7.4 The Hyperbola

▼ Geometric Definition of a Hyperbola

A **hyperbola** is a collection of all points in the plane, the difference of whose distances from two fixed points called the foci is a constant.



▼ Vocabulary of a Hyperbola



- ▼ Important Components of the Equations
 - a: distance from center to vertex
 - b: helps define slope of the asymptotes

c : distance from center to focus

Related by Pythagorean theorem



▼ Labeling the Ordered Pairs and Equations

When you know the center, a, b, and c you can find all of the significant features of the hyperbola



• Equations of a hyperbola with center at the origin (0,0).

Horizontal Traverse Axis (y = 0)

- $rac{x^2}{a^2}-rac{y^2}{b^2}=1$ Asymptotes: $y=\pmrac{b}{a}x$ $a^2+b^2=c^2$
- Vertical Traverse Axis (x = 0)
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• Equations of a hyperbola with center at (h, k).

Horizontal Traverse Axis (y = k)

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

Asym: $y-k=\pmrac{b}{a}(x-h)$ $a^2+b^2=c^2$

Vertical Traverse Axis (x = h)

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- ▼ Examples: Given the graph find the features and equation
 - ▼ Example 1:

Find the equation of the hyperbola, the center, vertices, foci, traverse axis, asymptotes



▼ Example 2:

Find the equation of the hyperbola, the center, vertices, foci, traverse axis, asymptotes



- ▼ Examples: Given the features find the equation and the graph
 - ▼ Example 1:

Find the orientation, center, vertices, foci, and write the equation of the hyperbola.

The foci is $(0,\pm 2)$ and the length of the major axis is 8.

▼ Example 2:

Find the orientation, center, vertices, and write the equation of the hyperbola.

The center is at (2,1); One vertex is at (7,1); One focus is at (-1,1).



▼ Examples: Given the equations find the features and graph

y

x

x

▼ Example 1:

Find the orientation, center, vertices, and graph of the hyperbola.

$$rac{(x-3)^2}{16} + rac{(y+4)^2}{79} = 1$$

▼ Example 2:

Rewrite using completing the square. Find the orientation, center, vertices, and graph of the hyperbola.

$$x^2 - 2x + 16y^2 + 32y + 1 = 0$$