

217(8) : Asymptotes of the Transverse Hyperbola.

For the ordinary hyperbola:

$$\frac{x^2}{a^2} - \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1 \quad - (1)$$

The asymptotes are found as follows. Let:

$$y = mx + c \quad - (2)$$

be an asymptote. Then:

$$(a^2 m^2 - b^2) x^2 + 2a^2 m c x + a^2 (b^2 + c^2) = 0 \quad - (3)$$

The asymptote must get nearer and nearer to the hyperbola at infinity. So both roots of eq. (3) are infinite, i.e.

$$a^2 m^2 - b^2 = 0 \quad - (4)$$

$$- 2a^2 m c = 0 \quad - (5)$$

so

$$y = \pm \frac{b}{a} x \quad - (6)$$

are the asymptotes. From eq. (1):

$$y = b^2 \left( \frac{x^2}{a^2} - 1 \right)^{1/2} \quad - (7)$$

so

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 2 \frac{x}{y} \left( \frac{b^2}{a} \right) = 2d^2 \frac{x}{y} \quad - (8)$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 2d^2 \frac{x}{y} \quad - (9)$$

For the hyperbola with orbital centre at a focal point:

2)

$$\frac{(X - ae)^2}{a^2} - \frac{Y^2}{b^2} = 1 \quad - (10)$$

and the asymptotes are:

$$Y = \pm \frac{b}{a} (X - ae) \quad - (11)$$

where

$$X = -ae + r \cos \theta \quad - (12)$$

$$Y = r \sin \theta \quad - (13)$$

These are transformed into partial hyperbolae

by  $\theta \rightarrow x\theta \quad - (14)$

In the centred hyperbola of eq. (6) the asymptotes are straight lines:

$$\frac{Y}{X} = \tan \theta = \pm \frac{b}{a} \quad - (15)$$

but in the partial hyperbolae:

$$\frac{Y}{X} = \tan(x\theta) = \pm \frac{b}{a} \quad - (16)$$

with completely different properties.

Eq (11) is:

$$Y = \pm \frac{b}{a} X \mp be \quad - (17)$$

3) and this becomes the partial asymptote:

$$\frac{Y}{X} = \tan(x\theta) = \pm \frac{b}{a} \mp \frac{b\epsilon}{X} \quad - (18)$$

where

$$X = -a\epsilon + \frac{d \cos(x\theta)}{1 + \epsilon \cos(x\theta)} \quad - (19)$$

Similarly, eq. (9) for the partial hyperbola  
becomes:

$$\boxed{\frac{dY}{dX} = 2d' \cotan(x\theta)} \quad - (20)$$

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