

Analytic Geometry: Translations, Transformations, and Tangents

Topics include conics, extrema, dilations, and more.

Example: For the given polynomial, $y = x^4 - 8x^3 + 24x^2 - 28x + 7$
 eliminate the constant and x-term to identify the horizontal and vertical translations.

horizontal $x = x' + h$

vertical $y = y' + k$

$$y' + k = (x' + h)^4 - 8(x' + h)^3 + 24(x' + h)^2 - 28(x' + h) + 7$$

$$y' + k = x'^4 + 4hx'^3 + 6h^2x'^2 + 4h^3x' + h^4 - 8(x'^3 + 3x'^2h + 3x'h^2 + h^3) + 24(x'^2 + 2x'h + h^2) - 28(x' + h) + 7$$

$$y' + k = x'^4 + 4hx'^3 + 6h^2x'^2 + 4h^3x' + h^4 - 8(x'^3 + 3x'^2h + 3x'h^2 + h^3) + 24(x'^2 + 2x'h + h^2) - 28(x' + h) + 7$$



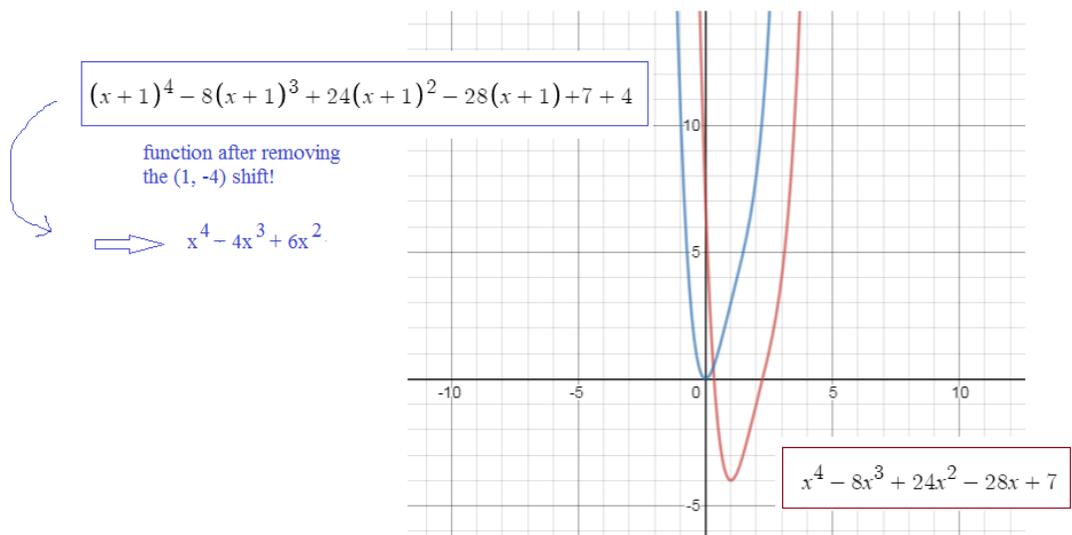
(coefficients of x') $4h^3x' - 24h^2x' + 48hx' - 28x'$

$$4x'(h^3 - 6h^2 + 12h - 7) = 0$$

$h = 1$

plug in $(x' + 1)$ into original equation....

$$(x' + 1)^4 - 8(x' + 1)^3 + 24(x' + 1)^2 - 28(x' + 1) + 7 = x'^4 - 4x'^3 + 6x'^2 - 4 \implies \text{then, add 4 to } y \text{ to eliminate the constant... } k = 4$$



Example: In the following equation, $x^2y - 2x^2 + 2xy + y - 4x - 6 = 0$ eliminate the 2nd degree terms

$$x = x' + h$$

$$y = y' + k$$

$$(x' + h)^2(y' + k) - 2(x' + h)^2 + 2(x' + h)(y' + k) + (y' + k) - 4(x' + h) - 6 = 0$$

$$(x'^2 + 2x'h + h^2)(y' + k) - (2x'^2 + 4x'h + 2h^2) + 2x'y' + 2x'k + 2hy' + 2hk + y' + k - (4x' + 4h) - 6 = 0$$

$$x'^2y' + x'^2k + 2x'y'h + 2x'kh + y'h^2 + h^2k - (2x'^2 + 4x'h + 2h^2) + 2x'y' + 2x'k + 2hy' + 2hk + y' + k - (4x' + 4h) - 6 = 0$$



$$kx'^2 + 2hx'y' - 2x'^2 + 2x'y'$$



collect the 'like terms'

$$(k - 2)x'^2$$



$$k = 2 \text{ (to eliminate } x'^2 \text{)}$$

$$(2h + 2)x'y'$$



$$h = -1 \text{ (to eliminate } x'y' \text{)}$$

$$(-1, 2)$$

Plug in (h, k) to eliminate:

$$x^2y - 2x^2 + 2xy + y - 4x - 6 = 0$$

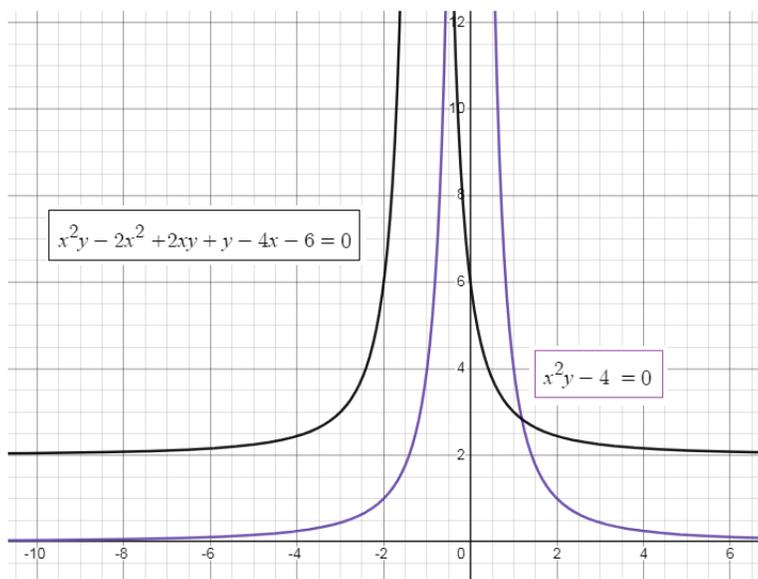
$$(x' - 1)^2(y' + 2) - 2(x' - 1)^2 + 2(x' - 1)(y' + 2) + (y' + 2) - 4(x' - 1) - 6 = 0$$

$$(x'^2 - 2x' + 1)(y' + 2) - 2(x'^2 - 2x' + 1) + 2(x'y' + 2x' - y' - 2) + (y' + 2) - 4(x' - 1) - 6 = 0$$

$$x'^2y' + 2x'^2 + 2x'y' - 4x' + y' + 2 - 2x'^2 + 4x' - 2 + 2x'y' + 4x' - 2y' - 4 + y' + 2 - 4x' + 4 - 6 = 0$$

$$x'^2y' - 4x' + y' + 4x' + 4x' - 2y' + y' + 2 - 4x' - 6 = 0$$

$$x'^2y' - 4 = 0$$



Example: Translate the equation, eliminating the linear terms

$$xy - 5x + 4y - 4 = 0$$

For the translation, let $x = x' + h$ and $y = y' + k$

Then, substitute....

$$(x' + h)(y' + k) - 5(x' + h) + 4(y' + k) - 4 = 0$$

$$x'y' + x'k + hy' + hk - 5x' - 5h + 4y' + 4k - 4 = 0$$

$$x'y' + (k - 5)x' + (h + 4)y' + hk - 5h + 4k - 4 = 0$$

xy	x'	y'	constant
term	linear	linear	
	term	term	

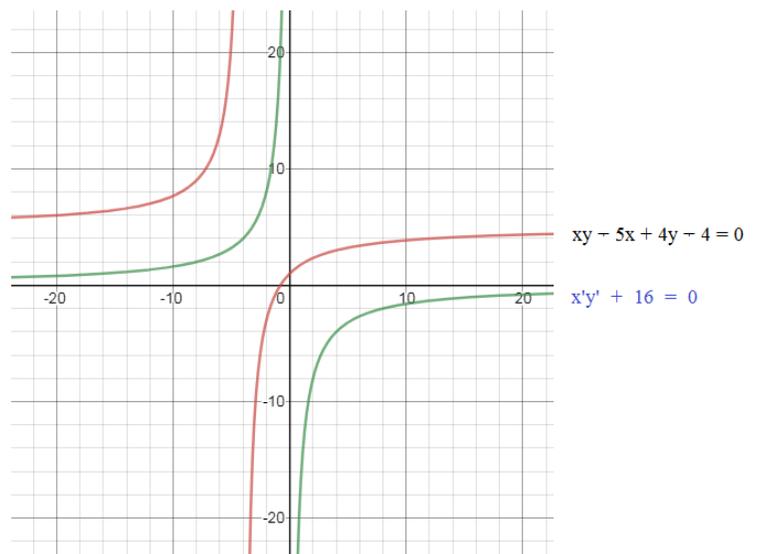
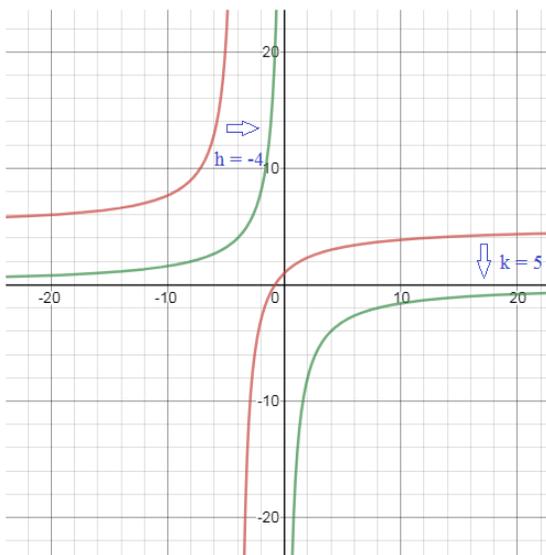
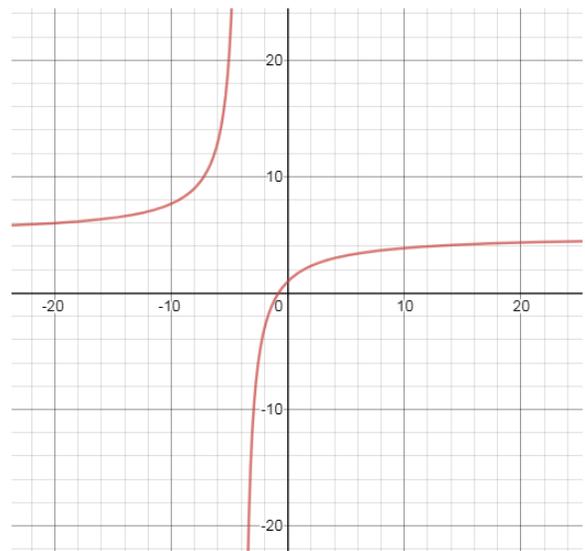
Since we're eliminating the linear terms,

$$(k - 5)x' = 0 \quad k = 5$$

$$(h + 4)y' = 0 \quad h = -4$$

Substitute into the equation.... $x'y' + (5 - 5)x' + (-4 + 4)y' + (-4)(5) - 5(-4) + 4(5) - 4 = 0$

$$x'y' + 16 = 0$$



Example: Translate the following equation, eliminating the 1st degrees....

$$x^2 - 2xy + 4y^2 + 8x - 26y + 38 = 0$$

For the translation, let $x = x' + h$ and $y = y' + k$

Then, substitute....

$$(x' + h)^2 - 2(x' + h)(y' + k) + 4(y' + k)^2 + 8(x' + h) - 26(y' + k) + 38 = 0$$

$$x'^2 + 2x'h + h^2 - 2x'y' - 2x'k - 2hy' - 2hk + 4y'^2 + 8y'k + 4k^2 + 8x' + 8h - 26y' - 26k + 38 = 0$$

Rearrange into "like" terms...

$$Ax^2 + Bxy + Cy^2 + Dx + Ey + F = 0$$

$$x'^2 - 2x'y' + 4y'^2 + (2h - 2k + 8)x' + (8k - 2h - 26)y' + h^2 - 2hk + 4k^2 - 26k + 38 + 8h = 0$$

Since we're eliminating the 1st degrees,

$$2h - 2k + 8 = 0$$

$$8k - 2h - 26 = 0$$

solve by elimination/combination...

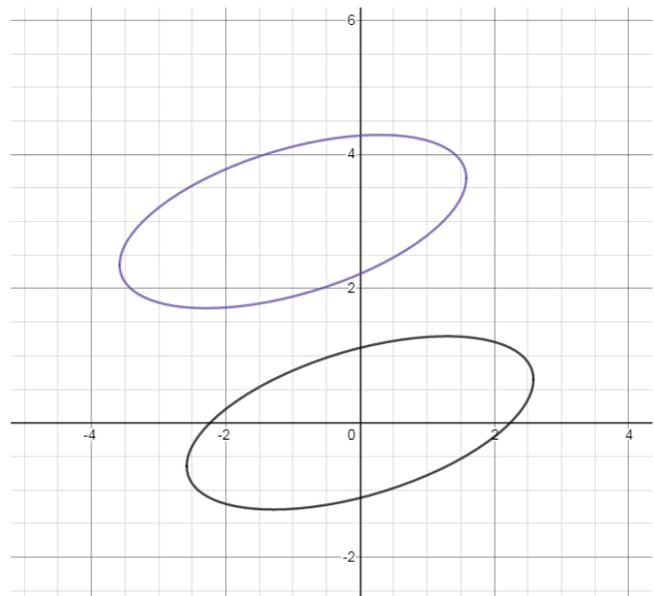
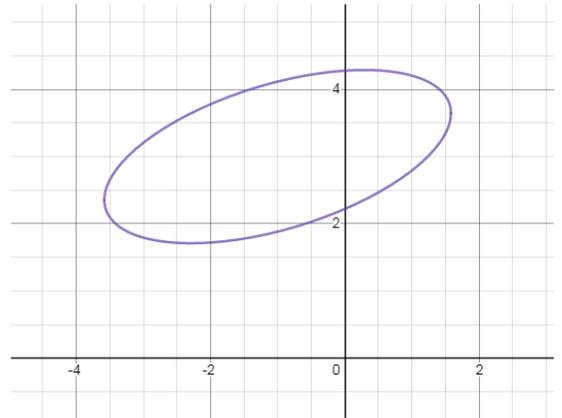
$$6k - 18 = 0$$

$$k = 3$$

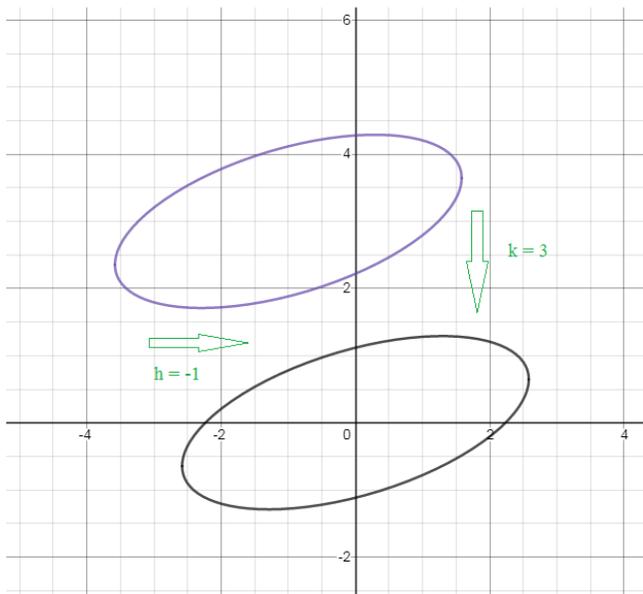
$$h = -1$$

Substitute back into the translated equation....

$$x'^2 - 2x'y' + 4y'^2 + 0x' + 0y' - 5 = 0$$



The rotated ellipse has been shifted down 3 units and to the right 1 unit..
Now, the 1st degree terms have been eliminated (i.e the ellipse is centered at the origin!)



Example: For the given polynomial $x^4 + 4x^3 - 20x^2 - 8y + 16 = 0$

translate and find the relative extrema and points of inflection...

the translation will be $\langle h, k \rangle$

$$(x+h)^4 + 4(x+h)^3 - 20(x+h)^2 - 8(y+k) + 16$$

multiply out...

$$\underbrace{x^4 + 4x^3h + 6x^2h^2 + 4xh^3 + h^4}_{4th \text{ degree}} + \underbrace{4x^3 + 12x^2h + 12xh^2 + 4h^3}_{3rd} - \underbrace{20x^2 - 40xh - 20h^2}_{2nd} - 8y - 8k + 16$$

rearrange...

$$x^4 + (4h+4)x^3 + (6h^2+12h-20)x^2 + (4h^3+12h^2-40h)x - 8y + (h^4+4h^3-20h^2-8k+16)$$

4th degree
3rd
2nd
1st
constant

\uparrow
 \uparrow
 \uparrow

To find the inflection point(s), we set the constant and 2nd degree coefficient equal to zero...

$$\begin{aligned} (6h^2 + 12h - 20) &= 0 \\ (h^4 + 4h^3 - 20h^2 - 8k + 16) &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

solve the system: $(h, k) \rightarrow (-3.08, -25.1) \text{ and } (1.08, -12)$

To find the extrema, set the constant and first degree coefficient equal to zero...

$$\begin{aligned} (4h^3 + 12h^2 - 40h) &= 0 \\ (h^4 + 4h^3 - 20h^2 - 8k + 16) &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

solve the system: $(h, k) \rightarrow (-5, -359/8) \text{ or } (0, 2) \text{ or } (2, -2)$

Using calculus:

$$8y = x^4 + 4x^3 - 20x^2 + 16$$

$$y = \frac{1}{8}x^4 + \frac{1}{2}x^3 - \frac{5}{2}x^2 + 2$$

first derivative

$$y' = \frac{1}{2}x^3 + \frac{3}{2}x^2 - 5x$$

set equal to 0 to find critical values

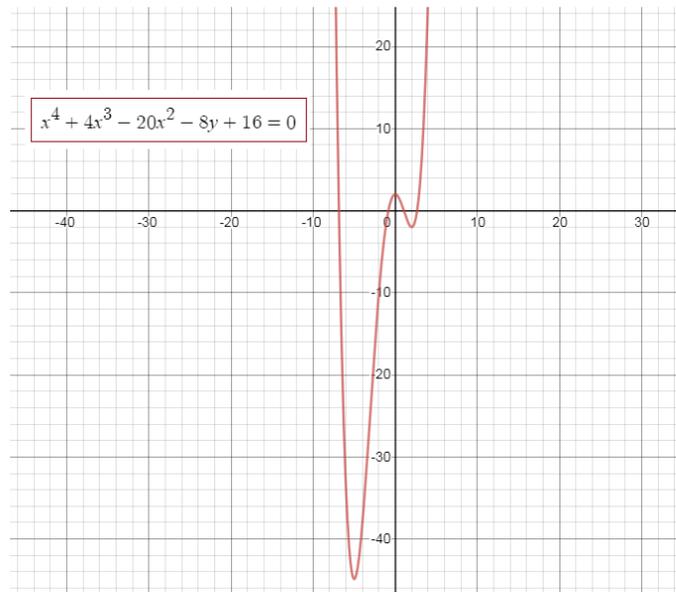
$$0 = \frac{1}{2}x^3 + \frac{3}{2}x^2 - 5x \quad x = -5, 0, 2$$

second derivative

$$y'' = \frac{3}{2}x^2 + 3x - 5$$

set equal to 0 to find points of inflection

$$0 = \frac{3}{2}x^2 + 3x - 5 \quad x = -3.08, 1.08$$



Example: Find the relative maximum of the function $x^2 - 4xy + 3x - 2y + 4 = 0$

Step 1: translate the function by $\langle h, k \rangle$

$$(x+h)^2 - 4(x+h)(y+k) + 3(x+h) - 2(y+k) + 4 = 0$$

Step 2: expand and then regroup

$$x^2 + 2xh + h^2 - 4xy - 4hy - 4xk - 4hk + 3x + 3h - 2y - 2k + 4 = 0$$

$$\underbrace{x^2 + (2h - 4k + 3)x - 4xy}_{\text{x-term}} + \underbrace{(-4h - 2)y + h^2 - 4hk + 3h - 2k + 4}_{\text{constant term}} = 0$$

eliminate x-term $(2h - 4k + 3) = 0$

eliminate constant term $h^2 - 4hk + 3h - 2k + 4 = 0$

relative maximum relative minimum

$(-2.158, -0.329)$ or $(1.158, 1.328)$

$x^2 - 4xy + 3x - 2y + 4 = 0$

Using calculus: $2x - 4y - 4x \frac{dy}{dx} + 3 - 2 \frac{dy}{dx} = 0$

implicit differentiation $\frac{dy}{dx}(-4x - 2) = 4y - 2x - 3$

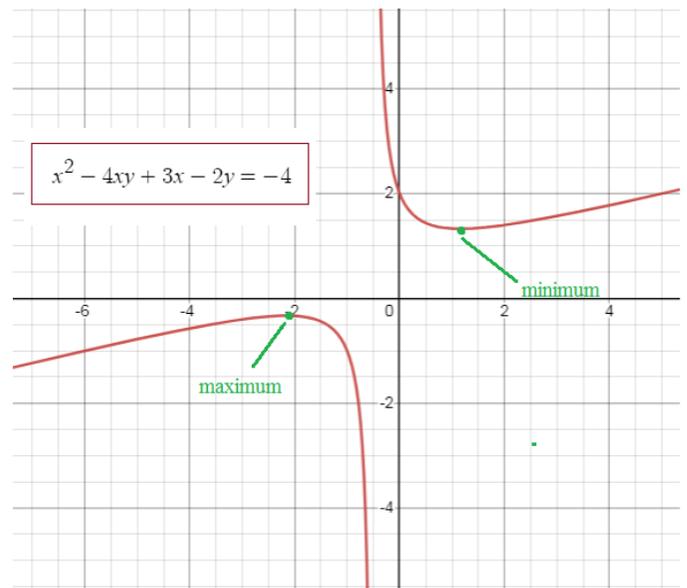
$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{4y - 2x - 3}{(-4x - 2)}$$

$4y - 2x - 3 = 0$

$x^2 - 4xy + 3x - 2y + 4 = 0$

any point in the system will satisfy the derivative = 0 AND will lie on the curve...

$(-2.158, -0.329)$ ✓



Example: Find domain and range of $x^2 - 6xy + y^2 + 16 = 0$

First, translate $\langle h, k \rangle$

$$(x + h)^2 - 6(x + h)(y + k) + (y + k)^2 + 16 = 0$$

Expand...

$$x^2 + 2xh + h^2 - 6xy - 6xk - 6hy - 6hk + y^2 + 2yk + k^2 + 16 = 0$$

Sort to 'like' variables..

$$x^2 + (2h - 6k)x - 6xy + y^2 + (-6h + 2k)y + (h^2 - 6hk + k^2) + 16 = 0$$

↑
x-terms

↑ ↑
constant terms

For range, we need to find the maximum and minimum of the function...

set the constant and x coefficients equal to zero.. Then, solve the system..

$$2h - 6k = 0$$

$$h^2 - 6hk + k^2 + 16 = 0$$

$$(-3\sqrt{2}, -\sqrt{2}) \quad \text{and} \quad (3\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{2})$$

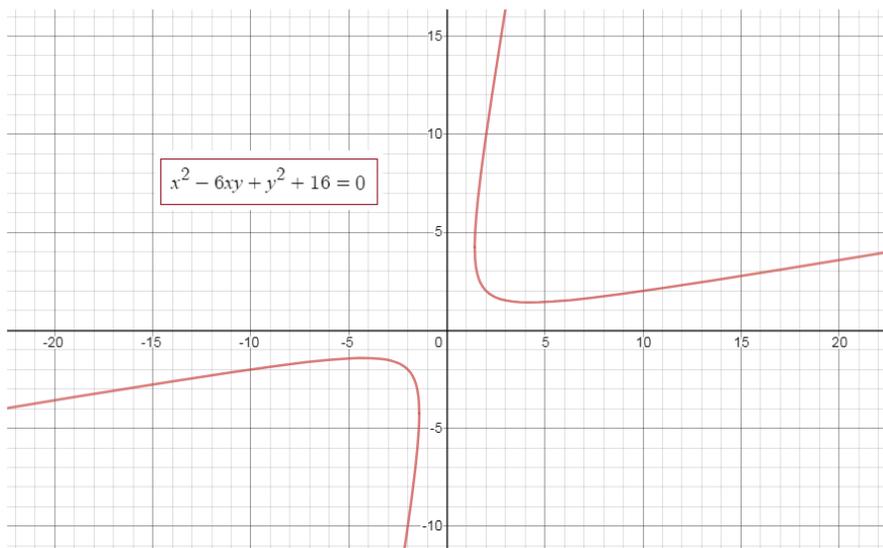
For the domain, set the constant and y coefficients equal to zero... Then, solve the system...

$$(-6h + 2k) = 0$$

$$h^2 - 6hk + k^2 + 16 = 0$$

$$(-\sqrt{2}, -3\sqrt{2}) \quad \text{and} \quad (\sqrt{2}, 3\sqrt{2})$$

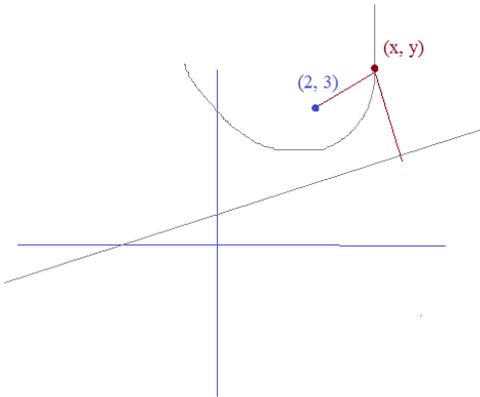
(maximum and minimum with respect to y)



$$\text{Domain: } (-\infty, -\sqrt{2}) \cup (\sqrt{2}, \infty)$$

$$\text{Range: } (-\infty, -\sqrt{2}) \cup (\sqrt{2}, \infty)$$

Example: The focus is (2, 3) and directrix is $x - 4y + 3 = 0$
 What is the equation of the parabola?



distance from (x, y) to directrix:

$$d = \frac{|x - 4y + 3|}{\sqrt{1 + 16}}$$

distance from (x, y) to the focus:

$$d = \sqrt{(2 - x)^2 + (3 - y)^2}$$

Set distances equal to each other...

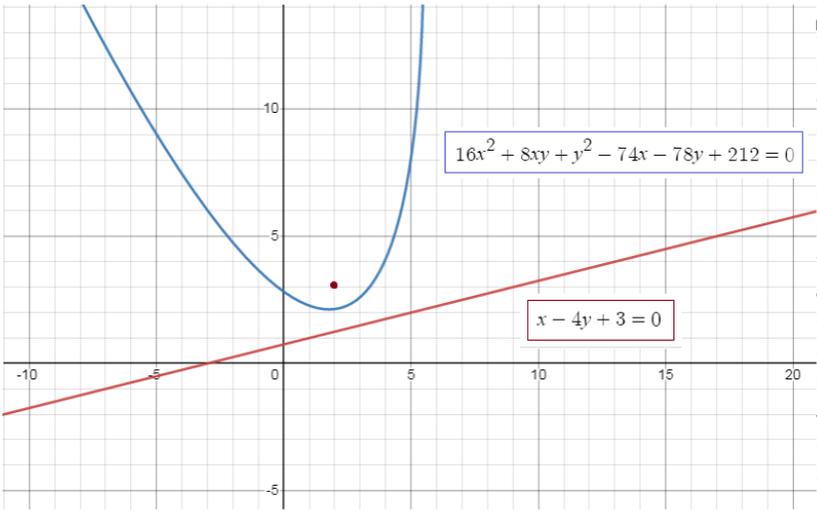
$$\frac{(x - 4y + 3)^2}{17} = (2 - x)^2 + (3 - y)^2$$

$$x^2 - 8xy + 6x + 16y^2 - 24y + 9 = 17(4 - 4x + x^2 + 9 - 6y + y^2)$$

$$x^2 - 8xy + 6x + 16y^2 - 24y + 9 = 68 - 68x + 17x^2 + 153 - 102y + 17y^2$$

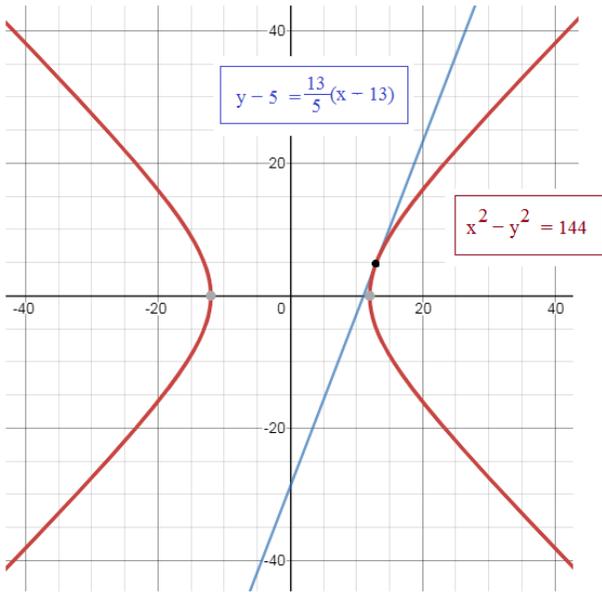
$$0 = 16x^2 + 8xy + y^2 - 74x - 78y + 212$$

$$\begin{array}{r} (x - 4y + 3) \\ (x - 4y + 3) \\ \hline x^2 - 4xy + 3x \\ - 4xy \quad + 16y^2 - 12y \\ \hline \quad 3x \quad - 12y + 9 \\ \hline x^2 - 8xy + 6x + 16y^2 - 24y + 9 \end{array}$$



Example: What is the equation of the line tangent to $x^2 - y^2 = 144$ at $(13, 5)$?

The line will be $y - 5 = m(x - 13) \Rightarrow y = mx - 13m + 5$ intersecting $x^2 - y^2 - 144 = 0$



$$x^2 - (mx - 13m + 5)^2 - 144 = 0$$

$$x^2 - (m^2x^2 - 13m^2x + 5mx - 13m^2x + 169m^2 - 65m + 5mx - 65m + 25) - 144 = 0$$

$$x^2 - m^2x^2 + 26m^2x - 10mx - 169m^2 + 130m - 169 = 0$$

$$(1 - m^2)x^2 + (26m^2 - 10m)x - 169m^2 + 130m - 169 = 0$$

A B C Quadratic

$$B^2 - 4AC = 0$$

$$(26m^2 - 10m)^2 - 4(1 - m^2)(-169m^2 + 130m - 169) = 0$$

$$m = 13/5$$

derivative:

$$2x - 2y \frac{dy}{dx} = 0$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{-2x}{-2y} = \frac{x}{y}$$

slope at $(13, 5)$ is $13/5$

$$y - 5 = \frac{13}{5}(x - 13) \checkmark$$

Example: What lines containing the point $(9, 9)$ are tangent to $x^2 - y^2 = 9$

Any line will be $y - 9 = m(x - 9) \Rightarrow y = mx - 9m + 9$

intersecting $x^2 - y^2 - 9 = 0$

$$x^2 - (mx - 9m + 9)^2 - 9 = 0$$

$$x^2 - [m^2x^2 - 18m^2x + 18mx + 81m^2 - 162m + 81] - 9 = 0$$

$$(1 - m^2)x^2 + (18m^2 - 18m)x + (-81m^2 + 162m - 90) = 0$$

A B C Quadratic

$$B^2 - 4AC = 0$$

$$(18m^2 - 18m)^2 - 4(1 - m^2)(-81m^2 + 162m - 90) = 0$$

$$m = 1 \text{ or } 5/4$$

$$y - 9 = \frac{5}{4}(x - 9)$$

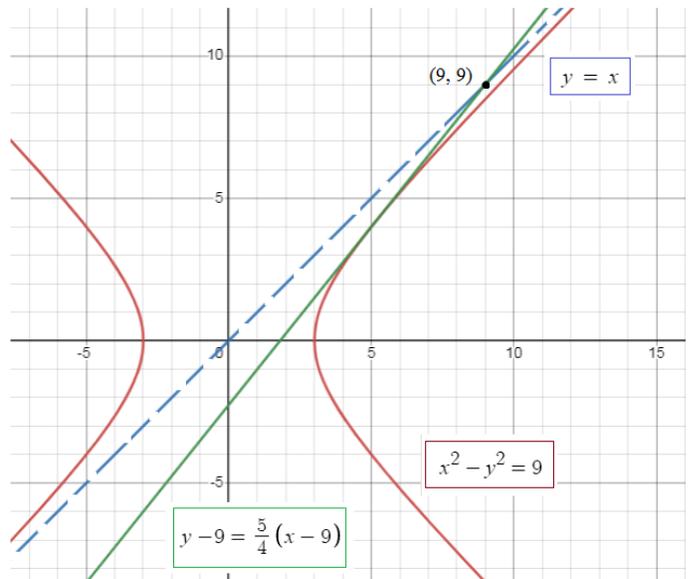
Tangent line

$$y - 9 = (x - 9)$$

$$y = x$$

Asymptote
(where limit approaches the hyperbola)

$$\begin{array}{r} mx - 9m + 9 \\ mx - 9m + 9 \\ \hline m^2x^2 - 9m^2x + 9mx \\ - 9m^2x + 81m^2 - 81m \\ \hline 9mx - 81m + 81 \\ \hline [m^2x^2 - 18m^2x + 18mx + 81m^2 - 162m + 81] \end{array}$$



1) For the given equation $4x^2 + y^2 + 24x - 2y + 21 = 0$

Translate the graph so the center is at the origin.

2) For the rotated conic, eliminate the 1st degree (centering the figure at the origin).

$$x^2 - 2xy + 4y^2 + 8x - 26y + 38 = 0$$

3) For the equation $y = x^3 + 6x^2 + 11x + 8$, eliminate the constant and the x^2 terms

4) Translate/reorient the following hyperbola where the center is on the origin.

$$x^2 + 4xy - y^2 - 2x - 14y - 3 = 0$$

1) For the given equation $4x^2 + y^2 + 24x - 2y + 21 = 0$

Translate the graph so the center is at the origin.

Method 1: Put equation in standard form.
Then, remove the (h, k) values

$$4(x^2 + 6x) + (y^2 - 2y) = -21$$

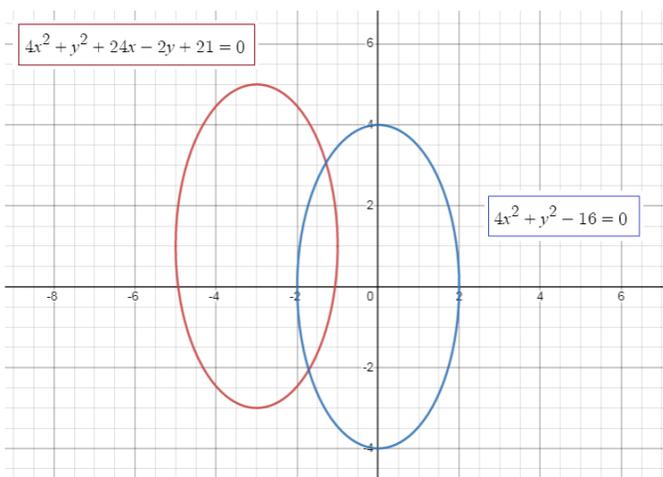
Complete the square

$$4(x^2 + 6x + 9) + (y^2 - 2y + 1) = -21 + 36 + 1$$

$$4(x+3)^2 + (y-1)^2 = 16$$

$$\frac{(x+3)^2}{4} + \frac{(y-1)^2}{16} = 1 \quad \text{Ellipse centered at } (-3, 1)$$

$$\frac{x'^2}{4} + \frac{y'^2}{16} = 1 \quad \text{Ellipse centered at } (0, 0)$$



2) For the rotated conic, eliminate the 1st degree (centering the figure at the origin).

$$x^2 - 2xy + 4y^2 + 8x - 26y + 38 = 0$$

We need to find the amount of shift (h, k)

$$x = x' + h$$

$$y = y' + k$$

$$(x' + h)^2 - 2(x' + h)(y' + k) + 4(y' + k)^2 + 8(x' + h) - 26(y' + k) + 38 = 0$$

$$x'^2 + 2x'h + h^2 - 2x'y' - 2x'k - 2y'h - 2hk + 4y'^2 + 8y'k + 4k^2 + 8x' + 8h - 26y' - 26k + 38 = 0$$

Extract the linear terms x' and y' ... then, set equal to 0 (to eliminate the shifts)

$$x'^2 + \boxed{2x'h} + h^2 - 2x'y' - \boxed{2x'k} - \boxed{2y'h} - 2hk + 4y'^2 + \boxed{8y'k} + 4k^2 + \boxed{8x'} + 8h - \boxed{26y'} - 26k + 38 = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} 2x'(h - k + 4) &= 0 & \text{linear system} & & h - k &= -4 & \begin{cases} h = -1 \\ k = 3 \end{cases} & \Rightarrow & x = x' - 1 \\ 2y'(-h + 4k - 13) &= 0 & & & -h + 4k &= 13 & & & y = y' + 3 \end{aligned}$$

Substitute into original equation...

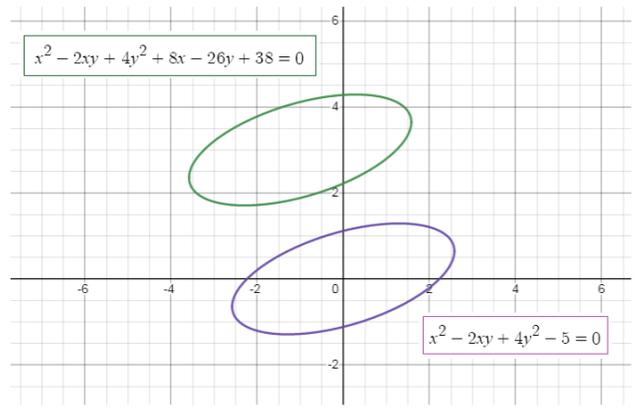
$$x^2 - 2xy + 4y^2 + 8x - 26y + 38 = 0$$

$$(x' - 1)^2 - 2(x' - 1)(y' + 3) + 4(y' + 3)^2 + 8(x' - 1) - 26(y' + 3) + 38 = 0$$

$$x'^2 - 2x' + 1 - 2x'y' + 6x' + 2y' + 6 + 4y'^2 + 24y' + 36 + 8x' - 8 - 26y' - 78 + 38 = 0$$

note: the x' and y' terms should cancel!

$$x'^2 - 2x'y' + 4y'^2 - 5 = 0$$



SOLUTIONS

Method 2: Find h and k... then, remove linear terms

$$x = x' + h$$

$$y = y' + k \quad \text{Substitute into equation...}$$

$$4(x' + h)^2 + (y' + k)^2 + 24(x' + h) - 2(y' + k) + 21 = 0$$

Expand...

$$4x'^2 + 8x'h + 4h^2 + y'^2 + 2y'k + k^2 + 24x' + 24h - 2y' - 2k + 21 = 0$$

Pull out the linear terms x' and y' and set equal to 0...

$$8x'h + 24x' = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad 8x'(h + 3) \quad h = -3$$

$$2y'k - 2y' = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad 2y'(k - 1) \quad k = 1$$

substitute into original equation...

$$x = x' - 3 \quad y = y' + 1$$

$$4x^2 + y^2 + 24x - 2y + 21 = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad 4(x' - 3)^2 + (y' + 1)^2 + 24(x' - 3) - 2(y' + 1) + 21 = 0$$

$$4x'^2 - 24x' + 36 + y'^2 + 2y' + 1 + 24x' - 72 - 2y' - 2 + 21 = 0$$

$$4x'^2 + y'^2 - 16 = 0 \quad \text{Ellipse centered at } (0, 0)$$

3) For the equation $y = x^3 + 6x^2 + 11x + 8$, eliminate the constant and the x^2 terms

SOLUTIONS

$$x = x' + h$$

$$y = y' + k$$

$$x^3 + 6x^2 + 11x - y + 8 = 0$$

Substitute the translations...

$$(x' + h)^3 + 6(x' + h)^2 + 11(x' + h) - (y' + k) + 8 = 0$$

$$x'^3 + 3x'^2h + 3x'h^2 + h^3 + 6x'^2 + 12x'h + 6h^2 + 11x' + 11h - y' - k + 8 = 0$$

Set x^2 and constants equal to 0

$$3x'^2h + 6x'^2 = 0 \implies 3x'^2(h + 2) = 0 \quad h = -2$$

$$h^3 + 6h^2 + 11h - k + 8 = 0 \implies \text{since } h = -2, \quad -8 + 24 - 22 - k + 8 = 0 \quad k = 2$$

$$x = x' - 2$$

$$y = y' + 2 \quad \text{Substitute into original equation...}$$

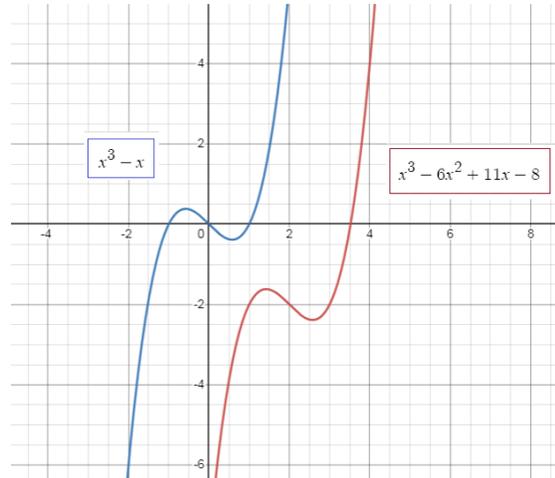
$$y = x^3 + 6x^2 + 11x + 8$$

$$y' + 2 = (x' - 2)^3 + 6(x' - 2)^2 + 11(x' - 2) + 8$$

$$x'^3 - 6x'^2 + 12x' - 8 + 6x'^2 - 24x' + 24 + 11x' - 22 + 8 - y' - 2 = 0$$

note: the x^2 and constants cancel!

$$x'^3 - x' - y' = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad y' = x'^3 - x'$$



4) Translate/reorient the following hyperbola where the center is on the origin.

$$x^2 + 4xy - y^2 - 2x - 14y - 3 = 0$$

$$x = x' + h$$

translations:

$$y = y' + k$$

Substitute into equation:

$$(x' + h)^2 + 4(x' + h)(y' + k) - (y' + k)^2 - 2(x' + h) - 14(y' + k) - 3 = 0$$

Expand:

$$x'^2 + 2x'h + h^2 + 4x'y' + 4x'k + 4y'h + 4hk - y'^2 - 2y'k - k^2 - 2x' - 2h - 14y' - 14k - 3 = 0$$

Since we want to eliminate the translations, we set the linear x and y coefficients equal to zero...

$$x'^2 + 2x'h + h^2 + 4x'y' + 4x'k + 4y'h + 4hk - y'^2 - 2y'k - k^2 - 2x' - 2h - 14y' - 14k - 3 = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} 2x'h + 4x'k - 2x' = 0 &\implies 2x'(h + 2k - 1) = 0 &\implies h + 2k = 1 &\quad h = 3 \\ 4y'h - 2y'k - 14y' = 0 &\implies 2y'(2h - k - 7) = 0 &\implies 2h - k = 7 &\quad k = -1 \end{aligned}$$

$$x = x' + 3$$

$$y = y' - 1$$

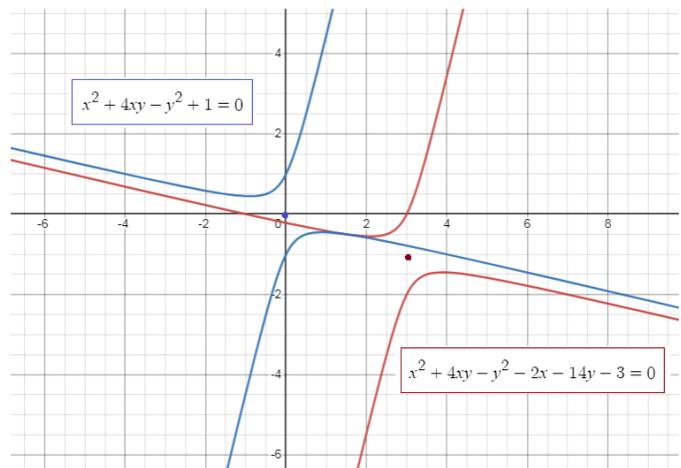
Now, we substitute the translations into the original equation!

$$(x' + 3)^2 + 4(x' + 3)(y' - 1) - (y' - 1)^2 - 2(x' + 3) - 14(y' - 1) - 3 = 0$$

$$x'^2 + 6x' + 9 + 4x'y' - 4x' + 12y' - 12 - y'^2 + 2y' - 1 - 2x' - 6 - 14y' + 14 - 3 = 0$$

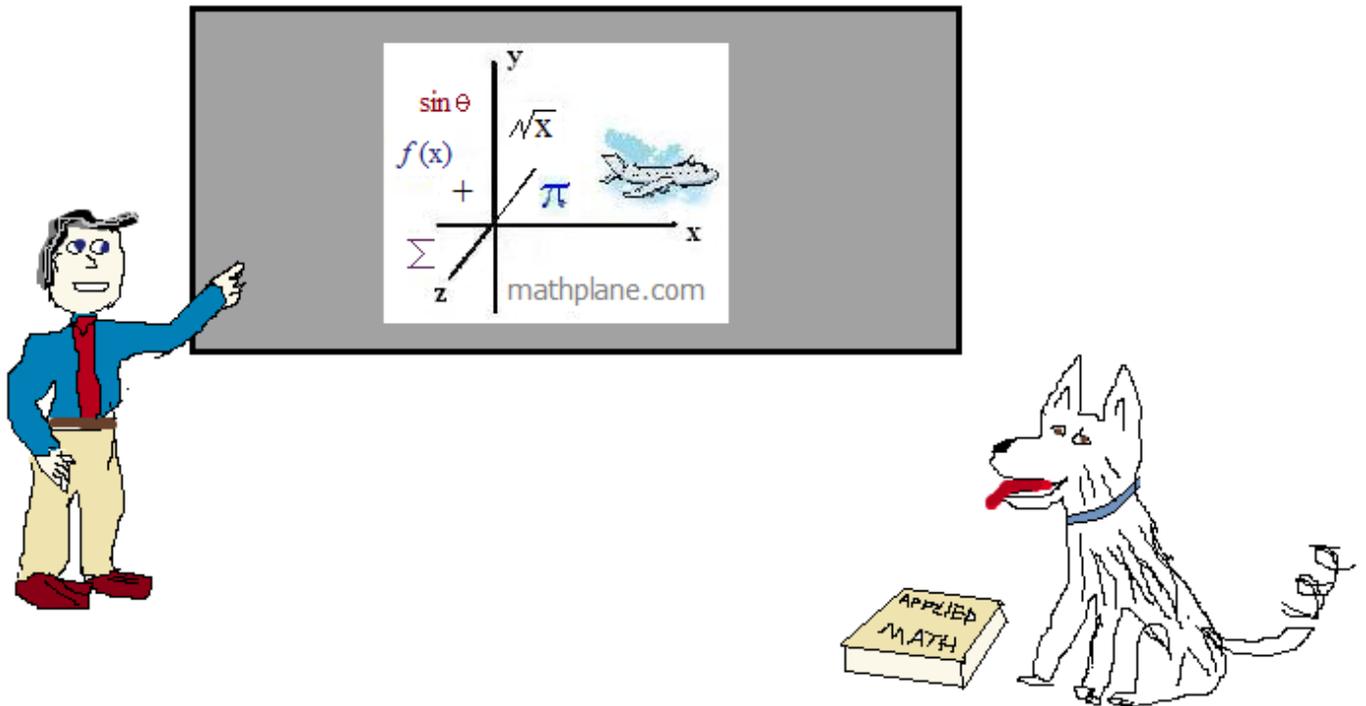
Note: the x' and y' terms cancel! (this checks our calculations...)

$$x'^2 + 4x'y' - y'^2 + 1 = 0$$



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