

### 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  
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major axis

$$\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1$$

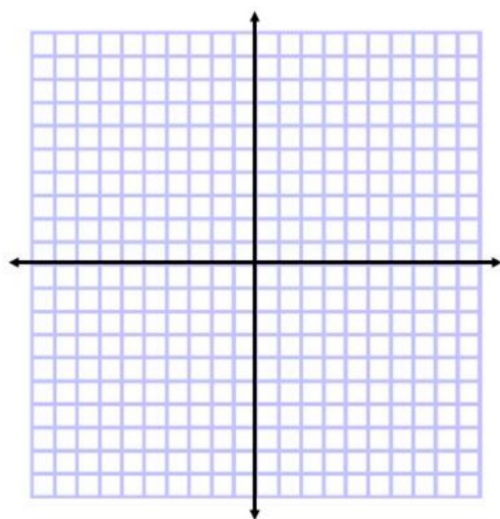
minor axis

eccentricity

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

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- 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.

$$2^2 + c^2 = 3^2$$

$$c = \pm \sqrt{5}$$

$$(5, -2)$$

$$(5, 0)$$

$$4(x^2 - 10x + 25) + 9(y^2 + 4y + 4) = -100 + 100 + 36$$

$$(8, -2)$$

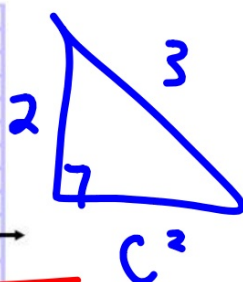
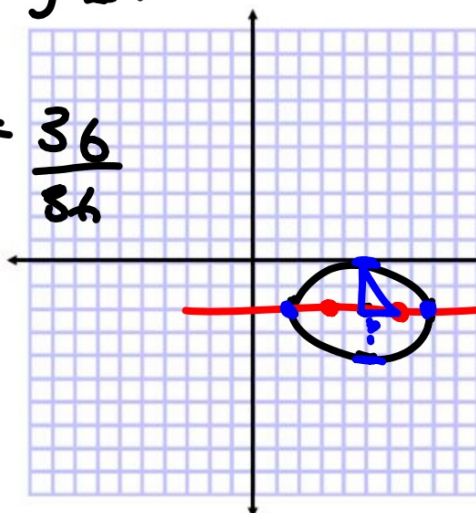
$$(2, -2)$$

$$\frac{(x-5)^2}{36} + \frac{(y+2)^2}{8} = 1$$

$$C(5, -2)$$

$$F(5 \pm \sqrt{5}, -2)$$

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

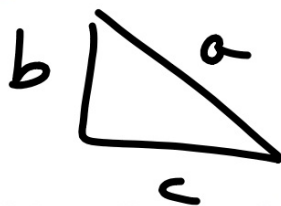


The **eccentricity** of an ellipse, denoted by  $e$ , is a measure that describes the shape of an ellipse. It is defined as  $e = \frac{c}{a}$ . Since  $0 < c < a$ , you can divide by  $a$  to show that  $0 < e < 1$ .

$$0 < c < a$$

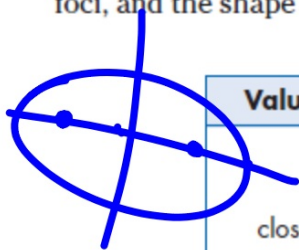
$$0 < \frac{c}{a} < 1 \quad \text{Divide by } a.$$

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



$c$  = distance from center to focus  
 $a$  = semi-major axis

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 |       |

$c$  = dist. to focus  
 $a$  = semi major  
 $e = \frac{c}{a} < 1$

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

$$e = c/a$$

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

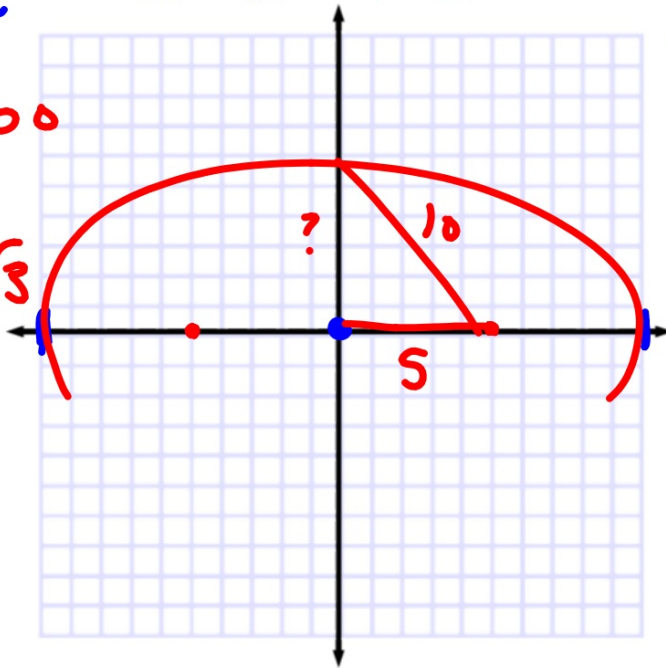
$$\frac{1}{2} = \frac{c}{10} \quad 2c = 10 \quad c = 5$$

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

$$b^2 + 25 = 100$$

$$b^2 = 75$$

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



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

$$e = c/a$$

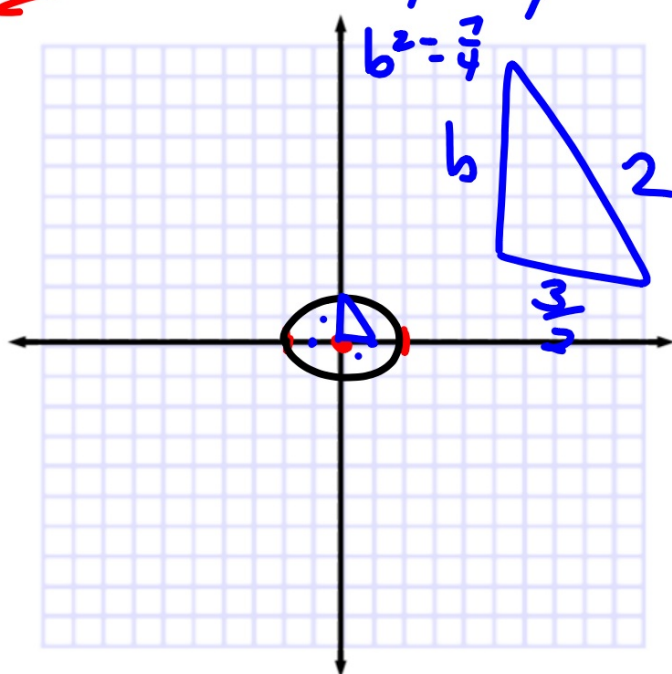
$$b^2 + \frac{a^2}{4} = \frac{16}{4}$$

$$b^2 = \frac{16}{4} - \frac{4}{4}$$

$$\frac{(x-0)^2}{4} + \frac{(y-0)^2}{1.75} = 1$$

$$e = \frac{c}{a} = \frac{3}{4}$$

$$\frac{4c}{4} = \frac{6}{4} \quad c = \frac{3}{2}$$



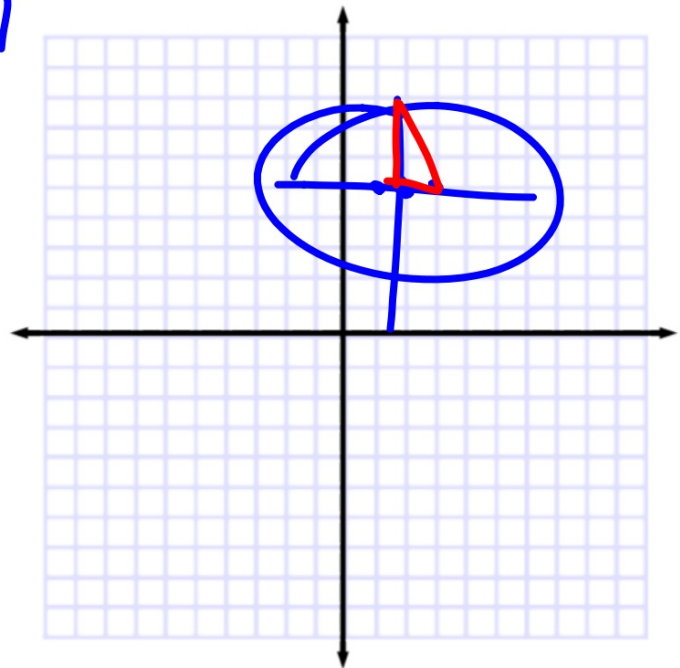
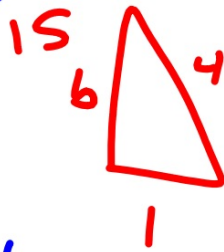
40. The foci are at (3, 5) and (1, 5), and the ellipse has eccentricity 0.25.

$$e = c/a$$

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

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

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



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