College Trigonometry

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Subsection 1

The Ellipse

Ellipse, Features and Terminology



Equation of an Ellipse at the Origin in Standard Form



• The equations are:

$$\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1$$
 and $\frac{y^2}{a^2} + \frac{x^2}{b^2} = 1$.

• The key equation relating the parameters is $a^2 = b^2 + c^2$.

Equation of an Ellipse at the Origin in Standard Form

• What is the standard form equation of the ellipse that has vertices $(\pm 8,0)$ and foci $(\pm 5,0)$?

We know that c = 5 and a = 8.

We then calculate

$$b^2 = a^2 - c^2 = 8^2 - 5^2 = 39.$$

So the equation is

$$\frac{x^2}{64} + \frac{y^2}{39} = 1.$$

An Ellipse Centered at a Point Other Than the Origin

What is the standard form equation of the ellipse that has vertices (-2, -8) and (-2, 2) and foci (-2, -7) and (-2, 1)? The ellipse has center (-2, -3). It is vertically placed, with a = 5 and c = 4. So b² = a² - c² = 5² - 4² = 9. If it was centered at the origin, the equation would be y²/25 + x²/9 = 1, but, since its center is at (h, k) = (-2, -3), we get the equation

$$\frac{(y+3)^2}{25} + \frac{(x+2)^2}{9} = 1.$$

Graphing an Ellipse Centered at the Origin

• Graph the ellipse given by the equation, $\frac{x^2}{9} + \frac{y^2}{25} = 1$. Identify and label the center, vertices, co-vertices and foci.

First identify all parameters: a = 5, b = 3 and $c^2 = a^2 - b^2 = 25 - 9 = 16$; so c = 4.

- Center at the origin;
- Vertices at (0, ±5);
- Co-vertices at (±3,0);
- Foci at (0, ±4).



Graphing from an Equation Not in Standard Form

• Graph the ellipse given by the equation $4x^2 + 25y^2 = 100$. Rewrite the equation in standard form. Then identify and label the center, vertices, co-vertices and foci.

Convert into standard form: $\frac{x^2}{25} + \frac{y^2}{4} = 1$. Identify all parameters: a = 5, b = 2 and $c^2 = a^2 - b^2 = 25 - 4 = 21$; so $c = \sqrt{21}$.

- Center at the origin;
- Vertices at $(\pm 5, 0)$;
- Co-vertices at (0, ±2);
- Foci at $(\pm\sqrt{21},0)$.



Graphing an Ellipse Centered at (h, k)

Graph the ellipse given by the equation, (x+2)²/4 + (y-5)²/9 = 1. Identify and label the center, vertices, co-vertices and foci.
 First identify all parameters: (h, k) = (-2, 5), a = 3, b = 2 and c² = a² - b² = 9 - 4 = 5; so c = √5.

- Over at (−2, 5);
- Vertices at (−2, 5 ± 3);
- Co-vertices at (−2 ± 2, 5);
- Foci at $(-2, 5 \pm \sqrt{5})$.



An Ellipse Centered at (h, k) Not in Standard Form

Graph the ellipse given by 4x² + 9y² - 40x + 36y + 100 = 0. Identify and label the center, vertices, co-vertices and foci.
 Convert into standard form:

$$4x^{2} + 9y^{2} - 40x + 36y + 100 = 0$$

$$4x^{2} - 40x + 9y^{2} + 36y = -100$$

$$4(x^{2} - 10x) + 9(y^{2} + 4y) = -100$$

$$4(x^{2} - 10x + 25) + 9(y^{2} + 4y + 4) = -100 + 100 + 36$$

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

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

Identify all parameters: (h, k) = (5, -2), a = 3, b = 2 and $c^2 = a^2 - b^2 = 9 - 4 = 5$; so $c = \sqrt{5}$.

An Ellipse Centered at (h, k) Not in Standard Form

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

and identified the parameters: $(h, k) = (5, -2)$, $a = 3$, $b = 2$ and $c^2 = a^2 - b^2 = 9 - 4 = 5$; so $c = \sqrt{5}$.

- Output Center at (5, −2);
- Vertices at (5 ± 3, −2);
- Co-vertices at (5, −2 ± 2);
- Foci at $(5 \pm \sqrt{5}, -2)$.



Subsection 2

The Hyperbola

Hyperbola, Features and Terminology



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Equation of a Hyperbola at the Origin in Standard Form



• The equations are:

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

• The key equation relating the parameters is $c^2 = a^2 + b^2$.

Locating a Hyperbola's Vertices and Foci

• Identify the vertices and foci of the hyperbola $\frac{y^2}{49} - \frac{x^2}{32} = 1$. It is a vertically opening hyperbola, with

•
$$a = 7$$
,
• $b = \sqrt{32} = 4\sqrt{2}$,
• $c^2 = a^2 + b^2 = 49 + 32 = 81$; so $c = 9$

So it has vertices at $(0, \pm 7)$ and foci at $(0, \pm 9)$.

Finding a Hyperbola at (0,0) Given its Foci and Vertices

• What is the standard form equation of the hyperbola that has vertices $(\pm 6, 0)$ and foci $(2\sqrt{10}, 0)$?

We identify the parameters:

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$$a = 6;$$

• $c = 2\sqrt{10};$
• $b^2 = c^2 - a^2 = 40 - 36 = 4;$ so $b = 2$

Now we get

$$\frac{x^2}{36} - \frac{y^2}{4} = 1.$$

Finding a Hyperbola at (h, k) Given its Foci and Vertices

What is the standard form equation of the hyperbola that has vertices at (0, -2) and (6, -2) and foci at (-2, -2) and (8, -2)?
It is centered at (3, -2).
Identify the parameters:

•
$$a = 3$$
;
• $c = 5$;
• $b^2 = c^2 - a^2 = 25 - 9 = 16$; so $b = 4$.
The equation at the origin would be $\frac{x^2}{9} - \frac{y^2}{16} = 1$
but since it is centered at $(h, k) = (3, -2)$, we get

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

Graphing a Hyperbola at (0,0) in Standard Form

Graph the hyperbola given by the equation \$\frac{y^2}{64} - \frac{x^2}{36} = 1\$. Identify and label the vertices, co-vertices, foci and asymptotes.
 First identify all parameters: \$a = 8\$, \$b = 6\$ and \$c^2 = a^2 + b^2 = 64 + 36 = 100\$; so \$c = 10\$.

- Center at the origin;
- Vertices at (0, ±8);
- Co-vertices at (±6,0);
- Foci at (0, ±10);

• Asymptotes
$$y = \pm \frac{a}{b}x$$
, i.e., $y = \pm \frac{4}{3}x$.



A Hyperbola at (h, k) in General Form

• Graph the hyperbola given by $9x^2 - 4y^2 - 36x - 40y - 388 = 0$. Identify and label the center, vertices, co-vertices, foci and asymptotes.

Convert into standard form:

 $9x^2 - 4y^2 - 36x - 40y - 388 = 0$ $9x^2 - 36x - 4y^2 - 40y = 388$ $9(x^2 - 4x) - 4(y^2 + 10y) = 388$ $9(x^2 - 4x + 4) - 4(y^2 + 10y + 25) = 388 + 36 - 100$ $9(x-2)^2 - 4(y+5)^2 = 324$ $\frac{(x-2)^2}{26} + \frac{(y+5)^2}{21} = 1.$ Identify all parameters: (h, k) = (2, -5), a = 6, b = 9 and $c^2 = a^2 + b^2 = 36 + 81 = 117$; so $c = 3\sqrt{13}$.

A Hyperbola at (h, k) in General Form

• We found $\frac{(x-2)^2}{36} + \frac{(y+5)^2}{81} = 1$ and identified the parameters: (h, k) = (2, -5), a = 6, b = 9 and $c^2 = a^2 + b^2 = 36 + 81 = 117$; so $c = 3\sqrt{13}$.

- Over the second second
- Vertices at (2 ± 6, −5);
- Co-vertices at (2, −5 ± 9);
- Foci at $(2 \pm 3\sqrt{13}, -5);$
- Asymptotes

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



Subsection 3

The Parabola

Parabola, Features and Terminology



Equation of a Parabola at the Origin in Standard Form



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A Parabola at (0,0) With x-Symmetry

• Graph $y^2 = 24x$. Identify and label the focus, directrix and endpoints of the latus rectum.

First identify p by comparing with $y^2 = 4px$: p = 6.

- Vertex at the origin and opening right;
- Focus at (6,0);
- Directrix x = -6;
- Endpoints of latus rectum $(6, \pm 12)$.



A Parabola at (0,0) With y-Symmetry

• Graph $x^2 = -6y$. Identify and label the focus, directrix and endpoints of the latus rectum.

First identify p by comparing with $x^2 = 4py$: $p = -\frac{3}{2}$.

- So we have:
 - Vertex at the origin and opening down;
 - Focus at (0, −³/₂);
 - Directrix $y = \frac{3}{2}$;
 - Endpoints of latus rectum $(\pm 3, -\frac{3}{2})$.



A Parabola Given its Focus and Directrix

• What is the equation for the parabola with focus $\left(-\frac{1}{2},0\right)$ and directrix $x = \frac{1}{2}$?

First find the vertex, opening direction and p.

Then it is easy to write an equation for the parabola. We have:

• Opens left;

•
$$p = -\frac{1}{2}$$
.

So equation is $y^2 = 4(-\frac{1}{2})x$, i.e., $y^2 = -2x$.

Parabola at (h, k) With Horizontal Symmetry

• Graph $(y-1)^2 = -16(x+3)$. Identify and label the vertex, axis of symmetry, focus, directrix and endpoints of the latus rectum.

Compare with $(y - k)^2 = 4p(x - h)$. So p = -4.

- Sertex (h, k) = (−3, 1);
- Opens left;
- Focus at (-3 4, 1);
- Directrix x = -3 + 4;
- Endpoints of latus rectum $(-3-4, 1\pm 8)$.



A Parabola from an Equation Given in General Form

Graph x² - 8x - 28y - 208 = 0. Identify and label the vertex, axis of symmetry, focus, directrix and endpoints of the latus rectum.
 Convert into standard form:

$$x^{2} - 8x - 28y - 208 = 0$$

$$x^{2} - 8x = 28y + 208$$

$$x^{2} - 8x + 16 = 28y + 224$$

$$(x - 4)^{2} = 28(y + 8).$$

Identify all parameters: (h, k) = (4, -8), opens up, p = 7.

A Parabola from an Equation Given in General Form

• We found equation $(x - 4)^2 = 28(y + 8)$.

Moreover, we reasoned that

- (h, k) = (4, -8);
- Opens up;
- p = 7.

- Vertex (4, -8);
- Axis of Symmetry x = 4;
- Focus at (4, -8 + 7);
- Directrix y = -8 7;
- Endpoints
 - $(4 \pm 14, -8 + 7).$



Subsection 4

Conic Sections in Polar Coordinates

Conic Sections in Polar: Features and Terminology

- F is the **focus** at the pole;
- *D* is the **directrix** at $x = \pm p$;
- e > 0 a fixed number, called the eccentricity;
- The set of all points *P* such that $e = \frac{PF}{PD}$ is a conic:
 - if 0 = e < 1, the conic is an ellipse;
 - if e = 1, the conic is a parabola;
 - if e > 1, the conic is a hyperbola.



Equation of Conic Sections in Polar Coordinates

• For a conic with a focus at the origin, if the directrix is $x = \pm p$, where p is a positive real number, and the eccentricity is a positive real number e, the conic has a polar equation

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Identifying a Conic Given the Polar Form

• For each of the following equations, identify the conic with focus at the origin, the directrix and the eccentricity.

(a)
$$r = \frac{6}{3+2\sin\theta}$$

(b) $r = \frac{12}{4+5\cos\theta}$
(c) $r = \frac{7}{2-2\sin\theta}$
(a) $r = \frac{6}{3+2\sin\theta} \Rightarrow r = \frac{2}{1+\frac{2}{3}\sin\theta} \Rightarrow e = \frac{2}{3} \text{ and } ep = 2 \Rightarrow p = 3.$
So directrix is $y = 3$ and the conic is an ellipse $(e < 1)$.
(b) $r = \frac{12}{4+5\cos\theta} \Rightarrow r = \frac{3}{1+\frac{5}{4}\cos\theta} \Rightarrow e = \frac{5}{4}$ and $ep = 3 \Rightarrow p = \frac{12}{5}$.
So directrix is $x = \frac{12}{5}$ and the conic is a hyperbola $(e > 1)$.
(c) $r = \frac{7}{2-2\sin\theta} \Rightarrow r = \frac{\frac{7}{2}}{1-\sin\theta} \Rightarrow e = 1$ and $ep = \frac{7}{2} \Rightarrow p = \frac{7}{2}$.
So directrix is $y = -\frac{7}{2}$ and the conic is a parabola $(e = 1)$.

Graphing a Parabola in Polar Form

• Graph
$$r = \frac{5}{3+3\cos\theta}$$
.
 $r = \frac{5}{3+3\cos\theta} \Rightarrow r = \frac{\frac{5}{3}}{1+\cos\theta} \Rightarrow e = 1, ep = \frac{5}{3} \Rightarrow p = \frac{5}{3}$.
We have a parabola with directrix $x = \frac{5}{3}$.

$$\frac{\theta}{r} = \frac{5}{3+3\cos\theta} \left[\frac{5}{6} - \frac{5}{3} \right] - \frac{5}{3}$$



Graphing a Hyperbola in Polar Form

• Graph
$$r = \frac{8}{2-3\sin\theta}$$
.
 $r = \frac{8}{2-3\sin\theta} \Rightarrow r = \frac{4}{1-\frac{3}{2}\sin\theta} \Rightarrow e = \frac{3}{2}, ep = 4 \Rightarrow p = \frac{8}{3}$.

We have a hyperbola with directrix $y = -\frac{8}{3}$.

$$\frac{\theta}{r} = \frac{8}{2-3\sin\theta} \left[\begin{array}{ccc} 0 & \frac{\pi}{2} & \pi & \frac{3\pi}{2} \\ 4 & -8 & 4 & \frac{8}{5} \end{array} \right]$$



Graphing an Ellipse in Polar Form

• Graph
$$r = \frac{10}{5-4\cos\theta}$$
.
 $r = \frac{10}{5-4\cos\theta} \Rightarrow r = \frac{2}{1-\frac{4}{5}\cos\theta} \Rightarrow e = \frac{4}{5}, ep = 2 \Rightarrow p = \frac{5}{2}$.

We have an ellipse with directrix $x = -\frac{5}{2}$.

$$\frac{\theta}{r} = \frac{10}{5 - 4\cos\theta} \frac{0}{10} - 2\frac{\pi}{2} \frac{3\pi}{2}$$



Finding the Polar Form of a Vertical Conic

• Find the polar form of the conic given a focus at the origin, e = 3 and directrix y = -2.

Identify p = 2 and choose one of

$$r = \frac{ep}{1 \pm e \cos \theta}$$
 or $r = \frac{ep}{1 \pm e \sin \theta}$

We have

$$r = \frac{ep}{1 - e\sin\theta} \Rightarrow r = \frac{6}{1 - 3\sin\theta}$$

Finding the Polar Form of a Horizontal Conic

Find the polar form of a conic given a focus at the origin, e = ³/₅, and directrix x = 4.

Identify p = 4 and choose one of

$$r = \frac{ep}{1 \pm e \cos \theta}$$
 or $r = \frac{ep}{1 \pm e \sin \theta}$.

We have

$$r = \frac{ep}{1 + e\cos\theta} \Rightarrow r = \frac{\frac{12}{5}}{1 + \frac{3}{5}\cos\theta} \Rightarrow r = \frac{12}{5 + 3\cos\theta}.$$

Converting a Conic in Polar Form to Rectangular Form

Convert the conic $r = \frac{1}{5-5\sin\theta}$ to rectangular form.
We get
$r = \frac{1}{1 - 1 + 1}$
$5-5\sin\theta$
$r(5-5\sin heta)=1$
$5r - 5r\sin\theta = 1$
$5r = 1 + 5r\sin heta$
$25r^2 = (1+5r\sin\theta)^2$
$25(x^2 + y^2) = (1 + 5y)^2$
$25x^2 + 25y^2 = 1 + 10y + 25y^2$
$25x^2 - 10y = 1.$