

circle

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

derived from distance formula

centre (h, k)

radius r

hyperbola

horizontal transverse axis (x coefficient > 0) $(x-h)^2/a^2 - (y-k)^2/b^2 = 1$

vertices (h ± a, k)

foci (h ± c, k)

asymptote $y-k = \pm(b/a)(x-h)$

vertical transverse axis (y coefficient > 0) $(y-k)^2/b^2 - (x-h)^2/a^2 = 1$

vertices (h, k ± a)

foci (h, k ± c)

asymptote $y-k = \pm(a/b)(x-h)$

transverse axis passes through center vertex of both parabolas

a distance from centre to each vertex

b point on conjugate axis, not a point on hyperbola

centre distance from center to each focus, $c^2 = a^2 + b^2$

parabola

vertex (h, k)

opens up/down $(x-h)^2 = 4p(y-k)$

focus (h, k+p)

directrix $y = k - p$

opens up $p > 0$

opens down $p < 0$

opens right/left $(y-k)^2 = 4p(x-h)$

foci (h+p, k)

directrix $x = h - p$

opens right $p > 0$

opens left $p < 0$

ellipse

horizontal major axis (a > b) $(x-h)^2/a^2 + (y-k)^2/b^2 = 1$

vertices (h ± a, k)

foci (h ± c, k)

vertical major axis (b > a) $(x-h)^2/b^2 + (y-k)^2/a^2 = 1$

vertices (h, k ± a)

foci (h, k ± c)

major axis longer axis

minor axis shorter axis

a distance from centre to each vertex

b distance from center to end of minor axis

c distance from center to each focus, $c^2 = a^2 - b^2$

length of minor axis 2a

length of major axis 2b

