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In[2]:= Eliminate[{a^2 == (x - xl)^2 + y^2, b^2 == (x - xr)^2 + y^2}, y]
Out[2]= b^2 - 2 x xl + xl^2 + 2 x xr - xr^2 == a^2

In[3]:= Solve[b^2 - 2 x xl + xl^2 + 2 x xr - xr^2 == a^2, x]
Out[3]= {x → -a^2 + b^2 + xl^2 - xr^2 / (2 (xl - xr))}

In[6]:= FullSimplify[-a^2 + b^2 + xl^2 - xr^2 / (2 (xl - xr))]
Out[6]= -a^2 + b^2 + xl^2 - xr^2 / (2 (xl - xr))

In[7]:= Eliminate[{a^2 == (x - xl)^2 + y^2, b^2 == (x - xr)^2 + y^2}, x]
Out[7]= -b^4 + 2 b^2 xl^2 - xl^4 - 4 b^2 xl xr + 4 xl^3 xr + 2 b^2 xr^2 - 6 xl^2 xr^2 +
        4 xl xr^3 - xr^4 - 4 xl^2 y^2 + 8 xl xr y^2 - 4 xr^2 y^2 == a^4 + a^2 (-2 b^2 - 2 xl^2 + 4 xl xr - 2 xr^2)

In[10]:= Solve[-b^4 + 2 b^2 xl^2 - xl^4 - 4 b^2 xl xr + 4 xl^3 xr + 2 b^2 xr^2 - 6 xl^2 xr^2 + 4 xl xr^3 -
           xr^4 - 4 xl^2 y^2 + 8 xl xr y^2 - 4 xr^2 y^2 == a^4 + a^2 (-2 b^2 - 2 xl^2 + 4 xl xr - 2 xr^2), y]
Out[10]= {y → -1 / (sqrt(-4 xl^2 + 8 xl xr - 4 xr^2) (sqrt(a^4 + b^4 - 2 b^2 xl^2 + xl^4 + 4 b^2 xl xr - 4 xl^3 xr - 2 b^2 xr^2 + 6 xl^2 xr^2 - 4 xl xr^3 + xr^4 + a^2 (-2 b^2 - 2 xl^2 + 4 xl xr - 2 xr^2)))},
          {y → 1 / (sqrt(-4 xl^2 + 8 xl xr - 4 xr^2) (sqrt(a^4 + b^4 - 2 b^2 xl^2 + xl^4 + 4 b^2 xl xr - 4 xl^3 xr - 2 b^2 xr^2 + 6 xl^2 xr^2 - 4 xl xr^3 + xr^4 + a^2 (-2 b^2 - 2 xl^2 + 4 xl xr - 2 xr^2))))}

In[11]:= FullSimplify[1 / (sqrt(-4 xl^2 + 8 xl xr - 4 xr^2) (sqrt(a^4 + b^4 - 2 b^2 xl^2 + xl^4 + 4 b^2 xl xr - 4 xl^3 xr - 2 b^2 xr^2 + 6 xl^2 xr^2 - 4 xl xr^3 + xr^4 + a^2 (-2 b^2 - 2 xl^2 + 4 xl xr - 2 xr^2))))]
Out[11]= sqrt((a - b + xl - xr) (a + b + xl - xr) (a - b - xl + xr) (a + b - xl + xr)) / (2 sqrt(-(xl - xr)^2))

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