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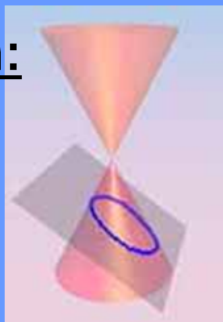
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Formation:

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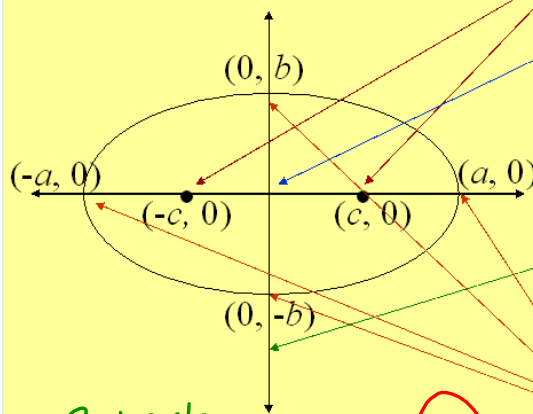


Plane intersects the cone **at an angle with its base**

<http://www.mathopenref.com/constellipse1.html>

Definition: a collection of all points in a plane whose sum is a constant distance from two fixed points

a collection of all points in a plane the sum of whose distances from two fixed points is a constant

LABEL THIS PICTUREDEFINE THESE TERMS

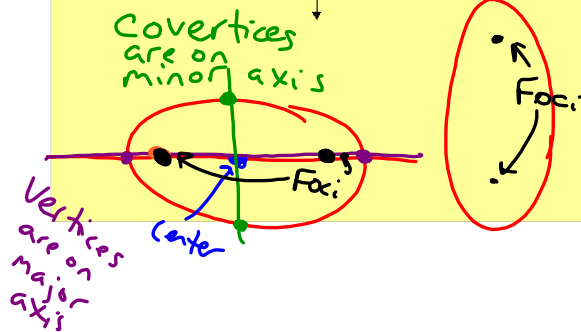
Foci – The two fixed points

Center – the midpoint of the line segment joining the foci

Major axis – line containing the foci (longer line)

Minor axis – line through center that is perpendicular to major axis (shorter line)

Vertices – where the ellipse and each axis intersect



Ellipses

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

(h,k) is the center of the circle

a is the length from the center to the side horizontally

b is the length from the center to the side vertically

Note: if a is bigger then it is a horizontal ellipse,
if b is bigger, then it is a vertical ellipse



**Notice the equations = 1. If they do not, divide by whatever it equals to get it to = 1.

For example: $\frac{4x^2}{36} + \frac{9y^2}{36} = 1$

Divide everything by 36, but instead of using your calculator to divide it out – REDUCE!

Center: (0,0) $\frac{x^2}{9} + \frac{y^2}{4} = 1$

$a=3$
 $b=2$

$\sqrt{9}=a$

plug in $x=2$
 $\frac{2^2}{9} + \frac{y^2}{4} = 1$
 $\frac{4}{9} + \frac{y^2}{4} = 1 = \frac{9}{9}$
 $4 \cdot \frac{y^2}{4} = \frac{5}{9} \cdot 4$



$$y^2 = \frac{20}{9}$$

$$y = \pm \sqrt{\frac{20}{9}}$$

$$y = \pm 1.49$$

$$(2, 1.49) \quad (2, -1.49)$$

To Graph an Ellipse:

1. Plot the **center**
2. Find the **square root** of what is under **x** – move that many spaces **right and left**
3. Find the **square root** of what is under **y** – move that many spaces **up and down**
4. Connect in a **rounded** fashion using 4 more points found by plugging in x values
5. **Label** the important points – **vertices and center**.
6. To graph Foci Find the distance from the center on major axis by $d^2 = a^2 - b^2$

$$d^2 = 3^2 - 2^2$$

$$d^2 = 9 - 4$$

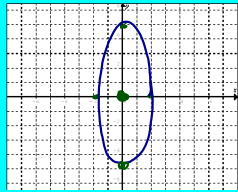
$$d^2 = 5$$

$$d = \sqrt{5} = 2.23$$



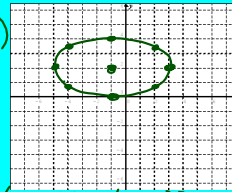
Examples: Graph. Label the center & vertices.

1. $\frac{x^2}{4} + \frac{y^2}{25} = 1$



Center: (0,0)
a=5
b=2

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



$\frac{(x+1)^2}{a^2=16} + \frac{(y-2)^2}{b^2=4} = 1$

plug in x=-4

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

$\frac{9}{16} + \frac{(y-2)^2}{4} = 1 = \frac{16}{16}$

~~$4 \cdot \frac{(y-2)^2}{4} = \frac{7 \cdot 4}{16}$~~

$(y-2)^2 = \frac{7}{4}$

$y-2 = \pm\sqrt{\frac{7}{4}}$

$y-2 = 1.322$ and $y-2 = -1.322$

$y = 3.322$

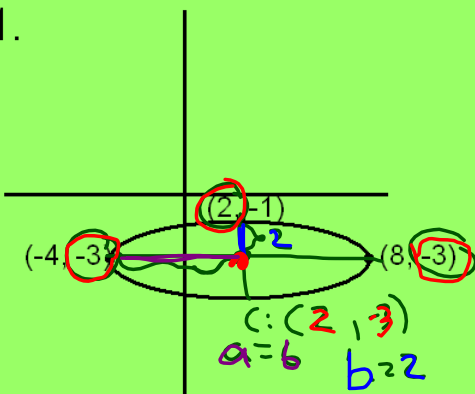
$y = 0.677$

$(-4, 3.322)$

$(-4, 0.677)$

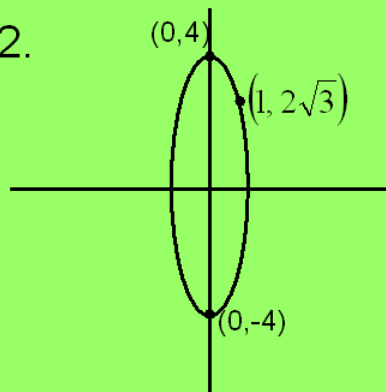
Examples: Find the equation for the given graphs.

1.



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

2.

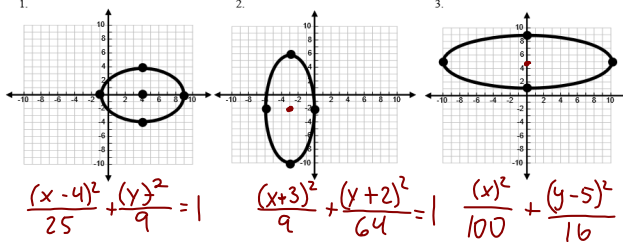


Example: Applications

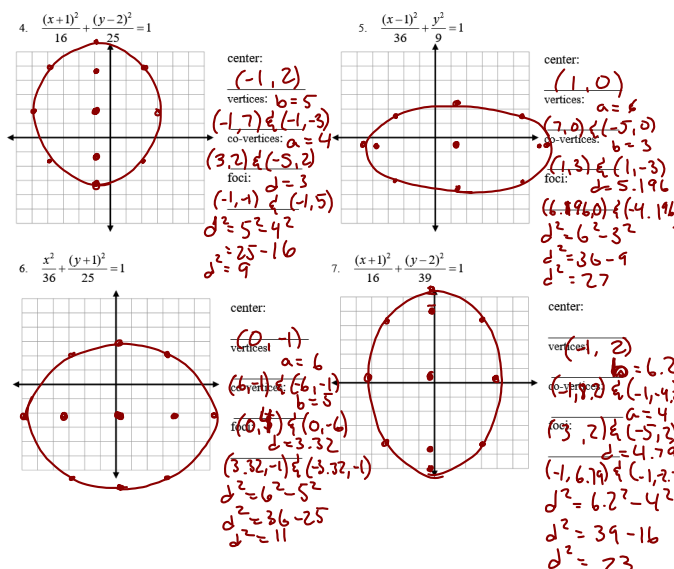
The Colosseum in Rome seated 50,000 spectators around a central elliptical arena. The base of the Colosseum measured 615 feet long and 510 feet wide. Write an equation for the elliptical shape of the Colosseum.

$$\frac{x^2}{615^2} + \frac{y^2}{510^2} = 1$$

Given the following graphs, write the equation of the conic section.



Graph each ellipse. Include the foci.



Write the standard equation for each ellipse. Write the coordinates of the vertices, co-vertices and foci.

8. $\frac{25x^2}{225} + \frac{9y^2}{225} = 225$ $d^2 = 25 - 9$ Equation $\frac{x^2}{9} + \frac{y^2}{25} = 1$
 $\frac{x^2}{9} + \frac{y^2}{25} = 1$ $d^2 = 16$ $d = 4$ vertices: $(0, 5)$ $(0, -5)$ co-vertices: $(-3, 0)$ $(3, 0)$ foci: $(0, 4)$ $(0, -4)$

9. $\frac{49x^2}{49} + \frac{y^2}{49} = 49$ $d^2 = 49 - 1$ Equation $\frac{x^2}{1} + \frac{y^2}{49} = 1$
 $\frac{x^2}{1} + \frac{y^2}{49} = 1$ $d^2 = 48$ $d = 6.93$ vertices: $(0, 7)$ $(0, -7)$ co-vertices: $(1, 0)$ $(-1, 0)$ foci: $(0, 6.93)$ $(0, -6.93)$

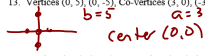
10. $4x^2 + y^2 - 8x + 4y = 8$ Equation $\frac{(x-1)^2}{4} + \frac{(y+2)^2}{1} = 1$
 $4x^2 - 8x + 4 + y^2 + 4y + 4 = 8 + 4 + 4$ vertices: _____ co-vertices: _____ foci: _____
 $4(x-1)^2 + (y+2)^2 = 16$ $\frac{(x-1)^2}{4} + \frac{(y+2)^2}{1} = 1$

11. $x^2 + 4y^2 - 18x - 8y = -81$ Equation $\frac{(x-9)^2}{4} + \frac{(y-1)^2}{1} = 1$
 $x^2 - 18x + 81 + 4y^2 - 8y = -81 + 81 + 4$ vertices: _____ co-vertices: _____ foci: _____
 $(x-9)^2 + 4(y-1)^2 = 4$

12. $9x^2 + 4y^2 - 144x - 8y = -544$ Equation $\frac{(x-18)^2}{264} + \frac{(y-1)^2}{594} = 1$
 $9x^2 - 144x + 144 + 4y^2 - 8y = -544 + 144 + 4$ vertices: _____ co-vertices: _____ foci: _____
 $9(x-18)^2 + 4(y-1)^2 = 2376$

Write the standard equation for each ellipse with the given characteristics.

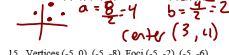
13. Vertices $(0, 5)$, $(0, -5)$. Co-vertices $(3, 0)$, $(-3, 0)$



$$\frac{x^2}{9} + \frac{y^2}{25} = 1$$

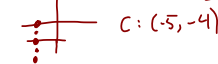
$$\frac{(x-3)^2}{16} + \frac{(y-4)^2}{4} = 1$$

14. Vertices $(7, 4)$, $(-1, 4)$. Co-vertices $(3, 6)$, $(3, 2)$



$$\frac{(x+5)^2}{12} + \frac{(y+4)^2}{16} = 1$$

15. Vertices $(-5, 0)$, $(5, 0)$. Foci $(-5, -2)$, $(5, -2)$



$$d^2 = b^2 - a^2$$

$$2^2 = 4^2 - a^2$$

$$a^2 = 16 - 4$$

$$a = \sqrt{12} \approx 3.5$$