

PRE CALC - §10-4 NOTES

PRECALCULUS NOTES

10.4 Hyperbolas

Objectives: Use and determine the standard and general forms of the equation of a hyperbola.
Graph hyperbolas.

Warm-Up Consider the equation of the ellipse: $3x^2 + 4y^2 - 6x + 16y + 7 = 0$

a. Write the equation in standard form.

$$3x^2 - 6x + \underline{\quad} + 4y^2 + 16y + \underline{\quad} = -7 + \underline{\quad} + \underline{\quad}$$

$$3(x^2 - 2x + \underline{1}) + 4(y^2 + 4y + \underline{4}) = -7 + \underline{3} + \underline{16}$$

$$3(x-1)^2 + 4(y+2)^2 = 12$$

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

$$c^2 = a^2 - b^2$$

$$c^2 = 4 - 3$$

$$c^2 = 1$$

$$c = \pm 1$$

b. Determine the center. $(h, k) = (1, -2)$

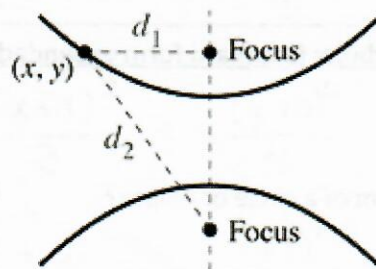
c. Determine the foci. $(h \pm c, k) = (1 \pm 1, -2) \begin{cases} (2, -2) \\ (0, -2) \end{cases}$

d. Determine the vertices. major vertices $(h \pm a, k) = (1 \pm 2, -2) \begin{cases} (3, -2) \\ (-1, -2) \end{cases}$

minor vertices $(h \pm b, k) = (1 \pm \sqrt{3}, -2)$

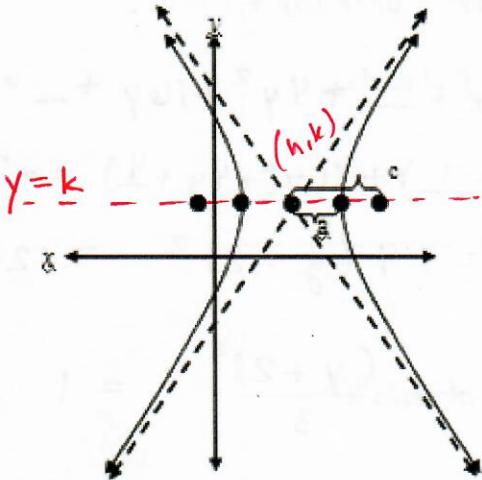
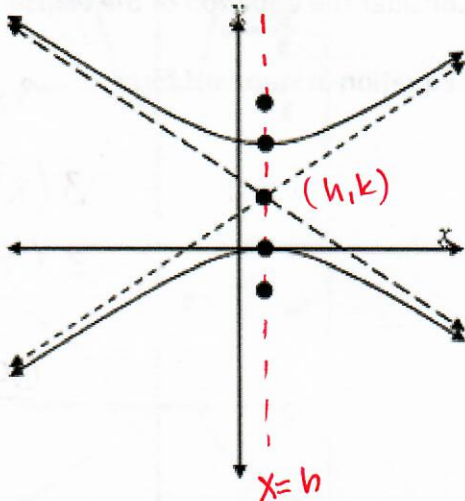
DEFINITION - HYPERBOLA

A hyperbola is the set of all points in a plane, the difference of whose distances from two distinct fixed points (foci) is a positive constant.



$d_2 - d_1$ is a positive constant.

Standard Equations of Hyperbolas

Opens left/right	Opens up/down
$\frac{(x - h)^2}{a^2} - \frac{(y - k)^2}{b^2} = 1$	$\frac{(y - k)^2}{a^2} - \frac{(x - h)^2}{b^2} = 1$
	
center: (h, k) foci: $(h \pm c, k)$ vertices: $(h \pm a, k)$ equation of transverse axis: $y = k$	center: (h, k) foci: $(h, k \pm c)$ vertices: $(h, k \pm a)$ equation of transverse axis: $x = h$
Additional equation: $a^2 + b^2 = c^2$ Asymptotes: $y = k \pm \frac{b}{a}(x - h)$	Additional equation: $a^2 + b^2 = c^2$ Asymptotes: $y = k \pm \frac{a}{b}(x - h)$

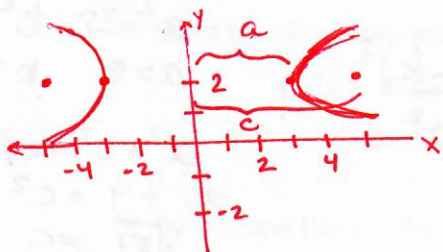
General Form of the Equation of a Hyperbola: (standard form expanded):

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

How is this different from the general form of a circle or ellipse?

Example 1

Write an equation of a hyperbola with vertices $(-3, 2)$ and $(3, 2)$ and foci $(-5, 2)$ and $(5, 2)$.



$$a = 3$$

$$c = 5$$

$$b^2 = c^2 - a^2$$

$$b^2 = 25 - 9$$

$$b^2 = 16$$

$$b = 4$$

center : $(0, 2)$

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

$$\frac{(x-0)^2}{9} - \frac{(y-2)^2}{16} = 1$$

Example 2

Given the general form of a hyperbola, $4x^2 - 3y^2 + 8x + 16 = 0$, write the equation in standard form.

$$4x^2 + 8x + \underline{\quad} - 3y^2 = -16$$

$$4(x^2 + 2x + \underline{\quad}) - 3(y^2) = -16$$

$$4(x^2 + 2x + \underline{1}) - 3(y+0)^2 = -16 + \underline{4}$$

$$\frac{4(x+1)^2}{-12} - \frac{3(y+0)^2}{-12} = \frac{-12}{-12}$$

$$-\frac{(x+1)^2}{3} + \frac{(y+0)^2}{4} = 1$$

$$\frac{(y+0)^2}{4} - \frac{(x+1)^2}{3} = 1$$

center $(-1, 0)$

$$a^2 = 4$$

$$b^2 = 3$$



Example 3 Given the equation of the hyperbola $\frac{(x-5)^2}{25} - \frac{(y+1)^2}{9} = 1$

a. State the direction and the equation of the transverse axis.

left/right

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

$$a^2 = 25 \quad b^2 = 9$$

$$a = 5 \quad b = 3$$

b. Determine the center.

$$\begin{matrix} h & k \\ (5, -1) \end{matrix}$$

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

$$25 + 9 = c^2$$

$$\sqrt{34} = c$$

c. Determine the foci.

$$(5 \pm \sqrt{34}, -1)$$

d. Determine the vertices.

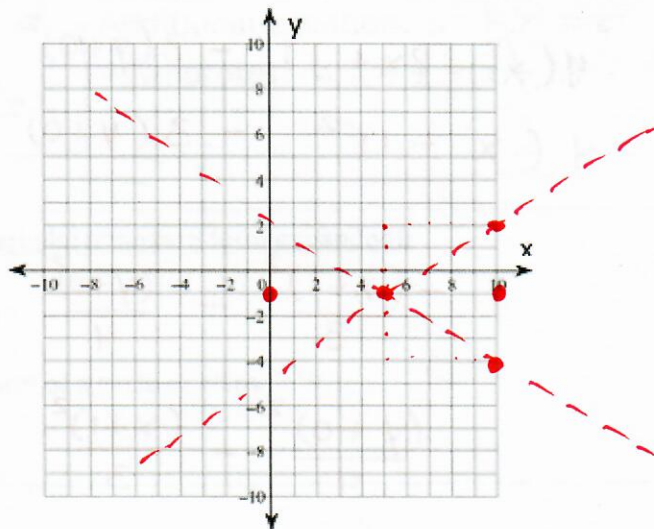
$$(5 \pm 5, -1)$$

$$(0, -1) \text{ and } (10, -1)$$

e. Determine the equation of the asymptotes.

$$y = \pm \frac{b}{a} \quad y = \pm \frac{3}{5} \quad y = -1 \pm \frac{3}{5}(x-5)$$

f. Sketch a graph of the hyperbola.



Example 4 Given the equation of the hyperbola $\frac{(y+4)^2}{25} - \frac{(x-2)^2}{9} = 1$

$$a^2 = 25 \quad b^2 = 9$$

$$a = 5 \quad b = 3$$

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

$$c^2 = 25 + 9$$

$$c^2 = 34$$

$$c = \pm\sqrt{34}$$

a. State the direction and the equation of the transverse axis.

vertical

$$x = 2$$

b. Determine the center. $(h, k) = (2, -4)$

c. Determine the foci. $(h, k \pm c) = (2, -4 \pm \sqrt{34})$

d. Determine the vertices. $(h, k \pm a) = (2, -4 \pm 5) \begin{cases} (2, 1) \\ (2, -9) \end{cases}$

e. Determine the equation of the asymptotes.

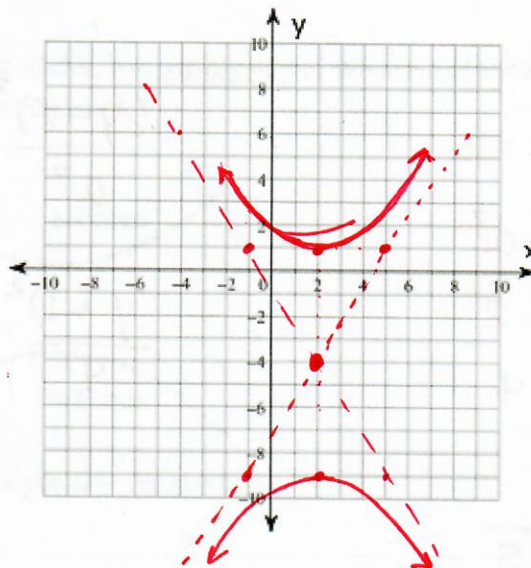
$$y - k = \pm \frac{a}{b} (x - h)$$

$$y - (-4) = \pm \frac{5}{3} (x - 2)$$

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

f. Sketch a graph of the hyperbola.

center $(2, -4)$



DEFINITION – ECCENTRICITY

The eccentricity formula, $e = \frac{c}{a}$, is the same as that for an ellipse.

Value of e	Graph
close to 1	
not close to 1	

Example 5

Write an equation of the hyperbola with center at $(3, -1)$, focus at $(3, -4)$, and eccentricity $\frac{3}{2}$.

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

$$e = \frac{3}{2}$$

$$c = 3; a = 2$$

$$b^2 = c^2 - a^2$$

$$b^2 = 3^2 - 2^2$$

$$b^2 = 9 - 4$$

$$b^2 = 5$$

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

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

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

