

BIG IDEAS

For Your Notebook

Big Idea 1

TEKS 2A.5.B

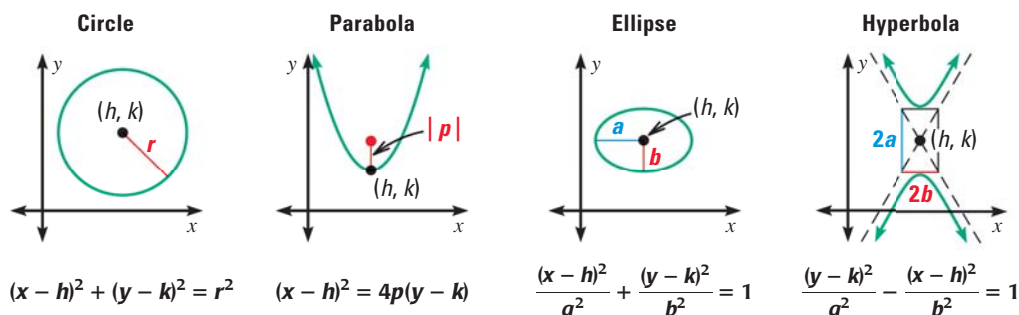
Writing Equations of Conic Sections

Conic	Equation	Key facts		
Circle	$x^2 + y^2 = r^2$	radius r		
Parabola	$x^2 = 4py$	Axis of symmetry vertical	Focus $(0, p)$	Directrix $y = -p$
	$y^2 = 4px$	Axis of symmetry horizontal	Focus $(p, 0)$	Directrix $x = -p$
Ellipse	$\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1$	Major axis horizontal	Vertices $(\pm a, 0)$	Co-vertices $(0, \pm b)$
	$\frac{x^2}{b^2} + \frac{y^2}{a^2} = 1$	Major axis vertical	Vertices $(0, \pm a)$	Co-vertices $(\pm b, 0)$
Hyperbola	$\frac{x^2}{a^2} - \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1$	Transverse axis horizontal	Asymptotes $y = \pm \frac{b}{a}x$	Vertices $(\pm a, 0)$
	$\frac{y^2}{a^2} - \frac{x^2}{b^2} = 1$	Transverse axis vertical	Asymptotes $y = \pm \frac{a}{b}x$	Vertices $(0, \pm a)$

Big Idea 2

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Graphing Equations of Conic Sections



Big Idea 3

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Solving Quadratic Systems

Method	Description	When to use
Graphing	Graph the equations. Identify any points of intersection.	When graphing is easy or when using a graphing calculator
Substitution	Solve one equation for one of the variables and substitute it into the other equation.	When you can easily solve for one variable (or its square) in terms of the other variable
Elimination	Multiply one or both equations by a constant as needed, and add.	When you can eliminate one or more of the variable terms