

To: Professors of Math 3023

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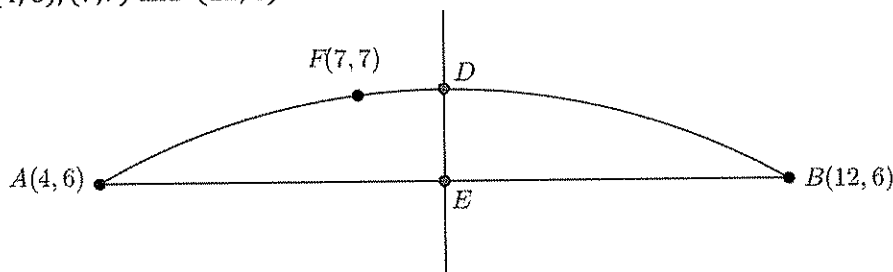
**The students are Responsible for the Following Topics and Procedures**

1) **Lines**

- a) The student must be able to determine a line  $l(x)$  given various conditions:
  - i. Two points of  $l(x)$
  - ii. Slope and a point of  $l(x)$
  - iii. Slope and either the  $x$ -intercept or  $y$ -intercept of  $l(x)$
  - iv. Parallel line  $l_{\parallel}(x)$  and a point of  $l(x)$
  - v. Perpendicular line  $l_{\perp}(x)$  and a point of  $l(x)$
- b) The student must be familiar with the general form of a line
 
$$Ax + By = C, A \neq 0 \vee B \neq 0$$

2) **Circles**

- a) The student must know the definition of a circle as a locus of points
- b) The student must know the general equation of a circle
 
$$x^2 + y^2 + Ax + By + C = 0$$
- c) The student must know the standard form of a circle so as to determine its center and radius.
 
$$(x - h)^2 + (y - k)^2 = r^2$$
- d) The student must be able to place b) in standard form c) by completing the square, for given values of  $A$  and  $B$ . Exercises: Place in standard form:
  - i.  $x^2 + y^2 - 3x - 9y + 25 = 0$
  - ii.  $x^2 + y^2 + y + 3 = 0$
- e) The student must be able to determine the equation of a circle in standard form given three points, in which one of the points is  $(0, 0)$  or two of the points have the same ordinate. Example of the latter: Determine the circle passing through the points  $(4, 6)$ ,  $(7, 7)$  and  $(12, 6)$ .



The center must lie on the perpendicular bisector of the segment  $\overline{AB}$ . Therefore, the center is  $C(8, k)$ ,  $k$  to be determined as follows. We have then

$$r = \text{dist}(A, C) = \text{dist}(F, C)$$

Hence,  $= \sqrt{(4 - 8)^2 + (6 - k)^2} = \sqrt{(7 - 8)^2 + (7 - k)^2}$ . Solving, we get  $k = -1$ .

Finally, the center is  $C(8, -1)$  and the radius  $r = \sqrt{65}$ . Therefore, the equation of the circle is

$$(x - 8)^2 + (y - (-1))^2 = 65$$

Exercises: Determine the circle that passes through the following points:

- i. (3, 2), (0, 0), and (5, 3)
  - ii. (-1, 2), (-1, 6), and (-9, 6)
- f) The student must understand the relationship between circles and their tangent lines under various conditions:
- i. Determine the tangent line to a given circle through a given point on the circle
  - ii. Determine the circle whose center is on the line  $y = 2x$  and is tangent to the  $x$ -axis at (3, 0)

### 3) Parabolas

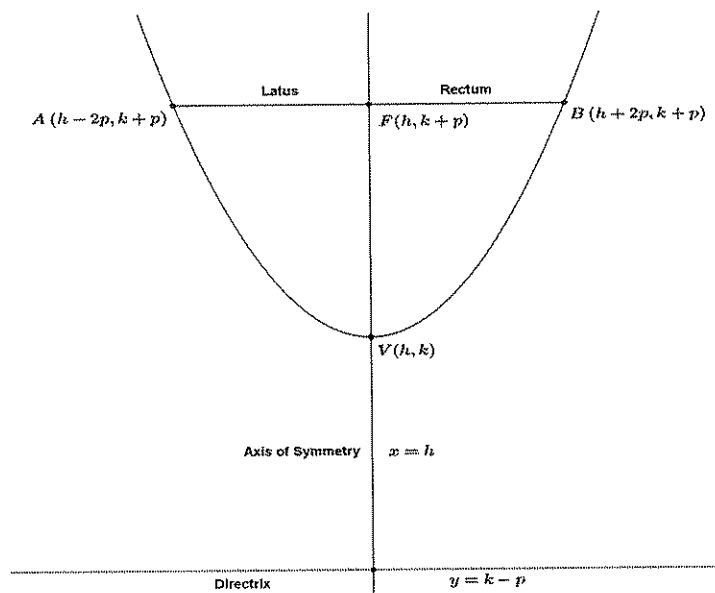
- a) The student must know the definition of a parabola as a locus of points
- b) The student must know the standard forms of a parabola and corresponding orientation of its graph.

- i.  $(y - k) = \frac{(x-h)^2}{4p}$ , opens  $\uparrow$
- ii.  $(y - k) = -\frac{(x-h)^2}{4p}$ , opens  $\downarrow$
- iii.  $(x - h) = \frac{(y-k)^2}{4p}$ , opens  $\rightarrow$
- iv.  $(x - h) = -\frac{(y-k)^2}{4p}$ , opens  $\leftarrow$

- c) The student must know how to complete the square in order to realize the standard form of a parabola
- d) The student must know how to extract the parameters from the standard form of a parabola in order to make an accurate sketch of the parabola. For example, if given

$$(y - k) = \frac{(x-h)^2}{4p}$$

then



e) Applications of the Parabola

1. Finding Maxima and Minima

- a. Find the dimensions of the rectangle that is inscribed in a right triangle with legs of length 3 and 5 and has the greatest area. Also find that area
- b. Find two real numbers whose difference is 36 and whose product is a minimum.

2. Finding Tangent Lines.

- a. Example: If  $y = f(x) = x^2$ , find the tangent line to  $f(x)$  at the point  $P(x_0, x_0^2)$ . Consider our parabola in two different situations as shown in Figure 1 and Figure 2 below

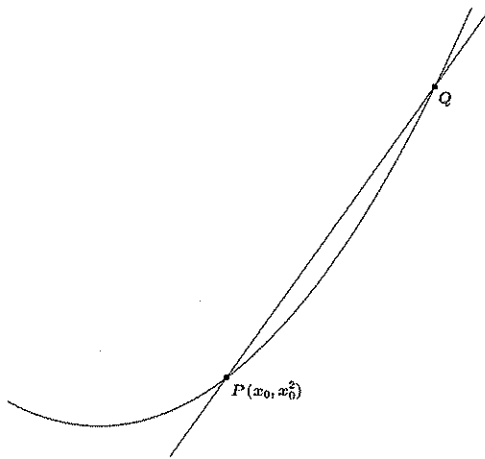


Figure 1

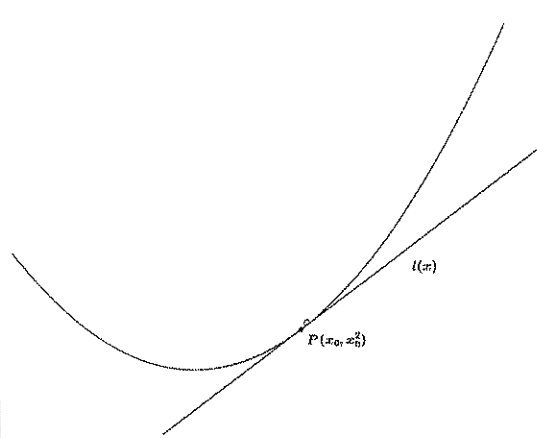


Figure 2

**Basic Idea:** In Figure 1, a non-tangent line through  $P$  will intersect our parabola in another point  $Q$ , while, in Figure 2, the tangent line through  $P$  only intersects our parabola in  $P$ . This means that if we use the quadratic equation to solve for the points of intersection of  $l(x)$  and  $f(x)$ , the discriminant must be zero. This will determine the slope of the tangent line we seek. Thus,

$$f(x) = l(x)$$

$$x^2 = m(x - x_0) + x_0^2$$

$$x^2 - mx + (mx_0 - x_0^2) = 0$$

$$x_0 = x = \frac{-(-m) \pm \sqrt{D}}{2} = \frac{m}{2} \Rightarrow m = 2x_0$$

Our tangent line is then

$$l(x) = 2x_0(x - x_0) + x_0^2.$$

b. Exercises. Find the tangent lines to the following parabolas through the indicated points.

- i.  $y = x^2 + 2x$  at  $(1,3)$
- ii.  $y = 3x^2 - x$  at  $(2,10)$

#### 4) Functions

- a) The student must know the definition of a function
- b) The student must know how to determine the domain and range of a function
- c) The student must know how to work with piecewise defined functions
- d) The student must know how to graph functions such as linear, quadratic and their piecewise combinations.

#### 5) Combing Functions

- a) The student must know how to work with the algebra of functions:
  - i. Sum and Difference:  $f \pm g$
  - ii. Scalar Multiple:  $af$
  - iii. Product:  $f \cdot g$
  - iv. Reciprocal:  $\frac{1}{g}$
  - v. Quotient:  $\frac{f}{g}$
  - vi. Power:  $(f)^n$
  - vii. Root:  $\sqrt[n]{f}$
- b) The student must know how to work with the composition of functions:
  - i.  $f \circ g$
  - ii.  $g \circ f$
  - iii. Exercises. If  $f(x) = \sqrt{x+5}$  and  $g(x) = (x-2)^2 - 7$ , determine
    1.  $f \circ g$  and its domain
    2.  $g \circ f$  and its domain

#### 6) Average Rate of Change

- a) The student must know how to compute and simplify  $\frac{f(x+h)-f(x)}{h}$
- b) The student must know how to interpret  $\frac{f(x+h)-f(x)}{h}$  in verbal problems

#### 7) Transformations of Functions

- a) The student must know the basic transformations:
  - i. Scale Change:  $S_s(x) = s \cdot x$ , includes both horizontal and vertical
  - ii. Translation:  $T_t(x) = x + t$ , includes both horizontal and vertical
  - iii. Reflection:  $R(x) = -x$ , includes both horizontal and vertical
- b) The student must know how to express the transformation of a function  $f$  as a composition using the basic transformations. Example: Express  $g(x) = 3f(2x)$  as a composition of  $f$  and the basic transformations:  $g(x) = (S_3 \circ f \circ S_2)(x)$
- c) Exercises: Express as a composition:
  - i.  $g(x) = -f(x-3)$
  - ii.  $g(x) = f(-x) - 3$

iii.  $g(x) = 3f(-2x + 5) + 7$

- d) The student must be able to sketch the transformation of a given function in the same system of coordinates as the original function

**8) Testing for Symmetry**

- a) The student must know how to determine if a given function  $f$  is symmetric with respect to the  $y$  – axis by applying the test  $f(-x) = f(x)$
- b) The student must know how to determine if a given function  $f$  is symmetric with respect to the origin by applying the test  $f(-x) = -f(x)$