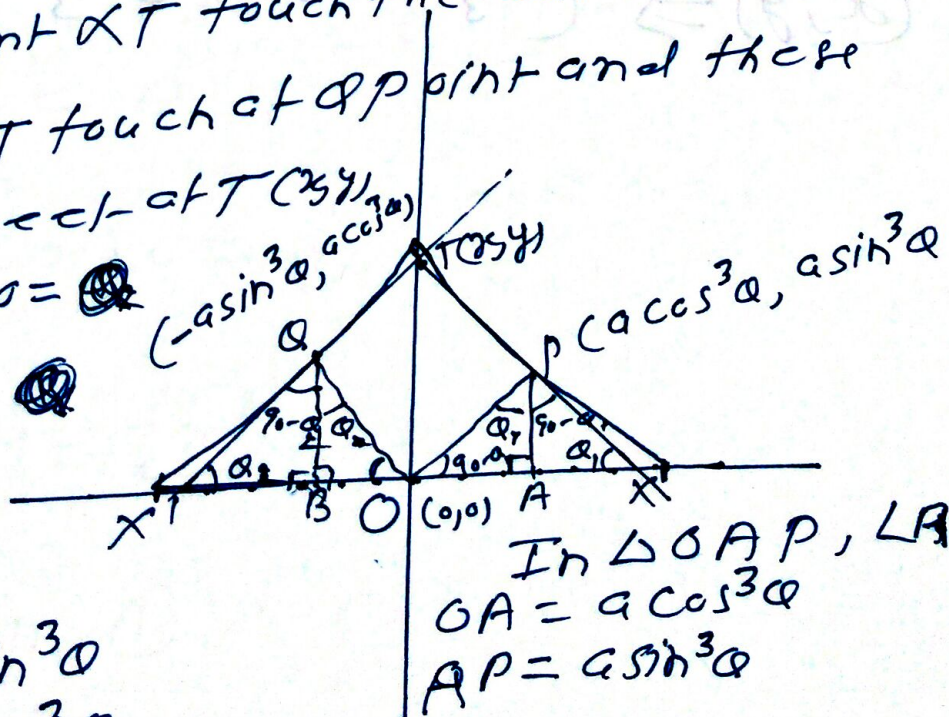
$$Q (a \cos^3 (\pi/2 + \theta), a \sin^3 (\pi/2 + \theta))$$

$$Q (-a \sin^3 \theta, a \cos^3 \theta)$$

The tangent PT touch the curve at P and tangent $Q'T$ touch at Q point and these tangents meet at $T(x, y)$

Angle $\angle TX'O = \theta$

and $\angle TX'O = \theta$



In $\triangle OBP$

$$\angle B = 90^\circ$$

$$OB = -a \sin^3 \theta$$

$$BP = a \cos^3 \theta$$

In $\triangle OAP$, $\angle A = 90^\circ$

$$OA = a \cos^3 \theta$$

$$AP = a \sin^3 \theta$$

The co-ordinates of the points.

$$O \rightarrow (0, 0)$$

$$P \rightarrow (a \cos^3 \theta, a \sin^3 \theta)$$

$$Q \rightarrow (-a \sin^3 \theta, a \cos^3 \theta)$$

Distance b/w two points

$$OP^2 = (a \cos^3 \theta)^2 + (a \sin^3 \theta)^2$$

$$OP^2 = a^2 \cos^6 \theta + a^2 \sin^6 \theta \Rightarrow a^2 [\cos^6 \theta + \sin^6 \theta] \quad \text{--- (ii)}$$

Similarly

$$OQ^2 = (-a \sin^3 \theta)^2 + (a \cos^3 \theta)^2$$

$$= a^2 \sin^6 \theta + a^2 \cos^6 \theta$$

$$OQ^2 = a^2 [\sin^6 \theta + \cos^6 \theta] \quad \text{--- (iii)}$$

To find the Equations of the tangents at P and Q

from curve $x^{2/3} + y^{2/3} = a^{2/3}$

Diff. w. r. to x

$$\frac{2}{3} x^{-1/3} + \frac{2}{3} y^{-1/3} \frac{dy}{dx} = 0$$

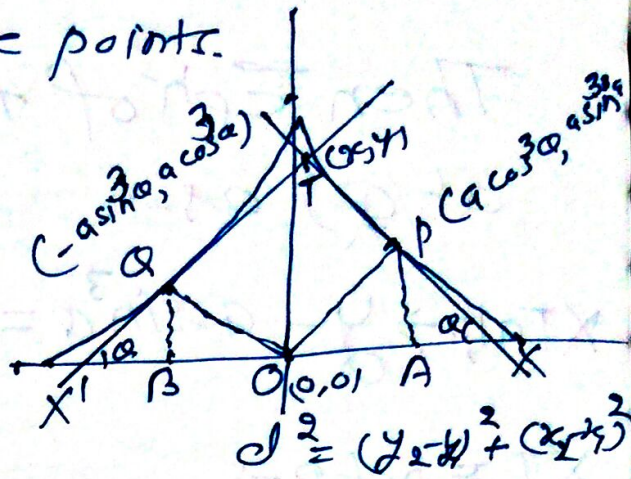
$$x^{-1/3} + y^{-1/3} \frac{dy}{dx} = 0$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = -\left(\frac{y}{x}\right)^{1/3}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} \text{ at } P(a \cos^3 \theta, a \sin^3 \theta) \Rightarrow \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)_{at P} = -\frac{(a \sin^3 \theta)^{1/3}}{a \cos^3 \theta}$$

$$= \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)_{at P} = -\frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta}$$

Similarly $\frac{dy}{dx}$ at $Q(-a \sin^3 \theta, a \cos^3 \theta) \Rightarrow \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)_{at Q} = \frac{\cos \theta}{\sin \theta}$



Then Eqs of tangents (X_T at P and X'_T at Q) are-

$$X_T \text{ at } P \rightarrow y - a \sin^3 \theta = -\frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta} (x - a \cos^3 \theta)$$

X_T Eqn at $P \Rightarrow$

$$\cos \theta y - a \cos \theta \sin^3 \theta = -\sin \theta x + a \sin \theta \cos^3 \theta$$

$$\begin{aligned} \cos \theta y + \sin \theta x &= a \sin \theta \cos^3 \theta + a \cos \theta \sin^3 \theta \\ &= a \sin \theta \cos \theta (\cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta) \end{aligned}$$

$$\cos \theta y + \sin \theta x = a \sin \theta \cos \theta \quad \text{--- (IV)}$$

Now X'_T Eqn at Q

$$y - a \cos^3 \theta = \frac{\cos \theta}{\sin \theta} (x + a \sin^3 \theta)$$

$$\sin \theta y - a \sin \theta \cos^3 \theta = \cos \theta x + a \cos \theta \sin^3 \theta$$

$$\sin \theta y - \cos \theta x = a \sin \theta \cos \theta (\sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta)$$

$$\sin \theta y - \cos \theta x = a \sin \theta \cos \theta \quad \text{--- (V)}$$

from Eqn (IV) and (V)

$\cos \theta \times$ (iv) and $\sin \theta \times$ (v) and adding,

$$\cos^2 \theta y + \sin^2 \theta y = a \sin \theta \cos^2 \theta + a \sin^2 \theta \cos \theta$$

$$y [\cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta] = a \sin \theta \cos \theta (\sin \theta + \cos \theta)$$

$$y \cdot 1 = a \sin \theta \cos \theta (\sin \theta + \cos \theta)$$

$$y = a \sin \theta \cos \theta (\sin \theta + \cos \theta)$$

Putting value of y in Eqn (IV)

$$\cos\alpha \cdot a \sin\alpha \cos\alpha (\sin\alpha + \cos\alpha) + \sin\alpha x = a \sin\alpha \cos\alpha$$

$$x = a \cos\alpha - a \cos^2\alpha (\sin\alpha + \cos\alpha)$$

$$= a \cos\alpha [1 - \cos\alpha (\sin\alpha + \cos\alpha)]$$

$$= a \cos\alpha [1 - \sin\alpha \cos\alpha - \cos^2\alpha]$$

$$= a \cos\alpha [\sin^2\alpha - \sin\alpha \cos\alpha]$$

$$x = a \sin\alpha \cos\alpha (\sin\alpha - \cos\alpha)$$

$$y = a \sin\alpha \cos\alpha (\sin\alpha + \cos\alpha)$$

The distance b/w O & T

$$OT^2 = \left[a \sin\alpha \cos\alpha (\sin\alpha + \cos\alpha) - \frac{a}{\sqrt{2}} \right]^2 + \left[a \sin\alpha \cos\alpha (\sin\alpha - \cos\alpha) - \frac{a}{\sqrt{2}} \right]^2$$

$$OT^2 = a^2 \sin^2\alpha \cos^2\alpha \left[(\sin\alpha + \cos\alpha)^2 + (\sin\alpha - \cos\alpha)^2 \right]$$

$$= a^2 \sin^2\alpha \cos^2\alpha \left[\frac{\sin^2\alpha + \cos^2\alpha + 2\sin\alpha \cos\alpha + \sin^2\alpha + \cos^2\alpha - 2\sin\alpha \cos\alpha}{2} \right]$$

$$OT^2 = 2a^2 \sin^2\alpha \cos^2\alpha$$

$$3OT^2 = 6a^2 \sin^2\alpha \cos^2\alpha \quad \text{--- (6)}$$

from Eqn (III), (IV) and (6)

Adding Eqⁿ (II), (III) and (6)

$$OP^2 + OQ^2 + 3OT^2 = a^2 [\sin^6 \alpha + \cos^6 \alpha] + a^2 [\sin^6 \alpha + \cos^6 \alpha] + 6a^2 \sin^2 \alpha \cos^2 \alpha$$

$$= 2a^2 (\sin^6 \alpha + \cos^6 \alpha) + 6a^2 \sin^2 \alpha \cos^2 \alpha$$

$$= 2a^2 [\sin^6 \alpha + \cos^6 \alpha + 3 \sin^2 \alpha \cos^2 \alpha]$$

$$= 2a^2 [\sin^6 \alpha + (1 - \sin^2 \alpha)^3 + 3 \sin^2 \alpha (1 - \sin^2 \alpha)]$$

$$= 2a^2 [\sin^6 \alpha + 1 - \sin^6 \alpha - 3 \sin^2 \alpha + 3 \sin^4 \alpha + 3 \sin^2 \alpha - 3 \sin^4 \alpha]$$

$$= 2a^2$$

Hence $\Rightarrow OP^2 + OQ^2 + 3OT^2 = 2a^2 = \text{constant}$

$$\therefore \text{Hint: } (A - B)^3 = A^3 - B^3 - 3A^2B + 3AB^2$$

$$(1 - \sin^2 \alpha)^3 = 1^3 - (\sin^2 \alpha)^3 - 3 \cdot 1^2 \cdot \sin^2 \alpha + 3 \cdot 1 \cdot (\sin^2 \alpha)^2$$

$$(1 - \sin^2 \alpha)^3 = 1 - \sin^6 \alpha - 3 \cdot 1 \cdot \sin^2 \alpha + 3 \cdot 1 \cdot \sin^4 \alpha$$

$$\therefore \cos^6 \alpha = (\cos^2 \alpha)^3 = (1 - \sin^2 \alpha)^3$$

$$\boxed{\cos^6 \alpha = 1 - \sin^6 \alpha - 3 \sin^2 \alpha + 3 \sin^4 \alpha}$$