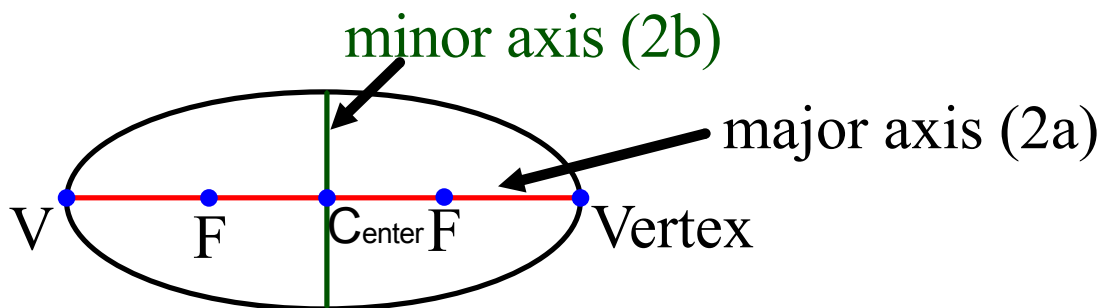


## 8.2 Ellipses

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**ellipse:** a set of all points in a plane whose distances from two fixed points (**foci**) in the plane have a constant sum.



**foci** - focus plural (always on major axis)

**focal axis** - line through the foci

**center** - midpoint of the foci (intersection of major & minor axes)

**vertices** - points where ellipse intersects the major axis

**major axis** - chord through the foci (longer)

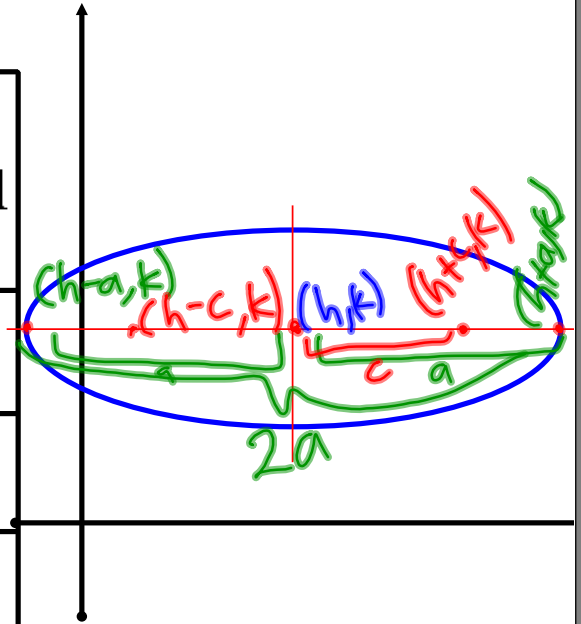
**minor axis** - chord through the center perpendicular to the major axis (shorter)

pythagorean relationship:  $a^2 = b^2 + c^2$

Ellipse - Standard form  
horizontal

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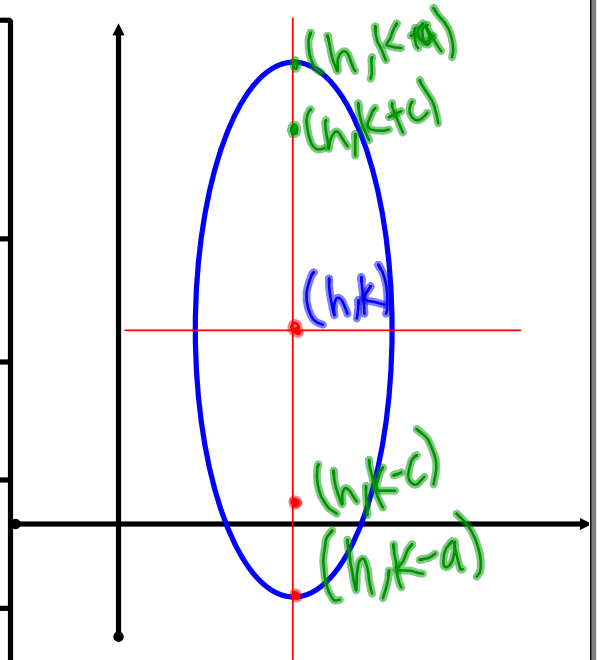
Standard Eq	$\frac{(x-h)^2}{a^2} + \frac{(y-k)^2}{b^2} = 1$
Center	$(h, k)$
Foci	$(h \pm c, k)$
Vertices	$(h \pm a, k)$
Focal axis	$y = k$
Pythagorean Relationship	$a^2 = b^2 + c^2$



Ellipse - Standard form  
vertical

#84-  
back

Standard Eq	$\frac{(y-k)^2}{a^2} + \frac{(x-h)^2}{b^2} = 1$
Center	$(h, k)$
Foci	$(h, k \pm c)$
Vertices	$(h, k \pm a)$
Focal axis	$x = h$
Pythagorean Relationship	$a^2 = b^2 + c^2$



Find the vertices and foci of  $4x^2 + 9y^2 = \frac{36}{36}$

C: (h, k)  
 V: (h ± a, k)  
 F: (h ± c, k)

$$C: (0, 0)$$

$$V: (0 \pm 3, 0)$$

$$(\pm 3, 0)$$

$$F: (0 \pm \sqrt{5}, 0)$$

$$(\pm \sqrt{5}, 0)$$

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

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

$$a^2 = 9$$

$$a = \pm 3$$

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

$$9 = 4 + c^2$$

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

$$5 = c^2$$

Find the vertices and foci of  $\frac{x^2}{16} + \frac{y^2}{7} = 1$

$$C: (0,0)$$

$$a: \pm 4$$

$$v = (\pm 4, 0)$$

$$F(0 \pm 3, 0)$$

$$16 = 7 + c^2$$

$$\sqrt{9} = c^2 \quad c = \pm 3$$

Find the center, vertices, and foci. Sketch a graph.

$$a^2 = 25 \Rightarrow a = \pm 5$$

$$25 = 16 + c^2$$

$$9 = c^2 \Rightarrow c = \pm 3$$

$$\frac{(x-2)^2}{25} + \frac{(y+1)^2}{16} = 1$$

$$C: (2, -1)$$

$$V: (2 \pm 5, -1)$$

$$(7, -1) (-3, -1)$$

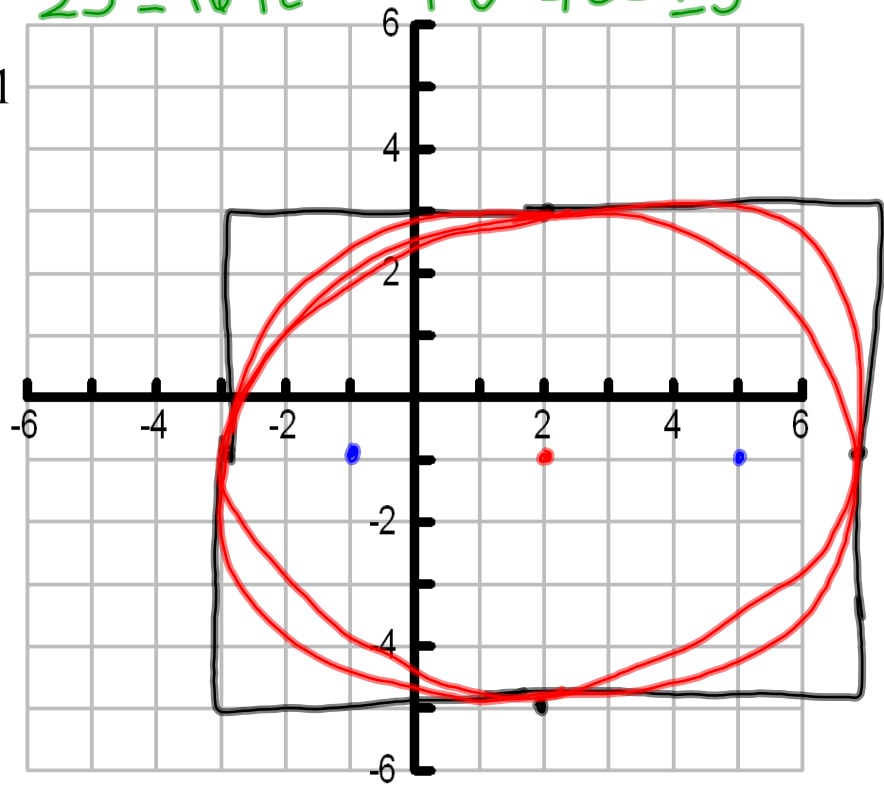
$$F: (2 \pm 3, -1)$$

$$(5, -1) (-1, -1)$$

minor axis:  $2b$

$$16 = b^2$$

$$b = 4 \quad 2b = 8$$



Find the center, vertices, and foci. Sketch a graph.

$$a^2 = 9 \quad a = \pm 3$$

$$9 = 4 + c^2 \Rightarrow c^2 = 5 \Rightarrow c = \pm\sqrt{5}$$

$$9(x-2)^2 + 4(y+3)^2 = \frac{36}{36}$$

$$\frac{(x-2)^2}{4} + \frac{(y+3)^2}{9} = 1$$

$$(2, -3)$$

$$V: (2, -3 \pm 3)$$

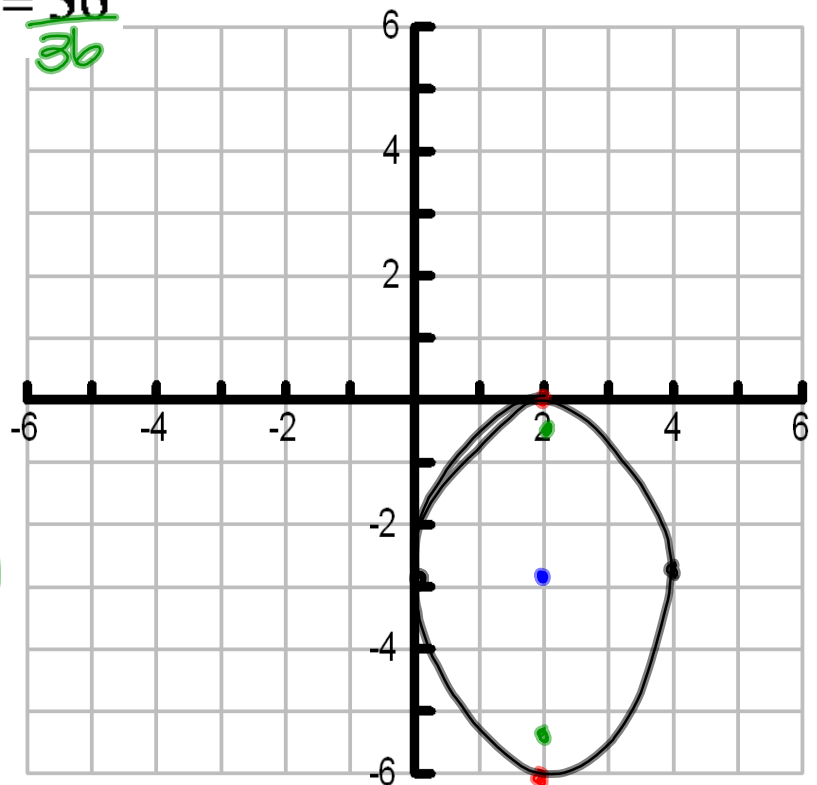
$$(2, 0) (2, -6)$$

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

$$2b = 4$$

$$b^2 = 4$$

$$b = \pm 2$$





Write the equation of the ellipse:

Major axis endpts:  $(\pm 5, 0)$   $b = 2a$

minor axis length 4  $= 2b$   $a = 5$

$C: (0, 0)$

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

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

Write the equation of the ellipse:

foci: (1, -4) and (5, -4)

major axis endpts: (0, -4) and (6, -4)

$$5 = h + c$$

$$5 = 3 + c$$

$$2 = c$$

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

$$9 = b^2 + 4$$

$$b^2 = 5$$

$$b = 2a$$

$$a = 3$$

$$(h+a, k)$$

$$(h-a, k)$$

$$b = h + 3$$

$$h = 3$$

$$\frac{(x-3)^2}{9} + \frac{(y+4)^2}{5} = 1$$

H ( , -4)

## Ellipse - General Form

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$$Ax^2 + Cy^2 + Dx + Ey + F = 0$$

Steps:

1. move variables to left & constants to right side of eq. to complete the square
2. Group like variables
3. If  $x^2$  &  $x$  terms, complete sq. for  $x$ 's
4. If  $y^2$  &  $y$  terms, complete sq. for  $y$ 's
5. Write each sq. in factored form.
6. Need to have 1 on rt. so divide both sides by value on rt.
7. Simplify
8. result is in graphing form

Write the equation of the ellipse in standard form:

$$9x^2 + 16y^2 + 54x - 32y - 47 = 0$$

$+47 \quad +47$

$$9x^2 + 54x + 16y^2 - 32y = 47$$

$$9(x^2 + 6x + \frac{9}{9}) + 16(y^2 - 2y + \frac{1}{16}) = 47 + 9(9) + 16(1)$$

$$9(x+3)^2 + 16(y-1)^2 = 144$$

$$\frac{(x+3)^2}{16} + \frac{(y-1)^2}{9} = 1$$