

straight lines given by the equation

$$2x^2 - 5xy + 3y^2 - 2x + 3y = 0$$

Solution: The given equation is written as

$$2x^2 - x(5y+2) + (3y^2+3y) = 0$$

$$\text{So, } x = \frac{5y+2 \pm \sqrt{(5y+2)^2 - 8(3y^2+3y)}}{4}$$

$$\text{or, } 4x - 5y - 2 = \pm \sqrt{y^2 - 4y + 4} = \pm (y-2)$$

Thus the equations of the straight lines are

$$4x - 6y = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad 4x - 4y - 4 = 0$$

$$\text{that is, } 2x - 3y = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad x - y - 1 = 0$$

Solving, we get  $x = 3$  and  $y = 2$

So, the point of intersection of the pair of straight lines is  $(3, 2)$ . So, the required

$$\text{distance} = \sqrt{3^2 + 2^2} = \sqrt{13}$$

10. If  $ax^2 + 2hxy + by^2 + 2gx + 2fy + c = 0$  represents two lines equidistant from the origin, show that  $f^2 - g^2 = c(bf^2 - ag^2)$

Solution: Let  $ax^2 + 2hxy + by^2 + 2gx + 2fy + c = 0$

$$= (l_1x + m_1y + n_1)(l_2x + m_2y + n_2)$$

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

$$l_1n_2 + l_2n_1 = 2g, \quad m_1n_2 + m_2n_1 = 2f, \quad n_1n_2 = c$$

The lines are  $l_1x + m_1y + n_1 = 0$  and  $l_2x + m_2y + n_2 = 0$

Since the  $\rho$  lines are equidistant from the origin,

$$\left| \frac{n_1}{\sqrt{l_1^2 + m_1^2}} \right| = \left| \frac{n_2}{\sqrt{l_2^2 + m_2^2}} \right|$$

$$\text{or, } n_1^2 (l_2^2 + m_2^2) = n_2^2 (l_1^2 + m_1^2)$$

$$\text{or, } n_1^2 l_2^2 - n_2^2 l_1^2 = n_2^2 m_1^2 - n_1^2 m_2^2$$

$$\text{or, } (n_1 l_2 + n_2 l_1) (n_1 l_2 - n_2 l_1) = (n_2 m_1 + n_1 m_2) (n_2 m_1 - n_1 m_2)$$

$$\text{or, } 2g (n_1 l_2 - n_2 l_1) = 2f (n_2 m_1 - n_1 m_2)$$

$$\text{or, } g^2 \left\{ (n_1 l_2 + n_2 l_1)^2 - 4n_1 n_2 l_1 l_2 \right\} = f^2 \left\{ (n_2 m_1 + n_1 m_2)^2 - 4n_1 m_2 n_2 m_1 \right\}$$

$$\text{or, } g^2 (4g^2 - 4ca) = f^2 (4f^2 - 4bc)$$

$$\text{or, } f^2 - g^2 = c(lf^2 - ag^2)$$

4. Equations of pair of tangents from an external point, Chord of contact, poles and polars in case of General conic. Particular cases for Parabola, Ellipse, Circle, Hyperbola.

#### 4.1 Pair of tangents

(a) A pair of tangents can be drawn to a conic from an external point, i.e., a point not lying on the conic.

$$\text{Let } ax^2 + 2hxy + by^2 + 2gx + 2fy + c = 0 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

be the equation of the conic and  $(x_1, y_1)$  be

an external point. Let a line through the point  $(x_1, y_1)$  touch the conic at  $(x_2, y_2)$ . The equation of the tangent at  $(x_2, y_2)$  is

$$ax_2x + h(x_2y + y_2x) + by_2y + g(x+x_2) + f(y+y_2) + c = 0 \quad (1)$$

(because the equation of the tangent at  $(x_1, y_1)$  of the

conic  $ax^2 + 2hxy + by^2 + 2gx + 2fy + c = 0$  is

$$axx_1 + 2h(x_1y + y_1x) + 2gy + f(y+y_1) + c = 0$$

As it passes through  $(x_1, y_1)$ , we have

$$ax_1x_2 + h(x_1y_2 + x_2y_1) + by_1y_2 + g(x_1+x_2) + f(y_1+y_2) + c = 0 \quad \dots (2)$$

Again  $(x_2, y_2)$  is on the conic (1), we have

$$ax_2^2 + 2hx_2y_2 + by_2^2 + 2gx_2 + 2fy_2 + c = 0 \quad \dots (3)$$

From (2) and (3) generally two values of  $x_2$  and  $y_2$  are obtained. Thus there will be two points of contact of tangents from  $(x_1, y_1)$  but they may not be real in all cases.

(b) Equation of the pair of tangents

The equation of a line through the point  $(x_1, y_1)$

can be written as  $\frac{x-x_1}{l} = \frac{y-y_1}{m} = r$  (say)  $\dots (4)$

From (4)  $x = lr + x_1$ ,  $y = mr + y_1$ . Putting these

values of  $x$  and  $y$  in the equation (1), we have

$$(a^2 + 2hkm + b^2)r^2 + 2 \{ (ax_1 + by_1 + g)l + (bx_1 + cy_1 + f)m \} r + ax_1^2 + 2hx_1y_1 + by_1^2 + 2gx_1 + 2fy_1 + c = 0 \dots (5)$$

It is a quadratic equation in  $r$ . If the line (4) touches the conic (1), the equation (5) must have equal roots. By the condition of equal roots

$$\{ (ax_1 + by_1 + g)l + (bx_1 + cy_1 + f)m \}^2 = (a^2 + 2hkm + b^2)(ax_1^2 + 2hx_1y_1 + by_1^2 + 2gx_1 + 2fy_1 + c)$$

Eliminating  $l$  and  $m$  by (4)

$$\left\{ (ax_1 + by_1 + g)(x - x_1) + (bx_1 + cy_1 + f)(y - y_1) \right\}^2 = \left\{ a(x - x_1)^2 + 2h(x - x_1)(y - y_1) + b(y - y_1)^2 \right\} (ax_1^2 + 2hx_1y_1 + by_1^2 + 2gx_1 + 2fy_1 + c) \dots (6)$$

If we write,

$$S = ax^2 + 2hxy + by^2 + 2gx + 2fy + c$$

$$S_1 = ax_1^2 + 2hx_1y_1 + by_1^2 + 2gx_1 + 2fy_1 + c$$

$$\text{and } T = axx_1 + h(x_1y_1 + xy) + byy_1 + g(x + x_1) + f(y + y_1) + c,$$

then the equation (6) can be written as

$$(T - S_1)^2 = (S + S_1 - 2T)S_1 \quad \text{or, } SS_1 = T^2 \dots (7)$$

It is the required equation.

Director Circle (Locus of the points of intersection of pair of perpendicular tangents)