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X	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	3
у	0	±1.5	±1.9	±2	±1.9	±1.5	0

5. Plot the points and graph the relation.

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- 6. Describe the graph of $4x^2 + 9y^2 = 36$. How is it different from the graph of $x^2 + y^2 = 25$? The graph of $4x^2 + 9y^2 = 36$ is an ellipse, whereas the graph of $x^2 + y^2 = 25$ is a circle.
- 7. Explain whether the relations that you graphed are functions.

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7. No; they fail the vertical line test.

