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UNIT - III APPLICATIONS OF DIFFERENTIAL CALCULUS

Envelope:

The envelope of the family of curves is a curve which touches each member of a family.

procedure to find the envelope of the family of curves:

Method 1:

- 1) Differentiate $f(x, y, c) = 0$ partially w.r.t. parameter ' c '.
- 2) Eliminate c from $f(x, y, c) = 0$ & $\frac{\partial}{\partial c} f(x, y, c) = 0$
- 3) The eqn. after the elimination of c is the envelope of the family.

Method 2:

If the family of curves is expressed as the quadratic form say $Aa^2 + Ba + c = 0$ where a is the parameter. Then the envelope of family of curve is $B^2 - 4AC = 0$.

1) Find the envelope of $y = mx + am^2$.

$$am^2 + mx - y = 0$$

$$\text{Here } A = a ; B = mx, C = -y.$$

$$\text{WKT } B^2 - 4AC = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 + 4ay = 0$$



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2) Find the envelope of $y = mx + a\sqrt{1+m^2}$ where m is the parameter.

$$y = mx + a\sqrt{1+m^2}$$

$$y - mx = a\sqrt{1+m^2}$$

$$\frac{y - mx}{a} = \sqrt{1+m^2}$$

Squaring both sides we get

$$\left(\frac{y - mx}{a}\right)^2 = 1 + m^2$$

$$(y - mx)^2 = a^2(1 + m^2)$$

$$y^2 + m^2x^2 - 2mxy = a^2 + a^2m^2$$

$$\Rightarrow m^2(x^2 - a^2) + m(-2xy) + (y^2 - a^2) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow m^2[x^2 - a^2] - m[2xy] + [y^2 - a^2] = 0$$

$$\text{Here } A = x^2 - a^2 ; B = -2xy ; C = y^2 - a^2$$

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

$$\Rightarrow 4x^2y^2 - 4(x^2 - a^2)(y^2 - a^2) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 4x^2y^2 - 4[x^2y^2 - a^2x^2 - a^2y^2 + a^4] = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 4x^2y^2 - 4x^2y^2 + 4a^2x^2 + 4a^2y^2 - 4a^4 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 4a^2x^2 + 4a^2y^2 - 4a^4 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 + y^2 = a^2$$



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③ Find the envelope of $x \cos \theta + y \sin \theta = a$, where θ is parameter

$$x \cos \theta + y \sin \theta = a \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

partially d.w.r.t. θ .

$$-x \sin \theta + y \cos \theta = 0 \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

Taking square in (1) & (2).

$$(x \cos \theta + y \sin \theta)^2 = a^2 \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

$$(-x \sin \theta + y \cos \theta)^2 = 0 \quad \text{--- (4)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(3) + (4)} &\Rightarrow x^2 \cos^2 \theta + y^2 \sin^2 \theta + 2xy \cos \theta \sin \theta \\ &\quad + x^2 \sin^2 \theta + y^2 \cos^2 \theta - 2xy \cos \theta \sin \theta = a^2 \\ &\Rightarrow x^2 + y^2 = a^2 \end{aligned}$$

④ Find the envelope of $x \sec \theta - y \tan \theta = a$ where θ is parameter.

$$x \sec \theta - y \tan \theta = a \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

partially d.w.r.t. θ .

$$x \sec \theta \tan \theta - y \sec^2 \theta = 0 \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

$$(x \tan \theta - y \sec \theta) \sec \theta = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x \tan \theta - y \sec \theta = 0 \quad \text{--- (2)}$$



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Taking square in (1) & (2)

$$(x \sec \theta - y \tan \theta)^2 = a^2 \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

$$(x \tan \theta - y \sec \theta)^2 = 0 \quad \text{--- (4)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(3)-(4)} \Rightarrow & x^2 \sec^2 \theta + y^2 \tan^2 \theta - 2xy \sec \theta \tan \theta \\ & - [x^2 \tan^2 \theta + y^2 \sec^2 \theta - 2xy \sec \theta \tan \theta] = a^2 \\ \Rightarrow & x^2 \sec^2 \theta + y^2 \tan^2 \theta - 2xy \sec \theta \tan \theta \\ & - x^2 \tan^2 \theta - y^2 \sec^2 \theta + 2xy \sec \theta \tan \theta = a^2 \\ \Rightarrow & x^2 + y^2 = a^2 \end{aligned}$$

(5) $\frac{x}{a} \cos t + \frac{y}{b} \sin t = 1$, t is a parameter.

Partially w.r.t. t in $\frac{x}{a} \cos t + \frac{y}{b} \sin t = 1$ --- (1)

$$-\frac{x}{a} \sin t + \frac{y}{b} \cos t = 0 \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

Taking square in (1) & (2)

$$\left(\frac{x}{a} \cos t + \frac{y}{b} \sin t\right)^2 = 1 \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

$$\left(-\frac{x}{a} \sin t + \frac{y}{b} \cos t\right)^2 = 0 \quad \text{--- (4)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(3)+(4)} \Rightarrow & \frac{x^2}{a^2} \cos^2 t + \frac{y^2}{b^2} \sin^2 t + 2 \frac{x}{a} \cdot \frac{y}{b} \cos t \sin t \\ & + \frac{x^2}{a^2} \sin^2 t + \frac{y^2}{b^2} \cos^2 t + 2 \frac{x}{a} \cdot \frac{y}{b} \cos t \sin t = 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1$$



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⑥ $y = mx - 2am - am^3$, m is parameter.

$$y = mx - 2am - am^3 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

partially. d.w.r.t. 'm'

$$0 = x - 2a - 3am^2$$

$$\Rightarrow x - 2a = 3am^2 \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

Consider (1), $y = m[x - 2a - am^2]$
 $= m[(x - 2a) - am^2]$

From (2), $m^2 = \frac{x - 2a}{3a}$

$$\Rightarrow y = m \left[(x - 2a) - a \left[\frac{x - 2a}{3a} \right] \right]$$

$$y = m \left[\frac{2}{3} [x - 2a] \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow m = \frac{3y}{2[x - 2a]}$$

sub m in (2), $x - 2a - 3am^2 = 0$

$$(x - 2a) - 3a \left[\frac{3y}{2[x - 2a]} \right]^2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x - 2a - 3a \cdot \frac{9y^2}{4[x - 2a]^2} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 4[x - 2a]^3 - 27ay^2 = 0.$$



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$$\textcircled{7} \quad \frac{x^2}{\alpha} + \frac{y^2}{1-\alpha} = 1, \quad \alpha \text{ is parameter.}$$

$$(1-\alpha)x^2 + \alpha y^2 = \alpha(1-\alpha).$$

$$\Rightarrow (1-\alpha)x^2 + \alpha y^2 - \alpha + \alpha^2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha^2 + (-x^2 + y^2 - 1)\alpha + x^2 = 0$$

$$A = 1; \quad B = (-x^2 + y^2 - 1); \quad C = x^2.$$

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

$$\Rightarrow [-x^2 + y^2 - 1]^2 - 4x^2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x^4 + y^4 + 1 - 2x^2y^2 - 2y^2 + 2x^2 - 4x^2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x^4 + y^4 + 1 - 2x^2y^2 - 2y^2 - 2x^2 = 0$$

$$\textcircled{8} \quad y = mx + \sqrt{a^2m^2 + b^2}, \quad m \text{ is parameter.}$$

$$y - mx = \sqrt{a^2m^2 + b^2}$$

taking square on both sides.

$$(y - mx)^2 = a^2m^2 + b^2.$$

$$\Rightarrow y^2 + m^2x^2 - 2mxy - a^2m^2 - b^2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow m^2(x^2 - a^2) + m(-2xy) + y^2 - b^2 = 0.$$



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$$A = (x^2 - a^2) ; B = -2xy ; c = y^2 - b^2 .$$

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

$$\Rightarrow 4x^2y^2 - 4(x^2 - a^2)(y^2 - b^2) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 4x^2y^2 - 4[x^2y^2 - x^2b^2 - a^2y^2 + a^2b^2] = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 4x^2b^2 + 4a^2y^2 - 4a^2b^2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2b^2 + a^2y^2 = a^2b^2 .$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1 .$$

⑨ $y = mx + \frac{a}{m}$, m is parameter .

$$\Rightarrow m^2x - my + a = 0$$

$$A = x ; B = -y ; c = a .$$

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

$$y^2 - 4ax = 0 .$$