

focal axis - line through the foci
center - midpoint of the seg. connecting foci or vertices
vertices - points where hyperbola intersects the focal axis
asymptotes - the 2 guidelines the hyperbola approaches but
never crosses
transverse axis - a line segment 2a units long whose endpts lie
on the vertices (through the foci)
conjugate axis - line segment 2b units long that is
$$\perp$$
 to the
transverse axis
pythagorean relationship: $c^2 = a^2 + b^2$











Write the equation of the hyperbola: foci: $(\pm 3, 0)$ trans. axis length 4



when A is neg - vertical hyp. or C is neg - horizontal hyp.

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 y² & y terms, complete sq. for y's

5. Write each completed 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

