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If two lines be divided homographically, prove by Elementary Geometry that

(a) Two points can be found, such that, if perpendiculars be (a) 1 to points can be lines joining homologous points, the feet of all the perpendiculars are in the circumference of a circle. (β) If the lines joining two pairs of homologous points be

perpendicular to each other, the locus of their intersection is a circle

(y) This circle cuts orthogonally the polar circles of the triangles formed by every three lines of the system 41 1489. Two particles, of weights P and Q, are connected by a fine iner-

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If $\sigma < \left(\frac{P+Q}{Q}\right)^2 b$, show that, after Q has left the table, the

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In particular, examine the case in which the three given angles are together equal to two right angles. Also show that, if the third side is perpendicular to the two

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1492. Show that the tangential equation of the caustic by reflexion of the circle is

 $[(2\rho)^2 - (\xi + \gamma)^2](\xi^2 + v^2) = 4\rho^2(\rho^2 - \gamma\xi),$

¿ and u being the tangential coordinates of the curve, while o and γ are the reciprocals of the radius of the given circle, and of the distance of the radiant point from its centre.

When the incident rays are parallel, $\gamma = 0$, and the equation becomes $(4\rho^2 - \xi^2)v^2 = (2\rho^2 - \xi^2)^2$.

1494. Find x and y from the equations

$x^2y + xy^2 = 7.....(1),$ $x^2y^2 + x^2y^7 = 1608 \frac{3}{4} \frac{1}{4}....(2).$

Also find s, y, s from the equations

 $\begin{array}{l} (a^{16}+a^{16}+z^{16})^3+(x^6+y^6)^2=31,\ldots,(1),\\ (a^{16}+y^{16}+x^{16})^3(a^5+y^6+x^6)^3=729,\ldots,(2),\\ (a^5+y^6)^2+(x^6+y^6+x^6)^3=31,\ldots,(3). \end{array}$ 16

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