

hello everyone

so this is the third lecture on conic sections in lecture one we studied about parabola and then derived the standard equations of parabola and then discussed some properties in the second lecture we discussed about ellipse and learnt the standard equations of ellipse now in this lecture we will study about a third kind of conic sections which is called hyperbola

so let us start with what is in a hyperbola

so the definition is a hyperbola is the set of all points in a plane the difference of whose distances from two fixed points in the plane is a constant and will take the constant to be less than the distance between the two fixed points

so recall that we define ellipse to be the set of all points in a plane the sum of whose distances from two fixed points is a constant here the difference is that we instead of sum of the distances from two fixed points we take the difference of the distances from two fixed points

so just like for ellipse these two the two fixed points are called the foci of the hyperbola also the midpoint the midpoint of the line segment joining the foci is called the center center of the hyperbola and the line the line through the two foci is called the transverse axis of the hyperbola and the line which is perpendicular to transverse axis

so the line perpendicular to the transverse axis and passing through the center is called the conjugate axis of the hyperbola

so let me draw this

so we have two fixed points in the plane let us call them f_1 and f_2

so these are both foci

so this is a focus this is another focus of the hyperbola the midpoint of the line segment joining these two foci is called the center

so this is the center let us say O this is the center of the hyperbola and the line which passes through these two foci this line will be called the transverse axis and the line perpendicular to the transverse axis and passing through the center this is the conjugate axis

so now let us assume that the distance from the center to each of the foci is c

so this distance is c this is c

so let the distance between the two foci that is $f_1 f_2$ is equal to $2c$ this is a positive number

so and let the center be at the origin and the foci lie on the x axis

so we have this is the x axis and we are taking the center to be the origin and foci f_1 and f_2 lie on the x axis

so x axis is the transverse axis and the perpendicular will be y axis which is the conjugate axis and what we have is that the distance between $f_1 f_2$ is $2c$

so these distances are c and c

so therefore the coordinates of $f_1 f_2$ is this is $(-c, 0)$ this is $(c, 0)$

so then f_1 is $(-c, 0)$ f_2 is $(c, 0)$ now we want to trace this hyperbola

so hyperbola is the set of all points such that the difference of the distance from f_1 and f_2 is zero

so let us say there is one point P here then we have $P f_1$ is the larger distance here $P f_2$ is the smaller distance from if ok

so $P f_1 - P f_2$

so if P is any point on the hyperbola then $P f_1 - P f_2$ this is in absolute value equal to constant let us say this constant is equal to $2a$

so then we have in the definition that this constant is less than the distance

between the two foci

so we have $2a$ is less than $2c$

so a is less than c now let us try to find some points on this hyperbola

so suppose there is a point a on this hyperbola

so let a whose coordinate is x comma zero b a point on the hyperbola

so let us draw this again f_1 f_2 this is $-c$ comma zero this is c comma zero

now if we have a point x comma zero

so if x is between 0 and c then we see that this distance lets say this is the point a $a f_1$ minus $a f_2$ this is the difference between the distance of the point a to the foci f_1 and f_2 this we want to be equal to $2a$ now what is $a f_1$ $a f_1$ is this distance is c this is x

so $a f_1$ is equal to c plus x and $a f_2$ is equal to c minus x because this is again c

so $a f_1$ minus $a f_2$ is c plus x minus c minus x which is equal to $2x$ but what we want is that $a f_1$ minus $a f_2$ is equal to $2a$

so $2x$ is equal to $2a$ which implies x is equal to a similarly

so what we get is a comma zero lies on the hyperbola similarly we can see that $-a$ comma zero also lies on the hyperbola also if $|x|$ is greater than c then x comma zero does not lie on the hyperbola this is because if you see if my x comma 0 is here then the distance of this to f_1 minus the distance of this to f_2 is nothing but the distance between f_1 and f_2 .

so this is because if x is greater than c or x is less than $-c$ then the difference of distances from f_1 and f_2 is $|f_1 - f_2|$ which is equal to $2c$ this is not equal to $2a$ right

so if we have f_1 f_2 like this and if we have point a here x comma zero then $a f_1$ minus $a f_2$ is equal to $f_1 - f_2$ similarly if i have a point b here then $b f_2$ minus $b f_1$ is again equal to $f_1 - f_2$

so we have exactly two points on the x axis which lie on the hyperbola

so there are exactly two points on the transverse axis which lie on the hyperbola the coordinates of these two points are $-a$ comma zero and a comma zero

so these two points be called the vertices of the hyperbola

so in the picture we have focus f_1 f_2 lying on the x axis $-c$ zero and c zero and we have these two points let us call them a and b whose coordinates are $-a$ zero and a zero these are the vertices these are called the vertices of the hyperbola now lets find the standard forms of hyperbola

so there are two types one is foci on the x axis and second type is foci on the y axis

so right now we are not discussing the general form we are taking these two forms

so the first form that we have been discussing now we have the transverse axis is x axis and conjugate axis is y axis foci f_1 f_2 this is the center this is $-c$ comma zero f_2 has the coordinate c comma zero let us take p to be any point

so let p x comma y be any point on the hyperbola with x greater than zero

so we are taking the point to lie in the first quadrant or fourth quadrant

so if i have any point p here whose coordinate is x comma y then we have $p f_1$ is the bigger distance $p f_2$ is the smaller distance from these two foci

so then we must have $p f_1$ minus $p f_2$ is equal to constant which is $2a$

so what is $p f_1$ $p f_1$ is the distance of the point x comma y to $-c$ comma zero

so this is $\sqrt{(x+c)^2 + y^2}$ $p f_2$ is $\sqrt{(x-c)^2 + y^2}$

square plus y square square root

so we have square root of $x + c^2 + y^2$ minus square root of $x - c^2 + y^2$ this is equal to constant which is $2a$ now we have to find an equation between x and y

so we write $x + c^2 + y^2$ this will be $2a + \sqrt{x - c^2 + y^2}$ whole square which is equal to $4a^2 + x - c^2 + y^2 + 4a\sqrt{x - c^2 + y^2}$ square plus $x - c^2 + y^2$ this is $x + c^2 + y^2$ here you can cancel y^2 square this implies $4a\sqrt{x - c^2 + y^2} = x - c^2 + y^2 - x + c^2 - y^2$ equal to $x + c^2$ whole square minus $x - c^2$ squared minus $4a^2$ square but $x + c^2$ squared minus $x - c^2$ squared this is equal to $4xc + 4c^2x - 4a^2$ square canceling $4c^2$ from both sides and then squaring we get $a^2(x - c^2 + y^2) = (x + c^2)^2 - (x - c^2)^2 - 4a^2$ times $x - c^2 + y^2$ this is equal to $4cx - 4a^2$ whole square which implies $a^2(x - c^2 + y^2) = 4cx - 4a^2$ square $x^2 + a^2y^2$ this is equal to $c^2x^2 + a^2$ minus $2a^2c$ x

so we have this term cancels and now we can write this because a is smaller than c

so we write this as $c^2x^2 - a^2x^2 - a^2y^2$ this is equal to $a^2c^2 - a^2$ which is equal to $a^2(c^2 - a^2)$

so let's put $c^2 - a^2 = b^2$ then we get $b^2x^2 - a^2y^2 = a^2b^2$ dividing by a^2b^2 we get $x^2/b^2 - y^2/a^2 = 1$

so this is the equation which is satisfied for any point x with x positive

so we see from here that this will imply $x^2/b^2 = 1 + y^2/a^2$

so if we take any y this is always greater than or equal to 1 which implies x^2 is greater than equal to a^2

so this implies x is greater than equal to a for x lying in the positive half plane

so any point on this hyperbola we have these are for $(c, 0)$ and $(-c, 0)$ and we have two vertices $(-a, 0)$ and $(a, 0)$ also from this equation you can see that if y is zero then $x^2 = a^2$

so $(a, 0)$ is a point here and this says that x is always greater than equal to a

so any point will lie on the right of the line $x = a$ this is line $x = a$

so if P is a point here this is (x, y)

so if you trace this you will get something like this also from here you can see that this equation is symmetric about x axis and y axis if (x, y) lies on this then $(x, -y)$ this will also lie

so the graph will look like this similarly you can show that for x negative again we get the same equation like this

so similarly if P is (x, y) with $x < 0$ on the hyperbola then

so now if P is any point here we have $|PF_2| > |PF_1|$

so in this case we will solve for $|PF_2| - |PF_1| = 2a$ and proceeding like in the previous case we get the same equation $x^2/b^2 - y^2/a^2 = 1$ where $b^2 = c^2 - a^2$

so in this case again we have a point here $(-a, 0)$ which lies on the hyperbola and the hyperbola will be like this

so now we get the graph

so the hyperbola $x^2/a^2 - y^2/b^2 = 1$ looks like we have two vertices $(-a, 0)$ and $(a, 0)$ the hyperbola passes through these two vertices it is always for $x > a$ or $x < -a$ and it will be symmetric about the x axis also symmetric about the y axis

so this hyperbola has two branches one is this one for x positive and this is for x negative this is symmetric the hyperbola is symmetric about the transverse axis as well as they conjugate axis now second form of hyperbola is when the foci on the y axis

so this is the second form foci on the y axis

so in this case your x axis y axis foci lies on the y axis

so the coordinates will be zero minus and $0, c$ and now we have this y axis in this case is the transverse axis and this is the conjugate axis and we can see that the graph that we will get is by simply interchanging this x and y axis

so the hyperbola will look like this right and this is the point zero comma a this is zero minus a the equation of the hyperbola with foci on the y axis is given by we replace x and y

so we have $y^2/a^2 - x^2/b^2 = 1$

so this is the hyperbola and you can see that this intersects the y axis at plus minus zero sorry this intersects the y axis at zero plus minus a and this will not intersect the x axis because if you put y equal to zero we get minus $x^2/b^2 = 1$ which does not have any real root also mod y is always greater than equal to a that is y is either greater than equal to a or y is less than equal to minus a

so now just like for an ellipse we will define lattice rectum of hyperbola

so let us look at the hyperbola with transverse axis as x axis these are vertices $(-a, 0)$ and $(a, 0)$ and the focus here is $(c, 0)$ and another focus is at $(-c, 0)$

so what is lattice rectum lattice rectum is the line segment joining two points on this hyperbola such that this passes through one of the foci and is perpendicular to this transverse axis

so so this is like one lattice rectum another will be on the negative x axis like this

so this is line segment passing through through a focus and perpendicular to the transverse axis and having end points on the hyperbola

so we would like to find the length of this lattice rectum

so if i call this point a this point as b then we can see by symmetry that if both has x coordinate as c and if y coordinate is β here then this is minus β

so let a equal to $c - \beta$ and b equal to $c + \beta$ then we want to find the length

so length of the lattice rectum then length of the lattice rectum l is equal to 2β and this is same thing as length of this other lattice rectum by symmetry

so we want to find what is β

so since (c, β) lies on the hyperbola whose equation is $x^2/a^2 - y^2/b^2 = 1$ we get you put x equal to c $c^2/a^2 - \beta^2/b^2 = 1$ this implies $\beta^2/b^2 = c^2/a^2 - 1$ which is $c^2/a^2 - a^2/a^2$ we have called it b^2/a^2

so this is b^2/a^2 this implies β^2 is b^2/a^2 to the four by a^2 square which implies β is b^2/a^2

so length of the lattice rectum l is two times b^2/a^2 this is the same formula as we got for ellipse length of lattice rectum is two b^2/a^2 now

just like for ellipse we define the eccentricity of the hyperbola as e is equal to c by a

so for hyperbola what we see is that a is strictly less than c

so this is greater than one now we will look at a few problems to find the foci vertices eccentricity and length of the lattice rectum for let us look at first hyperbola as x^2 by 16 minus y^2 by nine equal to one and second one is nine y^2 minus four x^2 equal to thirty six

so the first problem if we see we have x^2 by 16 minus y^2 by nine equal to one this is of the form x^2 by a^2 minus y^2 by b^2 equal to one

so this says a is equal to four b is three and foci lie on the x axis

so foci the coordinate is plus minus c comma zero what is c in this case c^2 minus a^2 equal to b^2 this implies c^2 is a^2 plus b^2 which is four square plus three square this is twenty five this implies c is equal to five

so foci are at plus minus five comma zero vertices at plus minus a zero

so this is plus minus four zero eccentricity e is equal to c by a c is five and a is four

so this is five by four and the length of lattice rectum l is equal to two b^2 by a which is equal to two times b is three here

so nine by a is four this is nine by two similarly for the second problem we have nine y^2 minus four x^2 equal to 36

so we write first in the standard form this means y^2 by 4 minus x^2 by 9 is equal to 1 this is of the form y^2 by a^2 minus x^2 by b^2 equal to one with a equal to two and b equal to three

so this form is when the foci lies on the y axis

so therefore foci will lie on the y axis and will have coordinate zero plus minus c what is c c^2 is again a^2 plus b^2 which is two square plus three square four plus nine is thirteen

so c is square root of thirteen

so therefore foci have coordinates zero plus minus square root thirteen

vertices are now on the y axis which coordinate zero plus minus a a is equal to two

so this is zero plus minus two eccentricity e is c by a c is root thirteen divided by a is two and length of lattice rectum l is two b^2 by a that is two times b is three here three square by a is two

so this is equal to nine ok

so we will end the this lecture here in the next lecture we will discuss some more problems on hyperbola and then we will discuss some more advanced topics on parabola ellipse and hyperbola thank you you