| Conic Section $\rightarrow$ | Circle | Ellipse | Parabola | Hyperbola |
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| Standard Form | $(x-h)^{2}+(y-k)^{2}=r^{2}$ | $\frac{(x-h)^{2}}{a^{2}}+\frac{(y-k)^{2}}{b^{2}}=1$ <br> OR $\frac{(y-k)^{2}}{a^{2}}+\frac{(x-h)^{2}}{b^{2}}=1$ | $(y-k)^{2}=4 p(x-h)$ <br> OR $(x-h)^{2}=4 p(y-k)$ | $\frac{(x-h)^{2}}{a^{2}}-\frac{(y-k)^{2}}{b^{2}}=1$ <br> OR $\frac{(y-k)^{2}}{a^{2}}-\frac{(x-h)^{2}}{b^{2}}=1$ |
| Variables | $r=$ circle radius <br> Center: ( $\boldsymbol{h}, \boldsymbol{k}$ ) | ```a= major radius (1/2 major axis) b}=\mathrm{ minor radius(1/2 minor axis) c}=\mathrm{ distance from center to focus Center: (h,k)``` | $\boldsymbol{p}=$ distance from vertex to focus (or directrix) Vertex: $(\boldsymbol{h}, \boldsymbol{k})$ | $a=1 / 2$ length major axis <br> $\boldsymbol{b}=1 / 2$ length minor axis <br> Center: (h, $\boldsymbol{k}$ ) |
| Graph: |  |   |  |  |
| Relation to the focus: | $\boldsymbol{p}=0$ | $\begin{aligned} & \boldsymbol{a}>\boldsymbol{b}>0 \\ & \boldsymbol{c}^{2}=\boldsymbol{a}^{2}-\boldsymbol{b}^{2} \end{aligned}$ | $\boldsymbol{p}=\boldsymbol{p}$ | $c^{2}=a^{2}+b^{2}$ |
| Definition: | distance to the origin is constant | sum of distances to each focus is constant | distance to focus and distance to directrix are the same | difference between distances to each foci is constant |

