

CHAPTER #02

INDETERMINATE FORMS

CONICS

EXAMPLE #01

Evaluate $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\log(1-x) + 1 + \sin x - \cos x}{x \tan^2 x}$

SOLUTION $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\log(1-x) + 1 + \sin x - \cos x}{x \tan^2 x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\log(1-x) + 1 + \sin x - \cos x}{x \frac{\tan^2 x}{x^2} \cdot x^2}$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\log(1-x) + 1 + \sin x - \cos x}{x^3}$$
$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{-\frac{1}{(1-x)} + \cos x + \sin x}{3x^2}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{-\frac{1}{(1-x)^2} - \sin x + \cos x}{6x}$$

$$\therefore \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\log(1-x) + 1 + \sin x - \cos x}{x \tan^2 x} = -\frac{1}{2}$$
$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{-\frac{2}{(1-x)^3} - \cos x - \sin x}{6}$$

$$= \frac{-2-1}{6} = -\frac{1}{2}$$

EXAMPLE#02

If $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{a \sin x - bx + cx^2 + x^3}{2x^2 \log(1+x) - 2x^3 + x^4} = \frac{3}{40}$, then find the values of the constants a, b, c

Solution The given limit is of the form $\frac{0}{0}$. And the limit is $\frac{3}{40}$

$$\frac{3}{40} = \frac{1}{2} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{a \cos x - b + 2cx + 3x^2}{2x \log(1+x) + \frac{x^2}{1+x} - 3x^2 + 2x^3}$$

Now, as x tends to 0, the denominator tends to zero and the given limit is $\frac{3}{40}$, the numerator must tend to zero.

$$\text{i.e., } a - b = 0 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$\therefore \frac{3}{40} = \frac{1}{2} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{-a \sin x + 2c + 6x}{2 \log(1+x) + \frac{2x}{1+x} + \frac{(2x+x^2)}{(1+x)^2} - 6x + 6x^2} \quad (\text{by L'Hospital's Rule 1})$$

Again, as x tends to 0, the denominator tends to zero and the given limit is $\frac{3}{40}$, the numerator must tend to zero.

i.e., $c = 0$.

$$\therefore \frac{3}{40} = \frac{1}{2} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{-a \sin x + 6x}{2 \log(1+x) + \frac{2x}{1+x} + \frac{(2x+x^2)}{(1+x)^2} - 6x + 6x^2} \quad (\text{form } \frac{0}{0})$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{-a \cos x + 6}{\frac{2}{1+x} + \frac{2}{(1+x)^2} + \frac{2}{(1+x)^3} - 6 + 12x} \quad (\text{by L'Hospital's Rule 1})$$

Again, as x tends to 0, the denominator tends to zero and the given limit is $\frac{3}{40}$, the numerator must tend to zero.

i.e., $a = 6$.

And by equation (1), $b = a$. Therefore, $a = 6$, $b = 6$, $c = 0$.

EXAMPLE #03

Evaluate $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\log(\log(1-3x^2))}{\log(\log(\cos 2x))}$.

Solution

Let $L = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\log(\log(1-3x^2))}{\log(\log(\cos 2x))}$. Then the given limit is of the

indeterminate form $\frac{\infty}{\infty}$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{1}{\log(1-3x^2)} \cdot \frac{1}{(1-3x^2)} \cdot (-6x)}{\frac{1}{\log(\cos 2x)} \cdot \frac{1}{\cos 2x} \cdot (-2 \sin 2x)}$$

$$= 3 \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\log(\cos 2x)}{\log(1-3x^2)} \cdot \frac{\cos 2x}{1-3x^2} \cdot \frac{x}{\sin 2x}$$

$$= \frac{3}{2} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\log(\cos 2x)}{\log(1-3x^2)} \cdot \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cos 2x}{1-3x^2} \cdot \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{2x}{\sin 2x}$$

$$= \frac{3}{2} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\log(\cos 2x)}{\log(1-3x^2)} \cdot \frac{1}{1-0}$$

$$= \frac{3}{2} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\log(\cos 2x)}{\log(1-3x^2)}$$

$$= \frac{3}{2} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{1}{\cos 2x} \cdot (-2 \sin 2x)}{\frac{1}{1-3x^2} (-6x)} \quad (1)$$

$$= \frac{3}{2} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1-3x^2}{\cos 2x} \cdot \frac{\sin 2x}{3x}$$

$$= \cancel{3} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1-3x^2}{\cos 2x} \cdot \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin 2x}{\cancel{3}x} = 1.$$

EXAMPLE #04

Evaluate $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} (x^2 - a^2) \tan\left(\frac{\pi x}{2a}\right)$, $a \neq 0$

Solution Let $L = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} (x^2 - a^2) \tan\left(\frac{\pi x}{2a}\right)$. Then the given limit is of the indeterminate form $0 \times \infty$

$$\begin{aligned} L &= \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{x^2 - a^2}{\cot\left(\frac{\pi x}{2a}\right)} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{2x}{-\frac{\pi}{2a} \operatorname{cosec}^2\left(\frac{\pi x}{2a}\right)} \\ &= -\frac{4a}{\pi} \cdot \frac{a}{\operatorname{cosec}^2\frac{\pi}{2}} \\ &= -\frac{4a^2}{\pi} \end{aligned}$$

EXAMPLE #05

Evaluate $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \left[\frac{x}{x-1} - \frac{1}{\log x} \right]$

Solution Let $L = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \left[\frac{x}{x-1} - \frac{1}{\log x} \right]$. Then given limit is of the form $\infty - \infty$

$$L = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x \log x - x + 1}{(x-1) \log x} \quad (\text{form } \frac{0}{0})$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x \log x - x + 1}{x \log x - \log x} \quad (\text{form } \frac{0}{0})$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{\log x}{1 + \log x - \frac{1}{x}} \quad (\text{form } \frac{0}{0})$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{\frac{1}{x}}{\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{x^2}} \quad (\text{by L'Hospital's Rule 1})$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}$$

EXAMPLE #06

Evaluate $\lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2}} (\cos x)^{\cos^2 x}$

Solution Let $L = \lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2}} (\cos x)^{\cos^2 x}$. Then given limit is of the form 0^0 . Taking log on both sides, we get

$$\log L = \lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2}} \cos^2 x \log(\cos x) \quad (\text{form } 0 \times \infty)$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{\log(\cos x)}{\sec^2 x} \quad (\text{form } \frac{\infty}{\infty})$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{-\tan x}{2 \sec^2 x \tan x}$$

$$= 0 \Rightarrow L = e^0 = 1.$$

EXAMPLE #07

Find the focus and directrix of the parabola $x^2 = -8y$. Then sketch it.

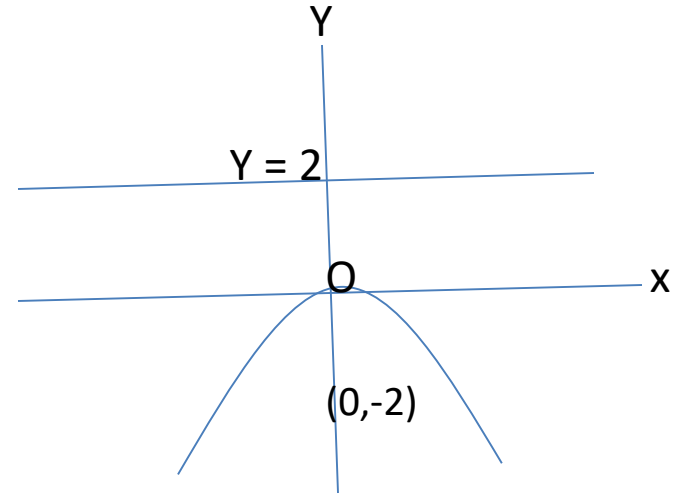
Solution

Comparing with $x^2 = -4py$, we get

$$4p = 8 \Rightarrow p = 2$$

$$\text{Focus : } (0, -p) = (0, -2)$$

$$\text{Directrix : } y = p \Rightarrow y = 2$$



EXAMPLE #08

Find semi major axis , semi minor axis, centre to focus distance, foci, directrix , vertices, eccentricity and centre for $169x^2 + 25y^2 = 4225$

Solution

Given that

$$169x^2 + 25y^2 = 4225$$

Dividing by 4225 both sides, we get

$$\frac{x^2}{25} + \frac{y^2}{169} = 1$$

Semi major axis: $a = 13$

Semi minor axis : $b = 5$

$$c = \sqrt{a^2 - b^2} = \sqrt{169 - 25} = \sqrt{144} = 12$$

Foci : $(0, \pm c) = (0, \pm 12)$

Vertices : $(0, \pm a) = (0, \pm 13)$

Centre : $(0,0)$

Eccentricity = $c/a = 12/13$

Directrix $y = a/e = 169/12 = \pm 14.08$

EXAMPLE #09

Find the equation of hyperbola centre at origin given that
foci : $(0, \pm\sqrt{2})$, Asymptote : $y = \pm x$

Solution

$$\text{Foci : } (0, \pm\sqrt{2}) = (0, \pm c) \Rightarrow c = \sqrt{2}$$

$$\text{Asymptote : } y = \pm \frac{a}{b}x$$

$$\text{Given that } y = \pm x \Rightarrow \frac{a}{b} = 1 \Rightarrow a = b$$

$$\text{We know that } c^2 = a^2 + b^2 \Rightarrow 2 = 2a^2 \Rightarrow a = 1$$

Hence required equation of hyperbola is

$$x^2 - y^2 = 1$$

EXAMPLE #10

Use discriminant $B^2 - 4AC$ to decide whether the following equations represents parabola, ellipse or hyperbola

(i) $2x^2 - 8xy + 8y^2 + 2x + 2y = 0$

(ii) $x^2 + 4xy + 4y^2 - 3x = 6$

(iii) $xy + y^2 - 3x = 5$

(iv) $3x^2 - 18xy + 27y^2 - 5x + 7y = -4$

Solution The quadratic curve represented by equation

$$Ax^2 + Bxy + Cy^2 + Dx + Ey + F = 0 \text{ is}$$

(i) a **parabola** if $B^2 - 4AC = 0$

(ii) an **ellipse** if $B^2 - 4AC < 0$

(iii) a **hyperbola** if $B^2 - 4AC > 0$

(i) Comparing eq $2x^2 - 8xy + 8y^2 + 2x + 2y = 0$ with $Ax^2 + Bxy + Cy^2 + Dx + Ey + F = 0$ we get $A = 2, B = -8, C = 8$

$$B^2 - 4AC = 0, \text{ Hence it represents parabola}$$

(ii) Comparing eq $x^2 + 4xy + 4y^2 - 3x = 6$ with $Ax^2 + Bxy + Cy^2 + Dx + Ey + F = 0$, we get $A = 1, B = 4, C = 4$. Therefore, $B^2 - 4AC = 0$. Hence it represents parabola

(iii) Comparing eq $xy + y^2 - 3x = 5$ with $Ax^2 + Bxy + Cy^2 + Dx + Ey + F = 0$, we get $A = 0, B = 1, C = 1$. Therefore, $B^2 - 4AC > 0$. Hence it represents hyperbola.

(iv) Comparing eq $3x^2 - 18xy + 27y^2 - 5x + 7y = -4$ with $Ax^2 + Bxy + Cy^2 + Dx + Ey + F = 0$ $A = 3, B = -18, C = 27$. Therefore, $B^2 - 4AC = 0$. Hence it represents parabola