

**Precalculus**  
**Lesson 10.4: The Hyperbola**  
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A **hyperbola** is the collection (locus) of all points in the plane, the difference of whose distances from two fixed points, called the foci, is a constant.

**Equation of a Hyperbola Centered about the origin with Transverse Axis along the x-axis**

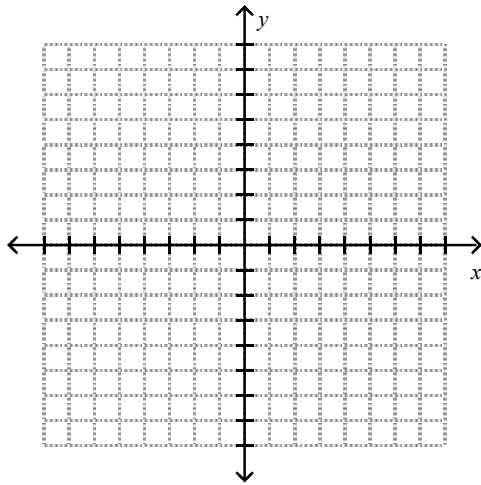
$$\frac{x^2}{a^2} - \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1$$

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

center at  $(0, 0)$ ; foci at  $(\pm c, 0)$ ; and vertices at  $(\pm a, 0)$

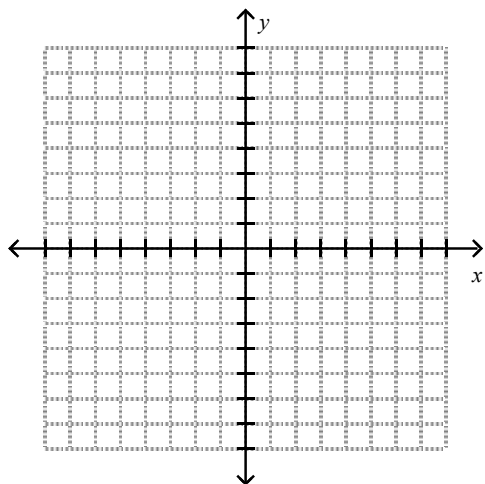
*two oblique asymptotes:  $y = \pm \frac{b}{a}x$*

Find an equation of the hyperbola with center at the origin, one focus at  $(3, 0)$  and one vertex at  $(-2, 0)$ . Graph



Analyze the equation; find the center, transverse axis, vertices, and foci. Graph.

$$\frac{x^2}{16} - \frac{y^2}{4} = 1$$



**Equation of a Hyperbola; Center at (0, 0); Transverse Axis along the y-axis**

$$\frac{y^2}{a^2} - \frac{x^2}{b^2} = 1$$

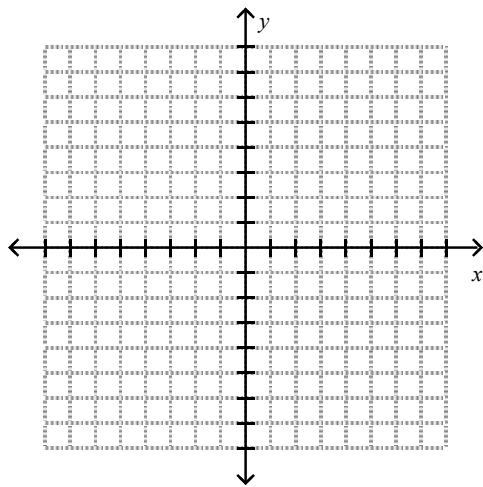
$$b^2 = c^2 - a^2$$

**center at (0, 0); foci at (0, ±c); and vertices at (0, ±a)**

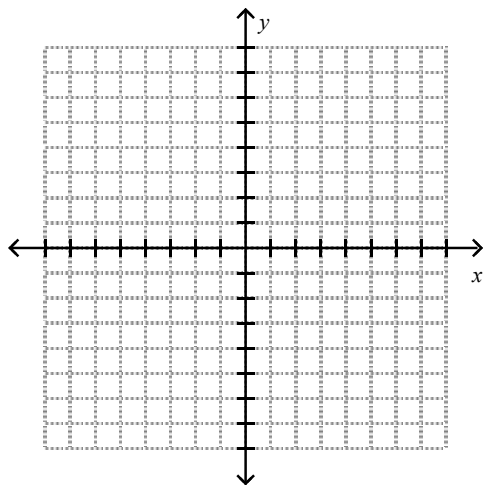
**two oblique asymptotes:  $y = \pm \frac{a}{b}x$**

Analyze the equation, find the center, transverse axis, vertices, and foci and graph:

$$y^2 - 4x^2 = 4$$

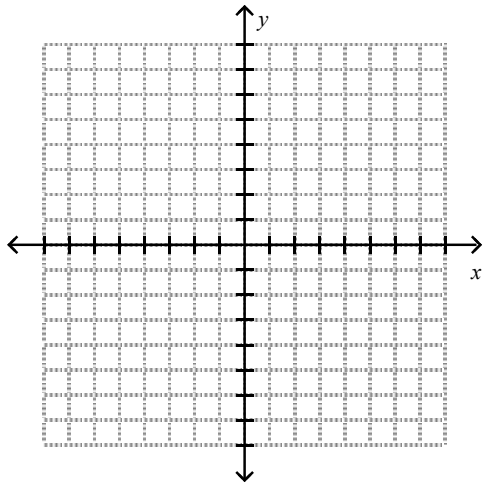


Find an equation of the hyperbola having one vertex at  $(0,2)$  and foci at  $(0,-3)$  and  $(0,3)$ . Graph.

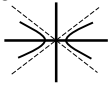
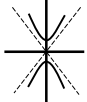


Analyze the equation, find the center, transverse axis , vertices, foci, and asymptotes and graph:

$$9x^2 - 4y^2 = 36$$

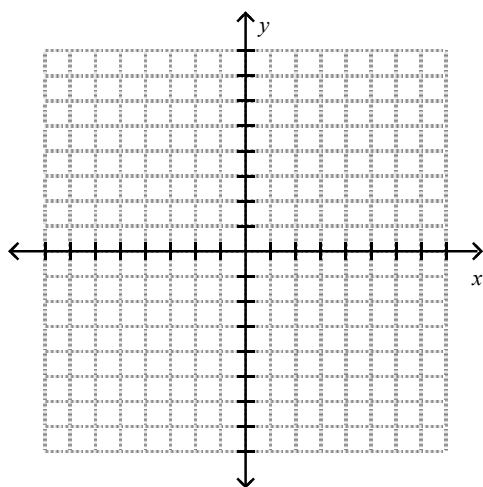


**Hyperbolas at a center of (h, k)**  
**Transverse Axis Parallel to a Coordinate Axis**  
 $b^2 = c^2 - a^2$

<b>Opens</b>	<b>Opens left and right</b> Transverse axis x-axis 	<b>Opens up and down</b> Transverse axis y-axis 
<b>Form:</b>	$\frac{(x - h)^2}{a^2} - \frac{(y - k)^2}{b^2} = 1$	$\frac{(y - k)^2}{a^2} - \frac{(x - h)^2}{b^2} = 1$
<b>Center:</b>	$(h, k)$	$(h, k)$
<b>Vertices</b>	$(h + a, k)$ and $(h - a, k)$	$(h, k + a)$ and $(h, k - a)$
<b>Slope of Asymptotes</b>	$\pm \frac{b}{a}$	$\pm \frac{a}{b}$
<b>Equation of Asymptotes</b>	$y - k = \pm \frac{b}{a}(x - h)^*$	$y - k = \pm \frac{a}{b}(x - h)^*$
<b>Foci</b>	$(h + c, k), (h - c, k)$	$(h, k + c), (h, k - c)$

*\*The homework will ask for the equation of the asymptote. For the quiz and test, all you will be expected to answer is the slope of the asymptote line.*

Find an equation for the hyperbola with center at  $(1, -2)$ , one focus at  $(4, -2)$ , and one vertex at  $(3, -2)$ . Graph the equation by hand.



Analyze the equation, find the center, transverse axis , vertices, foci, and asymptotes and graph:

$$-x^2 + 4y^2 - 2x - 16y + 11 = 0$$

