

Mini-Lecture 7.2 The Parabola

Learning Objectives:

1. Analyze parabolas with vertex at the origin
2. Analyze parabola with vertex at (h,k)
3. Solve applied problems involving parabolas

Examples:

1. Find the equation of the parabola described. Find the two points that define the latus rectum.
 - (a) Focus at $(7,0)$, vertex at $(0,0)$
 - (b) Focus at $(0,-1)$, directrix the line $y=1$.
 - (c) Directrix $x = -\frac{1}{7}$, vertex at $(0,0)$
 - (d) Vertex at $(0,0)$, axis of symmetry the y -axis, contains the point $(5,3)$
2. Find the vertex, focus, and directrix of each parabola.
 - (a) $y^2 = 4x$
 - (b) $(x-5)^2 = -(y+1)$
 - (c) $(y-3)^2 = 12(x+1)$
 - (d) $y^2 - 10y + 4x + 25 = 0$
3. A searchlight is shaped like a paraboloid of revolution. If the light source is located 2 feet from the base along the axis of symmetry and the opening is 10 feet across, how deep should the searchlight be?

Teaching Notes:

- There are numerous applications for the parabola. These should be emphasized.
- Take the time to go over all the terminology.
- There are numerous web sites that have applets demonstrating the properties.
- See the importance of learning the information in Table 1 and Table 2.

Answers:

1. (a) $y^2 = 28x$; $(7,14), (7,-14)$ (b) $x^2 = -4y$; $(2,-1), (-2,-1)$
(c) $y^2 = \frac{4}{7}x$; $(\frac{1}{7}, \frac{2}), (\frac{1}{7}, -\frac{2})$ (d) $x^2 = \frac{25}{3}y$; $(-\frac{25}{6}, \frac{25}{12}), (\frac{25}{6}, \frac{25}{12})$
2. (a) $V = (0,0)$ $F = (1,0)$ $x = -1$ (b) $V = (5,-1)$ $F(5, -\frac{5}{4})$ $y = -\frac{3}{4}$
(c) $V = (-1,3)$ $F = (2,3)$ $x = -4$ (d) $V = (0,5)$ $F(-1,5)$ $x = 1$
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Mini-Lecture 7.3 The Ellipse

Learning Objectives:

1. Analyze ellipses with center at the origin
2. Analyze ellipses with center at (h,k)
3. Solve applied problems involving ellipses

Examples:

1. Find the vertices and foci of each ellipse. (a) $\frac{x^2}{64} + \frac{y^2}{36} = 1$ (b) $9x^2 + y^2 = 81$
2. Find an equation for each ellipse.
(a) Center = $(0,0)$, Focus at $(4,0)$, Vertex at $(5,0)$
(b) Foci at $(0,4)$ and $(0,-4)$, length of major axis is 14
3. Find the center, foci, and vertices of each ellipse.
(a) $\frac{(x-1)^2}{36} + \frac{(y+2)^2}{9} = 1$ (b) $x^2 - 4x + 16y^2 + 96y + 4 = 0$
4. Find an equation for each ellipse.
(a) Center = $(-3,1)$, Vertex at $(-3,10)$, Focus at $(-3,6)$
(b) Foci at $(-1,2)$, $(-1,-4)$ and length of major axis is 14.
5. A hall 120 feet in length is to be designed as a whispering gallery. If the foci are located 35 feet from the center, how high is will the ceiling be at the center?

Teaching Notes:

- See the importance of learning the information in Table 3.
- Spend time on applications since there are many. The Whispering Gallery in example 7 is a good one to go over.
- Kepler's Law of Planetary Motion is demonstrated on <http://home.cvc.org/science/kepler.htm> which is a great way to introduce ellipses.

Answers:

1. (a) $V = (\pm 8, 0)$, $F = (\pm 2\sqrt{7}, 0)$ (b) $V = (0, \pm 9)$, $F = (0, \pm 6\sqrt{2})$
2. (a) $\frac{x^2}{25} + \frac{y^2}{9} = 1$ (b) $\frac{x^2}{33} + \frac{y^2}{49} = 1$
3. (a) $C = (1, -2)$, $V = (7, -2)$ & $(-5, -2)$, $F = (1 \pm 3\sqrt{3}, -2)$
(b) $C = (2, -3)$, $V = (14, -3)$ & $(-10, -3)$, $F = (2 \pm 3\sqrt{15}, -3)$
4. (a) $\frac{(x+3)^2}{56} + \frac{(y-1)^2}{81} = 1$ (b) $\frac{(x+1)^2}{40} + \frac{(y+1)^2}{49} = 1$ 5. 48.7 feet

Mini-Lecture 7.4 The Hyperbola

Learning Objectives:

1. Analyze hyperbolas with center at the origin
2. Find the asymptotes of a hyperbola
3. Analyze hyperbolas with center at (h,k)
4. Solve applied problems involving hyperbolas

Examples:

1. Find an equation for the hyperbola described.
 - (a) Center $(0,0)$, focus $(0,8)$, vertex $(0,2)$
 - (b) Foci $(0, \pm 25)$, vertex $(0,24)$
 - (c) Foci $(\pm 6, 0)$, asymptote $y = -x$
2. Find the center, transverse axis, vertices, foci, and asymptotes.
 - (a) $\frac{y^2}{81} - \frac{x^2}{16} = 1$
 - (b) $9x^2 - y^2 = 81$
3. Find an equation for the hyperbola described.
 - (a) Center $(4, -2)$, focus $(9, -2)$, vertex $(6, -2)$
 - (b) Foci $(4, 10)$ and $(10, 10)$, vertex $(9, 10)$
 - (c) Vertices $(-1, -1)$ and $(5, -1)$, asymptote $y + 1 = \frac{5}{3}(x - 2)$
4. Find the center, transverse axis, vertices, foci, and asymptotes.
 - (a) $\frac{(y+4)^2}{36} - \frac{(x-3)^2}{4} = 1$
 - (b) $x^2 - y^2 - 4x - 10y - 25 = 0$

Teaching Notes:

- Hyperbolas have many interesting applications that should be emphasized.
- See the importance of learning the information in Table 4.
- It is important to be accurate and clear when graphing. Use colors if possible.

Answers:

1. (a) $\frac{y^2}{4} - \frac{x^2}{60} = 1$ (b) $\frac{y^2}{576} - \frac{x^2}{49} = 1$ (c) $\frac{x^2}{18} - \frac{y^2}{18} = 1$
2. (a) $(0,0)$; y -axis; $(0, \pm 9)$; $(0, \pm \sqrt{97})$; $y = \pm \frac{9}{4}x$ (b) $(0,0)$; y -axis; $(\pm 3, 0)$; $(\pm 3\sqrt{10}, 0)$; $y = \pm 3x$
3. (a) $\frac{(x-4)^2}{4} - \frac{(y+2)^2}{21} = 1$ (b) $\frac{(x-7)^2}{4} - \frac{(y-10)^2}{5} = 1$ (c) $\frac{(x-2)^2}{9} - \frac{(y+1)^2}{25} = 1$
4. (a) $(3, -4)$; y -axis; $(3, -10)$ & $(3, 2)$; $(3, -4 \pm 2\sqrt{10})$; $y + 4 = \pm 3(x - 3)$
(b) $(2, -5)$; x -axis; $(0, -5)$ & $(4, -5)$; $(2 \pm 2\sqrt{2}, -5)$; $y + 5 = \pm(x - 2)$