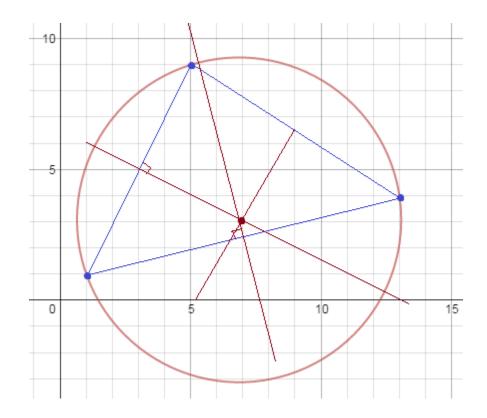
Conics V: More Advanced

Examples and Practice Test (with solutions)



Including word problems, graphing, geometry and algebra applications, Pascal's Theorem and more...

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Example: A hyperbola has asymptotes $y = \frac{3}{7}x$ and $y = \frac{-3}{7}x$ If one vertex is (14, 0), what is the equation of the hyperbola?

First, we notice the center is the origin (0, 0) --- (this is the intersection of the asymptotes)

Then, since one vertex is (14, 0), the other vertex must be (-14, 0) (vertices are equidistant from the center)

So, what are the "a" and "b" values (i.e. the "dimensions of the box")?

Since the asymptotes are $\frac{3}{7}$, $\frac{(rise)}{(run)}$ or $\frac{y}{x}$

the *ratio* of box sides must be 3:7

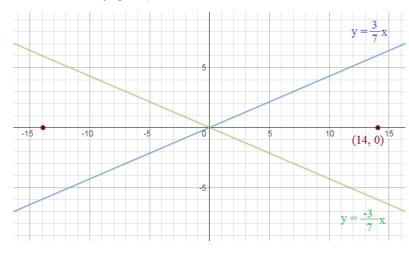
$$\frac{b}{a} = \frac{3}{7} \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{r_y}{r_x} = \frac{3}{7}$$

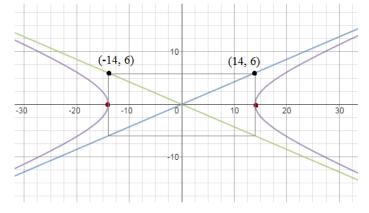
***But, what multiple of 3:7 ?

Since the vertex is (14, 0),

$$\frac{\frac{3}{7} = \frac{b}{14}}{\frac{(x-0)^2}{14^2}} = \frac{(y-0)^2}{6^2} = 1$$

$$\frac{x^2}{196} - \frac{y^2}{36} = 1$$





Example: Write the equation of a graph whose path of points moves so that the sum of the distances from F(-2, 4) and F(8, 4) is 24.

This path of points describes an ellipse...

First, we'll determine the center... (the midpoint between the two foci) (3,4)

What are the vertices?

The foci have the same y-value, so this is a horizontal ellipse... And, since the sum of the distance is 24, that is the length of the major axis!

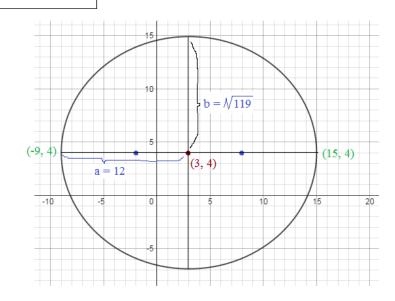
Therefore, the semi-major axis ("a" value) is 12

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

$$12^{2}-b^{2} = 5^{2}$$

$$b = \sqrt{119}$$

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



Example: What is the equation of a circle containing points (1, 1), (5, 9), and (13, 4)?

Since we cannot assume that 2 of these points are endpoints of the same diameter, we must use another approach to find the radius and center...

Using Geometry: the perpendicular bisectors will intersect at the circumcenter (i.e the center of a circle that circumscribes the triangle)

The perpendicular bisector of (1, 1) and (5, 9)

midpoint: (3, 5)

slope of line: 2 slope of perpendicular bisector: -1/2

$$y - 5 = (-1/2)(x - 3)$$

$$y = \frac{-1}{2}x + \frac{13}{2}$$

The perpendicular bisector of (1, 1) and (13, 4)

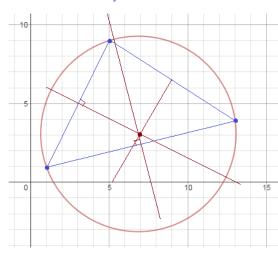
midpoint: (7, 5/2)

slope of perpendicular bisector: -4

slope of line: 1/4

$$y - 5/2 = (-4)(x - 7)$$

$$y = -4x + 30.5$$



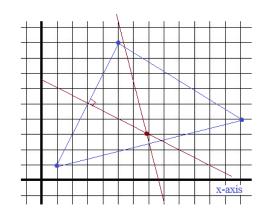
Example: What is the vertex of the following equation? $y^2 - y - x + 6 = 0$

Complete the square and transform to standard form

$$y^{2} - y + \frac{1}{4} - x + 6 - \frac{1}{4} = 0$$

(y - $\frac{1}{2}$)(y - $\frac{1}{2}$) - x + $\frac{23}{4} = 0$
- x = - (y - $\frac{1}{2}$)² -
horizontal parabola:
x = a(y - k)² + h
(h, k) is the vertex
(h, k) is the vertex
($\frac{23}{4}$, $\frac{1}{2}$)
p = $\frac{1}{4a}$ p = $\frac{1}{4}$





the intersection of the perpendicular bisectors:

$$\frac{-1}{2}x + \frac{13}{2} = -4x + 30.5$$
$$3.5x = 24$$

x =

center: (6.86, 3.07)

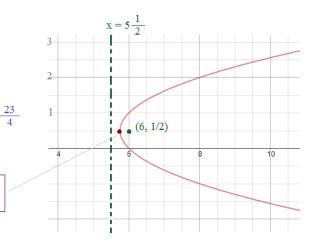
6.86 then,
$$y = 3.07$$

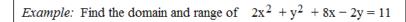
Finally, what is the distance from (6.86, 3.07) to each of the 3 points?

distance =
$$\sqrt{(6.86 - 1)^2 + (3.07 - 1)^2} = 6.21$$

radius

circle:
$$(x - 6.86)^2 + (y - 3.07)^2 = 38.56$$





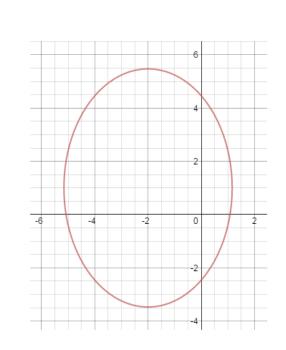
First, convert to standard form (by completing the square)

$$2x^{2} + 8x + y^{2} - 2y = 11$$

$$2(x^{2} + 4x + 4) + y^{2} - 2y + 1 = 11 + 2(4) + 1$$

$$2(x + 2)^{2} + (y - 1)^{2} = 20$$

$$\frac{(x + 2)^{2}}{10} + \frac{(y - 1)^{2}}{20} = 1$$
"a" $r_{x} = \sqrt{10}$ Center: (-2, 1)
"b" $r_{y} = \sqrt{20}$ so, vertices are $(-2, 1 + 2\sqrt{5})$
 $(-2, 1 - 2\sqrt{5})$
co-vertices are $(-2 + \sqrt{10}, 1)$
 $(-2 - \sqrt{10}, 1)$



Conics V Concepts

The vertices are the maximum and minimum y values and, the co-vertices are the maximum and minimum x values

Domain: $[-2 - \sqrt{10}, -2 + \sqrt{10}]$ or approximately [-5.16, 1.16] Range: $[1-2\sqrt{5}, 1+2\sqrt{5}]$ or approximately [-3.47, 5.47]

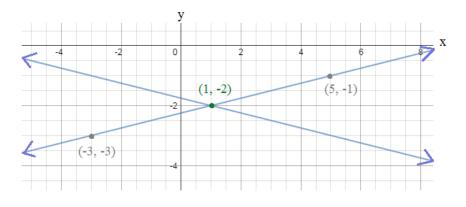
Example: Describe and graph the following conic: $16y^2 - x^2 + 2x + 64y + 63 = 0$

Complete the square to convert to standard form (hyperbola)

$$16(y^{2} + 4y) - (x^{2} - 2x) = -63$$

$$16(y^{2} + 4y + 4) - (x^{2} - 2x + 1) = -63 + 64 - 1$$

 $16(y+2)^2 - (x-1)^2 = 0$ Degenerate conic! two intersecting lines (at point (1, -2))



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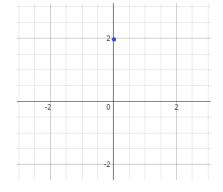
Degenerate Conics

What are they? Equations of the form $Ax^2 + Bxy + Cy^2 + Dx + Ey + F = 0$

Example: $x^2 + (y-2)^2 = 0$

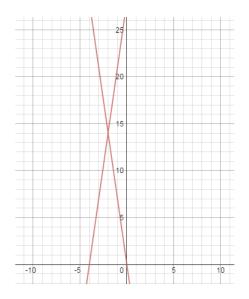
"Circle" with radius 0

It's a point at (0, 2) ...



Example: $49x^2 - y^2 + 196x + 28y = 0$

"Hyperbola" consisting of just 2 intersecting lines ...



Example: $4x^2 + y^2 = -16$

This "ellipse" has no solutions .. Does not exist

$$\frac{x^2}{-4} + \frac{y^2}{-16} = 1$$

"Corrupted Conic"

semi-axes are imaginary numbers!

$$49(x^{2} + 4x + 4) - (y^{2} - 28y + 196) = 0 + 196 - 196$$

$$49(x + 2)^{2} - (y - 14)^{2} = 0$$
factoring difference of squares
$$(7(x + 2) + (y - 14))(7(x + 2) - (y + 14)) = 0$$

$$(7(x + 2) + (y - 14)) = 0 \qquad y = -7x$$

$$(7(x + 2) - (y - 14)) = 0 \qquad y = 7x + 28$$

They intersect at (-2, 14)

Conics V Word Problems

Example: A tunnel, shaped as a semi-ellipse, is 16 feet high in the center and 24 feet wide... If a truck (with a rectangular cargo hold) is 12 feet wide, what is the height of the tallest truck that could fit through the tunnel? (Assume the tunnel is one lane.)

Step 1: Set up the diagram

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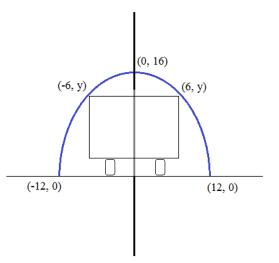
We set up the diagram with the center of the semi-ellipse at the origin...

$$\frac{(x-h)^2}{a^2} + \frac{(y-k)^2}{b^2} = 1$$
where a is the semi-major axis
b is the semi-minor axis
and (h, k) is the center
$$\frac{a=12}{b=16}$$
center: (0, 0)
$$\frac{x^2}{144} + \frac{y^2}{256} = 1$$

Step 3: Find y-coordinate/height of 12 feet wide truck

Since the truck is 12 feet wide, the best fit would be down the middle, leaving 6 feet on each side....

$$\frac{6^2}{144} + \frac{y^2}{256} = 1 \qquad \frac{y^2}{256} = \frac{108}{144}$$
$$\frac{y^2}{256} = \frac{3}{4} \qquad y^2 = 192$$



Example: An elliptical shaped sports stadium has a major axis of 800 feet and a minor axis of 500 feet. The ends of the field are positioned at the foci of ellipse. How long is the field?

major semi-axis (a) = 400

minor semi-axis (b) = 250

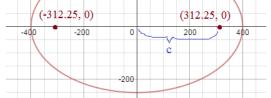
foci (distance c from center): $c^2 = a^2 - b^2$

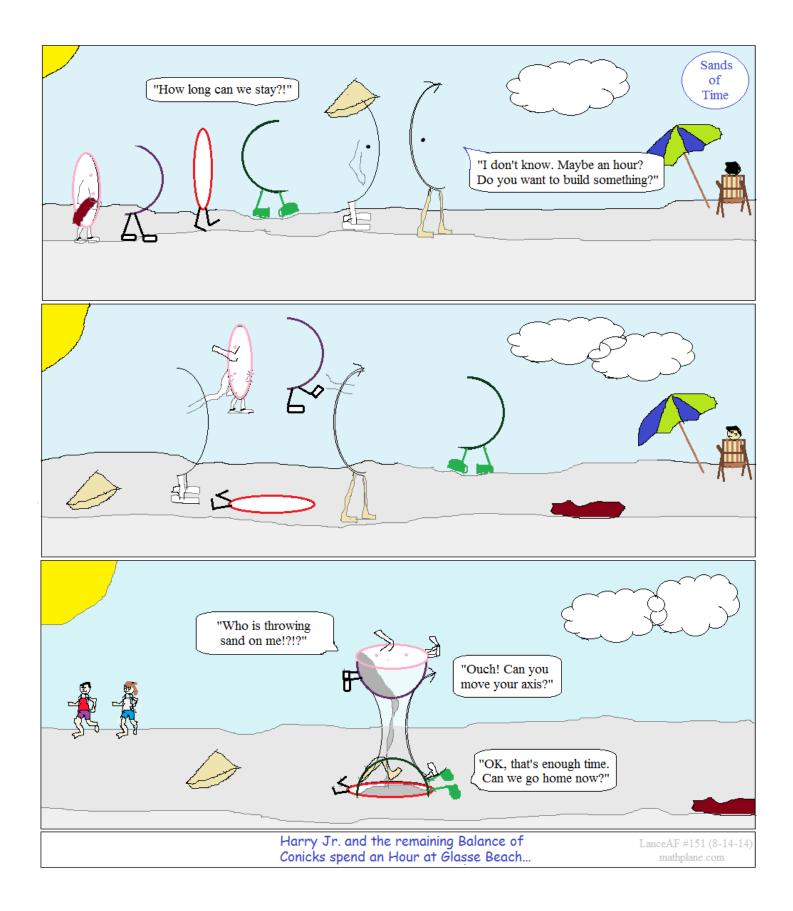
 $c^2 = 160,000 - 62,500$

c = 312.25 (approximately)

$$\frac{(x-h)^2}{a^2} + \frac{(y-k)^2}{b^2} = 1$$
$$\frac{x^2}{160000} + \frac{y^2}{62500} = 1$$

So, the distance between foci is
$$2 \times 312.25 = 624.5$$
 feet





Practice Test- \rightarrow

"Corrupted Conics": What is wrong with these?

Describe what is wrong with each conic:

- 1) Ellipse vertices: (6, -1) (6, 7) foci: (6, -3) (6, 10)
- 2) Parabola vertex: (8, -2)
 directrix: y = -4
 focus: (8, 1)
- 3) Hyperbola $r_x = 10$ $r_y = 6$ c = 4semi-axis a semi-axis b

4) Circle $3x^2 + 12x + 3y^2 - 18y + 64 = 0$

5) Ellipse foci: (-2, 7) and (-2, -11) major axis length: 26 co-vertices: (-8, 2) and (4, 2)

$$-9y^2 - 96x + 288 = 0$$

Conics V Practice Test

determine the Center:

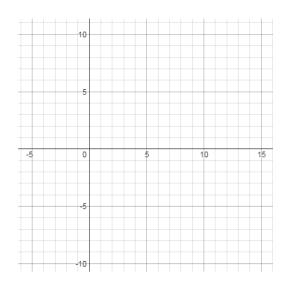
Vertices:

Foci:

Asymptotes

16x²

Then, graph...



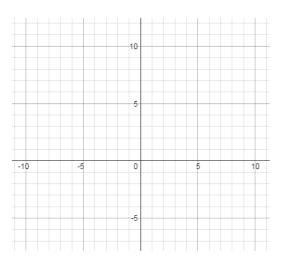
2) Find the center, focus, and directrix of the parabola: $y^2 = 4(x + 2y)$

Then, graph...

Center:

Focus:

Directrix:



3) Determine the equation of an ellipse with these characteristics:

major axis = 12

minor axis = 8

foci are on the x-axis

center is the origin

4) What is the length of the minor axis?

$$\frac{(x-2)^2}{25} + \frac{4(y+3)^2}{9} = 1$$

5) What are the x and y-intercepts of $(x + 5)^2 + (y - 4)^2 = 25$

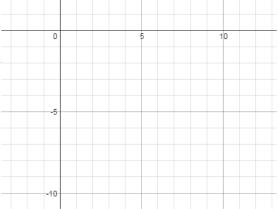
Graph to confirm your answer!

6)	Find a	circle	with	center	(5, -	that is	s
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a) tangent to the x-axis

- b) tangent to the y-axis
 - (optional: graph the two circles)

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-10	-5	0	5

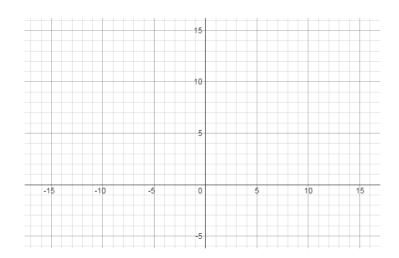


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8) Given: Focus: (-2, 3)

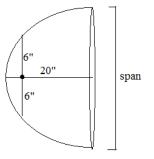
Directrix: y = -3

Find and the graph the equation of the parabola.



9) What is the equation(s) of a hyperbola with asymptotes $(y + 6) = \frac{+4}{3}(x - 2)$

10) A light has a parabolic reflector with focal diameter of 12". If the depth of the reflector is 20" (from focus to edge), what is the width of the span?



11) Find the equation of a circle with center (3, 6) and *tangent* to the line x + 3y = 30

- 12) Write the equation of the parabola with vertex at the origin, passes through (2, -4), and is
 - a) symmetric to the y-axis

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b) symmetric to the x-axis

13) Write the equation of a graph whose path of points moves so that the sum of distances from $F(4,\,3)$ and $F(4,\,-7)$ is 28

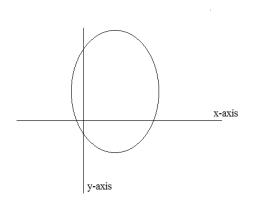
14) Which of the following is a possible equation for the graph? (Justify your answer)

a)
$$x^2 - 4x + 4y^2 - 40y = -100$$

b)
$$4x^2 + 16x + y^2 + 10y + 40 = 0$$

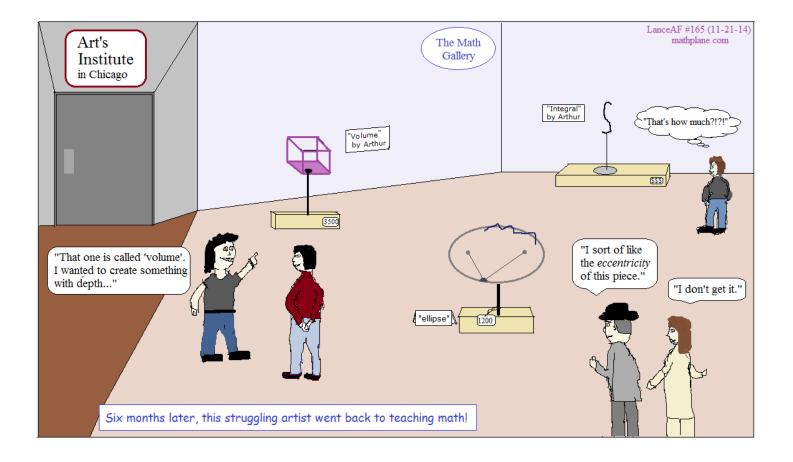
c)
$$4x^2 - 16x = -y^2 + 10y - 40$$

d)
$$-16x + 4x^2 = y^2 - 10y + 40$$



15) What are the domain and range of the conic?

$$\frac{(y+3)}{16} - \frac{(x-4)}{25} = 1$$



Solutions - \rightarrow

"Corrupted Conics": What is wrong with these?	SOLUTIONS							
Describe what is wrong with each conic:								
1) Ellipse vertices: (6, -1) (6, 7)	The foci lie outside the vertices!							
foci: (6, -3) (6, 10)								
 2) Parabola vertex: (8, −2) directrix: y = −4 focus: (8, 1) 	The distance (c) between the vertex and focus is 3 units and, the distance (c) between the vertex and the directrix is 2 units They must be equal!							
3) Hyperbola $r_x = 10$ $r_y = 6$ semi-axis a semi-axis b	c = 4 $c^{2} = a^{2} - b^{2}$ = 100 - 36 c = 8							
4) Circle $3x^2 + 12x + 3y^2 - 18y + 64 =$	0 $3(x^{2} + 4x + 4) + 3(y^{2} - 6y + 9) = -64 + 12 + 27$ $3(x + 2)^{2} + 3(y - 3)^{2} = -25$							

The radius is negative!

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5) Ellipse foci: (-2, 7) and (-2, -11) major axis length: 26 co-vertices: (-8, 2) and (4, 2) The center is inconsistent!

the midpoint of the foci is (-2, -2) but, the midpoint of the co-vertices is (-2, 2)

$$16x^2 - 9y^2 - 96x + 288 = 0$$

determine the Center:

Vertices:

Foci:

Asymptotes

Then, graph...

Step 2: Identify all the parts

Since y is positive, it is a 'vertical hyperbola' (faces up and down)

$$b = \sqrt{16} = 4 \qquad h = 3$$

$$a = \sqrt{9} = 3 \qquad k = 0$$

$$c = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2} = 5$$

Step 3: Answer

Center: (3, 0)					
Vertices: 4 units above and below the center $(3, 4)$ $(3, -4)$					
Foci: 5 units above and below the center (3, 5) (3, -5)					
Asymptotes: slope +b/a and -b/a 4/3 and	-4/3				

point -- use the center (3, 0)

equation of asymptote lines: $y - 0 = \frac{4}{3}(x - 3)$ $y - 0 = \frac{-4}{3}(x - 3)$ $y = \frac{4}{3}x - 4$ and $y = \frac{-4}{3}x - 4$

2) Find the center, focus, and directrix of the parabola:

Then, graph ...

x = -5

$$y^2 = 4(x + 2y)$$

Center: (-4, 4) Focus: (-3, 4) Directrix: x = -5

 $y^{2} - 8y = 4x$ $y^{2} - 8y + 16 = 4x + 16$

Expand and change to standard form:

p = 1

$$(y - 4) = 4(x + 4)$$

 $4p = 4$

Since x is positive, the parabola opens up to the right...

Quick check: (5, 10), (5, -2), (0, 0) are all points on the graph, and are points that algebraically fit in the equation.

Step 1: Convert to Standard Form

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(complete the square)

 $\frac{y^2}{16}$

$$16x^{2} - 96x - 9y^{2} = -288$$

$$16(x^{2} - 6x + 9) - 9y^{2} = -288 + 16(9)$$

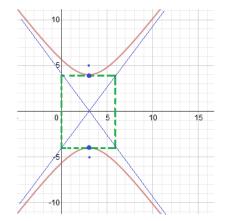
$$16(x - 3)^{2} - 9y^{2} = -144 \qquad \text{Observa}$$

$$\frac{9y^{2}}{144} - \frac{16(x - 3)^{2}}{144} = 1 \qquad \text{observa}$$

 $-\frac{(x-3)^2}{9}$

= 1

Observation: The right side of equation is negative, so when we change to 1, it'll 'reverse' the hyperbola)



horizontal parabola:

 $(y-k)^2 = 4p(x-h)$

(h, k) is the vertex

3) Determine the equation of an ellipse with these characteristics:

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major axis = 12

minor axis = 8

foci are on the x-axis

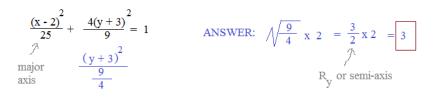
center is the origin

If major axis is 12, the a value is 6.

Since foci are on the x-axis, the ellipse is 'horizontal'

$$\frac{(x-0)^2}{6^2} + \frac{(y-0)^2}{4^2} = 1$$
 $\frac{x^2}{36} + \frac{y^2}{16} = 1$

4) What is the length of the minor axis?



5) What are the x and y-intercepts of
$$(x + 5)^2 + (y - 4)^2 = 25$$

Graph to confirm your answer!

To find x-intercept(s), set y = 0 and solve

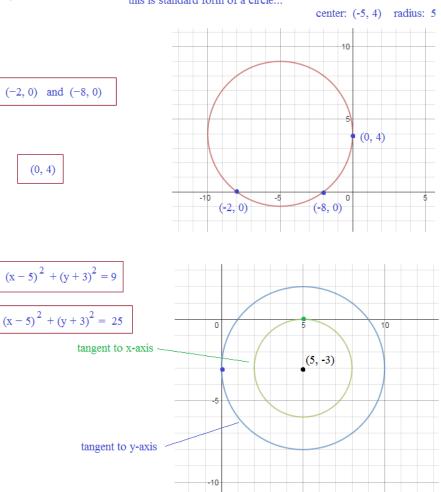
$$(x + 5)^{2} + (0 - 4)^{2} = 25$$
 $(x + 5)^{2} = 9$
 $x + 5 = \pm 3$ (-2, 0) and (-8, 0)

(0, 4)

To find y-intercept(s), set x = 0 and solve

$$(0+5)^2 + (y-4)^2 = 25$$
 $(y-4)^2 = 0$





6) Find a circle with center (5, -3) that is

a) tangent to the x-axis radius will be 3

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radius will be 5
b) tangent to the y-axis
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(optional: graph the two circles)

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7) What is the equation of a circle containing points (2, 2), (8, 2), and (8, 12)?

Since we cannot assume that 2 of these points are endpoints of a diameter, we must use another approach to find the radius and center....

Using Geometry: the perpendicular bisectors will intersect at the circumcenter (i.e the center of a circle that circumscribes the triangle)

Since the 3 points form a right triangle, finding the perpendicular bisectors is rather easy...

(2, 2) and (8, 2) ---> x = 5

(8, 2) and (8, 12) - - > y = 7

and, the $3rd \perp$ bisector will go through the same intersection (5, 7)

also, slope of 3rd side is 10/6 = 5/3...so, perp. bisector slope is -3/5therefore, equation is (y - 7) = -3/5(x - 5)

The intersection of the 3 lines is (5, 7). This is the orthocenter; the center of a circle that circumscribes the triangle...

The radius of the circle is the distance from (5, 7) to any point:

radius =
$$\sqrt{(5-2)^2 + (7-2)^2}$$

= $\sqrt{34}$

8) Given: Focus: (-2, 3)

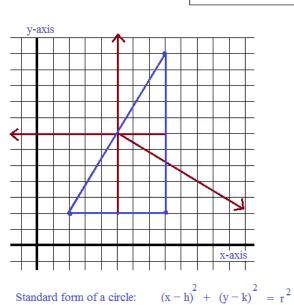
Directrix: y = -3

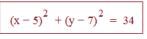
Find and the graph the equation of the parabola.

vertex: midpoint between focus and directrix is (-2, 0)

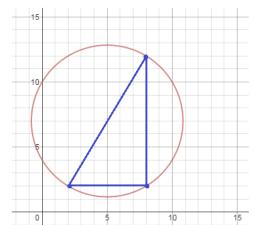
'p' value: distance from vertex to focus is 3 units

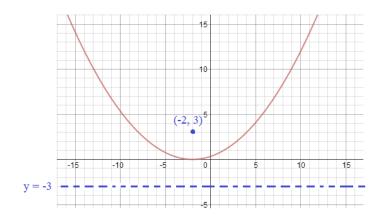
$$a = \frac{1}{4p} = \frac{1}{12}$$
$$y = \frac{1}{12} (x+2)^{2}$$
or
$$(x+2)^{2} = 12y$$





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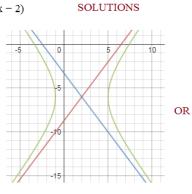


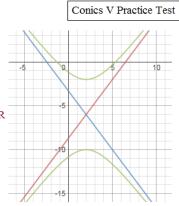
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9) What is the equation(s) of a hyperbola with asymptotes $(y + 6) = \frac{4}{3}(x - 2)$

Intersection of lines is center (2, -6)

There are 2 answers!
$$\frac{(x-2)^2}{9} - \frac{(y+6)^2}{16} = 1$$
OR
$$\frac{(y+6)^2}{16} - \frac{(x-2)^2}{9} = 1$$





10) A light has a parabolic reflector with focal diameter of 12".

If the depth of the reflector is 20" (from focus to edge), what is the width of the span?

Since focal diameter is 12", the 'p' value is 3"

focal diameter = 4p

If we map the reflector onto an xy coordinate plane,

vertex: (0, 0) focus: (3, 0) $x = \frac{1}{12} y^2$

After finding the equation, we plug in (20, y) to find the span...

$$20 = \frac{1}{12} y^2$$
 so, the span is 30.98

$$y = \pm \sqrt{240}$$
 or approx. 15.49 and -15.49

11) Find the equation of a circle with center (3, 6) and *tangent* to the line x + 3y = 30

For the equation of a circle, we need the center and the radius... The center is (3, 6)... what is the radius?

We need to find the distance from the center to any point on the circle...

(from geometry), we know a line tangent is perpendicular to the radius...

slope of x + 3y = 30 is -1/3... therefore, the slope of the radius is 3 (opposite reciprocal)

What is the equation of the radius:

slope 3 and through (3, 6) y - 6 = 3(x - 3)

$$y = 3x - 3$$

Then, where does the radius intersect the tangent line?

$$y = 3x - 3$$

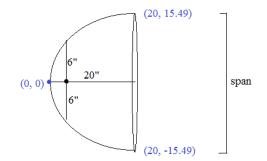
x + 3y = 30
x + 3(3x - 3) = 30
10x = 39

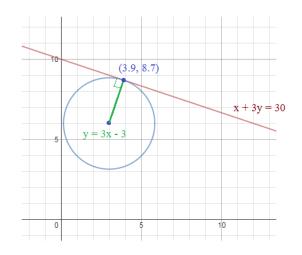
x = 39/10 y = 87/10

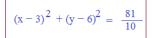
Finally, find the length of the radius:

(radius)
$$d = \sqrt{(3 - (39/10))^2 + (6 - (87/10))^2}$$

 $r^2 = \frac{81}{100} + \frac{729}{100} = \frac{81}{10}$

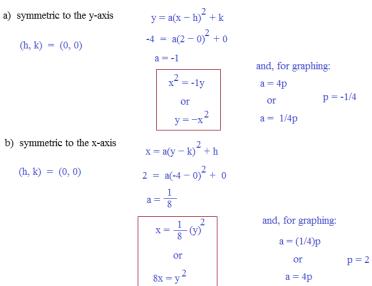


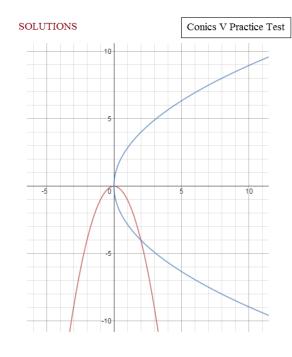




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 Write the equation of the parabola with vertex at the origin, passes through (2, -4), and is





13) Write the equation of a graph whose path of points moves so that the sum of distances from F(4, 3) and F(4, -7) is 28
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center is (4, -2) (midpoint of the foci)

since sum of distances is 28, the major axis is 28... and, the semi-major axis is 14...

$$\frac{(x-4)^2}{b^2} + \frac{(y+2)^2}{196}$$

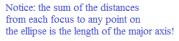
$$\frac{(x-4)^2}{171} + \frac{(y+2)^2}{196} = 1$$

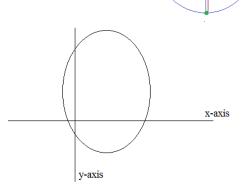
14) Which of the following is a possible equation for the graph?

foci are 'vertical' -- lie on x = 4, so it's a vertical ellipse

$$R_y^2 - R_x^2 = c^2$$
 $a^2 - b^2 = c^2$
196 - $b^2 = 5^2$

where c is the distance from the center to each focus...







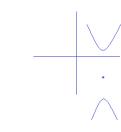
a) $x^2 - 4x + 4y^2 - 40y = -100$

b) $4x^2 + 16x + y^2 + 10y + 40 = 0$

c) $4x^2 - 16x = -y^2 + 10y - 40$

d) $-16x + 4x^2 = y^2 - 10y + 40$

$$\frac{(y+3)}{16} - \frac{(x-4)}{25} = 1$$



Not possible: center will be below x-axis...

After completing the square, it will be apparent that the center has a negative

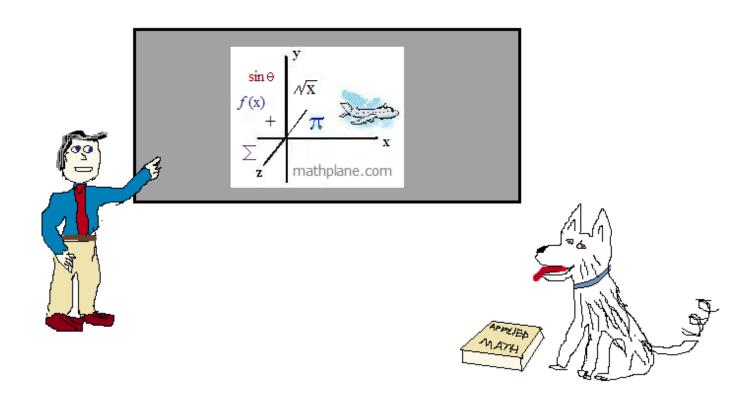
Not possible ..

This will be a hyperbola

x term

domain: all reals range: (neg. infinity, -7] U [1, infinity) Thanks for visiting. (Hope it helped!)

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