

Popper 05 ← Bubble

① Find the center of circle $x^2 + (y-2)^2 - 3$

- A. (0, 2) B. (2, 0) C. (0, 0) D. $(\sqrt{3}, 0)$

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

- A. (1, 0) B. (3, 0) C. (1, 2) D. (0, 1)

③ Find the orientation of the ellipse $\frac{x^2}{36} + \frac{y^2}{11} = 1$

- A. Vertical B. Horizontal

④ For the ellipse $\frac{x^2}{36} + \frac{y^2}{11} = 1$, find foci points

- A. (9, 0) B. $(\sqrt{11}, 0)$ C. (5, 0) D. none.
(-9, 0) $(-\sqrt{11}, 0)$ (-5, 0)

⑤ Bubble A.

⑥ Bubble B.

Ellipse - roughly speaking - elongated version of a circle.

Math 1330 - Section 8.2
Ellipses

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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:

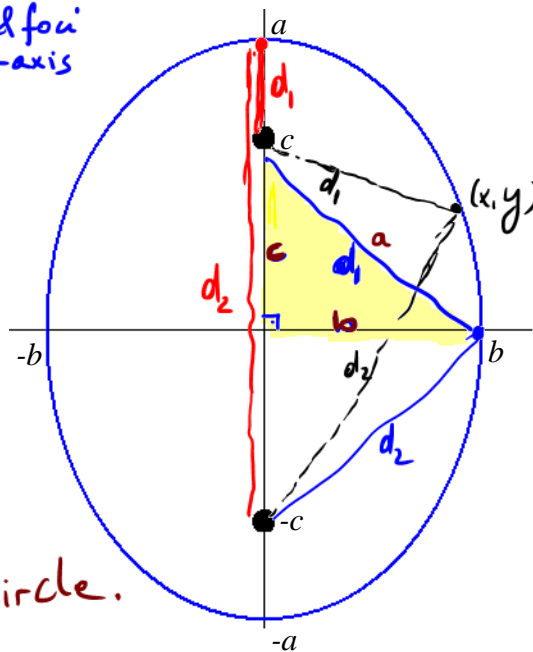
Equation: $\frac{x^2}{b^2} + \frac{y^2}{a^2} = 1, a > b$

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

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

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

shows how much the ellipse deviates from a circle.



$d_1 + d_2 = \text{fixed}$

$d_1 = a - c$

$d_2 = a + c$

$d_1 + d_2 = 2a$

'a' will give vertices.

$d_1 = d_2$

$d_1 + d_2 = 2a$

$d_1 = d_2 = a$

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

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

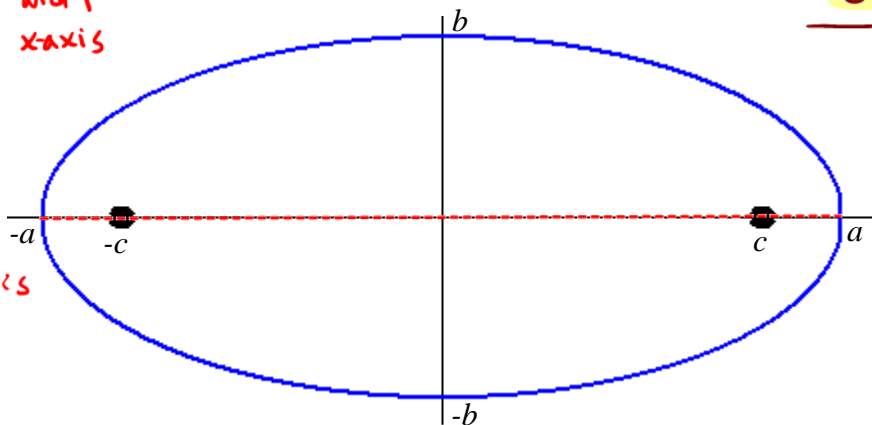
Basic "horizontal" ellipse: Vertices and foci on x-axis

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

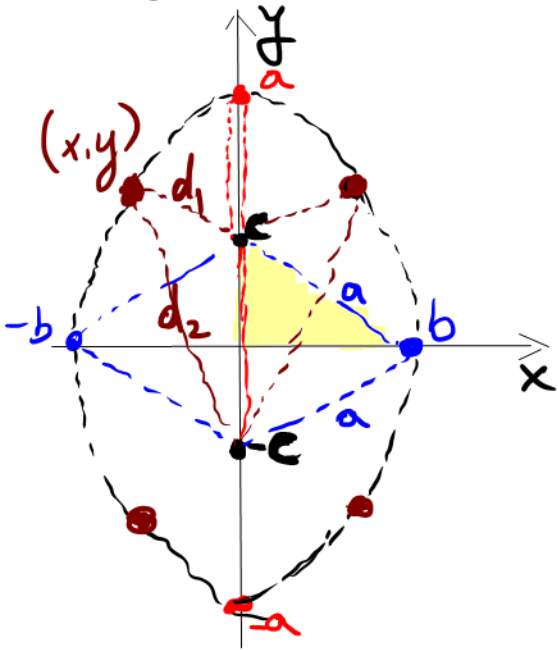


The eccentricity provides a measure on how much the ellipse deviates from being a circle. The eccentricity e is a number between 0 and 1.

- 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!

(The next two slides shows how the ellipse gets its formula $\frac{x^2}{b^2} + \frac{y^2}{a^2} = 1$. - in case you wonder how.)

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

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

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

- 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.

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

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

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

Orientation: horizontal

Center: $(0,0)$

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

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

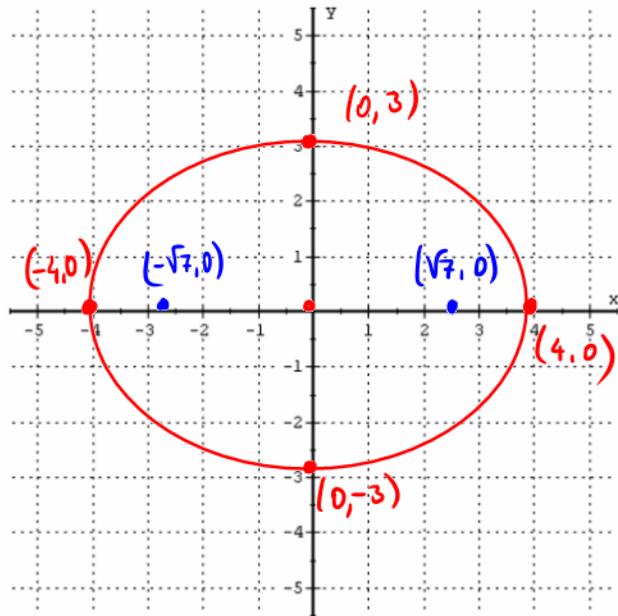
Length of major axis: $2 \cdot a = 2 \cdot 4 = 8$

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
 \leftarrow bigger

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

shifted

shift 1 right, 2 down

Orientation: Vertical

Center: $(1, -2)$

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

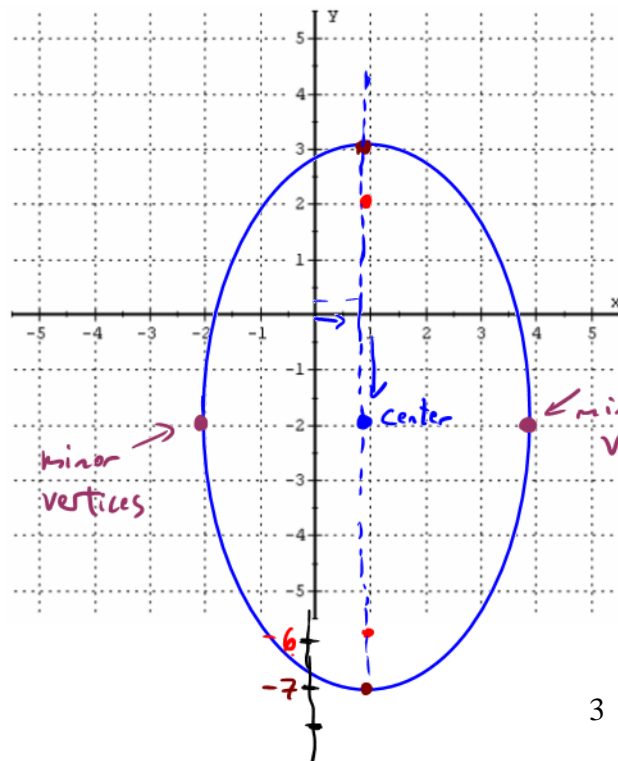
Foci: $(1, 2), (1, -6)$

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

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

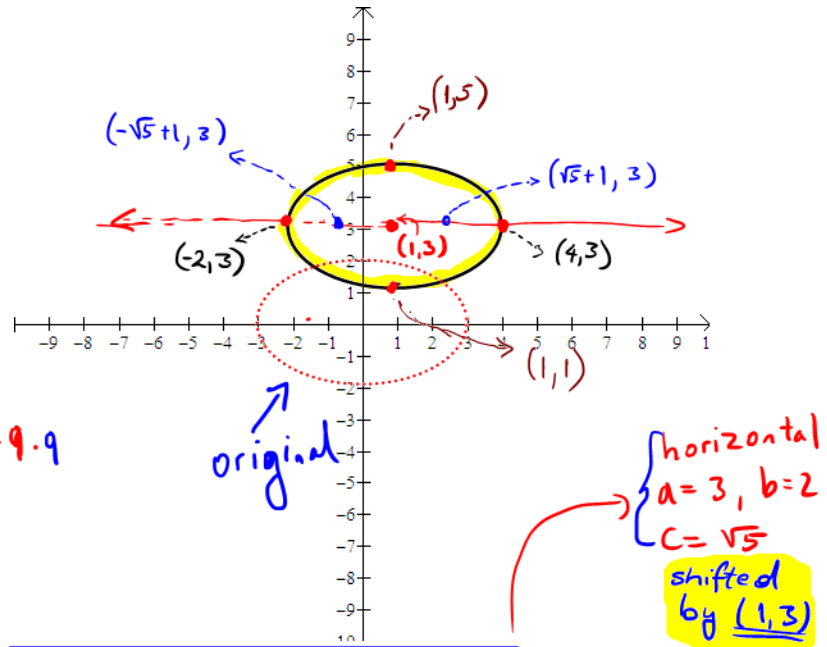
⇒ Complete the square:

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

⇒ Divide both sides by 36

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

Graph is easy now!



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

Foci $(\pm 3, 0)$, vertices $(\pm 5, 0)$
 $c=3$ 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 = $(5, 5)$
 shifts

Foci $(5, 7) \Rightarrow c=2$,

length of major axis = $2a = 8 \Rightarrow a=4$

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

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

