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PARABOLA



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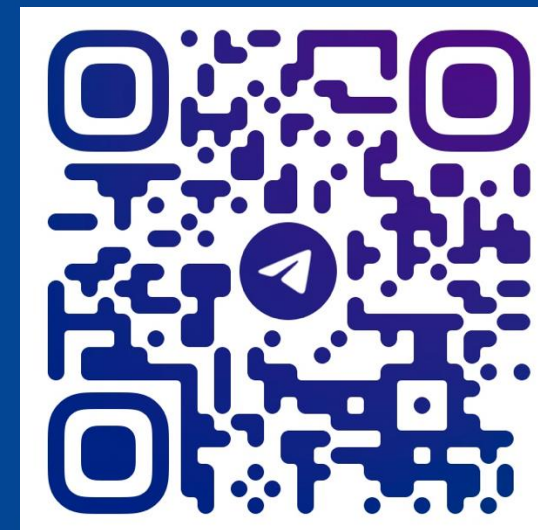


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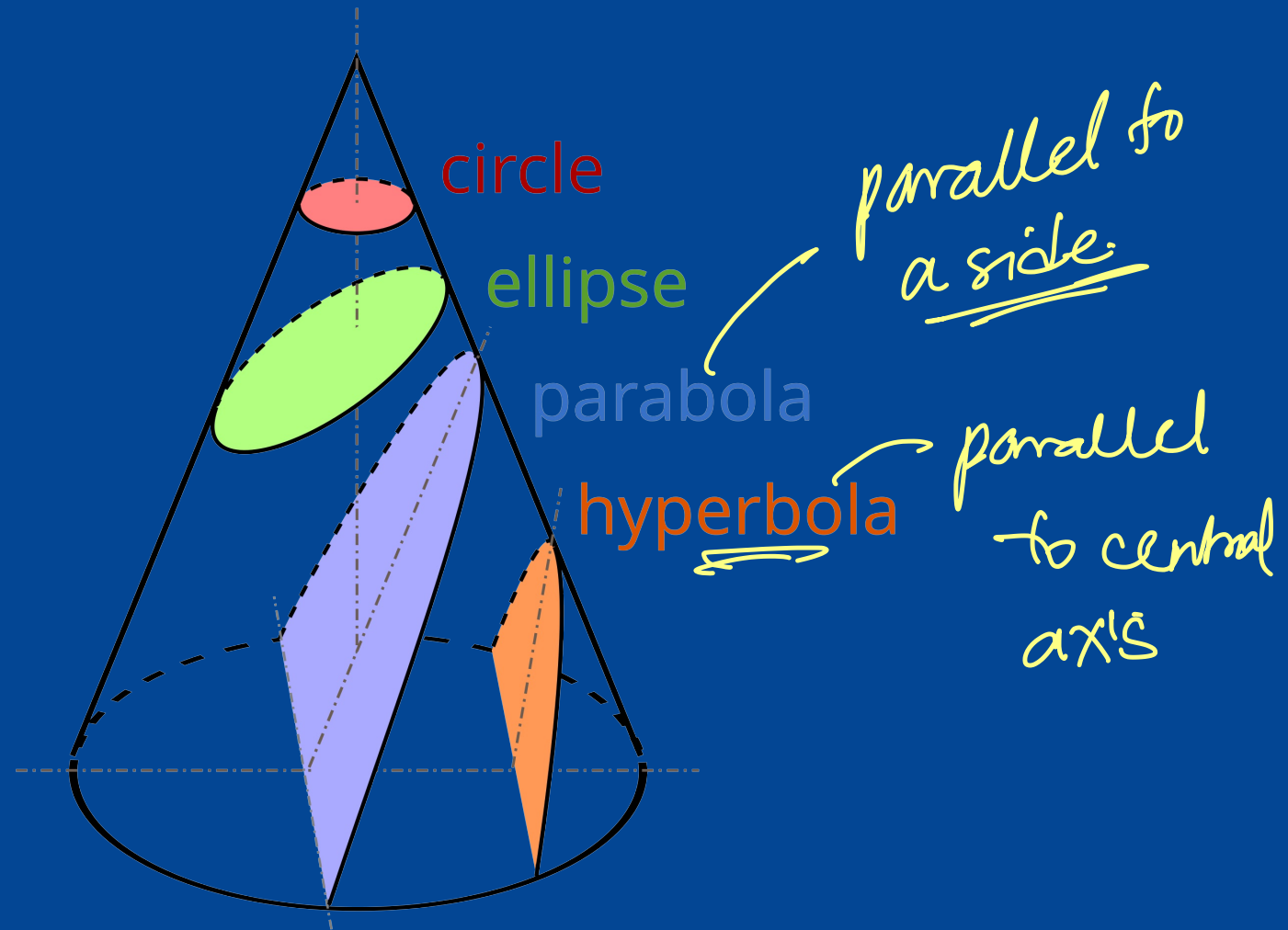
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# understanding Parabola





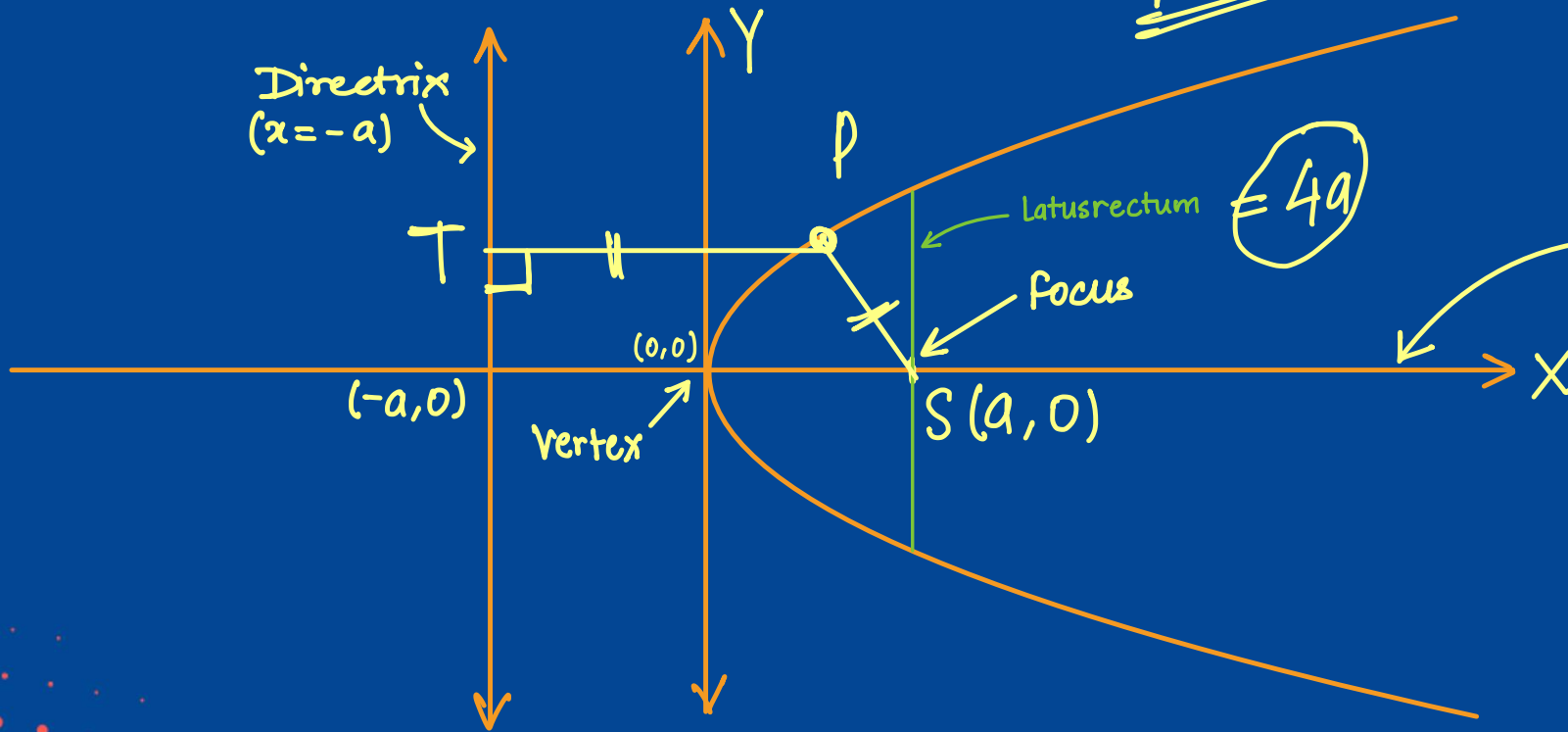
# understanding parts of Parabola

$$e = 1$$

$$y^2 = 4ax$$

Standard equation of Parabola.

$$SP = TP$$



axis of parabola  
[passing through the vertex  
and  $\perp$  to the directrix]

$$\frac{SP}{PT} = 1 = e$$

$e < 1 \Rightarrow$  ellipse  
 $e > 1 \Rightarrow$  Hyperbola

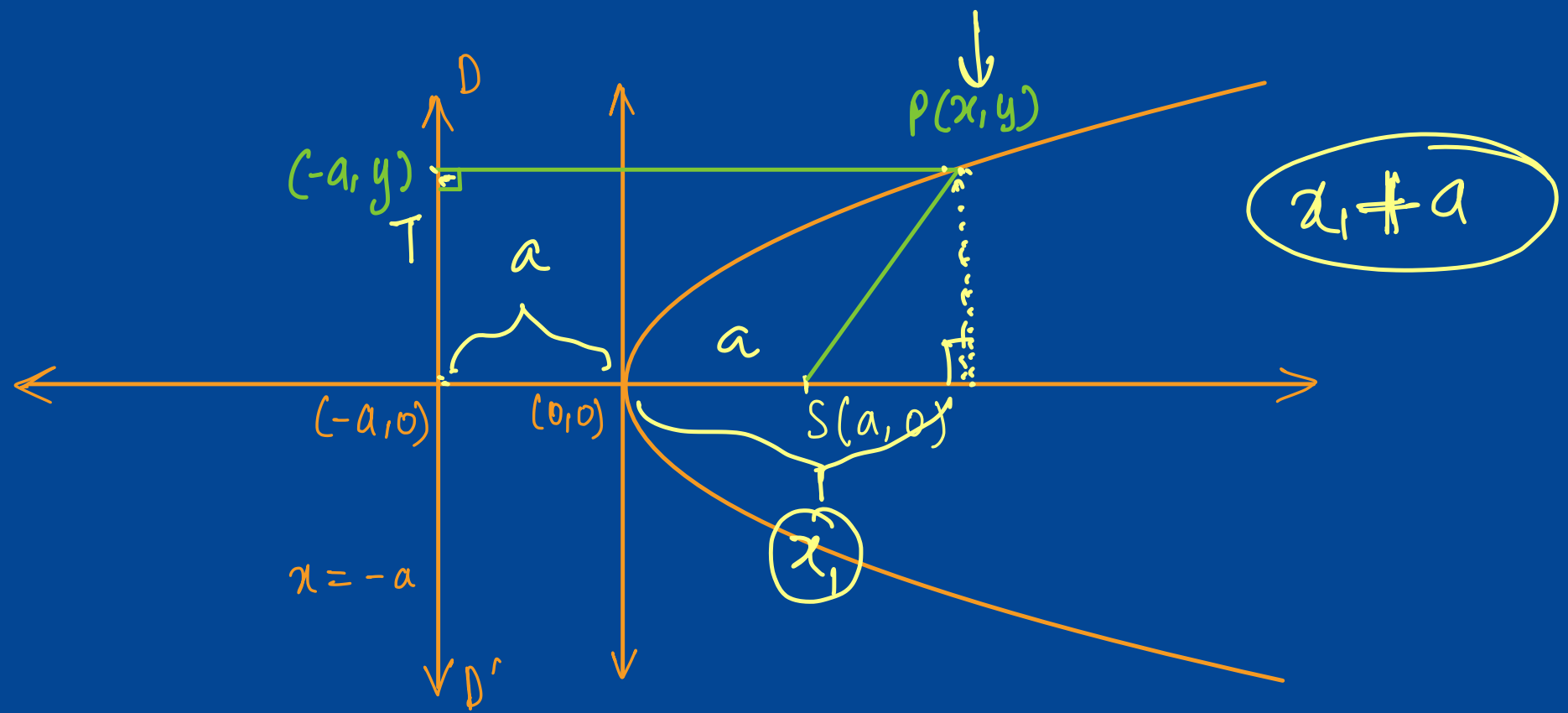


# FOCAL DISTANCE

$$SP = PT$$

$$y^2 = 4ax$$

PT





Parabola →	1. $y^2 = 4ax$	2. $y^2 = -4ax$	3. $x^2 = 4ay$	4. $x^2 = -4ay$
Figures →				
Terms related to parabola ↓	$y^2 = 4ax$	$y^2 = -4ax$		
1. Focus	$(a, 0)$	$(-a, 0)$	$(0, a)$	$(0, -a)$
2. Directrix	$x = -a$	$x = a$	$y = -a$	$y = a$
3. Vertex	$(0, 0)$	$(0, 0)$	$(0, 0)$	$(0, 0)$
4. Axis	X-axis i.e., $y = 0$	$y = 0$	Y-axis i.e., $x = 0$	$x = 0$
5. Length of latusrectum	$4a$	$4a$	$4a$	$4a$
6. Equation of latusrectum	$x = a$	$x + a = 0$	$y = a$	$y + a = 0$
7. Extremities of latusrectum	$(a, 2a)$ and $(a, -2a)$	$(-a, 2a)$ and $(-a, -2a)$	$(2a, a)$ and $(-2a, a)$	$(2a, -a)$ and $(-2a, -a)$
8. Eccentricity	$e = 1$	$e = 1$	$e = 1$	$e = 1$
9. Focal distance	$x + a$	$x - a$	$y + a$	$y - a$



General Equation of Parabola.

$$ax^2 + 2hxy + by^2 + 2gx + 2fy + c = 0$$

$= 0$

$y^2 = 4ax$   
vertex = (0,0)

vertex = (h,k)

$(y-k) = 4a(x-h)$

if  $abc + fgh - af^2 - bg^2 - ch^2 \neq 0$

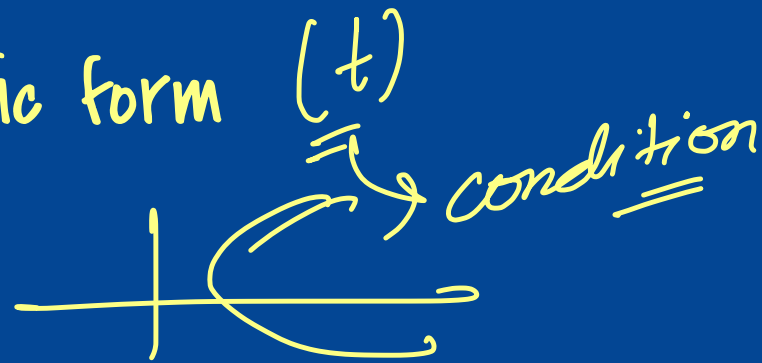
and

$ab - h^2 = 0$ ,  $e = 1$

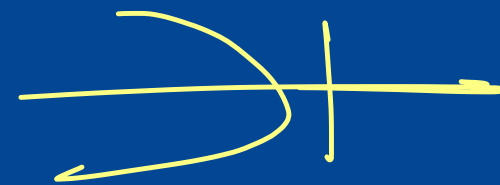


# Equation of Parabola in parametric form $(t)$

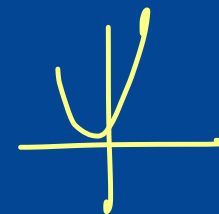
For  $y^2 = 4ax \Rightarrow (at^2, 2at)$



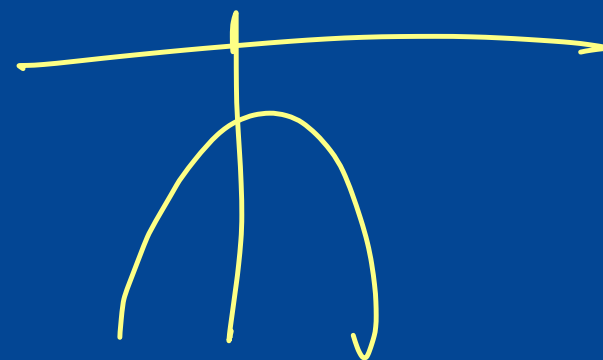
$y^2 = -4ax \Rightarrow (-at^2, 2at)$



$x^2 = 4ay \Rightarrow (2at, at^2)$



$x^2 = -4ay \Rightarrow (2at, -at^2)$





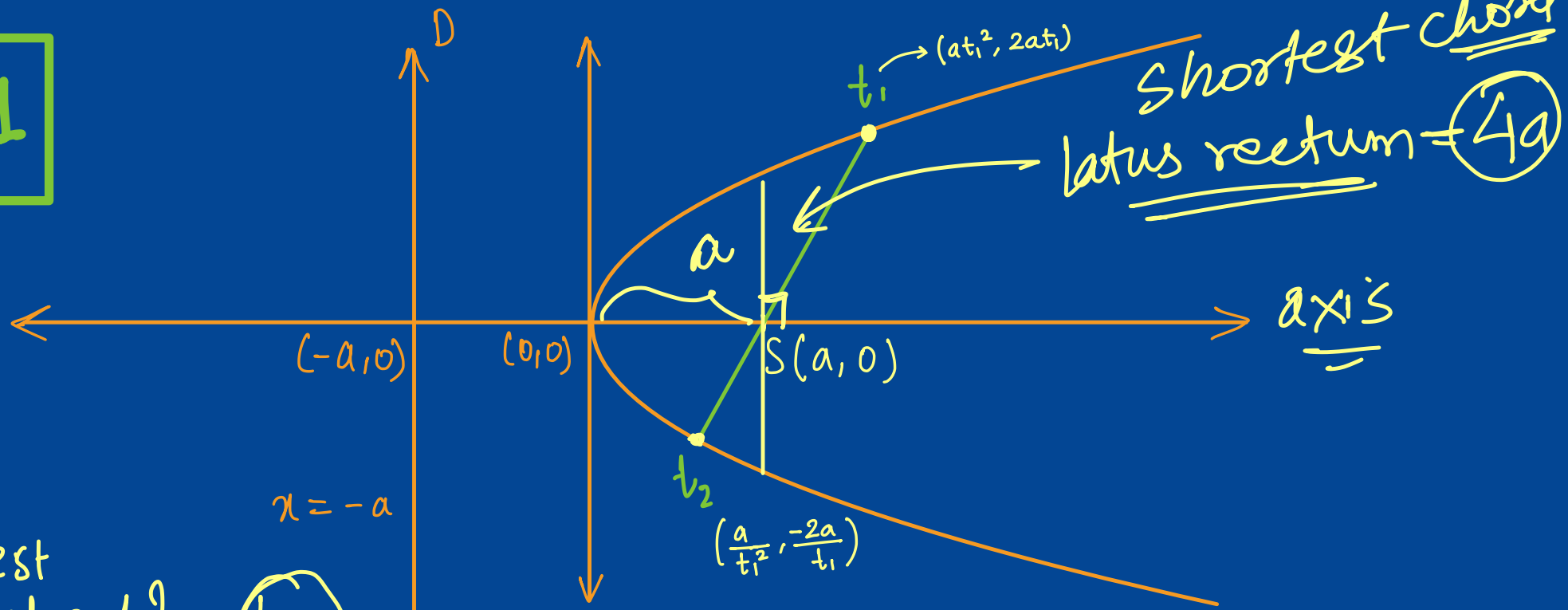


**FOCAL CHORD**  $\Rightarrow$  chord passing from the focus of the parabola

$$t_1 \cdot t_2 = -1$$

$$t = -\frac{1}{t_2}$$

Smallest focal chord?  $\Rightarrow$   $(4a)$





## Position of a point $P(h,k)$ with respect to Parabola

$$k^2 - 4ah = \begin{cases} > 0 & \Rightarrow \text{outside} \\ = 0 & \Rightarrow \text{on the parabola} \\ < 0 & \Rightarrow \text{inside} \end{cases}$$

$y^2 = 4ax$   
↑  $k$   
↑  $h$   
↑  $k^2 - 4ah$



$$4a = 4$$
$$\underline{\underline{a = 1}}$$

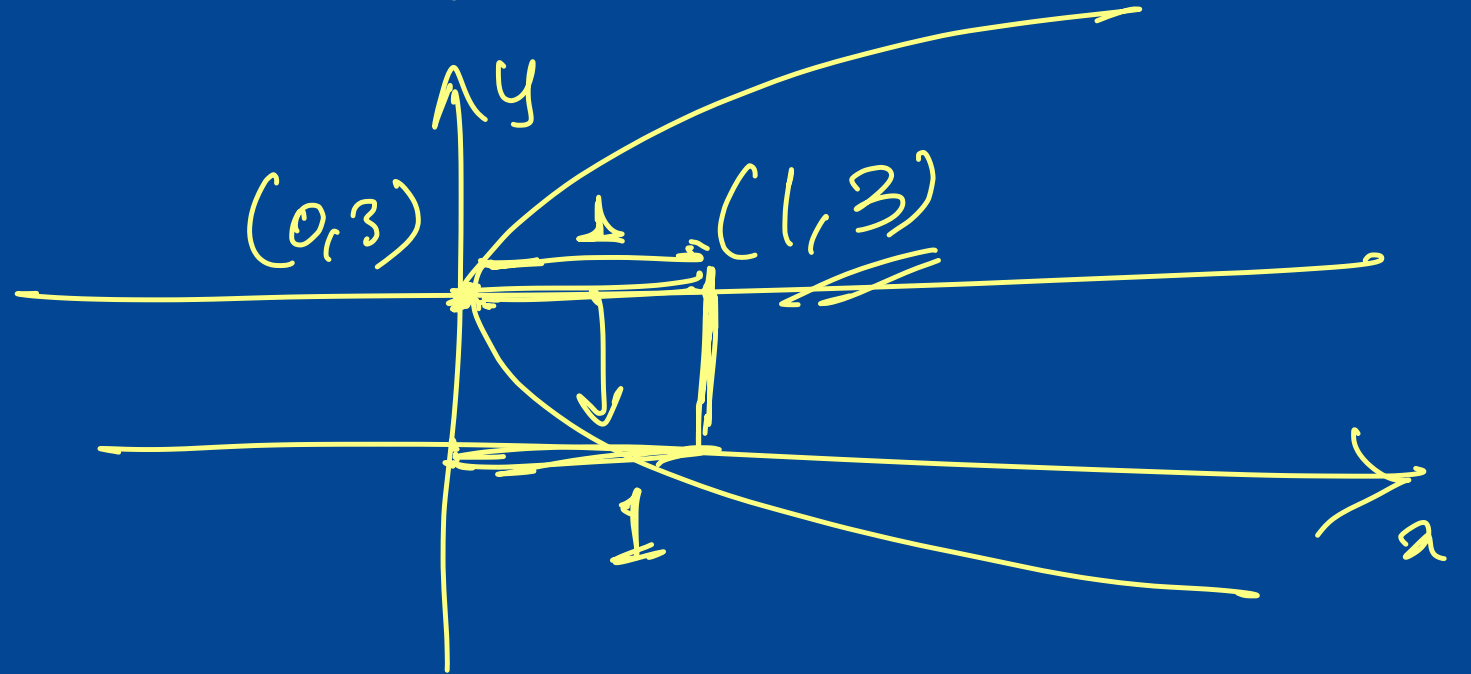
$$(h, k) \Rightarrow (0, 3)$$

$$(y - k)^2 = \underline{4a}(x - h)$$

$\downarrow$   
0

The focus of the parabola  $(y - 3)^2 = 4x$  is

- (a) (-1, -3)
- (b) (-1, 3)
- (c) (1, -3)
- ~~(d) (1, 3)~~





$$y^2 = 4ax$$

The equation of the axis of the parabola  $x^2 - 4y + 8 = 0$  is

(a)  $y = 0$

(b)  $y = 2$

(c)  $x = 0$

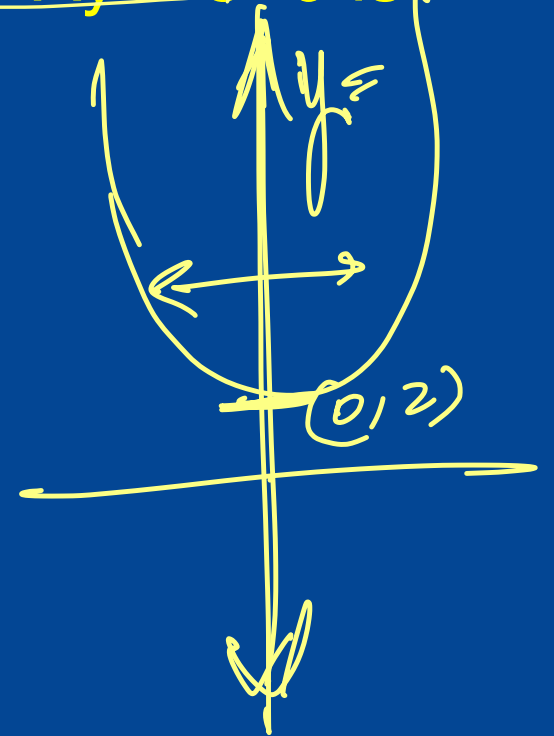
(d)  $x = 2$

$$x^2 = 4y - 8$$

$$x^2 = 4(y - 2)$$

$$(0, 2)$$

$$x^2 - 4y + 8 = 0$$





latus rectum

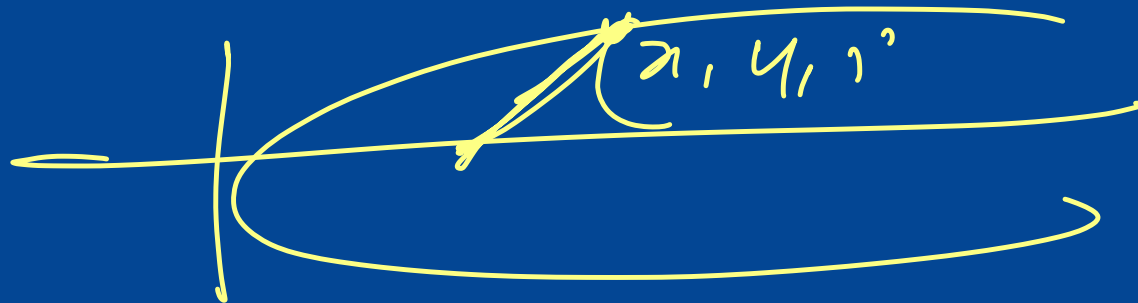
What is the length of the smallest focal chord of the parabola  $y^2 = 4ax$ ?

(a)  $a$

(b)  $2a$

~~(c)  $4a$~~

(d)  $8a$



What is the focal distance of any point  $P(x_1, y_1)$  on the parabola  $y^2 = 4ax$ ?

(a)  $x_1 + y_1$

(b)  $x_1 y_1$

(c)  $ax_1$

(d)  $a + x_1$

$a + x_1$



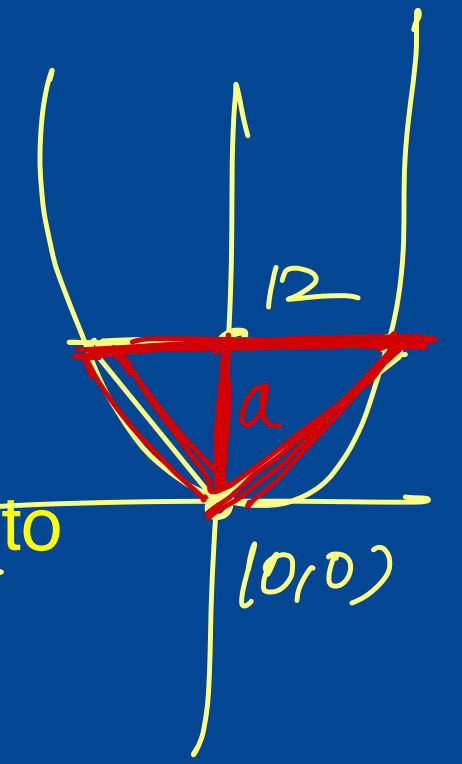
$$4a = 4 \times 3 = 12$$

What is the area of the triangle formed by the lines joining the vertex of the parabola  $x^2 = 12y$  to the end of the latusrectum?

- (a) 9 sq units
- (b) 12 sq units
- (c) 14 sq units
- (d) 18 sq units

$$\frac{1}{2} \times 12 \times 3 = 18$$

$$x^2 = 4ay$$
$$12y = 4ay$$
$$\frac{12}{4} = a \Rightarrow 3$$





$$y^2 = 4ax$$
$$(y-1)^2 = 4a(x-1)$$

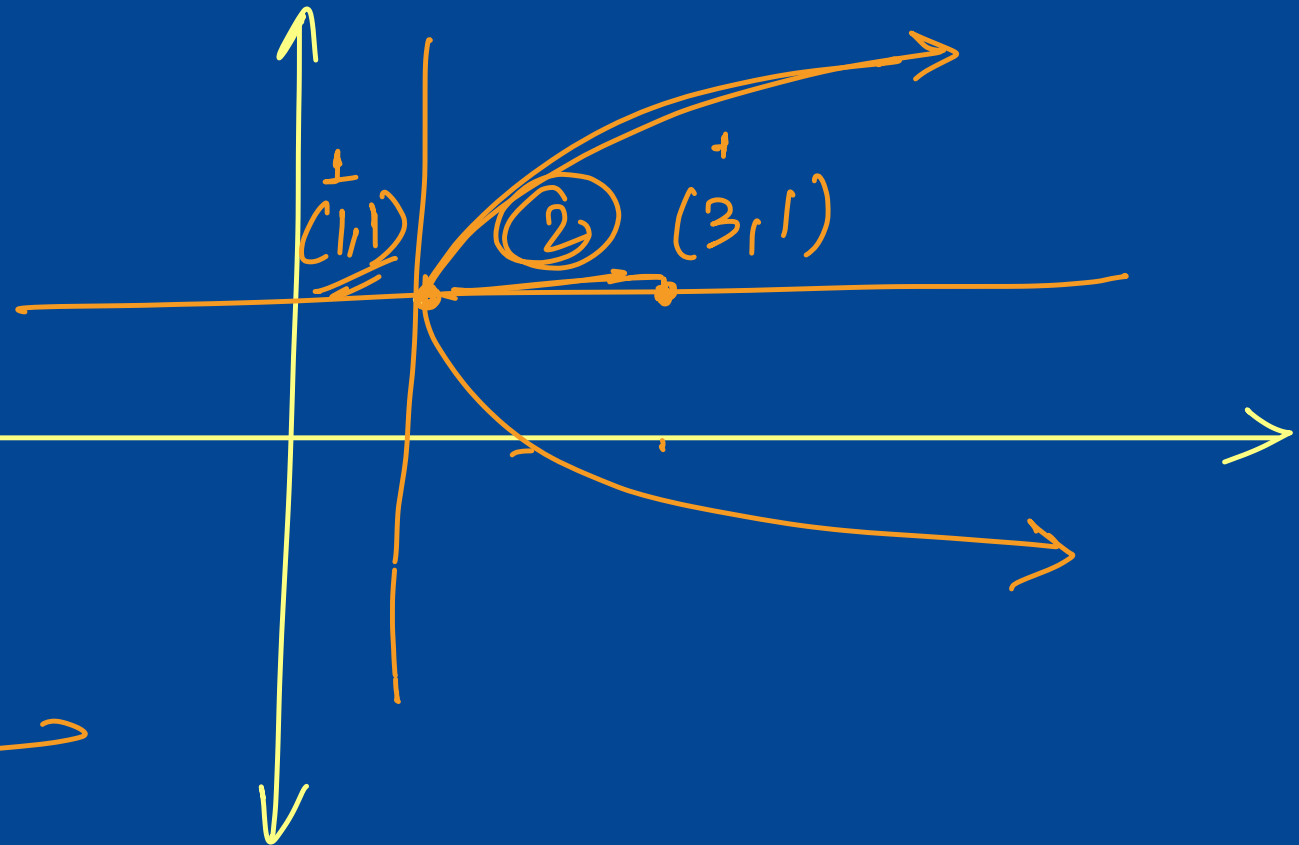
Equation of the parabola with its vertex at (1,1) and focus (3, 1) is

(a)  $(x-1)^2 = 8(y-1)$

(b)  $(y-1)^2 = 8(x-3)$

~~(c)  $(y-1)^2 = 8(x-1)$~~

(d)  $(x-3)^2 = 8(y-1)$



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





$$(x-0)^2 = -4 \cdot 9^3 (y-6) \quad x^2 = -4ay$$

If  $(0, 6)$  and  $(0, 3)$  are, the vertex and focus of a parabola, respectively then its equation is

(a)  $x^2 + 12y = 72$

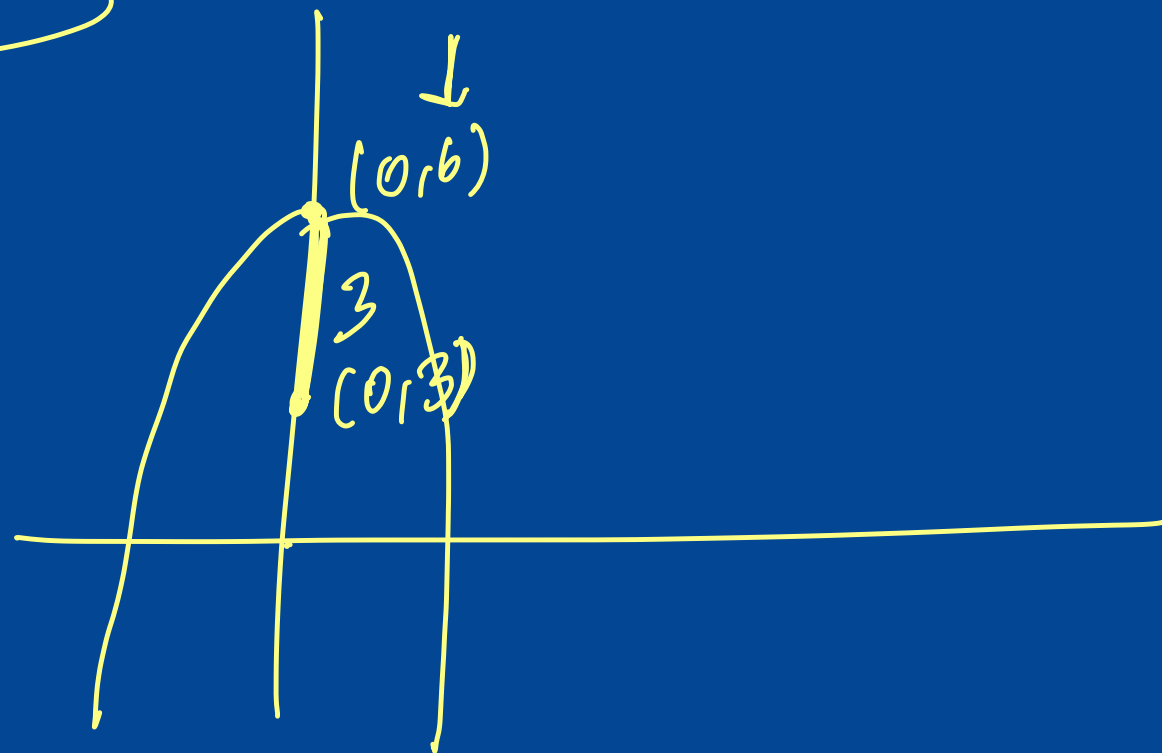
(b)  $x^2 - 12y = 72$

(c)  $y^2 - 12x = 72$

(d)  $y^2 + 12x = 72$

$$x^2 = -12(y-6)$$

$$x^2 + 12y = 72$$



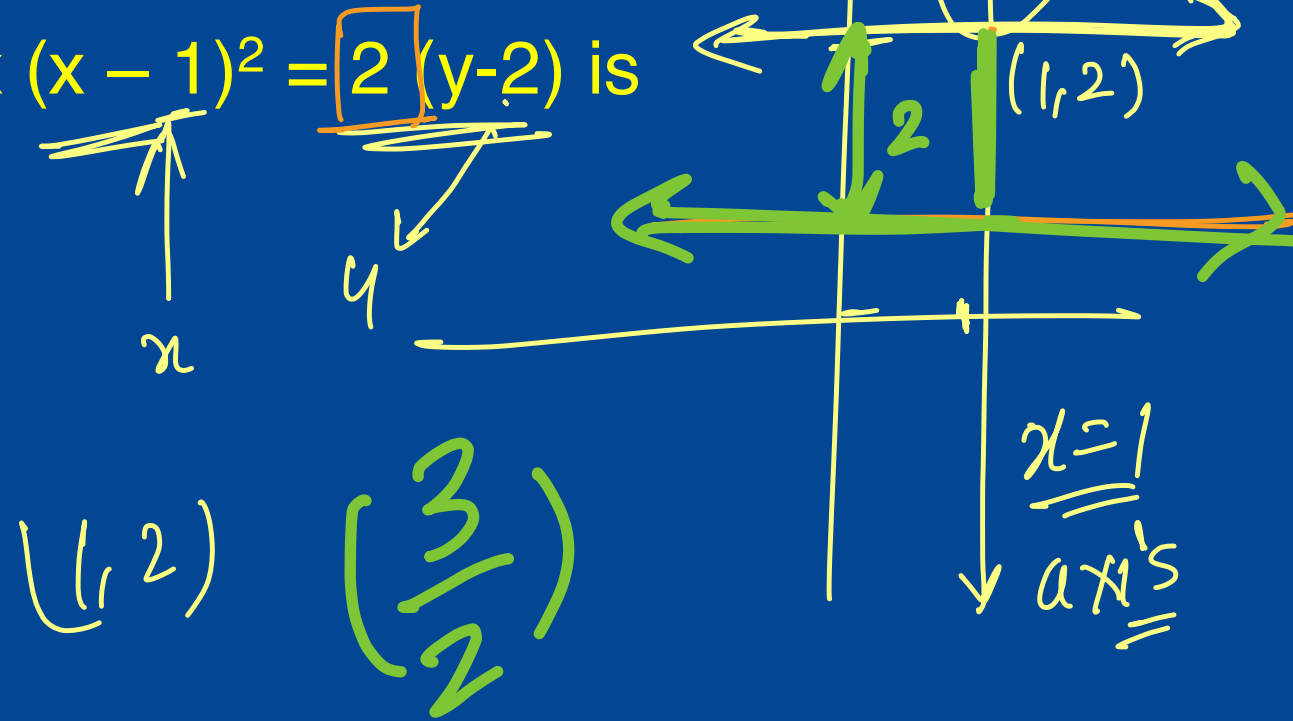


$$5/2$$

$$4a = 2$$
$$a = 2/4 = 1/2$$

The equation of directrix  $(x - 1)^2 = 2(y - 2)$  is

- (a)  $2y + 3 = 0$
- (b)  $2x + 1 = 0$
- (c)  $2y - 3 = 0$
- (d)  $2y - 1 = 0$



$$y = 3/2$$

$$2y - 3 = 0$$

$$y^2 = 8x$$

$$y^2 = 4ax$$
$$[a = 2]$$

↑  
(x, y)

The focal distance of a point on the parabola

$y^2 = 8x$  is 4. Its ordinates are

- (a)  $\pm 1$
- (b)  $\pm 2$
- (c)  $\pm 3$
- ~~(d)  $\pm 4$~~

$$y_1^2 = 8(2)$$

$$y_1^2 = 16$$

$$y_1 = \pm 4$$

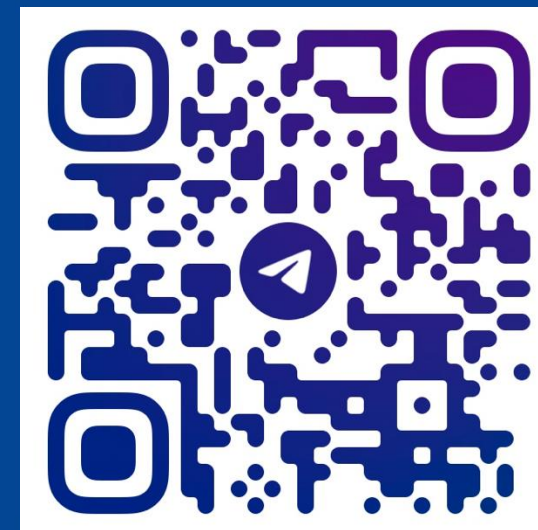


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