

Conic section

	Description	Parabola	Ellipse	Hyperbola
1	Standard equation	$y^2 = 4ax$	$\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1$	$\frac{x^2}{a^2} - \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1$
2	Parametric representation	$\begin{cases} x = at^2 \\ y = 2at \end{cases}$ <p>where $-\infty < t < \infty$</p>	$\begin{cases} x = a \cos \theta \\ y = b \sin \theta \end{cases}$ <p>where $0 \leq \theta < 2\pi$</p>	$\begin{cases} x = a \sec \theta \\ y = b \tan \theta \end{cases}$ <p>where $0 \leq \theta < 2\pi$</p>
3	Eccentricity	$e = 1$	$0 < e = \frac{\sqrt{a^2 - b^2}}{a} < 1$	$e = \frac{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}}{a} > 1$
4	Focus	$(a, 0)$	$(\pm \sqrt{a^2 - b^2}, 0) = (\pm ae, 0)$	$(\pm \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}, 0) = (\pm ae, 0)$
5	Vertices	$(0, 0)$	$(\pm a, 0), (0, \pm b)$	$(\pm a, 0)$
6	Directrix	$x + a = 0$	$x \pm \frac{a}{e} = 0$	$x \pm \frac{a}{e} = 0$
7	Length of latus rectum	$4a$	$\frac{2b^2}{a}$	$\frac{2b^2}{a}$
8	Diameter (m denotes the slope of the parallel chords)	$y = \frac{2a}{m}$	$y = -\frac{b^2}{a^2 m} x$	$y = \frac{b^2}{a^2 m} x$
9	Relation between slopes of two conjugate diameters		$mm' = -\frac{b^2}{a^2}$	$mm' = \frac{b^2}{a^2}$
10	Chord having mid-point (x_0, y_0)	$2ax - y_0 y - 2ax_0 + y^2 = 0$	$\frac{x_0 x}{a^2} + \frac{y_0 y}{b^2} = \frac{x_0^2}{a^2} + \frac{y_0^2}{b^2}$	$\frac{x_0 x}{a^2} - \frac{y_0 y}{b^2} = \frac{x_0^2}{a^2} - \frac{y_0^2}{b^2}$
11	Tangent at a point on the curve	$y_1 y = 2a(x_1 + x)$	$\frac{x_1 x}{a^2} + \frac{y_1 y}{b^2} = 1$	$\frac{x_1 x}{a^2} - \frac{y_1 y}{b^2} = 1$
		$x - ty + at^2 = 0$	$\frac{x \cos \theta}{a} + \frac{y \sin \theta}{b} = 1$	$\frac{x \cos \theta}{a} - \frac{y \sin \theta}{b} = 1$
12	Normal at a point on the curve	$y - y_1 = -\frac{y_1}{2a}(x - x_1)$	$\frac{a^2 x}{x_1} - \frac{b^2 y}{y_1} = a^2 - b^2$	$\frac{a^2 x}{x_1} + \frac{b^2 y}{y_1} = a^2 + b^2$
		$tx + y = 2at + at^3$	$\frac{ax}{\cos \theta} - \frac{by}{\sin \theta} = a^2 - b^2$	$\frac{ax}{\sec \theta} + \frac{by}{\tan \theta} = a^2 + b^2$

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13	Tangent with slope m	$y = mx + \frac{a}{m}$	$y = mx \pm \sqrt{a^2 m^2 + b^2}$	$y = mx \pm \sqrt{a^2 m^2 - b^2}$
14	Chord joining two points on the curve	$4ax - (y_1 + y_2)y + y_1 y_2 = 0$	$\frac{x}{a^2}(x_1 + x_2) + \frac{y}{b^2}(y_1 + y_2)$ $= \frac{x_1 x_2}{a^2} + \frac{y_1 y_2}{b^2} + 1$	$\frac{x}{a^2}(x_1 + x_2) - \frac{y}{b^2}(y_1 + y_2)$ $= \frac{x_1 x_2}{a^2} - \frac{y_1 y_2}{b^2} + 1$
		$2x - (t_1 + t_2)y + 2at_1 t_2 = 0$	$\frac{x}{a} \cos \frac{\theta + \phi}{2} + \frac{y}{b} \sin \frac{\theta + \phi}{2}$ $= \cos \frac{\theta - \phi}{2}$	$\frac{x}{a} \cos \frac{\theta - \phi}{2} + \frac{y}{b} \sin \frac{\theta + \phi}{2}$ $= \cos \frac{\theta + \phi}{2}$
15	Condition for $lx + my + n = 0$ to be a tangent	$am^2 = ln$	$a^2 l^2 + b^2 m^2 = n^2$	$a^2 l^2 - b^2 m^2 = n^2$
16	Pair of tangents from a point $P(x_1, y_1)$	$(y_1^2 - 4ax_1)(y^2 - 4ax)$ $= [y_1 y - 2a(x_1 + x)]^2$	$\left(\frac{x_1^2}{a^2} + \frac{y_1^2}{b^2} - 1 \right) \left(\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} - 1 \right)$ $= \left(\frac{x_1 x}{a^2} + \frac{y_1 y}{b^2} - 1 \right)^2$	$\left(\frac{x_1^2}{a^2} - \frac{y_1^2}{b^2} - 1 \right) \left(\frac{x^2}{a^2} - \frac{y^2}{b^2} - 1 \right)$ $= \left(\frac{x_1 x}{a^2} - \frac{y_1 y}{b^2} - 1 \right)^2$
17	Chord of contact of tangents from $P(x_1, y_1)$	$y_1 y = 2a(x_1 + x)$	$\frac{x_1 x}{a^2} + \frac{y_1 y}{b^2} = 1$	$\frac{x_1 x}{a^2} - \frac{y_1 y}{b^2} = 1$
18	Asymptote			$bx \pm ay = 0$
19	Condition for concyclic points	$t_1 + t_2 + t_3 + t_4 = 0$	$\theta_1 + \theta_2 + \theta_3 + \theta_4 = 2n\pi$ <p>where n is an integer.</p>	
20	Condition for conormal points	$t_1 + t_2 + t_3 = 0$	$\theta_1 + \theta_2 + \theta_3 + \theta_4 = (2n+1)\pi$ <p>where n is an integer.</p>	$\theta_1 + \theta_2 + \theta_3 + \theta_4 = (2n+1)\pi$ <p>where n is an integer.</p>