

ELLIPSE

1. Let T_1 and T_2 be two distinct common tangents to the ellipse $E : \frac{x^2}{6} + \frac{y^2}{3} = 1$ and the parabola $P : y^2 = 12x$. Suppose that the tangent T_1 touches P and E at the point A_1 and A_2 , respectively and the tangent T_2 touches P and E at the points A_4 and A_3 , respectively. Then which of the following statements is(are) true? **[JEE(Advanced) 2023]**
- (A) The area of the quadrilateral $A_1A_2A_3A_4$ is 35 square units
 (B) The area of the quadrilateral $A_1A_2A_3A_4$ is 36 square units
 (C) The tangents T_1 and T_2 meet the x-axis at the point $(-3, 0)$
 (D) The tangents T_1 and T_2 meet the x-axis at the point $(-6, 0)$

2. Consider the ellipse

$$\frac{x^2}{4} + \frac{y^2}{3} = 1.$$

Let $H(\alpha, 0)$, $0 < \alpha < 2$, be a point. A straight line drawn through H parallel to the y-axis crosses the ellipse and its auxiliary circle at points E and F respectively, in the first quadrant. The tangent to the ellipse at the point E intersects the positive x-axis at a point G . Suppose the straight line joining F and the origin makes an angle ϕ with the positive x-axis.

List-I		List-II	
(I)	If $\phi = \frac{\pi}{4}$, then the area of the triangle FGH is	(P)	$\frac{(\sqrt{3}-1)^4}{8}$
(II)	If $\phi = \frac{\pi}{3}$, then the area of the triangle FGH is	(Q)	1
(III)	If $\phi = \frac{\pi}{6}$, then the area of the triangle FGH is	(R)	$\frac{3}{4}$
(IV)	If $\phi = \frac{\pi}{12}$, then the area of the triangle FGH is	(S)	$\frac{1}{2\sqrt{3}}$
		(T)	$\frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2}$

The correct option is:

[JEE(Advanced) 2022]

- (A) (I) \rightarrow (R); (II) \rightarrow (S); (III) \rightarrow (Q); (IV) \rightarrow (P)
 (B) (I) \rightarrow (R); (II) \rightarrow (T); (III) \rightarrow (S); (IV) \rightarrow (P)
 (C) (I) \rightarrow (Q); (II) \rightarrow (T); (III) \rightarrow (S); (IV) \rightarrow (P)
 (D) (I) \rightarrow (Q); (II) \rightarrow (S); (III) \rightarrow (Q); (IV) \rightarrow (P)
3. Let E be the ellipse $\frac{x^2}{16} + \frac{y^2}{9} = 1$. For any three distinct points P , Q and Q' on E , let $M(P, Q)$ be the mid-point of the line segment joining P and Q , and $M(P, Q')$ be the mid-point of the line segment joining P and Q' . Then the maximum possible value of the distance between $M(P, Q)$ and $M(P, Q')$, as P , Q and Q' vary on E , is _____. **[JEE(Advanced) 2021]**

4. Let a , b and λ be positive real numbers. Suppose P is an end point of the latus rectum of the parabola $y^2 = 4\lambda x$, and suppose the ellipse $\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1$ passes through the point P . If the tangents to the parabola and the ellipse at the point P are perpendicular to each other, then the eccentricity of the ellipse is

[JEE(Advanced) 2020]

- (A) $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ (B) $\frac{1}{2}$ (C) $\frac{1}{3}$ (D) $\frac{2}{5}$

5. Define the collections $\{E_1, E_2, E_3, \dots\}$ of ellipses and $\{R_1, R_2, R_3, \dots\}$ of rectangles as follows :

$$E_1 : \frac{x^2}{9} + \frac{y^2}{4} = 1 ;$$

R_1 : rectangle of largest area, with sides parallel to the axes, inscribed in E_1 ;

$$E_n : \text{ellipse } \frac{x^2}{a_n^2} + \frac{y^2}{b_n^2} = 1 \text{ of largest area inscribed in } R_{n-1}, n > 1 ;$$

R_n : rectangle of largest area, with sides parallel to the axes, inscribed in $E_n, n > 1$.

Then which of the following options is/are correct ?

[JEE(Advanced) 2019]

(A) The eccentricities of E_{18} and E_{19} are NOT equal

(B) The distance of a focus from the centre in E_9 is $\frac{\sqrt{5}}{32}$

(C) The length of latus rectum of E_9 is $\frac{1}{6}$

(D) $\sum_{n=1}^N (\text{area of } R_n) < 24$, for each positive integer N

6. Consider two straight lines, each of which is tangent to both the circle $x^2 + y^2 = \frac{1}{2}$ and the parabola $y^2 = 4x$. Let these lines intersect at the point Q . Consider the ellipse whose center is at the origin $O(0, 0)$ and whose semi-major axis is OQ . If the length of the minor axis of this ellipse is $\sqrt{2}$, then which of the following statement(s) is (are) TRUE ?

[JEE(Advanced) 2018]

(A) For the ellipse, the eccentricity is $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ and the length of the latus rectum is 1

(B) For the ellipse, the eccentricity is $\frac{1}{2}$ and the length of the latus rectum is $\frac{1}{2}$

(C) The area of the region bounded by the ellipse between the lines $x = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ and $x = 1$ is $\frac{1}{4\sqrt{2}}(\pi - 2)$

(D) The area of the region bounded by the ellipse between the lines $x = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ and $x = 1$ is $\frac{1}{16}(\pi - 2)$

Paragraph for Question No. 7 and 8

Let $F_1(x_1, 0)$ and $F_2(x_2, 0)$ for $x_1 < 0$ and $x_2 > 0$, be the foci of the ellipse $\frac{x^2}{9} + \frac{y^2}{8} = 1$. Suppose a parabola having vertex at the origin and focus at F_2 intersects the ellipse at point M in the first quadrant and at point N in the fourth quadrant.

7. The orthocentre of the triangle F_1MN is- **[JEE(Advanced) 2016]**

- (A) $\left(-\frac{9}{10}, 0\right)$ (B) $\left(\frac{2}{3}, 0\right)$ (C) $\left(\frac{9}{10}, 0\right)$ (D) $\left(\frac{2}{3}, \sqrt{6}\right)$

8. If the tangents to the ellipse at M and N meet at R and the normal to the parabola at M meets the x-axis at Q, then the ratio of area of the triangle MQR to area of the quadrilateral MF_1NF_2 is-

[JEE(Advanced) 2016]

- (A) 3 : 4 (B) 4 : 5 (C) 5 : 8 (D) 2 : 3

9. Suppose that the foci of the ellipse $\frac{x^2}{9} + \frac{y^2}{5} = 1$ are $(f_1, 0)$ and $(f_2, 0)$ where $f_1 > 0$ and $f_2 < 0$. Let P_1 and P_2

be two parabolas with a common vertex at $(0, 0)$ and with foci at $(f_1, 0)$ and $(2f_2, 0)$, respectively. Let T_1 be a tangent to P_1 which passes through $(2f_2, 0)$ and T_2 be a tangent to P_2 which passes through $(f_1, 0)$. If m_1 is

the slope of T_1 and m_2 is the slope of T_2 , then the value of $\left(\frac{1}{m_1^2} + m_2^2\right)$ is **[JEE(Advanced) 2015]**

10. Let E_1 and E_2 be two ellipses whose centers are at the origin. The major axes of E_1 and E_2 lie along the x-axis and the y-axis, respectively. Let S be the circle $x^2 + (y - 1)^2 = 2$. The straight line

$x + y = 3$ touches the curves S, E_1 and E_2 at P, Q and R, respectively. Suppose that $PQ = PR = \frac{2\sqrt{2}}{3}$. If

e_1 and e_2 are the eccentricities of E_1 and E_2 , respectively, then the correct expression(s) is(are)

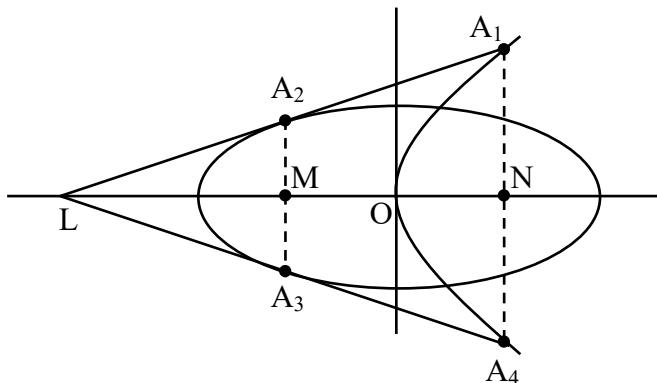
[JEE(Advanced) 2015]

- (A) $e_1^2 + e_2^2 = \frac{43}{40}$ (B) $e_1 e_2 = \frac{\sqrt{7}}{2\sqrt{10}}$ (C) $|e_1^2 - e_2^2| = \frac{5}{8}$ (D) $e_1 e_2 = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4}$

SOLUTIONS

1. **Ans. (A, C)**

Sol



$$y = mx + \frac{3}{m}$$

$$C^2 = a^2m^2 + b^2$$

$$\frac{9}{m^2} = 6m^2 + 3 \quad \Rightarrow m^2 = 1$$

T_1 & T_2

$$y = x + 3, y = -x - 3$$

Cuts x-axis at $(-3, 0)$

$$A_1(3, 6)$$

$$A_4(3, -6)$$

$$A_2(-2, 1)$$

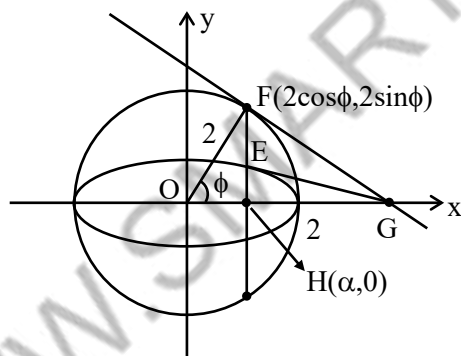
$$A_3(-2, -1)$$

$$A_1A_4 = 12, A_2A_3 = 2, MN = 5$$

$$\text{Area} = \frac{1}{2}(12+2) \times 5 = 35 \text{sq.unit}$$

2. **Ans. (C)**

Sol.



Let $F(2\cos\phi, 2\sin\phi)$

& $E(2\cos\phi, \sqrt{3}\sin\phi)$

$$EG : \frac{x}{2}\cos\phi + \frac{y}{\sqrt{3}}\sin\phi = 1$$

$$\therefore G\left(\frac{2}{\cos\phi}, 0\right) \text{ and } \alpha = 2\cos\phi$$

$$\text{ar}(\Delta FGH) = \frac{1}{2} HG \times FH$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{2}{\cos\phi} - 2\cos\phi \right) \times 2\sin\phi$$

$$f(\phi) = 2\tan\phi\sin^2\phi$$

$$\therefore \text{(I)} f\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) = 1 \quad \text{(II)} f\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right) = \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

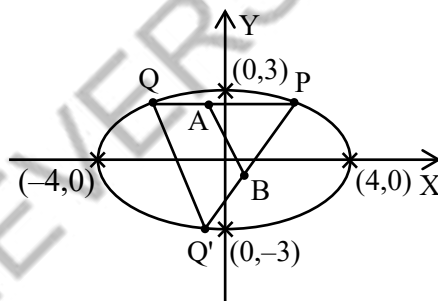
$$\text{(III)} f\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right) = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{3}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(IV)} f\left(\frac{\pi}{12}\right) &= 2(2-\sqrt{3}) \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}-1}{2\sqrt{2}} \right)^2 \\ &= (4-2\sqrt{3}) \frac{(\sqrt{3}-1)^2}{8} = \frac{(\sqrt{3}-1)^4}{8} \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore \text{(I)} \rightarrow \text{(Q)} ; \text{(II)} \rightarrow \text{(T)} ; \text{(III)} \rightarrow \text{(S)} ; \text{(IV)} \rightarrow \text{(P)}$

3. **Ans. (4)**

Sol.



A and B be midpoints of segment PQ and P'Q' respectively

AB = distance between M(P, Q) and

$$M(P, Q') = \frac{1}{2} \cdot QQ'$$

Since, Q, Q' must be on E, so, maximum of QQ' = 8

$$\therefore \text{Maximum of } AB = \frac{8}{2} = 4$$

4. **Ans. (A)**

Sol. $y^2 = 4\lambda x, P(\lambda, 2\lambda)$

Slope of the tangent to the parabola at point P

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{4\lambda}{2y} = \frac{4\lambda}{2 \times 2\lambda} = 1$$

Slope of the tangent to the ellipse at P

$$\frac{2x}{a^2} + \frac{2yy'}{b^2} = 0$$

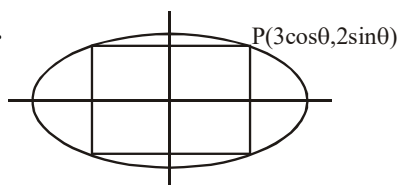
As tangents are perpendicular $y' = -1$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{2\lambda}{a^2} - \frac{4\lambda}{b^2} = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{a^2}{b^2} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow e = \sqrt{1 - \frac{1}{2}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

5. Ans. (C, D)

Sol.



Area of $R_1 = 3\sin 2\theta$; for this to be maximum

$$\Rightarrow \theta = \frac{\pi}{4} \Rightarrow \left(\frac{3}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{2}{\sqrt{2}} \right)$$

Hence for subsequent areas of rectangles R_n to be maximum the coordinates will be in GP with common ratio

$$r = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \Rightarrow a_n = \frac{3}{(\sqrt{2})^{n-1}}; b_n = \frac{2}{(\sqrt{2})^{n-1}}$$

Eccentricity of all the ellipses will be same

Distance of a focus from the centre in $E_9 = a_9 e_9$

$$= \sqrt{a_9^2 - b_9^2} = \frac{\sqrt{5}}{16}$$

$$\text{Length of latus rectum of } E_9 = \frac{2b_9^2}{a_9} = \frac{1}{6}$$

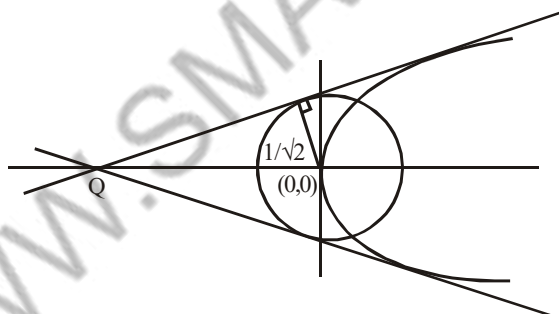
$$\therefore \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \text{Area of } R_n = 12 + \frac{12}{2} + \frac{12}{4} + \dots = 24$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{n=1}^N (\text{area of } R_n) < 24,$$

for each positive integer N

6. Ans. (A, C)

Sol.



Let equation of common tangent is

$$y = mx + \frac{1}{m}$$

$$\therefore \left| \frac{0 + 0 + \frac{1}{m}}{\sqrt{1 + m^2}} \right| = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\Rightarrow m^4 + m^2 - 2 = 0 \Rightarrow m = \pm 1$$

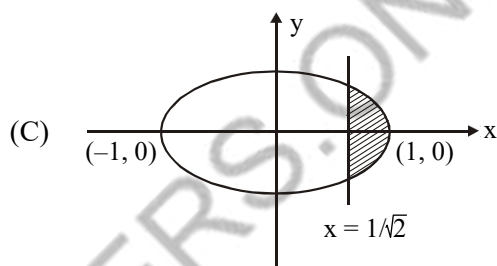
Equation of common tangents are $y = x + 1$ and

$$y = -x - 1$$

point Q is $(-1, 0)$

$$\therefore \text{Equation of ellipse is } \frac{x^2}{1} + \frac{y^2}{1/2} = 1$$

$$(A) \quad e = \sqrt{1 - \frac{1}{2}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \text{ and LR} = \frac{2b^2}{a} = 1$$



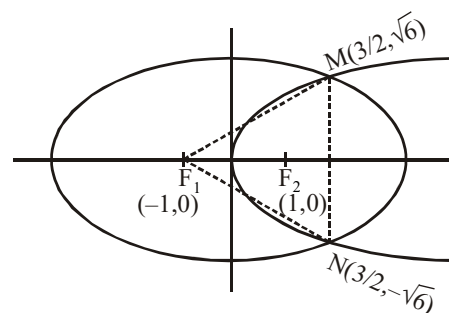
$$\text{Area} = 2 \int_{1/\sqrt{2}}^1 \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \cdot \sqrt{1-x^2} dx$$

$$= \sqrt{2} \left[\frac{x}{2} \sqrt{1-x^2} + \frac{1}{2} \sin^{-1} x \right]_{1/\sqrt{2}}^1$$

$$= \sqrt{2} \left[\frac{\pi}{4} - \left(\frac{1}{4} + \frac{\pi}{8} \right) \right] = \sqrt{2} \left(\frac{\pi}{8} - \frac{1}{4} \right) = \frac{\pi - 2}{4\sqrt{2}}$$

7. Ans. (A)

Sol.



Orthocentre lies on x-axis

Equation of altitude through M :

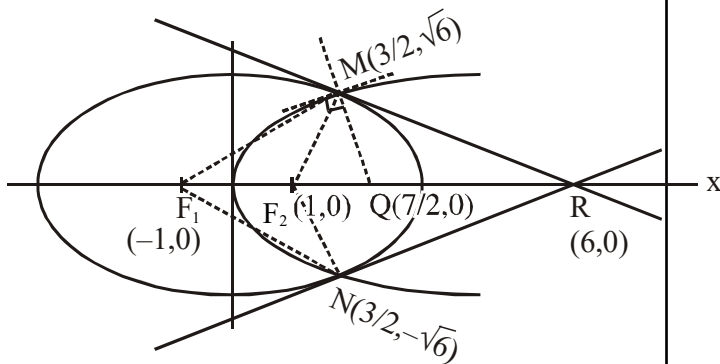
$$y - \sqrt{6} = \frac{5}{2\sqrt{6}} \left(x - \frac{3}{2} \right)$$

Equation of altitude through F_1 : $y = 0$

solving, we get orthocentre $\left(-\frac{9}{10}, 0 \right)$

8. Ans. (C)

Sol.



Normal to parabola at M :

$$y - \sqrt{6} = -\frac{\sqrt{6}}{2.1} \left(x - \frac{3}{2} \right)$$

Solving it with $y = 0$, we get $Q \equiv \left(\frac{7}{2}, 0 \right)$

Tangent to ellipse at M : $\frac{x \cdot \frac{3}{2}}{9} + \frac{y(\sqrt{6})}{8} = 1$

Solving it with $y = 0$, we get $R \equiv (6, 0)$

\therefore Area of triangle MQR

$$= \frac{1}{2} \cdot \left(6 - \frac{7}{2} \right) \cdot \sqrt{6} = \frac{5\sqrt{6}}{4}$$

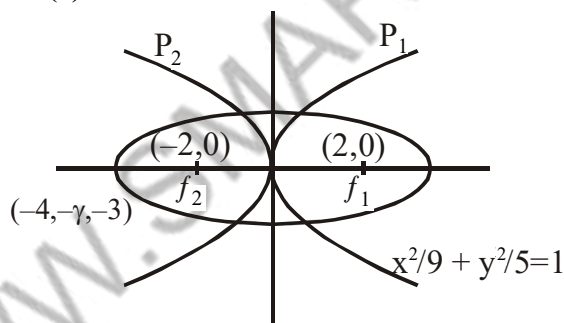
Area of quadrilateral MF_1NF_2

$$= 2 \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot (1 - (-1)) \cdot \sqrt{6} = 2\sqrt{6}$$

Required ratio = 5 : 8

9. Ans. (4)

Sol.



$\therefore P_1$ is $y^2 = 8x$

P_2 is $y^2 = -16x$

Let equation of tangent at $(2t^2, 4t)$

$$\therefore y = m_1x + \frac{2}{m_1}$$

If passes through $(-4, 0)$

$$\therefore -4m_1 + \frac{2}{m_1} = 0$$

$$\therefore m_1^2 = \frac{1}{2}$$

equation of tangent to P_2

$$y = m_2x + \frac{(-4)}{m_2}$$

It passes through $(2, 0)$, $2m_2 - \frac{4}{m_2} = 0$

$$\Rightarrow m_2^2 = 2$$

$$\therefore \frac{1}{m_1^2} + m_2^2 = 4$$

10. Ans. (A, B)

Sol. Let $E_1 : \frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1$ ($a > b$)

& $E_2 : \frac{x^2}{c^2} + \frac{y^2}{d^2} = 1$ ($c < d$)

& $S : x^2 + (y - 1)^2 = 2$

& tangent to E_1, E_2 & S is $x + y = 3$

Now, point of contact of S & tangent is (x_1, y_1)

Let $x = X$ & $y - 1 = Y$

$$\therefore X^2 + Y^2 = 2$$

& $X + Y = 2$

Let (X_1, Y_1) be point of contact.

$$\therefore XX_1 + YY_1 = 2$$

$$\therefore X_1 = 1 \text{ \& } Y_1 = 1$$

$$\therefore x_1 = 1 \text{ \& } y_1 = 2$$

Now, parametric equation of $x + y = 3$

$$\text{is } \frac{x-1}{\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}} = \frac{y-2}{\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}} = \pm \frac{2\sqrt{2}}{3} \Rightarrow x = \frac{5}{3}, y = \frac{4}{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{1}{3} \text{ \& } y = \frac{8}{3}$$

$$\therefore P \equiv (1, 2), Q \equiv \left(\frac{5}{3}, \frac{4}{3} \right) \text{ \& } R \equiv \left(\frac{1}{3}, \frac{8}{3} \right)$$

Now, equation tangent at Q on ellipse E_1

$$\frac{x \cdot 5}{3a^2} + \frac{y \cdot 4}{3b^2} = 1 \text{ Comparing it with } x + y = 3$$

$$\therefore a^2 = 5 \text{ \& } b^2 = 4 \text{ Now, } e_1^2 = 1 - \frac{4}{5} = \frac{1}{5}$$

Similarly, $e_2^2 = \frac{7}{8}$

$$\therefore e_1^2 e_2^2 = \frac{7}{40} \Rightarrow e_1 e_2 = \frac{\sqrt{7}}{2\sqrt{10}}$$

$$e_1^2 + e_2^2 = \frac{1}{5} + \frac{7}{8} = \frac{43}{40}; |e_1^2 - e_2^2| = \left| \frac{1}{5} - \frac{7}{8} \right| = \frac{27}{40}$$