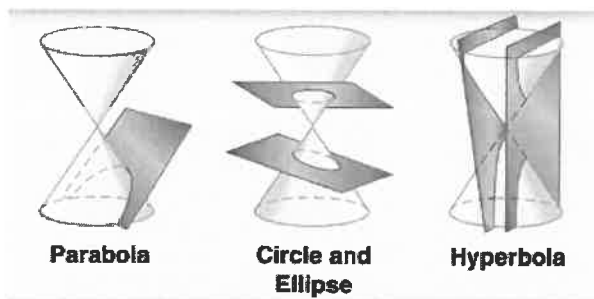


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The equation for any conic section can be written in the form

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

where  $A$ ,  $B$ , and  $C$  are not all zero.



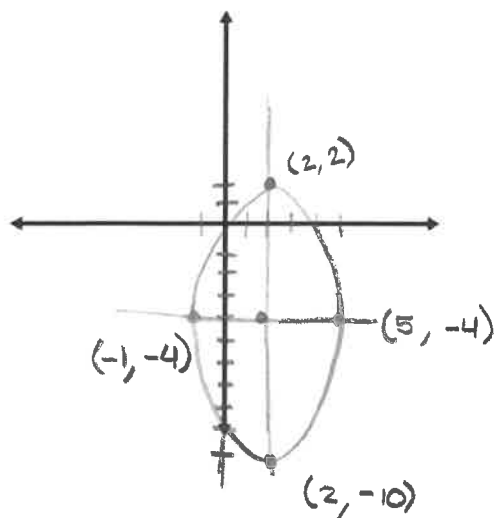
This general form can be converted to standard forms by completing the square

Conic Section	Standard Form of Equations
Circle	$(x-h)^2 + (y-k)^2 = r^2$
Parabola	$y = a(x-h)^2 + k$
Ellipse	$\frac{(x-h)^2}{a^2} + \frac{(y-k)^2}{b^2} = 1$
Hyperbola	$\frac{(x-h)^2}{a^2} - \frac{(y-k)^2}{b^2} = 1$

difference  
is + vs  
-

horizontal  
axis

- Write  $4x^2 + y^2 - 16x + 8y - 4 = 0$  in standard form. State whether the graph of the equation is a parabola, circle, or ellipse. Then graph the equation.



$$4x^2 - 16x + y^2 + 8y = 4$$

$$4(x^2 - 4x + 4) + (y^2 + 8y + 16) = 4 + 16 + 16$$

$$4(x-2)^2 + (y+4)^2 = 36$$

$$\frac{(x-2)^2}{9} + \frac{(y+4)^2}{36} = 1$$

ellipse

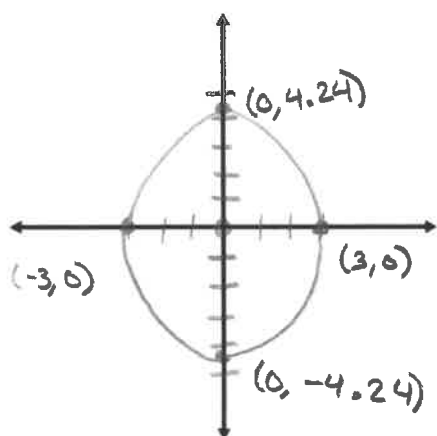
major axis = 12

minor axis = 6

center = (2, -4)

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2. Write  $y^2 = 18 - 2x^2$  in standard form. State whether the graph of the equation is a parabola, circle, or ellipse. Then graph the equation.



$$y^2 + 2x^2 = 18$$

$$2x^2 + y^2 = 18$$

$$\frac{x^2}{9} + \frac{y^2}{18} = 1$$

$$3^2 \quad \sqrt{18} \approx 4.24$$

ellipse

center (0,0)

major axis = 8.48

minor axis = 6

Can determine the type of conic without writing the equation

$Ax^2 + Bxy + Cy^2 + Dx + Ey + F = 0$  in standard form

**Discriminant**  $B^2 - 4AC$

Discriminant	Conic Section
$B^2 - 4AC < 0; B = 0$ and $A = C$	circle
$B^2 - 4AC < 0; B \neq 0$ and $A \neq C$	ellipse
$B^2 - 4AC = 0$	parabola
$B^2 - 4AC > 0$	hyperbola

3. Without writing in standard form, state whether the graph of each equation is a parabola, circle, ellipse, or hyperbola.

a.  $y^2 + 4x^2 - 3xy + 4x - 5y - 8 = 0$

$$B = -3$$

$$A = 4$$

$$C = 1$$

$$(-3)^2 - 4(4)(1)$$

$$9 - 16$$

$$-7$$

ellipse

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b.  $3x^2 - 6x + 4y - 5y^2 + 2xy - 4 = 0$

$B = 2$   
 $A = 3$   
 $C = -5$

$$2^2 - 4(3)(-5)$$
$$4 + 60$$
$$64 \text{ hyperbola}$$

c.  $4y^2 - 8x + 6y - 14 = 0$

$B = 0$   
 $A = 0$   
 $C = 4$

parabola

d.  $y^2 - 2x - 4y + 10 = 0$

$B = 0$   
 $A = 0$   
 $C = 1$

$$0^2 - 4(0)(1)$$
$$0$$

parabola

e.  $2x^2 + 2y^2 + 16x - 20y = -32$

$B = 0$   
 $A = 2$   
 $C = 2$

circle

