

11.7 Conics in Polar Coordinates

Note Title

Eccentricity

DEFINITION

The eccentricity of the ellipse $(x^2/a^2) + (y^2/b^2) = 1$ ($a > b$) is

$$e = \frac{c}{a} = \frac{\sqrt{a^2 - b^2}}{a} = \frac{\text{distance between foci}}{\text{distance between vertices}}$$

The eccentricity of the hyperbola $(x^2/a^2) - (y^2/b^2) = 1$ is

$$e = \frac{c}{a} = \frac{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}}{a} = \frac{\text{distance between foci}}{\text{distance between vertices}}$$

The eccentricity of a parabola is $e = 1$.

Thrm: A conic section is

- (a) a parabola if $e = 1$,
- (b) an ellipse of eccentricity e if $e < 1$, and
- (c) a hyperbola of eccentricity e if $e > 1$.

Example 1. Find the eccentricity of the ellipse $4x^2 + 9y^2 = 36$.

Solution: $\frac{x^2}{9} + \frac{y^2}{4} = 1 \Rightarrow a = 3, b = 2$

Hence $c = \sqrt{9 - 4} = \sqrt{5}$.

$\therefore e = c/a = \frac{\sqrt{5}}{3}$ (Note that $e < 1$).

Example 2. Find the eccentricity of the hyperbola $25y^2 - 16x^2 = 400$.

sol: $\frac{y^2}{16} - \frac{x^2}{25} = 1 \Rightarrow a = 4, b = 5$

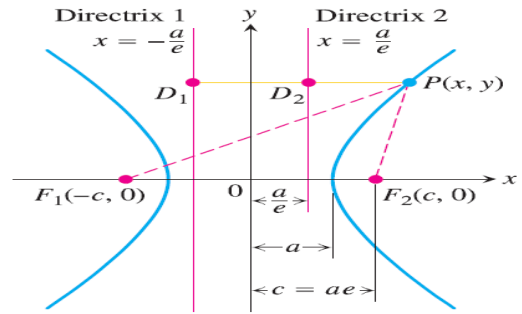
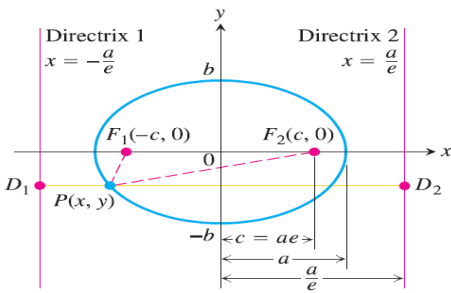
$c = \sqrt{16 + 25} = \sqrt{41} \Rightarrow e = \frac{c}{a} = \frac{\sqrt{41}}{4} (> 1)$

The Focus - Directrix Equation

في البداية افترض انه $P(x, y)$ هي نقطة تقع على قطع مكافئ بؤريه F و دليله D لذا فإنه من تعريف القطع المكافئ نحصل على العلاقة $PF = PD$.
 لاحظ انه $e = 1$ هنا وبالتالي ستكون العلاقة الكتابية صحيحة.

$$PF = e \cdot PD$$

السؤال هل يوجد دليل لكل بؤرة في بقية القطوع (المحزوية) تحقق نفس العلاقة $PF = e \cdot PD$ ؟
 نجد انه كل بؤرة لها دليل ويبعد مسافة $\frac{a}{e}$ من المركز.



في الحقيقة لاحظ انه $PF_1 = e PD_1$ و $PF_2 = e PD_2$ وبالتالي نحصل على النتيجة الكتابية:

لتجميع القطوع (المحزوية) تكون العلاقة الكتابية صحيحة:

$$PF = e \cdot PD$$

حيث e هي eccentricity e هي نقطة على المحزوي D هو دليل و F هي بؤرة هذا الدليل.

Definition. (Directrices)

1. The directrices of an ellipse or a hyperbola with foci on the x -axis and center $(0, 0)$ are

$$x = \pm \frac{a}{e} = \pm \frac{a^2}{c}$$

2. The directrices of an ellipse or a hyperbola with foci on the y -axis and center $(0, 0)$ are

$$y = \pm \frac{a}{e} = \pm \frac{a^2}{c}$$

لا حظ انه المسافة بينه المركز والركن تساوي $\frac{a}{e}$ وبالتالي عند وجود الزوايا
تراجع معادلات الكرنين .

EXAMPLE 1 Find a Cartesian equation for the hyperbola centered at the origin that has
a focus at $(3, 0)$ and the line $x = 1$ as the corresponding directrix.

سأول: 1 حل

Center-to-focus distance $c = 3$

Center-to-vertex distance $a = ??$

Center-to-Directrix distance $\frac{a}{e} = 1$

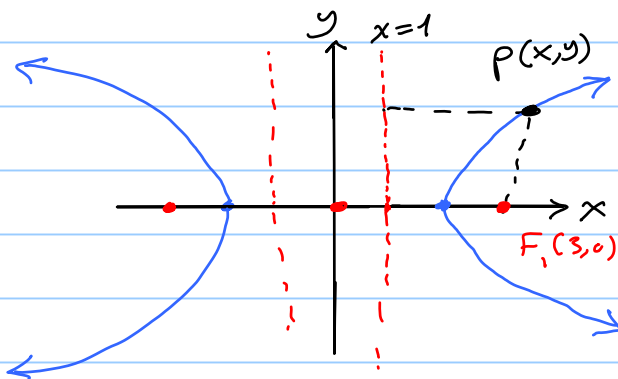
$\Rightarrow a = e$

$\Rightarrow e = \frac{c}{a} \Rightarrow a = \frac{c}{e}$

$\Rightarrow a^2 = c = 3 \Rightarrow a = \sqrt{3}$

$\Rightarrow b^2 = c^2 - a^2 = 9 - 3 = 6$

focal axis: $y = 0$



Equation: $\frac{x^2}{a^2} - \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1 \Rightarrow \boxed{\frac{x^2}{3} - \frac{y^2}{6} = 1}$

2 حل

$c = 3$, $\frac{a}{e} = 1 \Rightarrow a = e$

$e = \frac{c}{a} = \frac{c}{e} \Rightarrow e^2 = c = 3 \Rightarrow e = \sqrt{3}$

افترض انه $P(x,y)$ نقطة على القطع الزائري / لذا فإنه

$$PF_1 = e \cdot PD_1 \Rightarrow \sqrt{(x-3)^2 + y^2} = \sqrt{3} |x-1|$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 - 6x + 9 + y^2 = 3(x^2 - 2x + 1) = 3x^2 - 6x + 3$$

$$2x^2 - y^2 = 6 \Rightarrow \boxed{\frac{x^2}{3} - \frac{y^2}{6} = 1}$$

② Consider the ellipse centered at the origin whose focus is $(-3, 0)$ with corresponding directrix $x = -5$. Find the eccentricity of the ellipse and its standard-form equation.

sol: $c = 3$ and $\frac{a}{e} = 5$. Moreover $e = \frac{c}{a} = \frac{3}{a} \Rightarrow a = \frac{3}{e}$.
 $\Rightarrow 5e = a = \frac{3}{e} \Rightarrow e^2 = \frac{3}{5} \Rightarrow e = \sqrt{\frac{3}{5}}$.

Suppose that $p(x, y)$ is a point on the ellipse. Then $PF = ePD$

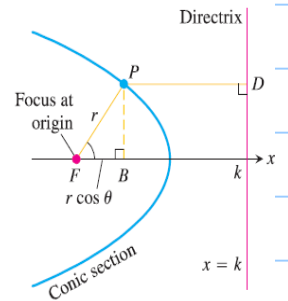
$$(PF)^2 = e^2 (PD)^2 \Rightarrow (x+3)^2 + y^2 = \frac{3}{5} (x+5)^2 \Rightarrow$$

$$5(x^2 + 6x + 9 + y^2) = 3(x^2 + 10x + 25)$$

$$\Rightarrow 2x^2 + 5y^2 = 30. \text{ Therefore } \boxed{\frac{x^2}{15} + \frac{y^2}{6} = 1}$$

Polar Equations

إذا كان لدينا قطع مخروطي (مكافئ أو زائد أو ناقص) وكانت إحدى البؤرتين تقع على نقطة الأصل، فإنه (المعادلة القطبية لهذا القطع المخروطي تأخذ الشكل التالي):



Polar Equation for a Conic with Eccentricity e

$$r = \frac{ke}{1 + e \cos \theta}, \quad \text{--- (*)}$$

where $x = k > 0$ is the vertical directrix.

حيث تكون e هي درجة انحراف المركز e eccentricity ويكون دليل على أنه الموجب لمحور x ومعادلة $x = k$ (انظر الرسمة). وهنا يجب التنويه أنه إذا كان دليل البؤرة التي تقع على نقطة الأصل على المحور x فإنه المعادلة الجبرية لها نفس المعادلة (*) بعد تغيير الإشارة + في المقام إلى - وتأخذ $r = \frac{ke}{1 - e \cos \theta}$. أما إذا كان دليل على المحور y فنقيد θ

في المقام $\sin \theta$ وتأخذ المعادلة الشكل التالي $r = \frac{ke}{1 + e \sin \theta}$.

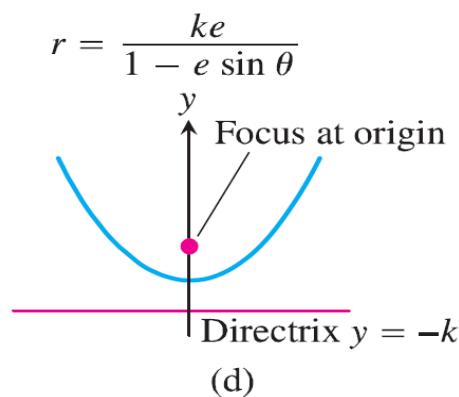
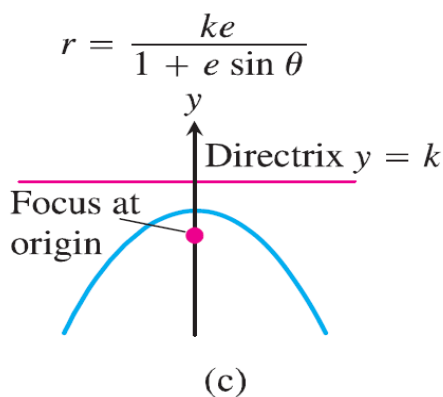
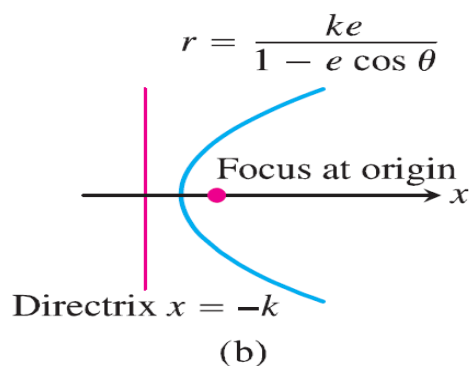
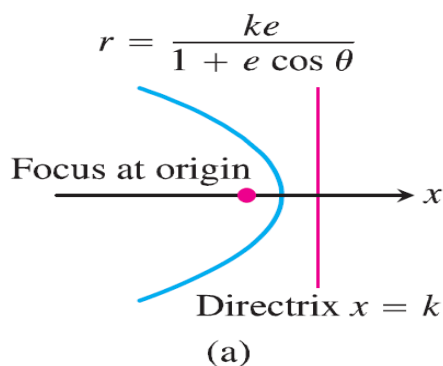


Illustration :

1) $r = \frac{k}{2 + \cos \theta} \Rightarrow e = \frac{1}{2}$ and conic section is ellipse

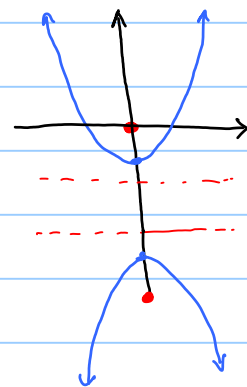
2) $r = \frac{k}{1 + \cos \theta} \Rightarrow e = 1$ and conic section is parabola.

3) $r = \frac{2k}{1 + 2 \cos \theta} \Rightarrow e = 2$ and conic section is hyperbola.

Examples: (1) Find the polar equation of the hyperbola with eccentricity $e = 3$, one focus at the origin and corresponding directrix $y = -2$.

sol: $e = 3$, $k = 2$ and $r = \frac{ke}{1 - e \sin \theta}$

$$\Rightarrow r = \frac{2 * 3}{1 - 3 \sin \theta} = \frac{6}{1 - 3 \sin \theta}$$



Example 2. Sketch the ellipse $r = \frac{4}{2 - \cos \theta}$. Include the directrix corresponding to the focus at the origin, label the vertices and center with appropriate polar coordinates.

sol: $r = \frac{2}{1 - \frac{1}{2} \cos \theta} \Rightarrow e = \frac{1}{2}, \quad ke = 2 \Rightarrow k = 4$

$F_1(0,0), \quad D_1: x = -4$

vertices: at $\theta = 0 \Rightarrow r = 4$ and at $\theta = \pi, r = \frac{4}{3}$

$\therefore V_1(4, 0), \quad V_2(\frac{4}{3}, \pi)$

$2a = 4 + \frac{4}{3} = \frac{16}{3} \Rightarrow a = \frac{8}{3}$

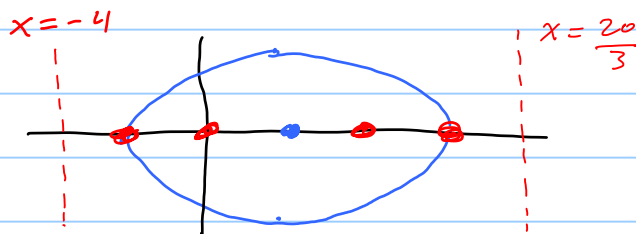
[لاحظ أن a هي نصف البعد a ، وأن $\theta = 0, \pi$ عند الزوايا] (Note that a is half the distance a , and $\theta = 0, \pi$ at the corners)

\therefore Center: $C(0, 4 - \frac{8}{3}) = C(0, \frac{4}{3}) \Rightarrow$

Center-to-focus distance $c = \frac{4}{3} \Rightarrow$ the other focus $F_2(0, \frac{8}{3})$

Finally, center-to-directrix distance $= \frac{4}{3} + 4 = \frac{16}{3} \Rightarrow$ the other

Directrix is $D_2: x = \frac{4}{3} + \frac{16}{3} = \frac{20}{3}$



Example 3: Identify the conic section $r = \frac{5}{2 + 3 \sin \theta}$. Find the directrix corresponding to the focus at the origin. Label the vertices, the center and the other focus. Sketch the conic section.

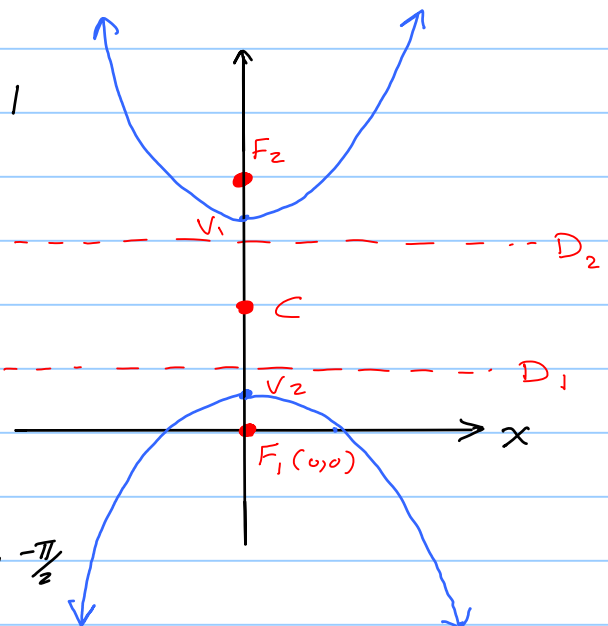
sol: $r = \frac{5/2}{1 + \frac{3}{2} \sin \theta} \Rightarrow e = \frac{3}{2} > 1$

\Rightarrow Conic section is **hyperbola**

$k \cdot e = \frac{5}{2} \Rightarrow k = \frac{5}{2} \times \frac{2}{3} = \frac{5}{3}$

$\therefore F_1(0,0)$ and

corresponding directrix $D_1: y = \frac{5}{3}$



vertices: The vertices are at $\theta = \frac{\pi}{2}, -\frac{\pi}{2}$

at $\theta = \frac{\pi}{2} \Rightarrow r = 1$, and at $\theta = -\frac{\pi}{2}$, $r = -5$, so
 $V_1(1, \frac{\pi}{2})$ and $V_2(-5, -\frac{\pi}{2}) = (5, -\frac{\pi}{2} + \pi) = (5, \frac{\pi}{2})$

$2a = 4$ (مسافة بين $(1, \frac{\pi}{2})$ و $(5, \frac{\pi}{2})$) $\Rightarrow a = 2$

Center: $C(3, \frac{\pi}{2})$ [مسافة المركز $a = 2$ من $(3, \frac{\pi}{2})$ إلى $(1, \frac{\pi}{2})$ و $(5, \frac{\pi}{2})$]

\Rightarrow center-to-focus distance $c = 3$

\Rightarrow The other focus $F_2(6, \frac{\pi}{2})$

Example 4: Find all information about the conic section $r = \frac{3}{2 - 2\sin\theta}$

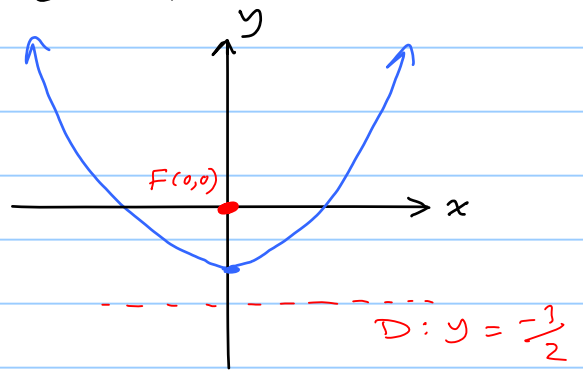
sol: $r = \frac{3/2}{1 - \sin\theta} \Rightarrow e = 1 \therefore$ Parabola.

$k \cdot e = \frac{3}{2} \Rightarrow k = \frac{3}{2} \Rightarrow$

Focus: $F(0,0)$, Directrix: $y = -\frac{3}{2}$

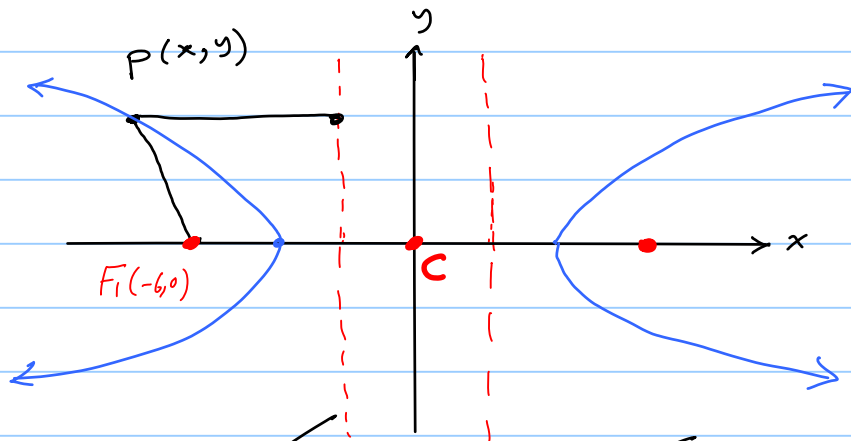
vertex: at $\theta = -\frac{\pi}{2}$, $r = \frac{3}{4}$

$\therefore V(\frac{3}{4}, -\frac{\pi}{2})$



ملاحظه

① Find the standard-form equation for the hyperbola with center at the origin, focus are $(-6, 0)$ and $(6, 0)$ and directrix $x = -2$.



لاحظ في البداية أنه يمكن حل السؤال بأكثر من طريقة / استعمل هنا الحل
 بطريقة مختلفة

1. $C = 6, \frac{a}{e} = 2 \Rightarrow a = 2e$
 $e = \frac{c}{a} = \frac{c}{2e} \Rightarrow c = 2e^2 \Rightarrow c^2 = \frac{c}{2} = 3 \therefore e = \sqrt{3}$

PF₁ = e PD₁ نقطه‌های روی (مقطع/کرنه) $p(x, y)$ بر حسب a و b
 $PF_1^2 = e^2 PD_1^2 \Rightarrow (x+6)^2 + y^2 = 3(x+2)^2$
 $x^2 + 12x + 36 + y^2 = 3x^2 + 12x + 12 \Rightarrow 2x^2 - y^2 = 24$

$\therefore \boxed{\frac{x^2}{12} - \frac{y^2}{24} = 1}$

2. $C = 6, \frac{a}{e} = 2 \Rightarrow e = \frac{a}{2} \Rightarrow a = 2\sqrt{3}$

$b^2 = c^2 - a^2 = 36 - 12 = 24.$

Center (0,0) so no shifting

focal axis: y-axis ($x=0$) \Rightarrow

$\frac{x^2}{a^2} - \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1 \Rightarrow \boxed{\frac{x^2}{12} - \frac{y^2}{24} = 1}$

② Find all information about the following conic section.

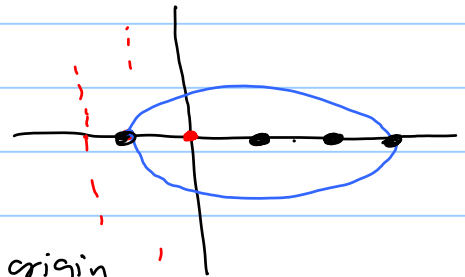
$$r = \frac{25}{10 - 5 \cos \theta}$$

sol: $r = \frac{25/10}{1 - \frac{1}{2} \cos \theta} \Rightarrow e = \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow$ conic section is

ellipse with one focus at origin and focal axis $y=0$

(x-axis). $ke = \frac{25}{10} = \frac{5}{2}$

$\Rightarrow \boxed{k=5}$



Directrix corresponding to focus at origin

4) Sketch the conic section $r = \frac{3}{4 + 4 \cos \theta}$
Find all information.

sol: $r = \frac{3/4}{1 + \cos \theta} \Rightarrow e = 1 \Rightarrow \boxed{\text{Parabola}}$

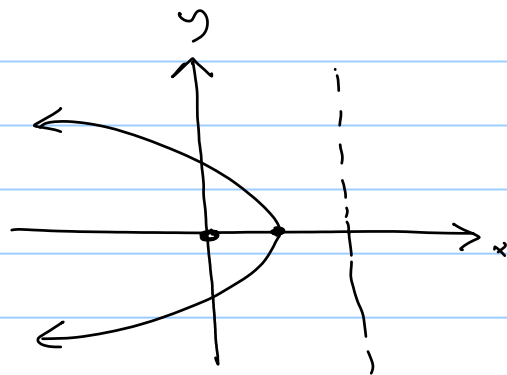
$$k \cdot e = 3/4 \Rightarrow k = 3/4$$

Focus: $F(0,0)$

Directrix: $x = 3/4$

Vertex: At $\theta = 0$, $r = \frac{3}{8}$

$\therefore V(\frac{3}{8}, 0)$



End of chapter 11