

# CONIC SECTIONS: HYPERBOLAS

Hyperbolas:  $\frac{x^2}{a^2} - \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1$  OR  $\frac{y^2}{a^2} - \frac{x^2}{b^2} = 1$

$a^2$  is the Denominator under the added Squared Variable.

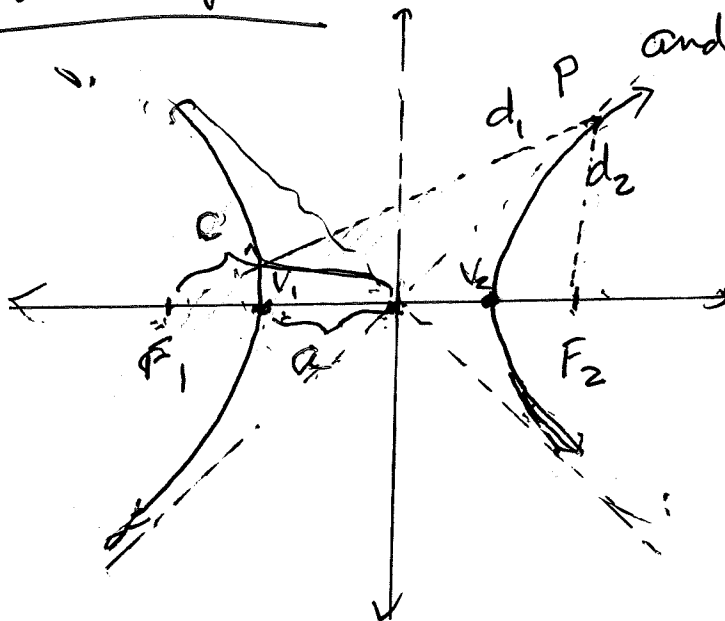
The Foci and the Vertices are on the axis of the added Squared Variable.

$c^2 = a^2 + b^2$  is the case for Hyperbolas

General Definition Given Two points  $F_1, F_2$  (Foci)

and a number  $L = 2a$ ,  
Point P has

$$|d_1 - d_2| = L = 2a$$



# Hyperbolas

7 The hyperbola

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

has foci  $(\pm c, 0)$ , where  $c^2 = a^2 + b^2$ , vertices  $(\pm a, 0)$ , and asymptotes  $y = \pm(b/a)x$ .

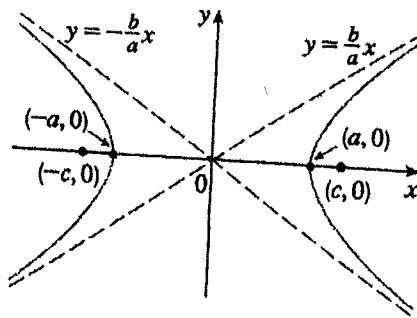


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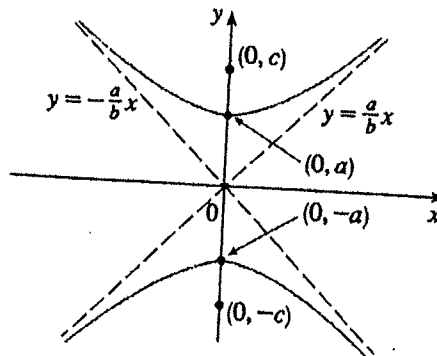


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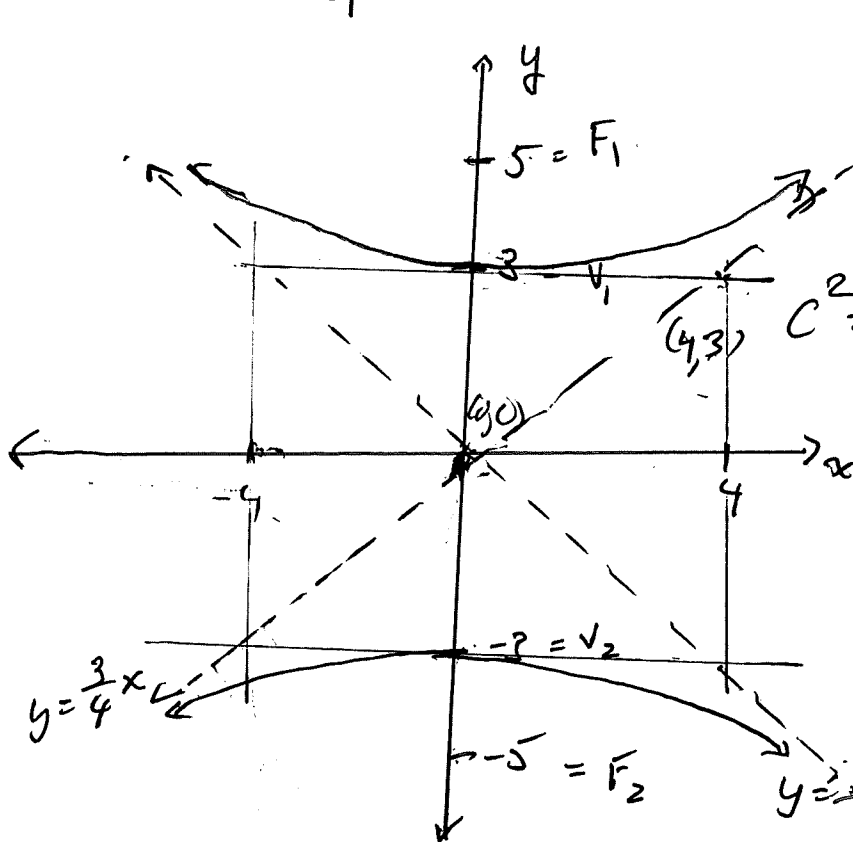
Problem: Find the Foci and Vertices and sketch the curve of

$$16y^2 - 9x^2 = 144$$

Soln

Divide by 144 = 16 × 9

$$\frac{y^2}{9} - \frac{x^2}{16} = 1$$



$$a^2 = 9 \Rightarrow a = 3$$

$$b^2 = 16 \Rightarrow b = 4$$

$$c^2 = a^2 + b^2 = 9 + 16 = 25$$

$$c = 5$$

The Foci are

$(0, 5)$  and  $(0, -5)$

The Vertices are

$(0, 3)$  and  $(3, 0)$

$$\text{Slope} = \frac{3}{4}$$

Equations of Asymptotes

$$y = \frac{3}{4}x \text{ and}$$

# DRAWING THE BOX

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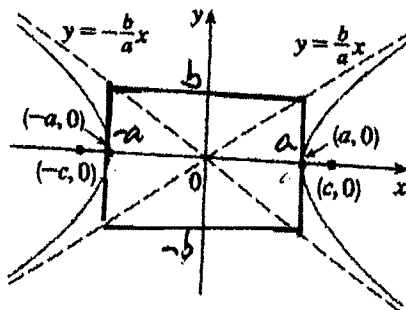


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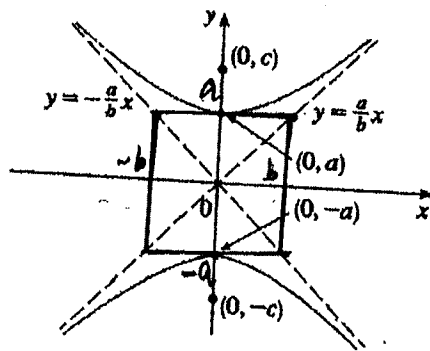


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# Summary of the standard Equation Forms of Conics (UNSHIFTED)

## PARABOLAS:

$$\underline{x^2 = 4py, p \neq 0}$$

OR

$$\underline{y^2 = 4px, p \neq 0}$$

THE FOCUS is  $(0, p)$ .

THE DIRECTRIX is " $y = -p$ ".

THE FOCUS is  $(p, 0)$ .

THE DIRECTRIX is " $x = -p$ ".

→ IN BOTH CASES: THE VERTEX is the origin  $(0, 0)$ .

THE FOCUS is on the axis of the degree 1 variable.

$|p|$  = The Distance: VERTEX TO FOCUS.

## FOR ELLIPSES AND HYPERBOLAS (BOTH)

$a$  = the DISTANCE: CENTER TO EACH VERTEX.

$c$  = the DISTANCE: CENTER TO EACH FOCUS.

THE FOCI AND VERTICES ARE ON THE AXIS OF the squared variable that is over  $a^2$ .

## ELLIPSES:

$$\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1 \text{ OR } \frac{x^2}{b^2} + \frac{y^2}{a^2} = 1 \text{ where } \begin{cases} a > b > 0 \\ c^2 = a^2 - b^2 \\ c < a \end{cases}$$

$a^2$  is the LARGER DENOMINATOR.

THE FOCI AND VERTICES LIE ON THE AXIS OF the variable <sup>OVER</sup>  $a^2$ .

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$a^2$  is the denominator under the ADDED squared variable.

THE FOCI ARE ON THE AXIS OF THE ADDED squared variable.

The asymptotes are lines along the DIAGONALS of the "BOX" →

