

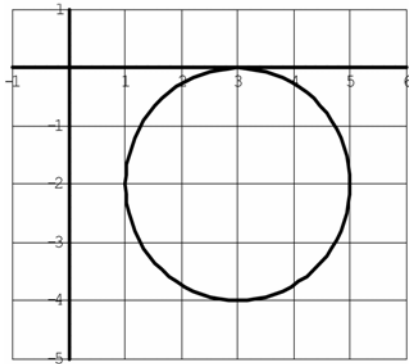
Pre - Calculus  
Mathematics 40S



STANDARDS TEST PRACTICE EXAM - ANSWERS

CONICS

1. Sketch the graph and write the equation of a circle with a centre at (3, -2) and is tangent to the  $x$  - axis.



The phrase "tangent to the  $x$ -axis" means the circle touches the  $x$ -axis.

Start with

$$(x-h)^2 + (y-k)^2 = r^2$$

The centre is (3, -2), and the radius is 2. Plug these into the standard form equation.

$$(x-3)^2 + (y-(-2))^2 = 2^2$$

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

2. Identify the conic represented by the equation  $x^2 - 6x = y + 3$

Since the  $y^2$  term is missing, the conic is a **parabola**.

3. State the coordinates of the vertex in the relation  $y^2 = 2x + 4$

$$y^2 = 2x + 4$$

$$y^2 = 2(x + 2)$$

The vertex is located at (-2, 0)

4. Change the following to standard form, then sketch:  $4y^2 + 40y - 4x^2 + 32x + 20 = 0$

$$4y^2 + 40y - 4x^2 + 32x + 20 = 0$$

$$4(y^2 + 10y) - 4(x^2 - 8x) = -20$$

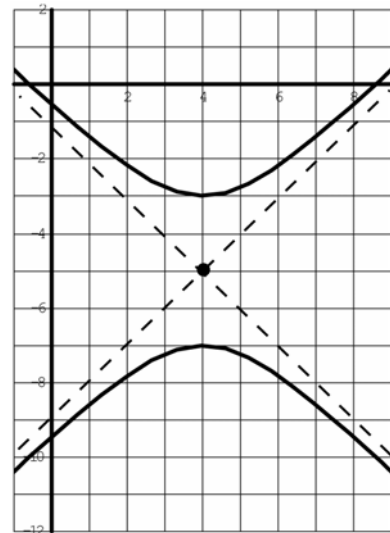
$$4(y^2 + 10y + 25) - 4(x^2 - 8x + 16) = -20 + 100 - 64$$

$$4(y+5)^2 - 4(x-4)^2 = 16$$

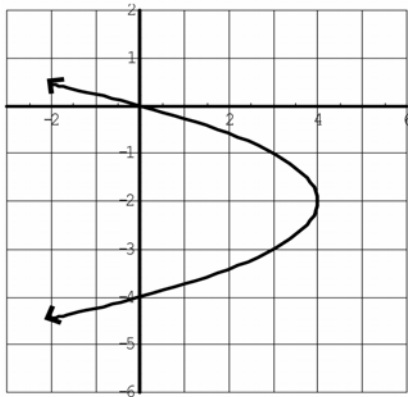
$$\frac{4(y+5)^2}{16} - \frac{4(x-4)^2}{16} = \frac{16}{16}$$

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

This is a vertical hyperbola since  $y$  comes first  
Centre = (4, -5),  $a = 2$ ,  $b = 2$



5. a) Given the parabola below, find the equation if the vertex is at (4, -2)



The vertex is located at (4, -2). These are the  $h$  &  $k$  values.

A point on the graph is located at (0, 0). This is a value you can use for  $x$  &  $y$ .

Plug everything in and solve for  $a$ .

Standard form for horizontal parabolas  $\rightarrow x - h = a(y - k)^2$

$$0 - 4 = a(0 - (-2))^2$$

$$0 - 4 = a(0 + 2)^2$$

$$-4 = a(4)$$

$$a = -1$$

The equation is:  $x - 4 = -(y + 2)^2$

- b) Verify the intercepts algebraically

**x - intercept:**

Set  $y = 0$ , then solve for  $x$ .

$$x - 4 = -(0 + 2)^2$$

$$x - 4 = -4$$

$$x = 0$$

**y - intercepts:**

Set  $x = 0$ , then solve for  $y$ .

$$0 - 4 = -(y + 2)^2$$

$$-4 = -(y + 2)^2$$

$$4 = (y + 2)^2$$

$$\sqrt{4} = \sqrt{(y + 2)^2}$$

$$\pm 2 = y + 2$$

First evaluate for  $+2$

$$+2 = y + 2$$

$$y = 0$$

Then evaluate for  $-2$

$$-2 = y + 2$$

$$y = -4$$

6. A conic is represented by  $x^2 - 4x + 9y^2 - 18y = 23$

- a) Sketch the conic

$$x^2 - 4x + 9y^2 - 18y = 23$$

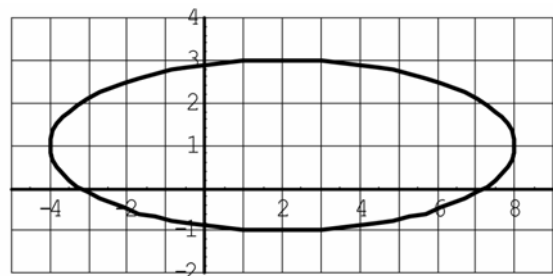
$$(x^2 - 4x) + 9(y^2 - 2y) = 23$$

$$(x^2 - 4x + 4) + 9(y^2 - 2y + 1) = 23 + 4 + 9$$

$$(x - 2)^2 + 9(y - 1)^2 = 36$$

$$\frac{(x - 2)^2}{36} + \frac{9(y - 1)^2}{36} = \frac{36}{36}$$

$$\frac{(x - 2)^2}{36} + \frac{(y - 1)^2}{4} = 1$$



Centre = (2, 1)

$a = 6, b = 2$

- b) State the domain & range

Domain is  $\{x \mid -4 \leq x \leq 8\}$

Range is  $\{y \mid -1 \leq y \leq 3\}$

7. Identify the conic with the equation  $3x^2 - y^2 - 7x + 2 = 0$

Since the product of A & C is negative, the conic is a **hyperbola**.

8. The equation of a circle is given by the equation  $2x^2 + 2y^2 - 8x + 4y - 22 = 0$

a) Sketch the conic

$$2x^2 + 2y^2 - 8x + 4y - 22 = 0$$

$$2x^2 - 8x + 2y^2 + 4y = 22$$

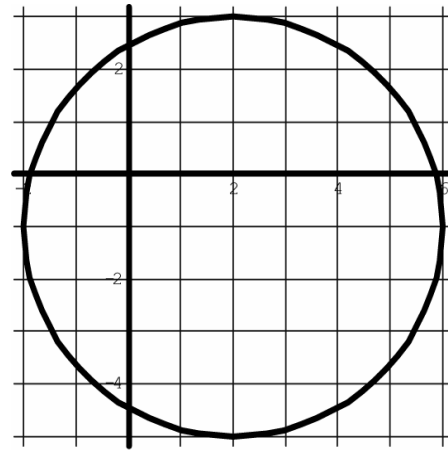
$$2(x^2 - 4x) + 2(y^2 + 2y) = 22$$

$$2(x^2 - 4x + 4) + 2(y^2 + 2y + 1) = 22 + 8 + 2$$

$$2(x - 2)^2 + 2(y + 1)^2 = 32$$

$$\frac{2(x - 2)^2}{2} + \frac{2(y + 1)^2}{2} = \frac{32}{2}$$

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

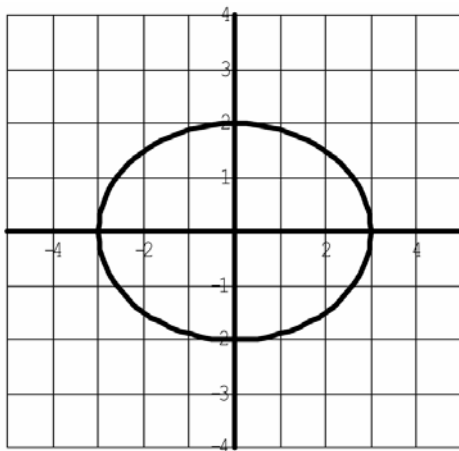


b) State the radius

The form is  $(x - h)^2 + (y - k)^2 = r^2$ .

Taking the square root of the right side gives **4 units**.

9. Determine the equation of the ellipse shown below



The  $a$  - value is 3, and the  $b$  - value is 2.  
The centre is  $(0, 0)$

Plug into the equation

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

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

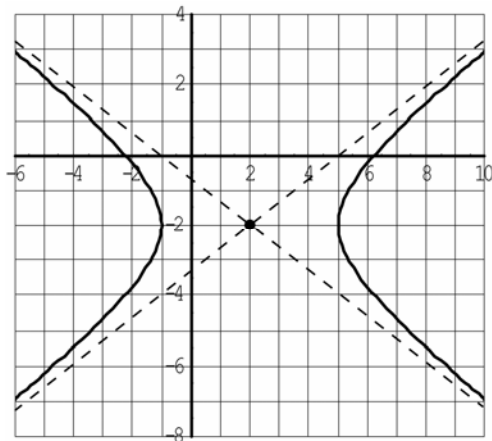
$$\frac{x^2}{9} + \frac{y^2}{4} = 1$$

10. The equation of a conic is  $\frac{(x-2)^2}{9} - \frac{(y+2)^2}{4} = 1$

a) Identify this conic section

*The minus between the terms indicates this is a **hyperbola***

b) Sketch a clearly labeled graph



Centre = (2, -2)  
a = 3, b = 2

c) State the domain & range

Domain is  $\{x \mid x \leq -1, x \geq 5\}$

Range is  $\{y \mid y \in \mathbb{R}\}$

11. Find the coordinates of the vertices and sketch the equation:  $9x^2 + 4y^2 + 40y + 64 = 0$

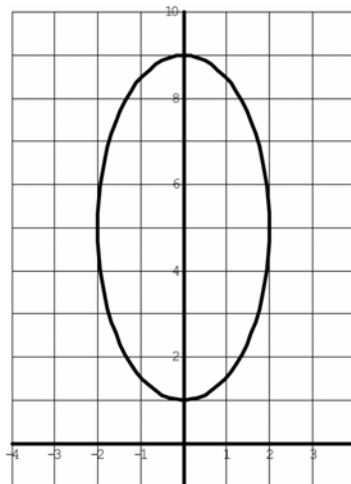
$$9x^2 + 4y^2 + 40y + 64 = 0$$

$$9x^2 + 4(y^2 + 10y) = -64$$

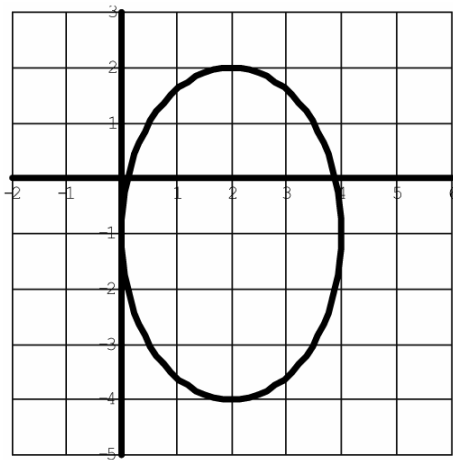
$$9x^2 + 4(y^2 + 10y + 25) = -64 + 100$$

$$\frac{9x^2}{36} + \frac{4(y+5)^2}{36} = \frac{36}{36}$$

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



12. Find the equation of the ellipse sketched below:

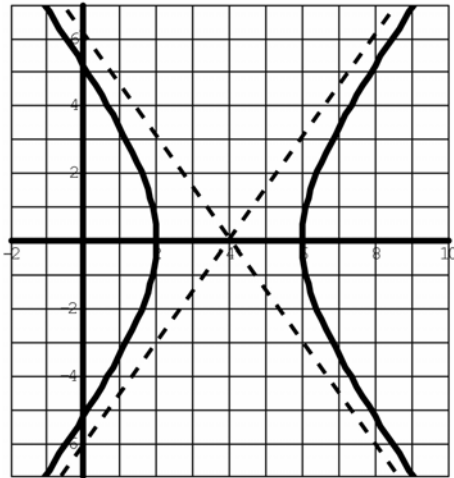


Start with:  $\frac{(x-h)^2}{a^2} + \frac{(y-k)^2}{b^2} = 1$   
 Centre = (2, -1) ;  $a = 2$ ,  $b = 3$

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

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

13. Sketch the equation and state the domain and range for  $\frac{(x-4)^2}{4} - \frac{y^2}{9} = 1$

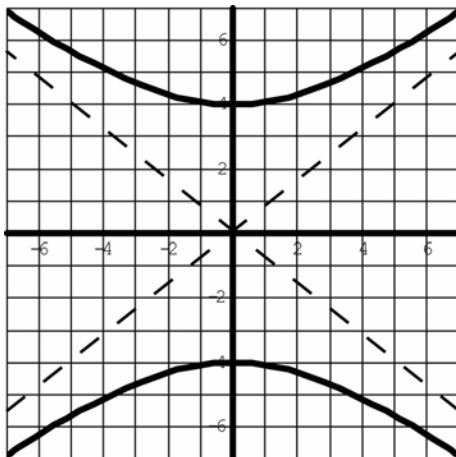


Centre = (4, 0) ;  $a = 2$ ,  $b = 3$

Domain is  $\{x \mid x \leq 2, x \geq 6\}$

Range is  $\{y \mid y \in \mathbb{R}\}$

14. Sketch the equation and state the axis of symmetry:  $\frac{y^2}{16} - \frac{x^2}{25} = 1$



This is a vertical hyperbola since  $y$  comes first.

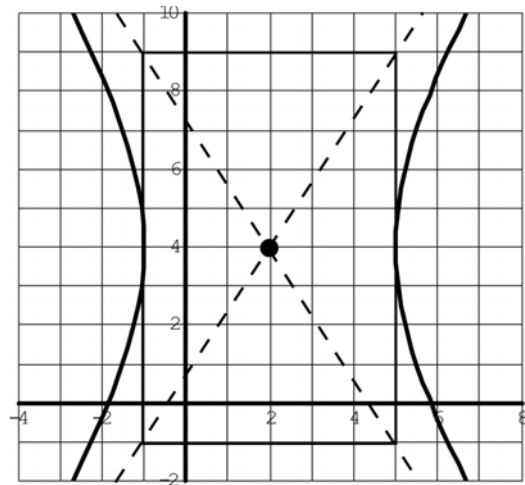
Since the centre is at the origin, the **x-axis** is the axis of symmetry.

15. The equation of a conic is  $25x^2 - 9y^2 - 100x + 72y - 269 = 0$

a) Write the equation in standard form

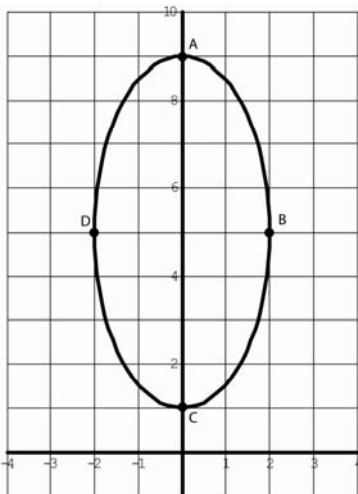
b) Sketch the graph

$$\begin{aligned}
 25x^2 - 9y^2 - 100x + 72y - 269 &= 0 \\
 25x^2 - 100x - 9y^2 + 72y &= 269 \\
 25(x^2 - 4x) - 9(y^2 - 8y) &= 269 \\
 25(x^2 - 4x + 4) - 9(y^2 - 8y + 16) &= 269 + 100 - 144 \\
 25(x - 2)^2 - 9(y - 4)^2 &= 225 \\
 \frac{25(x - 2)^2}{225} - \frac{9(y - 4)^2}{225} &= \frac{225}{225} \\
 \frac{(x - 2)^2}{9} - \frac{(y - 4)^2}{25} &= 1
 \end{aligned}$$



Centre = (2, 4)  
a = 3, b = 5

16. An ellipse has the following vertices: A(0, 9), B(2, 5), C(0, 1), and D(-2, 5). Draw the ellipse and determine the equation.



The a – value is 2, and the b – value is 4.  
The centre is (0, 5)

Plug into the equation

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

$$\frac{(x - 0)^2}{2^2} + \frac{(y - 5)^2}{4^2} = 1$$

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

17. For the conic  $2y^2 - 2x - 4y - 6 = 0$

a) Find the intercepts of the conic section

**x - intercept:**

Set  $y = 0$ , then solve for  $x$ .

$$2(0)^2 - 2x - 4(0) - 6 = 0$$

$$-2x = 6$$

$$\mathbf{x = -3}$$

**y - intercepts:**

Set  $x = 0$ , then solve for  $y$ .

$$2y^2 - 2(0) - 4y - 6 = 0$$

$$2y^2 - 4y - 6 = 0$$

$$2(y^2 - 2y - 3) = 0$$

$$y^2 - 2y - 3 = 0$$

$$(y - 3)(y + 1) = 0$$

$$\mathbf{y = -1, 3}$$

b) Sketch a clearly labeled graph

$$2y^2 - 2x - 4y - 6 = 0$$

$$2y^2 - 4y = 2x + 6$$

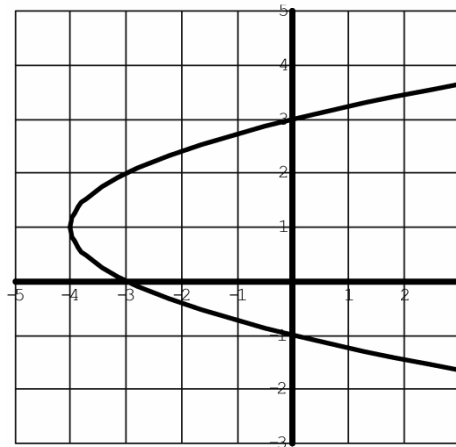
$$2(y^2 - 2y) = 2x + 6$$

$$2(y^2 - 2y + 1) = 2x + 6 + 2$$

$$2(y - 1)^2 = 2x + 8$$

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

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



18. The conic  $x^2 + y^2 = 1$  is translated 2 units to the right

a) Write the equation of the new conic and sketch it

A translation 2 units right can be accomplished by replacing  $x$  with  $x - 2$ .

$$\mathbf{(x - 2)^2 + y^2 = 1}$$

b) State the domain of the new conic

$$\mathbf{\{x / 1 \leq x \leq 3\}}$$

c) State the range of the new conic

$$\mathbf{\{y / -1 \leq y \leq 1\}}$$

