

**Warm-up:**

Here's a good one!

$$2a =$$

$$a = 149.7$$

$$c = 2.5$$

$$c^2 = a^2 - b^2$$

The sun is a **focus** of earth's orbit. Find an equation that models the orbit of the Earth if all units are in millions of kilometers and the sun has a diameter of 1.4. You may use a calculator.

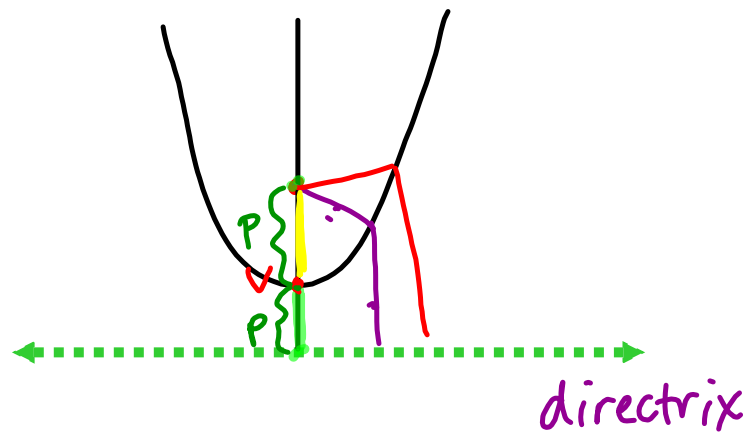
$$\frac{x^2}{22410.9} + \frac{y^2}{22403.84} = 1$$

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- vertex
- focus

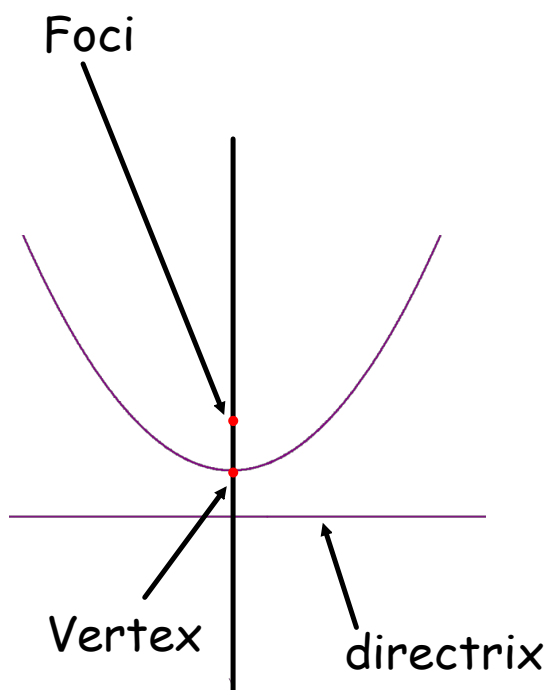


# Lesson 9.1

## Parabolas



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A **parabola** is the set of all points equidistant from a line called the **directrix** and a point called the **focus**, not on the line.

The midpoint between the focus and the directrix is the **vertex**, and the line passing through the focus and the vertex is the **axis** of the parabola

## Standard Equation of a Parabola

The standard form of the equation of a parabola with vertex at  $(h,k)$  is as follows:

$$(x-h)^2=4p(y-k) \quad p \neq 0$$

Vertical axis;  
directrix:  $y = k-p$

$$(y-k)^2=4p(x-h) \quad p \neq 0$$

Horizontal axis;  
directrix:  $x = h-p$

The focus lies on the axis  $p$  units (directed distance) from the vertex. If the vertex is at the origin, the equation takes one of the following forms.

$$x^2 = 4py$$

vertical axis

$$y^2 = 4px$$

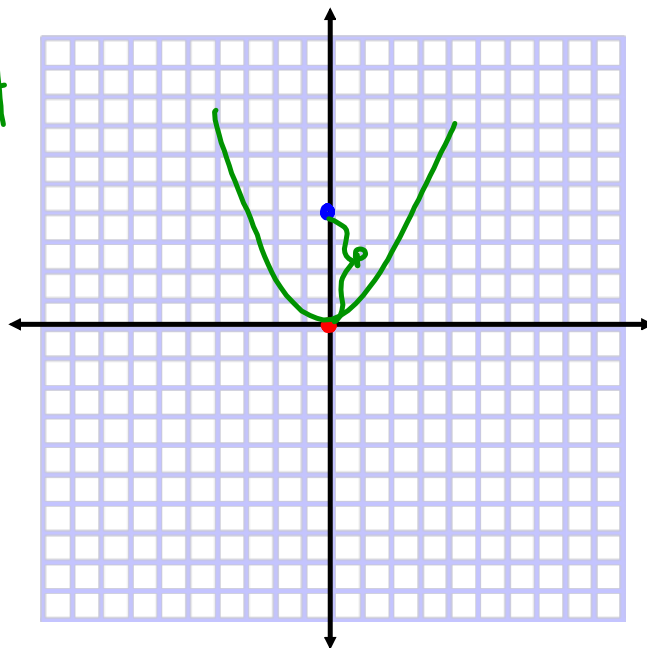
horizontal axis

Find the standard form of the equation of the parabola with vertex at the origin and focus (0,4)

$$V: (0,0) \quad p=4$$

$$(x-h)^2 = 4p(y-k)$$

$$x^2 = 16y$$





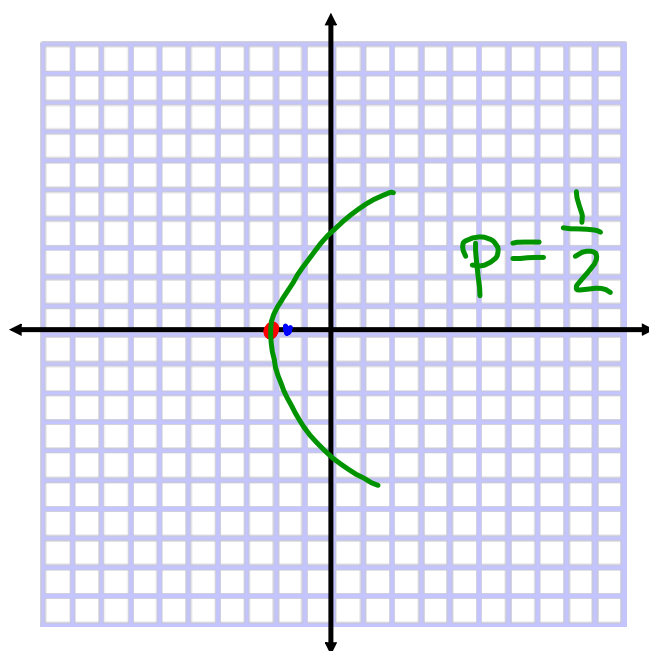
Find the equation in standard form

*vertex* :  $(-2, 0)$

*focus* :  $\left(-\frac{3}{2}, 0\right)$

$$(y-k)^2 = 4p(x-h)$$

$$y^2 = 2(x+2)$$



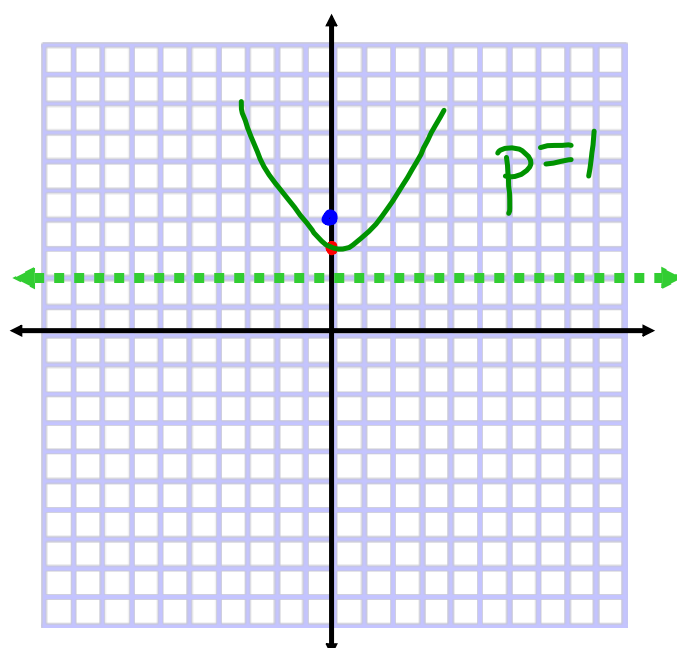
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Focus :  $(0, 4)$

directrix :  $y = 2$

Vertex :  $(0, 3)$

$$x^2 = 4(y-3)$$



Find the vertex, focus, and directrix of the parabola. Then sketch its graph.

$$y^2 + 4y + 6x - 2 = 0$$

$$(y^2 + 4y + 4) = -6x + 2 + 4$$

$$(y + 2)^2 = -6x + 6$$

$$(y + 2)^2 = -6(x - 1)$$

$$\text{Vertex: } (1, -2)$$

$$\text{Focus: } \left(-\frac{1}{2}, -2\right)$$

