## EXPLORATION

## 10-1 Introduction to Conic Sections

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| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $\boldsymbol{y}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

2. Plot the points and graph the relation.
3. What type of shape is the graph?
4. Complete the table for the equation $4 x^{2}+9 y^{2}=36$. Be sure to find all the $y$-values for each $x$-value. Round your answers to the nearest tenth if necessary.

| $\boldsymbol{x}$ | -3 | -2 | -1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $\boldsymbol{y}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

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| $\boldsymbol{y}$ | 0 | $\pm 3$ | $\pm 4$ | $\pm 5$ | $\pm 4$ | $\pm 3$ | 0 |

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| $x$ | -3 | -2 | -1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $y$ | 0 | $\pm 1.5$ | $\pm 1.9$ | $\pm 2$ | $\pm 1.9$ | $\pm 1.5$ | 0 |

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6. Describe the graph of $4 x^{2}+9 y^{2}=36$. How is it different from the graph of $x^{2}+y^{2}=25$ ? The graph of $4 x^{2}+9 y^{2}=36$ 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.
8. 


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7. No; they fail the vertical line test.

