

Popper 06 ← Bubble

① Find the center of circle

$$x^2 + (y-2)^2 = 3$$

$$(x-\underline{0})^2 + (y-\underline{2})^2 = 3$$

A. (0, 2)  $(0, 2)$  B. (2, 0)

C. (0, 0)

D.  $(\sqrt{3}, 0)$

② Given parabola  $y^2 = 4x - 8 = 4(x-2)$ , horizontal parabola  
find the focus point coordinates.

A. (1, 0)

B. (3, 0)

C. (1, 2)

D. (0, 1)

③ A

④ A

$$y^2 = 4x$$

$$\xrightarrow[\text{2 right}]{\text{shift}} y^2 = 4(x-2)$$

$$\downarrow$$
$$4p = 4$$
$$\Rightarrow p = 1$$

$$\text{Focus } (1, 0) \xrightarrow[\text{1+2=3}]{\text{2 right}} (3, 0)$$

Ellipse - roughly speaking - elongated version of a circle.

## Math 1330 - Section 8.2

### Ellipses

Follow the  
coloured  
info!

**Definition:** An *ellipse* is the set of all points, the sum of whose distances from two fixed points is constant. Each fixed point is called a *focus* (plural = *foci*).

Basic ellipses (centered at origin): *Vertices & foci on y-axis*

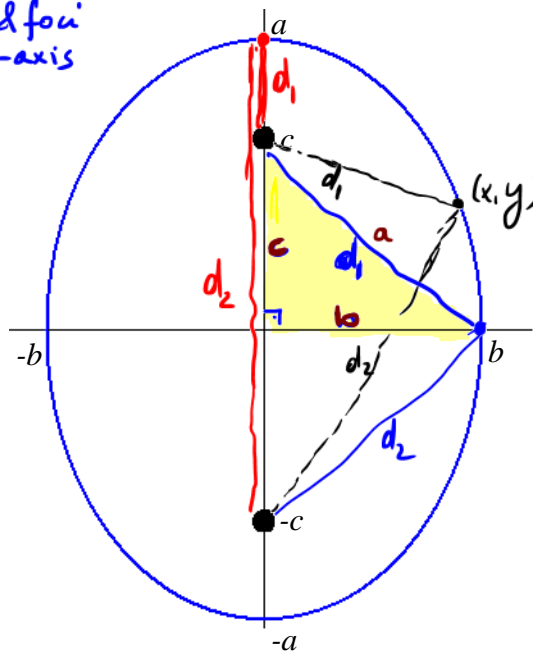
Basic "vertical" ellipse:

Equation:  $\frac{x^2}{b^2} + \frac{y^2}{a^2} = 1, a > b$

Foci:  $(0, \pm c)$ , where  $c^2 = a^2 - b^2$

Vertices:  $(0, \pm a)$  *major axis*

Eccentricity:  $e = \frac{c}{a}$



$d_1 + d_2 = \text{fixed}$   
?

$d_1 = a - c$

$d_2 = a + c$

$d_1 + d_2 = 2a$

"a" will give  
vertices.

$d_1 = d_2$

$d_1 + d_2 = 2a$

$d_1 = d_2 = a$

$c^2 + b^2 = a^2$

$\Rightarrow c^2 = a^2 - b^2$

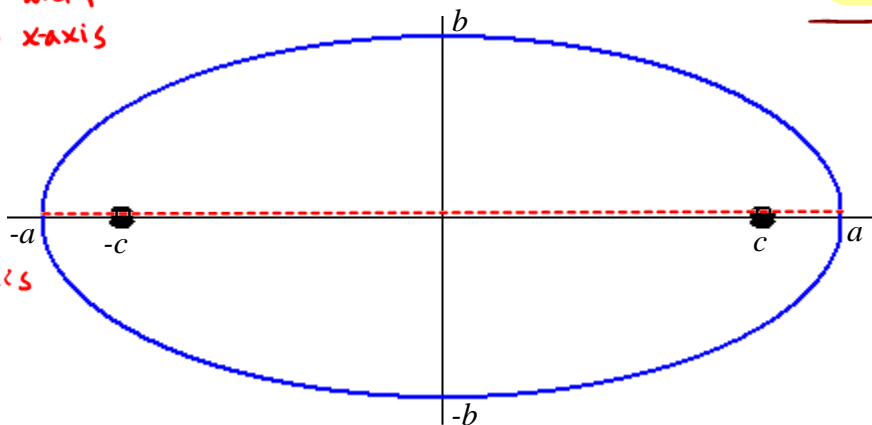
Basic "horizontal" ellipse: *Vertices and foci on x-axis*

Equation:  $\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1, a > b$

Foci:  $(\pm c, 0)$ , where  $c^2 = a^2 - b^2$

Vertices:  $(\pm a, 0)$  *major axis*

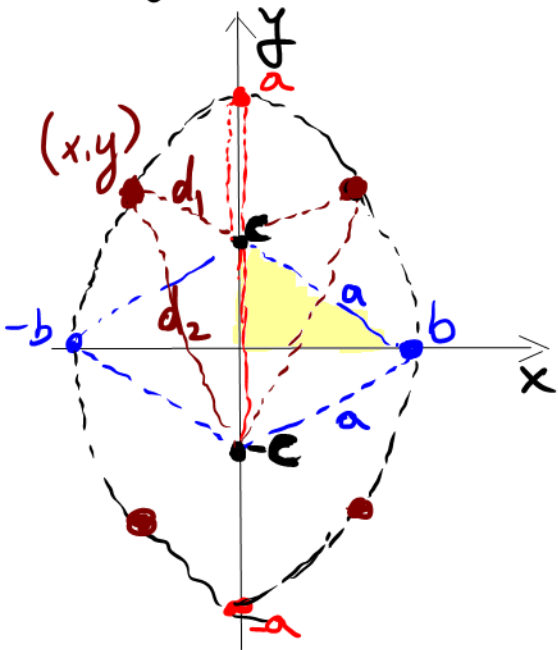
Eccentricity:  $e = \frac{c}{a}$



The eccentricity provides a measure on how much the ellipse deviates from being a circle. The *eccentricity*  $e$  is a number between 0 and 1.

- small  $e$ : graph resembles a circle (foci close together)
- large  $e$ : flatter, more elongated (foci far apart)
- if the foci are the same, it's a circle!

Getting an ellipse:



$$c^2 + b^2 = a^2$$

Fix two points on the y-axis, say  $(0, c)$  and  $(0, -c)$ .

Then plot all points, the sum of whose distances from the given points is fixed, we call the sum " $2a$ ".

Call the coordinates on x-axis to be  $(b, 0)$ ,  $(-b, 0)$ .

Need to find a formula that

describes ellipse: Let  $(x, y)$  be any point,

then

$$d_1 + d_2 = 2a = \text{fixed}$$

$(x, y) \leftrightarrow (0, c)$   
distance

$(x, y) \leftrightarrow (0, -c)$   
distance

$$\sqrt{x^2 + (y - c)^2} + \sqrt{x^2 + (y + c)^2} = 2a$$

→ Square both sides:

$$x^2 + (y-c)^2 + x^2 + (y+c)^2 + 2\sqrt{(x^2 + (y-c)^2)(x^2 + (y+c)^2)} = 4a^2$$

→ Simplify, we get

$$x^2 + y^2 + c^2 - 2a^2 = -\sqrt{(x^2 + (y-c)^2)(x^2 + (y+c)^2)}$$

→ Square both sides again:

$$(x^2 + y^2 + c^2 - 2a^2)^2 = (x^2 + y^2 + c^2 - 2yc)(x^2 + y^2 + c^2 + 2yc)$$

→ Perform calculations and simplify:

$$(\cancel{x^2 + y^2 + c^2})^2 + 4a^4 - 4a^2(x^2 + y^2 + c^2) = (\cancel{x^2 + y^2 + c^2})^2 - 4y^2c^2$$

$$4a^4 - 4a^2x^2 - 4a^2y^2 - 4a^2\boxed{c^2} = -4y^2\boxed{c^2}$$

→ Substitute  $\boxed{c^2 = a^2 - b^2}$  from construction

$$4a^4 - 4a^2x^2 - 4a^2y^2 - 4a^2(\underbrace{a^2 - b^2}) = -4y^2(\underbrace{a^2 - b^2})$$

$$\cancel{4a^4} - 4a^2x^2 - \cancel{4a^2y^2} - \cancel{4a^4} + 4a^2b^2 = -\cancel{4a^2y^2} + 4y^2b^2$$

$$\Rightarrow 4a^2x^2 + 4b^2y^2 = 4a^2b^2$$

→ Divide both sides  
by  $4a^2b^2$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\frac{x^2}{b^2} + \frac{y^2}{a^2} = 1}$$

Graphing ellipses: → Bring it in standard form

$$\boxed{\frac{x^2}{a^2}} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1 \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{x^2}{b^2} + \boxed{\frac{y^2}{a^2}} = 1$$

bigger = horizontal                      bigger = vertical

To graph an ellipse with center at the origin:

- Rearrange into the form  $\frac{x^2}{\text{number}} + \frac{y^2}{\text{number}} = 1$ .
- Decide if it's a "horizontal" or "vertical" ellipse.
  - if the bigger number is under  $x^2$ , it's horizontal (longer in  $x$ -direction).
  - if the bigger number is under  $y^2$ , it's vertical (longer in  $y$ -direction).
- Use the square root of the number under  $x^2$  to determine how far to measure in  $x$ -direction.
- Use the square root of the number under  $y^2$  to determine how far to measure in  $y$ -direction.
- Draw the ellipse with these measurements. Be sure it is smooth with no sharp corners
- $c^2 = a^2 - b^2$  where  $a^2$  and  $b^2$  are the denominators. So  $c = \sqrt{\text{big denom} - \text{small denom}}$
- The foci are located  $c$  units from the center on the long axis.

To graph an ellipse with center not at the origin:

Shifted Ellipse (next time)

- Rearrange (complete the square if necessary) to look like  $\frac{(x-h)^2}{\text{number}} + \frac{(y-k)^2}{\text{number}} = 1$ .
- Start at the center  $(h, k)$  and then graph it as before.

When graphing, you will need to find the orientation, center, values for  $a$ ,  $b$  and  $c$ , vertices, foci, lengths of the major and minor axes and eccentricity.

To be continued on Monday, 02/15.

**Example 1:** Find all relevant information and graph  $\frac{x^2}{16} + \frac{y^2}{9} = 1$ . ↔ horizontal  
bigger

$$a^2 = 16 \Rightarrow a = 4$$

$$b^2 = 9 \Rightarrow b = 3$$

Orientation: horizontal

Center:  $(0, 0)$

Vertices:  $(4, 0), (-4, 0)$

Foci:  $c^2 = a^2 - b^2 = 16 - 9 = 7 \Rightarrow c = \pm\sqrt{7}$   
 $(\sqrt{7}, 0), (-\sqrt{7}, 0)$

Length of major axis:

$$2 \cdot a = 2 \cdot 4 = 8$$

Length of minor axis:

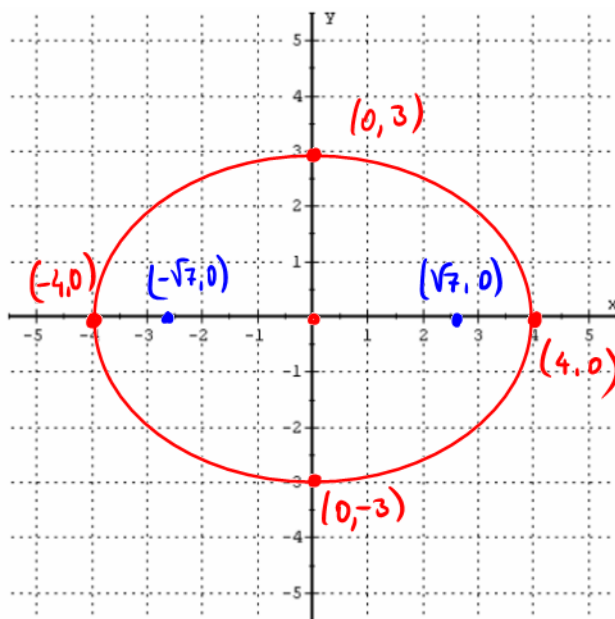
$$2 \cdot b = 2 \cdot 3 = 6$$

Coordinates of the major axis:

$$(4, 0), (-4, 0)$$

Coordinates of the minor axis:  $(0, 3), (0, -3)$

Eccentricity:  $e = \frac{c}{a} = \frac{\sqrt{7}}{4} \approx 0.66$



**Example 2:** Find all relevant information and graph  $\frac{(x-1)^2}{9} + \frac{(y+2)^2}{25} = 1$ . Vertical  
bigger

$$\frac{x^2}{9} + \frac{y^2}{25} = 1 \Rightarrow \frac{(x-1)^2}{9} + \frac{(y+2)^2}{25} = 1$$

shifted

Orientation: Vertical

shift 1 right, 2 down

Center:  $(1, -2)$

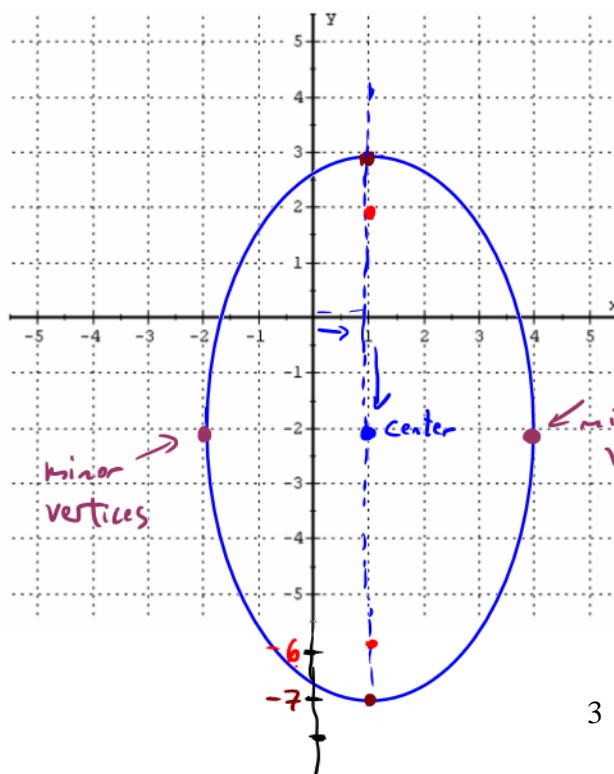
Vertices:  $(1, 3), (1, -7)$

Foci:  $(1, 2), (1, -6)$

Length of major axis:  $2 \cdot 5 = 10$

Length of minor axis:  $2 \cdot 3 = 6$

Eccentricity:  $e = \frac{c}{a} = \frac{4}{5} = 0.8$



$$a^2 = 25$$

$$a = 5$$

$$b^2 = 9$$

$$b = 3$$

$$c^2 = a^2 - b^2$$

$$= 16$$

$$c = 4$$

**Example 3:** Write the equation in standard form. Find all relevant information and graph:

$$4x^2 - 8x + 9y^2 - 54y = -49.$$

→ group x terms together, y terms together

$$(4x^2 - 8x) + (9y^2 - 54y) = -49$$

⇒ Factor coefficients in front of squares

$$4(x^2 - 2x + 1) + 9(y^2 - 6y + 9) = -49 + 4 \cdot 1 + 9 \cdot 9$$

$(\frac{2}{2}=1)^2$                        $(\frac{6}{2}=3)^2$

⇒ Complete the square:

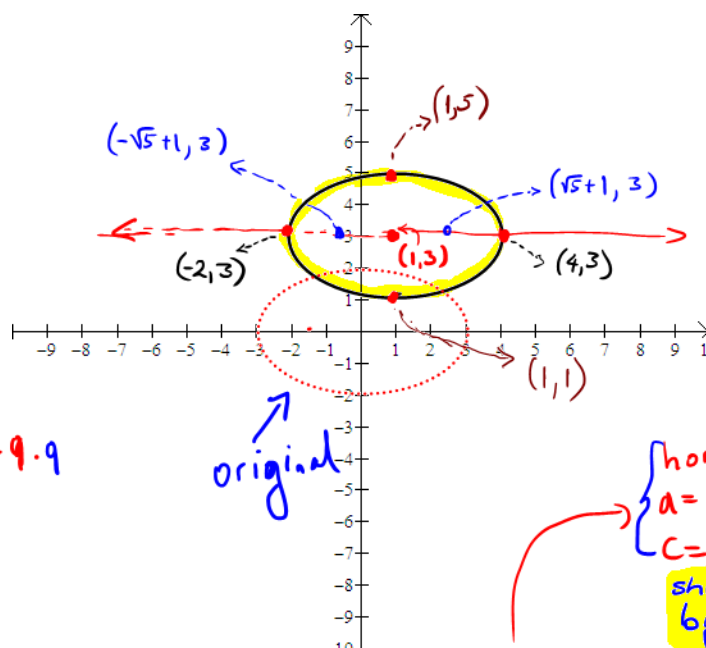
$$4(x-1)^2 + 9(y-3)^2 = 36$$

⇒ Divide both sides by 36

⇒

$$\frac{(x-1)^2}{9} + \frac{(y-3)^2}{4} = 1$$

graph is easy now!



horizontal  
a=3, b=2  
c=√5  
shifted by (1, 3)

**Example 4:** Find the equation for the ellipse satisfying the given conditions.

Foci (±3, 0), vertices (±5, 0)

c=3 over x-axis a=5

→ horizontal

$$c^2 = a^2 - b^2$$

$$3^2 = 5^2 - b^2 \Rightarrow b^2 = 16$$

$$\Rightarrow a^2 = 25$$

$$b^2 = 16$$

$$\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{x^2}{25} + \frac{y^2}{16} = 1$$

**Example 5:** Write an equation of the ellipse with vertices (5, 9) and (5, 1) if one of the foci is (5, 7).

By the graph, it is vertical, and shifted.

Center = midpoint of major axis = (5, 5)  
shiftments

Foci (5, 7) ⇒ c=2,

length of major axis = 2a = 8 ⇒ a=4

$$\Rightarrow b^2 = a^2 - c^2 = 4^2 - 2^2 = 12$$

⇒

$$\frac{(x-5)^2}{12} + \frac{(y-5)^2}{16} = 1$$

