

Precalc 10.6

Recognize conic sections by their equations
 Find a rectangular equation for a curve defined parametrically
 Find a parametric equation for a curve defined rectangularly

general conic equation
 parametric equation
 $\sin^2 + \cos^2 = 1$ (pythagorean identity)

$e = \frac{c}{a}$ ellip < 1
 hyp. > 1
 par. = 1

rotation

General Equation for Conic Sections

The equation of a conic section can be written in the form $Ax^2 + Bxy + Cy^2 + Dx + Ey + F = 0$, where $A, B,$ and C are not all zero.

Graphing calculator: parametric mode because...what if they were?

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Which parts are present? Which parts are missing?

General Form: $Ax^2 + Bxy + Cy^2 + Dx + Ey + F = 0$		
Conic Section	Standard Form of Equation	Variation of General Form of Conic Equations
circle	$(x - h)^2 + (y - k)^2 = r^2$	$A = C$
parabola	$(y - k)^2 = 4p(x - h)$ or $(x - h)^2 = 4p(y - k)$	Either A or C is zero.
ellipse	$\frac{(x - h)^2}{a^2} + \frac{(y - k)^2}{b^2} = 1$ or $\frac{(y - k)^2}{a^2} + \frac{(x - h)^2}{b^2} = 1$	A and C have the same sign and $A \neq C$.
hyperbola	$\frac{(x - h)^2}{a^2} - \frac{(y - k)^2}{b^2} = 1$ or $\frac{(y - k)^2}{a^2} - \frac{(x - h)^2}{b^2} = 1$ $xy = k$	A and C have opposite signs. $A = C = D = E = 0$

Works as long as there is no xy term (rotation)

Remember that graphs can also be degenerate cases.

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1 Identify the conic section represented by each equation. Explain how you know...

a. $6y^2 + 3x - 4y - 12 = 0$
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b. $3y^2 - 2x^2 + 5y - x - 15 = 0$
H

c. $9x^2 + 27y^2 - 6x - 108y + 82 = 0$
E

d. $4x^2 + 4y^2 + 5x + 2y - 150 = 0$
C

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Identify the conic section represented by each equation. Then write the equation in standard form and graph the equation.

4. $x^2 + 9y^2 + 2x - 18y + 1 = 0$ 5. $y^2 - 8x = -8$

ellipse

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

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

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

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The general form for a set of parametric equations is $x = f(t)$ and $y = g(t)$, where t is in some interval I .

throw a ball

$x = f(t)$
 $y = g(t)$

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2 Graph the curve defined by the parametric equations $x = 4t^2$ and $y = 3t$, where $-2 \leq t \leq 2$. Then identify the curve by finding the corresponding rectangular equation.

$x = 4t^2$
 $y = 3t$ $t = \frac{y}{3}$

$y^2 = 4px$

Table of values:

t	x	y
-2	16	-6
-1	4	-3
0	0	0
1	4	3
2	16	6

$x = 4(\frac{y}{3})^2$
 $x = 4 \cdot \frac{y^2}{9}$
 $x = \frac{4}{9}y^2$
 $y^2 = \frac{9}{4}x$

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