

pair bisects the angles between the other pair,
then prove that $p_2 = -1$.

Solution: The equation of the bisectors of the angles
between the pair of straight lines $x^2 - 2pxy - y^2 = 0$ is

$$\frac{x^2 - y^2}{2} = \frac{xy}{-p}$$

that is, $px^2 + 2xy - py^2 = 0 \dots (1)$

But, by the condition of the problem, (1) is
identical with

$$x^2 - 2qxy - y^2 = 0$$

comparing, we have $\frac{p}{1} = \frac{1}{-2} = \frac{p}{1}$

So, $p_2 = -1$

Q5. Show that the angle between one of the
straight lines given by $ax^2 + 2hxy + by^2 = 0$ and one
of the straight lines given by $ax^2 + 2hxy + b^2 + \lambda(ax^2 + by^2) = 0$
is equal to the angle between the other two
straight lines of the system.

Solution: The equation of the bisectors of the
angles between the straight lines $ax^2 + 2hxy + by^2 = 0$

is $\frac{x^2 - y^2}{a - b} = \frac{xy}{h}$

Also the equation of the bisectors of the angles

between the straight lines $ax^2 + 2hxy + by^2 + \lambda(x^2 + y^2) = 0$,

that is, $(a+\lambda)x^2 + 2hxy + (b+\lambda)y^2 = 0$

$$\text{i.e. } \frac{x^2 - y^2}{(a+\lambda) - (b+\lambda)} = \frac{xy}{h}, \text{ that is } \frac{x^2 - y^2}{a-b} = \frac{xy}{h}$$

Thus the two pairs have the same bisectors and hence the problem follows.

6. Find the condition that one of the straight lines given by $ax^2 + 2hxy + by^2 = 0$ may coincide with one of the straight lines given by

$$a'x^2 + 2h'x'y' + b'y^2 = 0$$

Solution: Let the two pairs have a common straight line $y = mx$. Then substituting $y = mx$ for y in the two equations and cancelling x^2 , we have

$$a + 2hm + bm^2 = 0$$

$$a' + 2h'm + b'm^2 = 0$$

Therefore, by cross-multiplication,

$$\frac{m^2}{a'h' - a'h} = \frac{2m}{b'a' - b'a} = \frac{1}{h'b' - h'b}$$

$$\text{or, } 4(a'h' - a'h)(h'b' - h'b) = (b'a' - b'a)^2$$

This is the required condition.

7. Show that the area of the triangle formed by the lines $ax^2 + 2hxy + by^2 = 0$

and $lx + my + n = 0$ is

$$\frac{n^2 \sqrt{h^2 - ab}}{am^2 - 2hlm + bl^2}$$

Solution: Let $ax^2 + 2hxy + by^2 = (l_1x + m_1y)(l_2x + m_2y)$

Equating the coefficients $l_1l_2 = a$, $l_1m_2 + l_2m_1 = 2h$, $m_1m_2 = b$

The triangle is bounded by the lines

$$l_1x + m_1y = 0 \quad \dots (1)$$

$$l_2x + m_2y = 0 \quad \dots (2)$$

$$\text{and } lx + my + n = 0 \quad \dots (3)$$

The lines (1) and (2) meet at $(0, 0)$. The line (3) meets the lines (1) and (2) at

$$\left(\frac{-nm_1}{lm_1 - ml_1}, \frac{nl_1}{lm_1 - ml_1} \right) \text{ and } \left(\frac{-nm_2}{lm_2 - ml_2}, \frac{nl_2}{lm_2 - ml_2} \right)$$

The area of the triangle whose vertices are the above points

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{-n^2 l_2 m_1 + n^2 l_1 m_2}{(lm_1 - ml_1)(lm_2 - ml_2)} \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \frac{n^2 (l_1 m_2 - l_2 m_1)}{l^2 m_1 m_2 - lm(l_1 m_2 + l_2 m_1) + n^2 l_1 l_2}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \frac{n^2 \sqrt{(l_1 m_2 + l_2 m_1)^2 - 4l_1 l_2 m_1 m_2}}{bl^2 - 2hlm + am^2}$$

$$= \frac{n^2 \sqrt{h^2 - ab}}{bl^2 - 2hlm + am^2}$$

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8. Show that the triangle formed by the lines $ax^2 + 2hxy + by^2 = 0$ and $lx + my = 1$ is right-angled, if $(a+b)(al^2 + 2hlm + bm^2) = 0$

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Equating the coefficients $l_1l_2 = a, l_1m_2 + l_2m_1 = 2h,$

$m_1m_2 = b$

The lines are $l_1x + m_1y = 0 \dots (1)$

$l_2x + m_2y = 0 \dots (2)$

and $lx + my = 1 \dots (3)$

The triangle will be right-angled, if any two of the above lines are at right-angle.

The lines (1) and (2) will be at right angle

if $l_1l_2 + m_1m_2 = 0$

The lines (2) and (3) will be at right angle

if $ll_2 + mm_2 = 0$

The lines (3) and (1) will be at right angle

if $ll_1 + mm_1 = 0$

Combining these we have

$(l_1l_2 + m_1m_2)(ll_1 + mm_1)(ll_2 + mm_2) = 0$

or, $(a+b) \{ l^2 l_1 l_2 + lm (l_1 m_2 + l_2 m_1) + m^2 m_1 m_2 \} = 0$

or, $(a+b)(al^2 + 2hlm + bm^2) = 0$

9. Find the distance from the origin of the point of intersection of the pair of