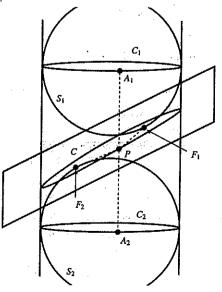
## UKENS UTFORDRING Nº 4: Challenging Problems, #1, 5.516, LØSNING: innsees litt at siden elt og det ikke renner elle $a = 4/\cos\theta$ 16 1 / 000 € BEGRUNNELSE FOR PASTANDEN berrist som oppgave 2, Challenging Challenging Problems 8 (page 516)



2. Let  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  be two spheres inscribed in the cylinder, one on each side of the plane that intersects the cylinder in the curve C that we are trying to show is an ellipse. Let the spheres be tangent to the cylinder around the circles  $C_1$  and  $C_2$ , and suppose they are also tangent to the plane at the points  $F_1$  and  $F_2$ , respectively, as shown in the figure.

Let P be any point on C. Let  $A_1A_2$  be the line through P that lies on the cylinder, with  $A_1$  on  $C_1$  and  $A_2$  on  $C_2$ . Then  $PF_1 = PA_1$  because both lengths are of tangents drawn to the sphere  $S_1$  from the same exterior point P. Similarly,  $PF_2 = PA_2$ . Hence

$$PF_1 + PF_2 = PA_1 + PA_2 = A_1A_2,$$

which is constant, the distance between the centres of the two spheres. Thus C must be an ellipse, with foci at  $F_1$  and  $F_2$ .