

Answer to Question #89491 – Math – Calculus
Question

What are the equations for the asymptotes of this hyperbola? $y^2/36 - x^2/121 = 1$

Solution

$$\frac{y^2}{36} - \frac{x^2}{121} = 1$$

$$\frac{(y-k)^2}{a^2} - \frac{(x-h)^2}{b^2} = 1 \text{ is the standard equation}$$

with center (h, k) , semi-axis a and semi-conjugate-axis b .

$$\frac{(y-0)^2}{6^2} - \frac{(x-0)^2}{11^2} = 1$$

We get,

$$(h, k) = (0, 0), a = 6, b = 11$$

For hyperbola the asymptotes are $y = \pm \frac{a}{b}(x - h) + k$

$$\therefore y = \frac{6}{11}(x - 0) + 0, \quad y = -\frac{6}{11}(x - 0) + 0$$

$$y = \frac{6x}{11}, y = -\frac{6x}{11}.$$