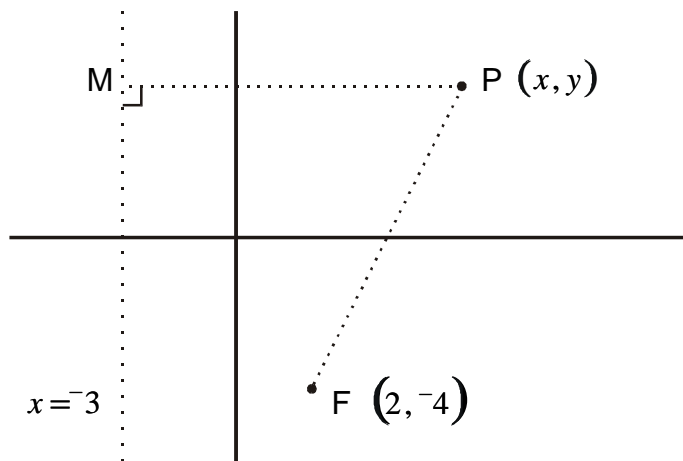


Finding the equation of a conic section by the locus method

- Example - parabola with focus $(2, -4)$ and directrix $x = -3$.



$$e = \frac{PF}{PM}$$

$$1 = \frac{PF}{PM}$$

$$PM = PF$$

$$x + 3 = \sqrt{(x - 2)^2 + (y + 4)^2}$$

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

$$x^2 + 6x + 9 = x^2 - 4x + 4 + y^2 + 8y + 16$$

$$10x = y^2 + 8y + 11$$

- Example - hyperbola with focus $(2, -4)$, directrix $x = -3$ and eccentricity 2.

$$e = \frac{PF}{PM}$$

$$2 = \frac{PF}{PM}$$

$$2(PM) = PF$$

$$2(x + 3) = \sqrt{(x - 2)^2 + (y + 4)^2}$$

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

$$4x^2 + 24x + 36 = x^2 - 4x + 4 + y^2 + 8y + 16$$

$$3x^2 + 28x - y^2 - 8y + 16 = 0$$