

The triangle in figure is typical obtuse one i.e. the exterior angle  $\varphi$  is less than 90°. Here the base (of the altitude  $y_0$ ) is chosen to be on the x-axis. The bisector of the vertex angle (the red dashed line) intersects with the base at the origin point (0,0) of the Cartesian x-y coordinates. It's obvious that the tangents of the angles  $\varphi$ ,  $\beta$  and  $\alpha$  have the same numerator  $y_0$ . This is because:

$$tan(\beta) = y_0 / x_0$$
,  $tan(\phi) = y_0 / (x_0 - f)$  and  $tan(\alpha) = y_0 / (x_0 - d)$ , d here is negative!

The base of the triangle consists of two parts f and d and the task is proposed to find in general the relationship between these two parts. Here is the approach!

The exterior angles  $\varphi = \beta + \theta$  , while  $\beta = \theta + \alpha$  , which gives:

$$2\beta = \phi + \alpha$$
, and therefore  $tan(2\beta) = tan(\phi + \alpha)$ , by applying the tangent of sum:

2tan(
$$\beta$$
) tan( $\phi$ ) + tan( $\alpha$ )

1 -- tan<sup>2</sup>( $\beta$ ) 1 -- tan( $\phi$ ) tan( $\alpha$ )

This equation can be simplified by multiplying the numerator of one side with the denominator of the other side which results another equation:

[ 
$$2\tan(\beta)$$
 ] [  $1 - \tan(\varphi) \tan(\alpha)$  ] = [ $\tan(\varphi) + \tan(\alpha)$ ] [( $1 - \tan^2(\beta)$ )

Prior continue it is important to be very careful with the +/-- signs. Now substitute the tangents with their values:

$$[2y_0 / x_0][1 - (y_0^2 / (x_0 - f) (x_0 - d)] = [y_0 / (x_0 - f) + y_0 / (x_0 - d)][1 - (y_0^2 / x_0^2)]$$

We can rewrite the above equation in order to recognize common values:

You can notice that  $y_0$  is common numerator on both sides of the equation which can be eliminated by dividing by  $y_0$  and we get:

Further simplifying:

Multiplying both sides by  $x_0$  [(  $x_0$  - f ) ( $x_0$  - d)] will result:

$$x_0^2 - y_0^2$$

$$2 [x_0^2 - y_0^2 - (f + d) x_0 + f d] = [2x_0 - (f + d)] [----]$$

$$x_0$$

$$2 (x_0^2 - y_0^2) x_0 - 2 (f + d) x_0^2 + 2 f d x_0 = 2 (x_0^2 - y_0^2) x_0 - (f + d) x_0^2 + (f + d) y_0^2$$

$$2 f d x_0 = (f + d) x_0^2 + (f + d) y_0^2 = (f + d) (x_0^2 + y_0^2)$$

Surprisingly  $(x_0^2 + y_0^2)$  = the square of the length of the bisector (the red dashed line) which I'll denote by the letter r, and the last equation will become more simpler:

2 f d 
$$x_0 = (f + d) r^2$$
 and can be rewritten:  
2  $x_0 / r^2 = (f + d) / f d$ , and finally:

$$2 x_0 / r^2 = 1/f + 1/d$$

This means that task is achieved perfectly!!

**Important note:** I used to consider the sine and cosine functions as the normalized unit-less values of the x- and y-coordinates regardless of the value of the radius of any circle. The last equation can be modified slightly to be presented by normalized values instead:

$$2 x_0/r = 1/(f/r) + 1/(d/r)$$