

2.4.3 Construction of an Ellipse

(a) Definition Method (Given Major Axis and Minor Axis)

- Draw given major axis AB and minor axis CD intersecting each other at point O. (Figure 2.48(a))
- With C as center and OA as radius strike arcs intersecting major axis AB at F_1 and F_2 , which are the foci of the required ellipse. (Figure 2.48(b))
- Mark any number of points between F_1 and F_2 . (Figure 2.48(c))
- With F_1 as center and A_1 as radius, draw arcs on both sides of major axis AB. With F_2 as center and B_1 as radius draw arcs on both sides of the major axis AB. Intersections of these arcs give point P_1 and P_1' of the required ellipse. (Figure 2.48(d))
- Similarly, with F_1 as center and A_2 as radius, draw arcs on both sides of major axis AB. With F_2 as center and B_2 as radius draw arcs on both sides of the major axis AB. Intersection of these arcs gives point P_2 and P_2' of the required ellipse. (Figure 2.48(e))
- In the similar manner, determine the points $P_2, P_2', P_3, P_3', \dots$ and so on. (Figure 2.48(f))
- Join all the points with a smooth curve to get the required ellipse. (Figure 2.48(g))

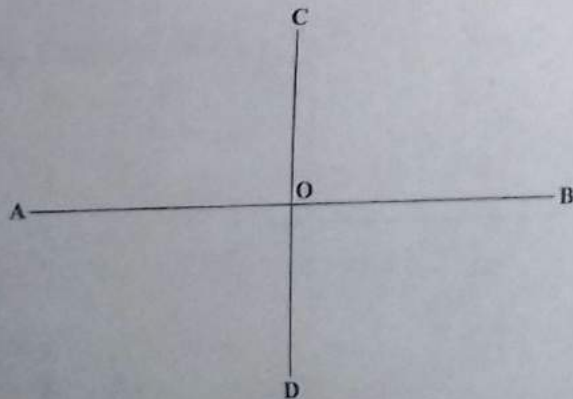


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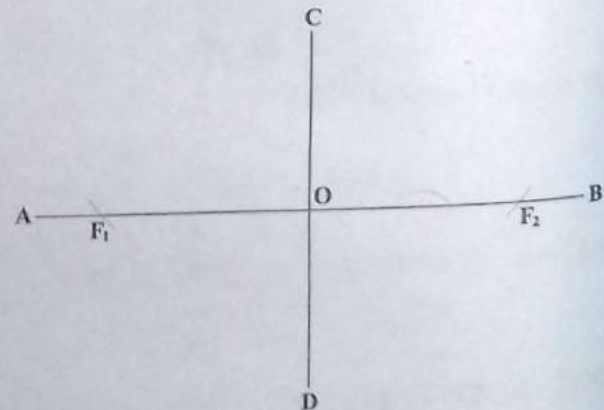


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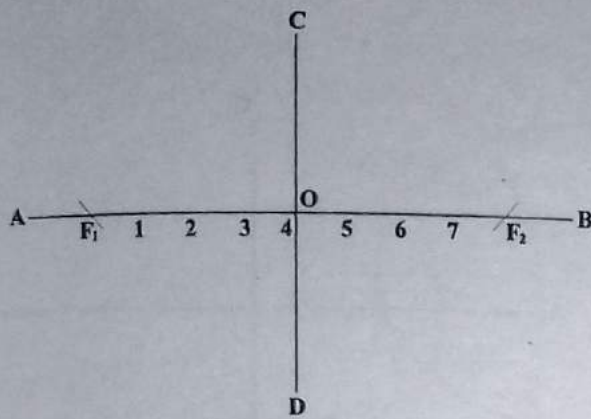


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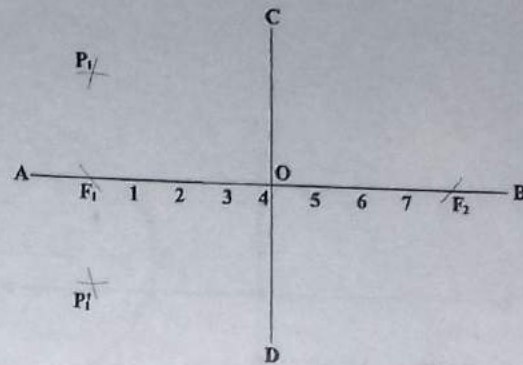


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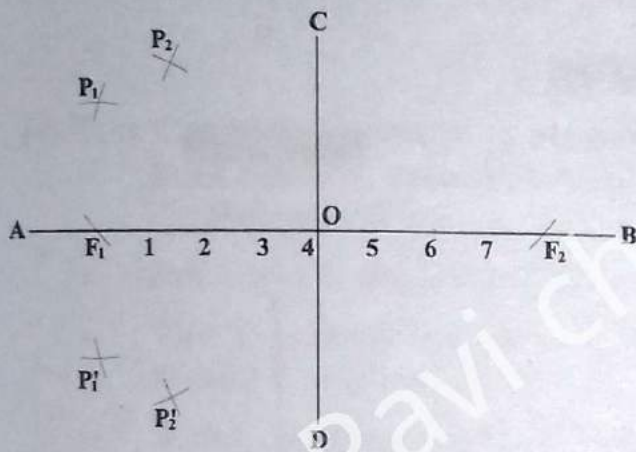


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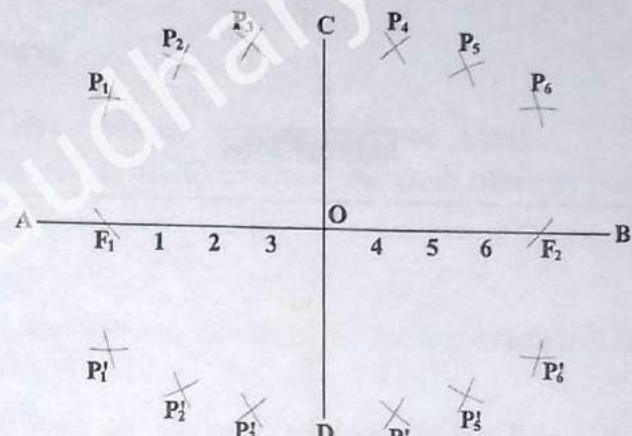


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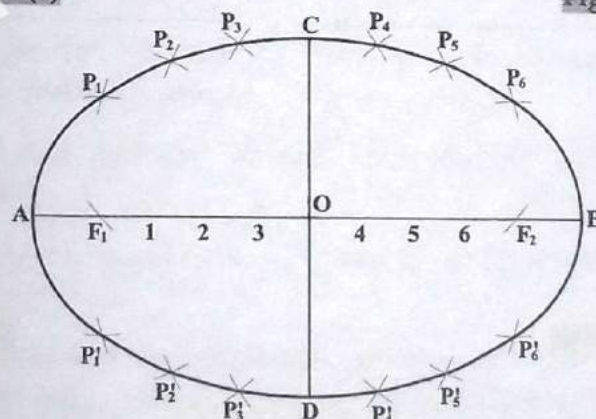


Figure 2.48(g)

(b) Concentric Circle Method (Given Major Axis and Minor Axis)

- Draw the given major axis AB and minor axis CD. (Figure 2.49(a))
- Draw concentric circles with AB and CD as diameters. (Figure 2.49(b))
- Divide circles into any number of equal parts, say 12. (Figure 2.49(c))
- Draw vertical lines inside the circle from each point on the circumference of the larger circle. (Figure 2.49(d))
- Draw horizontal lines inside the circle from each point on the circumference of the smaller circle. (Figure 2.49(e))
- Mark the points of intersection of these lines. (Figure 2.49(f))
- Draw smooth curve passing through these point including the points A, B, C and D to get the required ellipse. (Figure 2.49(g))

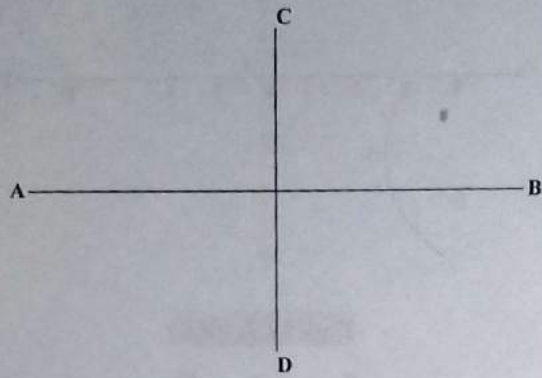


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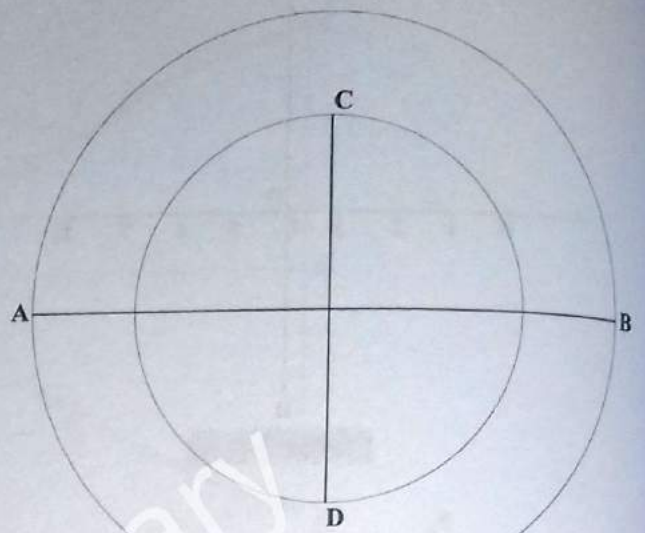


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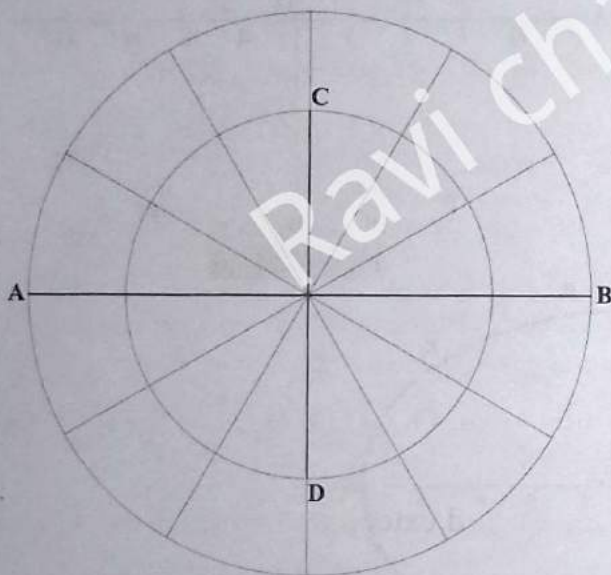


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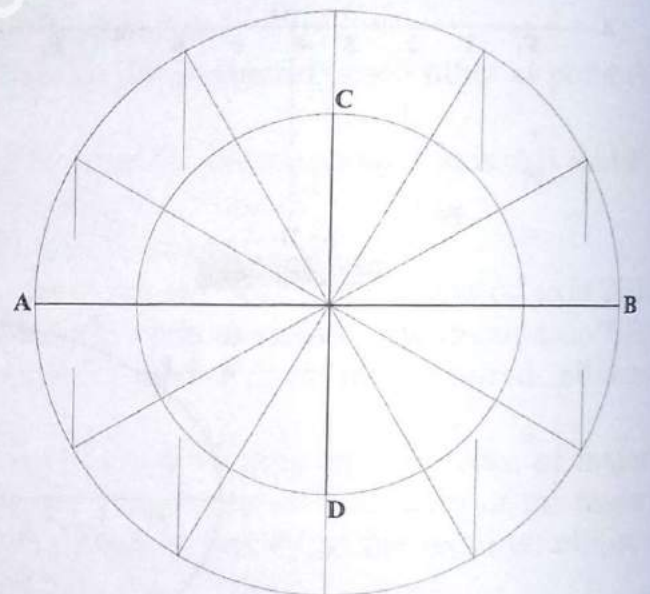


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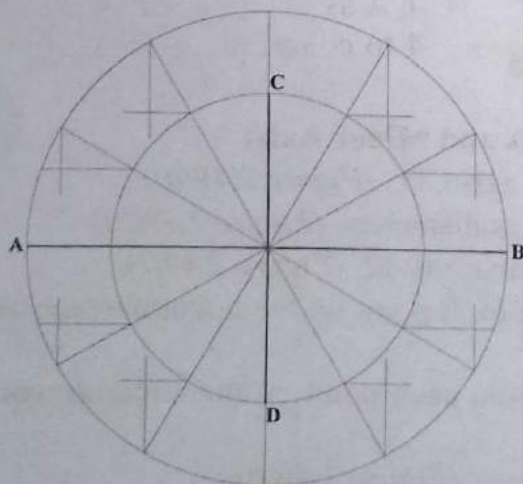


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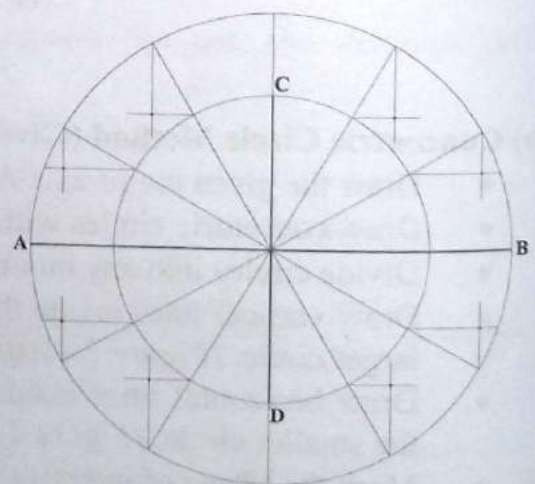


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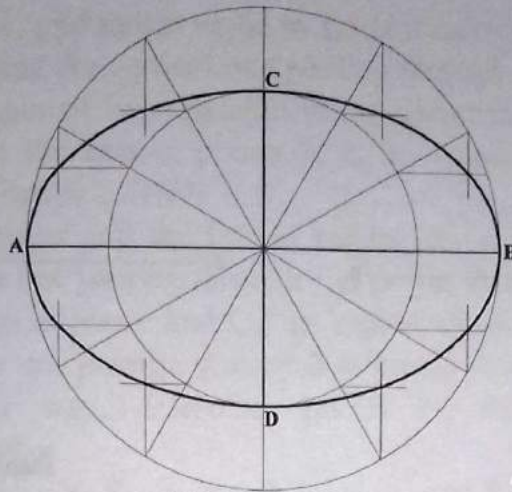


Figure 2.49(g)

(c) Four Center or Approximate Method (Given Major Axis and Minor Axis)

- Draw the given major axis AB and minor axis CD intersecting each other at point O. (Figure 2.50(a))
- Join C and B. (Figure 2.50(b))
- With O as center and OB as radius, draw an arc which intersects the extended DC at point E. (Figure 2.50(c))
- With C as center and CE as radius, draw an arc which intersects the line CB at point F. (Figure 2.50(d))
- Draw perpendicular bisector of FB which intersects OB and (extended) OD respectively at points O_1 and O_2 . (Figure 2.50(e))
- Mark O_1' on AO and O_2' on OC such that $OO_1 = OO_1'$ and $OO_2 = OO_2'$. (Figure 2.50(f))
- Join O_1' and O_2 , O_1' and O_2' and O_2' and O_1 and extend in the direction as shown. (Figure 2.50(g))
- With O_1 as center and O_1B as radius, draw an arc 1. With O_2 as center and O_2C as radius, draw an arc 2. With O_1' as center and $O_1'A$ as radius, draw an arc 3. With O_2' as center and $O_2'D$ as radius, draw an arc 4 to complete the required ellipse. (Figure 2.50(h))

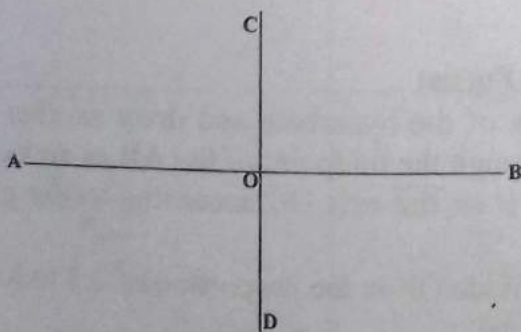


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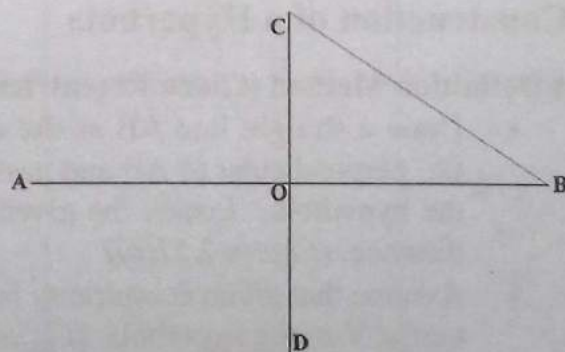


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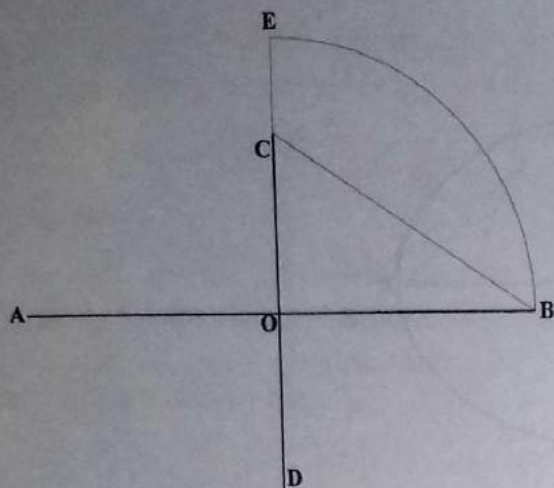


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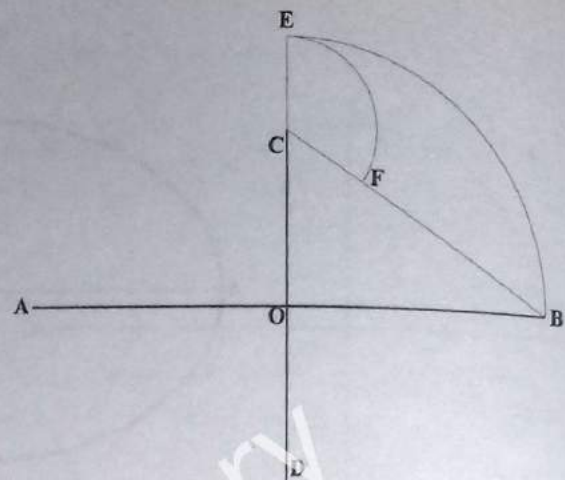


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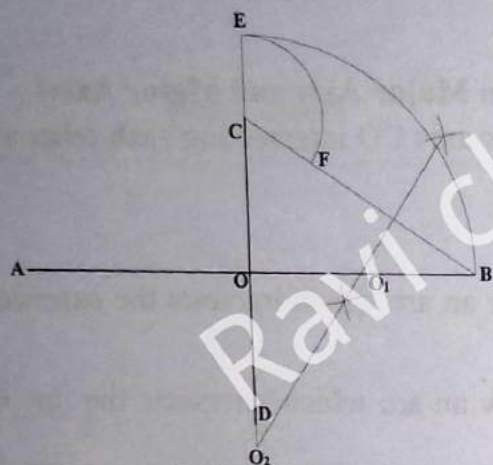


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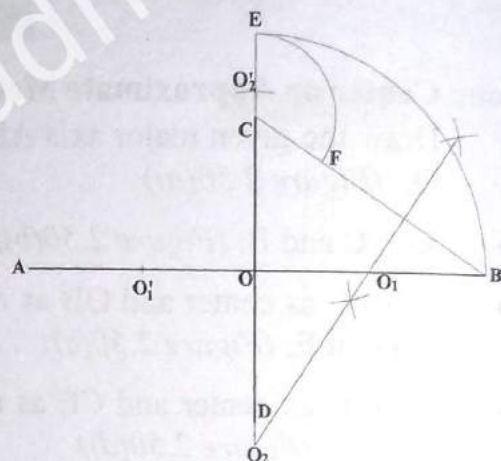


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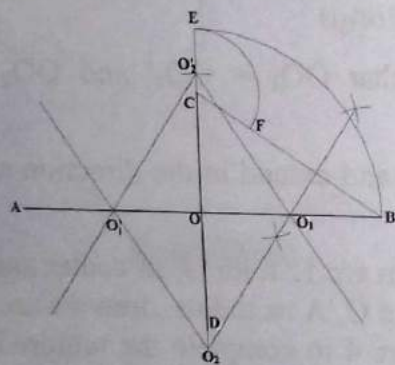


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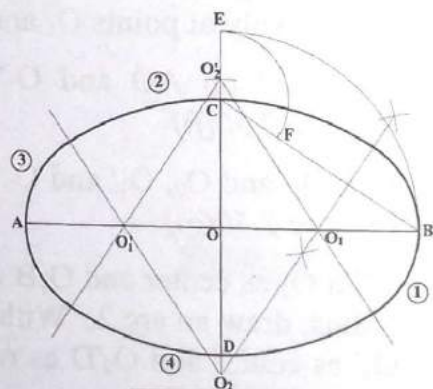


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