

Precalc 10.3

Determine and use standard and general forms for the equations of ellipses

Graph ellipses

Locate and use foci on ellipses

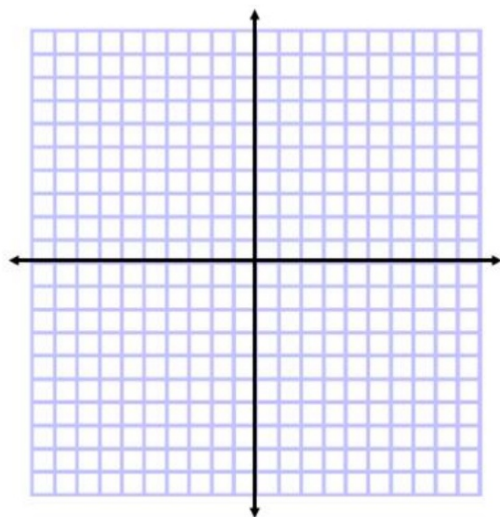
Quiz 10.1-10.2

major axis

minor axis

eccentricity

- 3 For the equation $\frac{(y - 3)^2}{25} + \frac{(x + 4)^2}{9} = 1$, find the coordinates of the center, foci, and vertices of the ellipse. Then graph the equation.

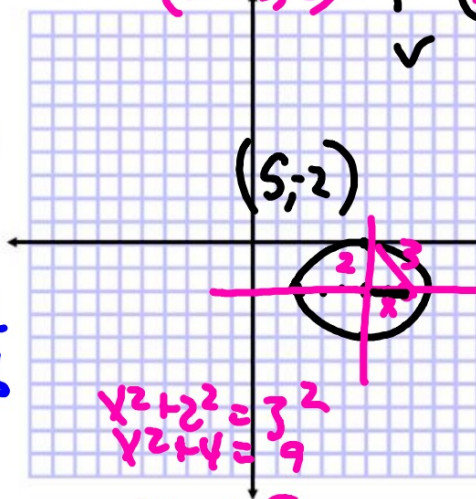


4 Find the coordinates of the center, the foci, and the vertices of the ellipse with the equation $4x^2 + 9y^2 - 40x + 36y + 100 = 0$. Then graph the equation.

$$\frac{(x-5)^2}{9} + \frac{(y+2)^2}{4} = 1$$

$a^2 = 9$ $b^2 = 4$
 $(4x^2 - 40x) + (9y^2 + 36y)$
 $4(x^2 - 10x + 25) + 9(y^2 + 4y + 4)$
 $\frac{4(x-5)^2}{36} + \frac{9(y+2)^2}{36} = \frac{36}{36}$

$C(5, -2)$
 $F(5 \pm \sqrt{5}, -2)$
 $V(8, -2) (2, -2)$
 $(5, 0) (5, 4)$



$x^2 + 2^2 = 3^2$
 $x^2 + 4 = 9$
 $x = \pm \sqrt{5}$

The **eccentricity** of an ellipse, denoted by e , is a measure that describes the shape of an ellipse. It is defined as $e = \frac{c}{a}$. Since $0 < c < a$, you can divide by a to show that $0 < e < 1$.

$$0 < c < a$$

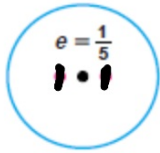

$$0 < \frac{c}{a} < 1 \quad \text{Divide by } a.$$

$$0 < e < 1 \quad \text{Replace } \frac{c}{a} \text{ with } e.$$

$$0 < e < 1$$

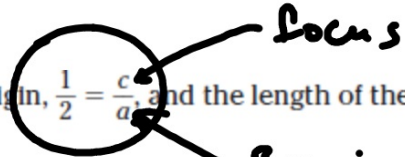
$$e = \frac{c}{a}$$

The table shows the relationship between the value of e , the location of the foci, and the shape of the ellipse.

Value of e	Location of Foci	Graph
close to 0	near center of ellipse	
close to 1	far from center of ellipse	

37. The center is the origin, $\frac{1}{2} = \frac{c}{a}$, and the length of the horizontal semi-major axis is 10 units.

$$e = c/a$$



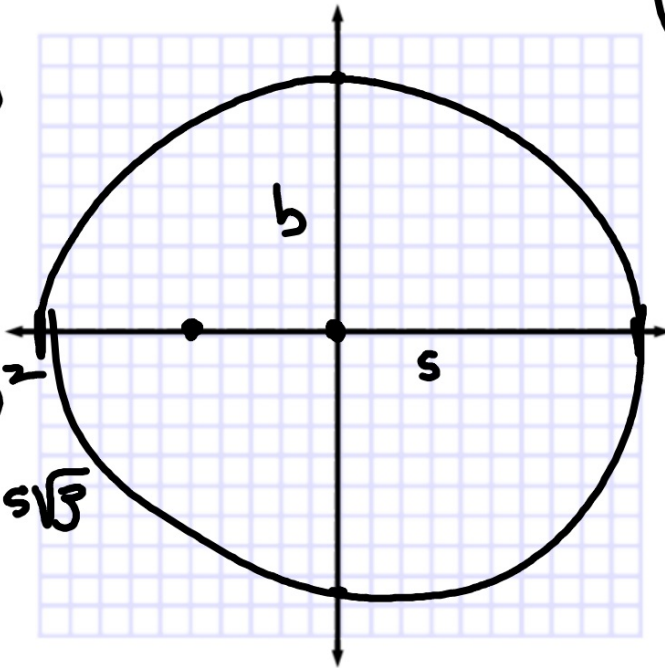
Semi-major $x^2 + y^2$

$$\frac{(x-0)^2}{100} + \frac{(y-0)^2}{75} = 1$$

$$\frac{1}{2} = \frac{c}{10}$$

$$2c = 10$$

$$c = 5$$



$$b^2 + c^2 = 10^2$$

$$b^2 = 75$$

$$b = \pm 5\sqrt{3}$$

39. The ellipse has its center at the origin, $a = 2$, and $e = \frac{3}{4}$.

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

$$4 + 2.25 = b^2$$

$b = 2.5$

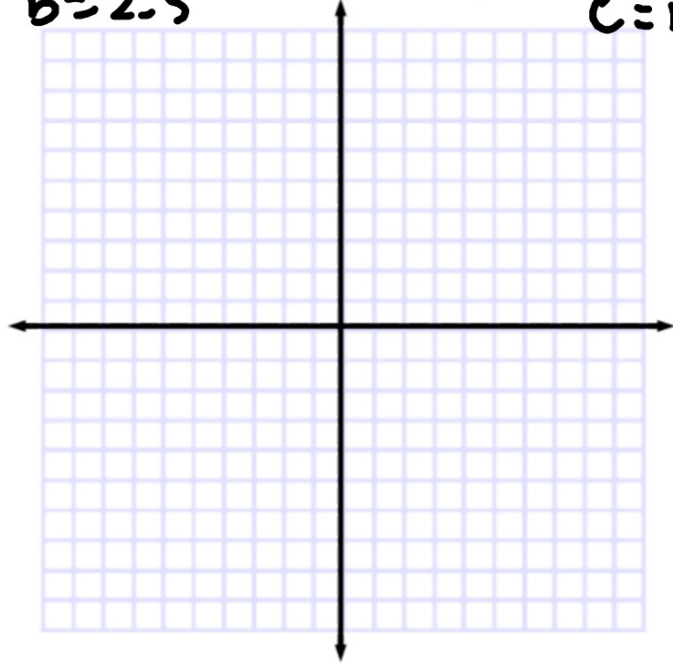
$$\frac{x^2}{4} + \frac{y^2}{2.25} = 1$$

$$\frac{x^2}{2.5} + \frac{y^2}{4} = 1$$

$$\frac{3}{4} = \frac{c}{2} \quad e = c/a$$

$$4c = 6$$

$$c = 1.5$$



40. The foci are at (3, 5) and (1, 5), and the ellipse has eccentricity 0.25.

$$e = c/a$$

$$\frac{1}{4} = \frac{1}{a}$$

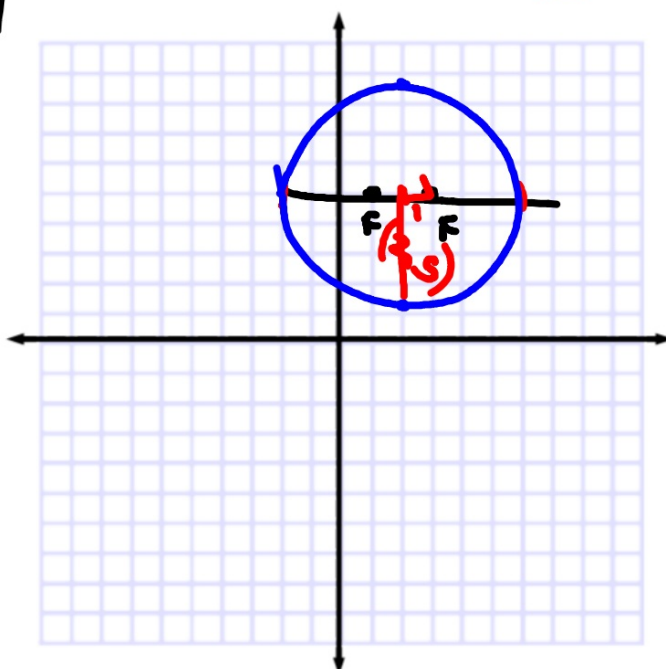
$$a = 4$$

$$\left(\frac{x-2}{16}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{y-5}{15}\right)^2 = 1$$

$$12 + x^2 = y^2$$

$$y^2 = 15$$

$$x = \pm\sqrt{15}$$



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