

Review of Circles & Ellipses



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1. Determine which equation below is a circle and which is an ellipse. Say how you determined your answer.

a) $(5x^2) - 9x + (5y^2) - 100y + 13 = 0$

Circle

x^2, y^2 have same coeff.

b) $(9x^2) - 18x + (4y^2) + 16y - 11 = 0$

Ellipse

x^2, y^2 have different coeffs.

2. For each equation below, put it into standard form for that particular shape.

a) $\frac{9x^2}{36} + \frac{4y^2}{36} = \frac{36}{36}$

ellipse

$$\frac{x^2}{4} + \frac{y^2}{9} = 1$$

a) $\frac{x^2}{4} + \frac{y^2}{9} = 1$

b) $\frac{4x^2 + 4y^2 - 16x + 24y + 20}{4} = 0$

Circle

$$x^2 - 4x + \underline{4} + y^2 + 6y + \underline{9} = -5 + \underline{4} + \underline{9}$$

$$(x-2)^2 + (y+3)^2 = 8$$

b) $(x-2)^2 + (y+3)^2 = 8$

c) $4x^2 - 24x + 10y^2 - 100y = -246$

ellipse

$$4(x^2 - 6x + \underline{9}) + 10(y^2 - 10y + \underline{25}) = -246 + 36 + 250$$

$$\frac{4(x-3)^2}{40} + \frac{10(y-5)^2}{40} = \frac{40}{40}$$

$$\frac{(x-3)^2}{10} + \frac{(y-5)^2}{4} = 1$$

c) $\frac{(x-3)^2}{10} + \frac{(y-5)^2}{4} = 1$

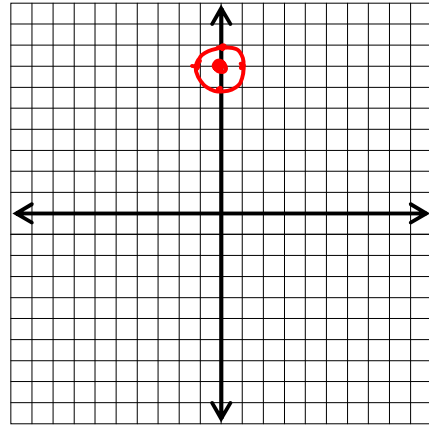
3. Graph the circle:



$$2x^2 + 2y^2 - 28y + 96 = 0$$

$$x^2 + y^2 - 14y + 49 = -48 + 49$$

$$x^2 + (y - 7)^2 = 1 \quad \text{center } (0, 7) \\ r = 1$$



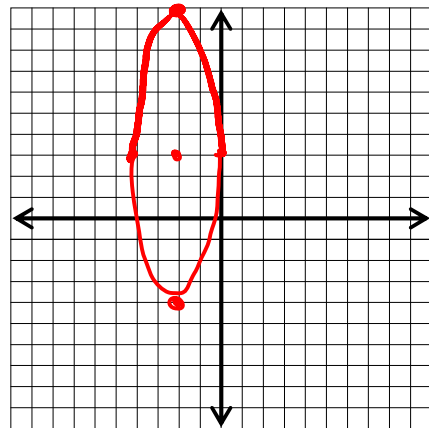
4. Graph the ellipse:

$$4x^2 + 16x + 49y^2 - 294y + 261 = 0$$

$$4(x^2 + 4x + 4) + 49(y^2 - 6y + 9) = -261 + 16 + 441$$

$$\frac{4(x+2)^2}{196} + \frac{49(y-3)^2}{196} = \frac{196}{196}$$

$$\frac{(x+2)^2}{49} + \frac{(y-3)^2}{4} = 1 \quad \text{center } (-2, 3) \\ a = 7 \text{ hor.} \\ b = 2$$



5. For each ellipse, determine the coordinates of the foci.

a. $\frac{(x+1)^2}{16} + \frac{(y-2)^2}{36} = 1$

vertical
center $(-1, 2)$

$$c^2 = a^2 - b^2 \\ c^2 = 36 - 16 = 20 \\ c = \sqrt{20} = 2\sqrt{5}$$

Foci: $(-1, 2 \pm 2\sqrt{5})$

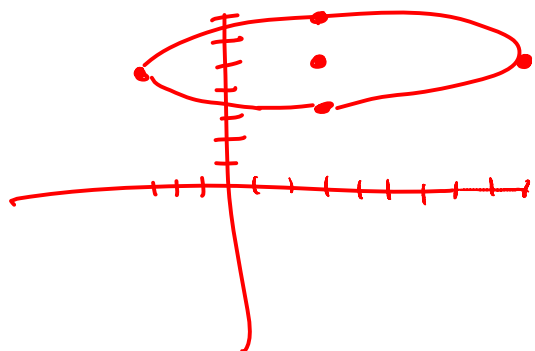
b. $\frac{(x-2)^2}{4} + \frac{(y-5)^2}{1} = 1$

horizontal
center $(2, 5)$

$$c^2 = a^2 - b^2 \\ c^2 = 4 - 1 \\ c = \sqrt{3}$$

Foci: $(2 \pm \sqrt{3}, 5)$

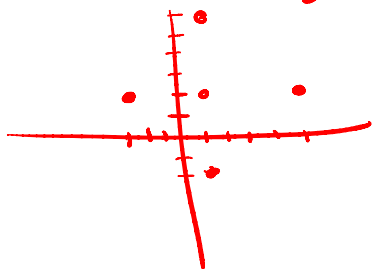
6. Write the equation of the ellipse with a major axis from $(-3, 5)$ to $(9, 5)$ and a minor axis that is 4 units long. $b=2$



$2a = 12$
 $a = 6$ horizontal
 center $(3, 5)$

$$\frac{(x-3)^2}{36} + \frac{(y-5)^2}{4} = 1$$

7. Write the equation of an ellipse whose focal points are $(-3, 2)$ and $(5, 2)$ and has a minor axis of length 8. $2b=8$
 $b=4$



$2c = 8$ → horizontal
 $c = 4$

center $(1, 2)$

$$\frac{(x-1)^2}{32} + \frac{(y-2)^2}{16} = 1$$

$c^2 = a^2 - b^2$
 $16 = a^2 - 16$
 $a^2 = 32$
 $a = \sqrt{32}$

8. Write the parametric equations of an ellipse whose center is at $(-2, 3)$ and whose major axis (vertical) has length 10 and minor axis of length 2.

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$2a = 10$
 $a = 5$

$2b = 2$
 $b = 1$

$$\begin{aligned} x &= -2 + 1 \cos t \\ y &= 3 + 5 \sin t \end{aligned}$$

9. Write the parametric equations of a circle whose center is at $(-1, 4)$ and has radius of length 4.

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$$\begin{aligned} x &= -1 + 4 \cos t \\ y &= 4 + 4 \sin t \end{aligned}$$