

$$f(x) = 4x^3 - 12x^2 + 2x - 6$$

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(2)

- (b) Hence show that 3 is the only real root of the equation $f(x) = 0$

(4)

(a) If $(x-3)$ is a factor of $f(x)$, then
 $f(3) = 0$

$$\begin{aligned} f(3) &= 4(3)^3 - 12(3)^2 + 2(3) - 6 \\ &= 108 - 108 + 6 - 6 \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore (x-3)$ is a factor of $f(x)$.

$$(b) 4x^3 - 12x^2 + 2x - 6 = (x-3)(4x^2 + 2)$$

$$\text{For } 4x^2 + 2 = 0, a=4, b=0, c=2$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Discriminant, } b^2 - 4ac &= 0^2 - (4)(4)(2) \\ &= -32 \end{aligned}$$

Since the discriminant is less than 0,
 $4x^2 + 2 = 0$ has no real roots.

$\therefore 3$ is the only real root of
the equation $f(x) = 0$

$$g(x) = 4x^3 - 12x^2 - 15x + 50$$

2. (a) Use the factor theorem to show that $(x + 2)$ is a factor of $g(x)$.

(2)

- (b) Hence show that $g(x)$ can be written in the form $g(x) = (x + 2)(ax + b)^2$, where a and b are integers to be found.

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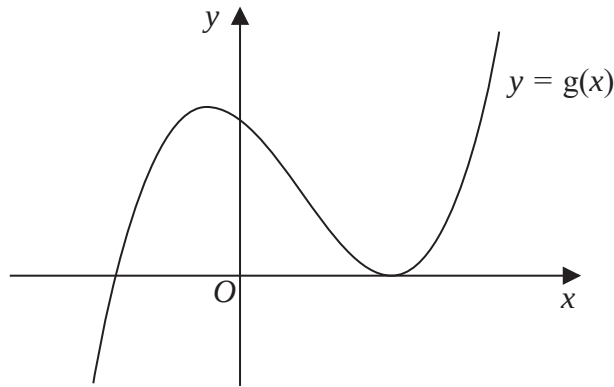


Figure 2

Figure 2 shows a sketch of part of the curve with equation $y = g(x)$

- (c) Use your answer to part (b), and the sketch, to deduce the values of x for which

(i) $g(x) \leq 0$

(ii) $g(2x) = 0$

(3)

a) $(x+2) = 0 \quad x = -2$

$$g(-2) = 4(-2)^3 - 12(-2)^2 - 15(-2) + 50$$

$$= 0$$

$\therefore x+2$ is a factor

b)

$$\begin{array}{r} 4x^2 - 20x + 25 \\ x+2 \overline{) 4x^3 - 12x^2 - 15x + 50} \\ \underline{4x^3 + 8x^2} \\ -20x^2 - 15x \\ \underline{-20x^2 - 40x} \\ 25x + 50 \\ \underline{25x + 50} \\ 0 \end{array}$$

$$g(x) = (x+2)(4x^2 - 20x + 25)$$



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$$c i) (x+2)(4x^2 - 20x + 25) = 0$$

$$x = -2 \quad (2x-5)^2 = 0$$

$$x = \pm 2.5$$

$$x < -2 \quad x = 2.5$$

$$ii) \quad x = -1 \quad x = 1.25$$



$$f(x) = 2x^3 - 13x^2 + 8x + 48$$

3. (a) Prove that $(x - 4)$ is a factor of $f(x)$.

(2)

- (b) Hence, using algebra, show that the equation $f(x) = 0$ has only two distinct roots.

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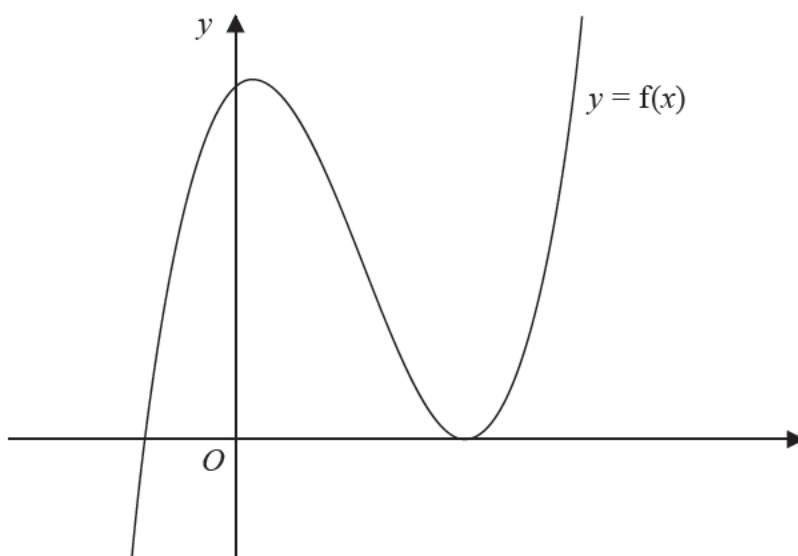


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Figure 2 shows a sketch of part of the curve with equation $y = f(x)$.

- (c) Deduce, giving reasons for your answer, the number of real roots of the equation

$$2x^3 - 13x^2 + 8x + 46 = 0$$

(2)

Given that k is a constant and the curve with equation $y = f(x + k)$ passes through the origin,

- (d) find the two possible values of k .

a) $f(4) = 2(4)^3 - 13(4)^2 + 8(4) + 48$
 $= 0 \quad \therefore (x-4) \text{ is a factor.}$

b) long division:

$$\begin{array}{r} 2x^2 - 5x - 12 \\ x-4 \overline{) 2x^3 - 13x^2 + 8x + 48} \\ \underline{2x^3 - 8x^2} \\ 0 - 5x^2 + 8x \\ \underline{-5x^2 + 20x} \\ 0 - 12x + 48 \\ \underline{-12x + 48} \\ 0 \end{array}$$



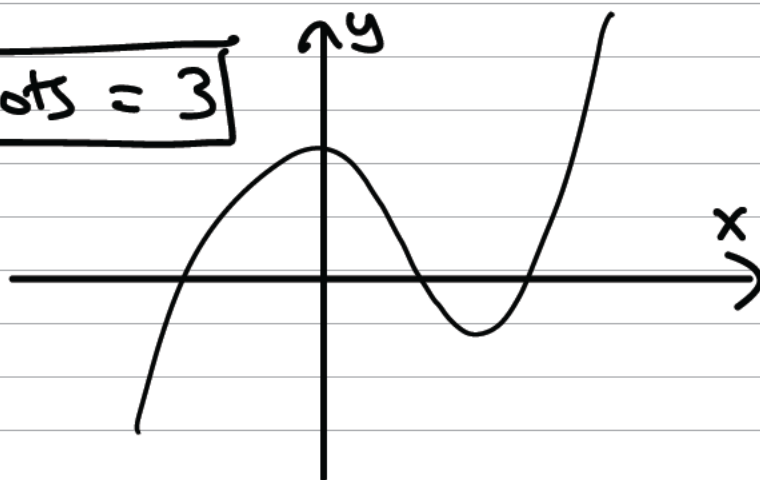
$$\begin{array}{r}
 0 - 12x + 48 \\
 -12x + 48 \\
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 0 \quad 0 //
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{so } f(x) &= (x-4)(2x^2-5x-12) \\
 &= (x-4)(2x+3)(x-4) \\
 &= (x-4)^2(2x+3) //
 \end{aligned}$$

hence $f(x)$ has just 2 distinct roots ; $x=4$
 $x=-3/2$

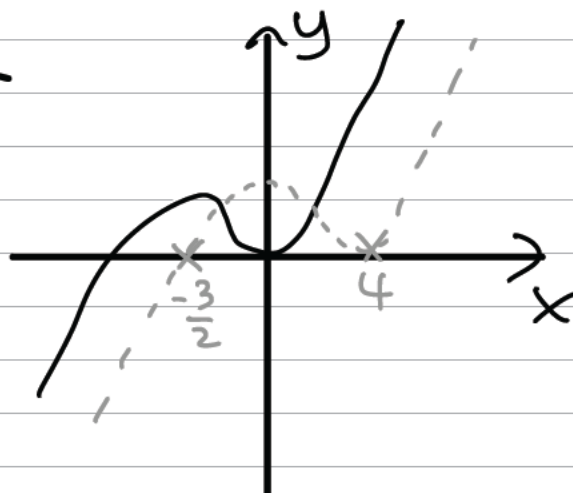
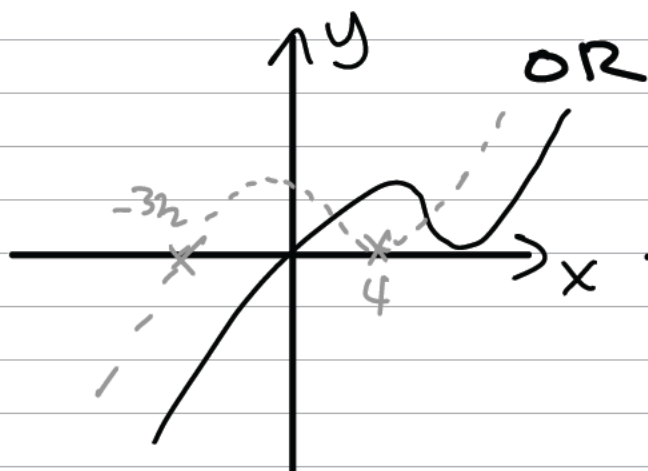
c) The curve is shifted down by 2 units

so # of roots = 3



d) we could have:

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$f(x)$ shifted to
the right by $\frac{3}{2}$
ie $f(x - \frac{3}{2})$

so $\boxed{k = -\frac{3}{2}}$

$f(x)$ shifted to
the left by 4
ie $f(x + 4)$

so $\boxed{k = 4}$



$$g(x) = 2x^3 + x^2 - 41x - 70$$

4. (a) Use the factor theorem to show that $g(x)$ is divisible by $(x - 5)$. (2)

- (b) Hence, showing all your working, write $g(x)$ as a product of three linear factors. (4)

The finite region R is bounded by the curve with equation $y = g(x)$ and the x -axis, and lies below the x -axis.

- (c) Find, using algebraic integration, the exact value of the area of R . (4)

a) factor theorem: if $f(x)$ is divisible by $(x-a)$, then

$$f(a) = 0$$

$$g(5) = 2 \times 5^3 + 5^2 - 41 \times 5 - 70 = 250 + 25 - 205 - 70$$

$$= 0$$

$g(5) = 0 \Rightarrow (x-5)$ is a factor, so $g(x)$ is divisible by $(x-5)$

b) divide $g(x)$ by $(x-5)$ to get a quadratic

$$\begin{array}{r}
 2x^2 + 11x + 14 \\
 (x-5) \overline{) 2x^3 + x^2 - 41x - 70} \\
 \underline{-(2x^3 - 10x^2)} \\
 11x^2 - 41x - 70 \\
 \underline{-(11x^2 - 55x)} \\
 14x - 70
 \end{array}$$



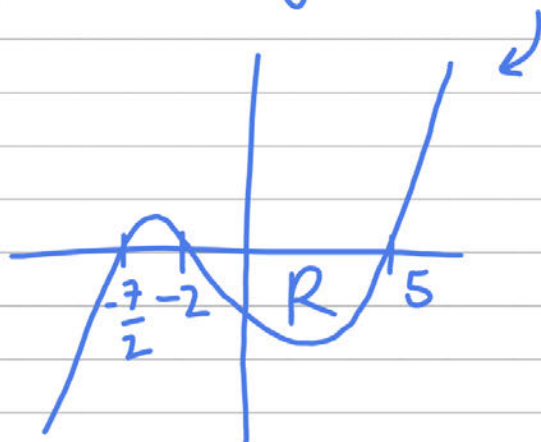
$$g(x) = (x-5)(2x^2+11x+14)$$

$$= (x-5)(2x+7)(x+2)$$

Sketch to help
you find R

c) g 's roots: $-\frac{7}{2}, -2, 5$

so R bound by $x=-2, x=5$



$$\int_{-2}^5 g(x) dx = \int_{-2}^5 (2x^3 + x^2 - 41x - 70) dx$$

$$= \left[\frac{2}{4}x^4 + \frac{1}{3}x^3 - \frac{41}{2}x^2 - 70x \right]_{-2}^5$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}(625) + \frac{1}{3}(125) - \frac{41}{2}(25) - 70(5)$$

$$- \frac{1}{2}(16) - \frac{1}{3}(-8) + \frac{41}{2}(4) - 70(-2)$$

$$= -\frac{1525}{3} - \frac{190}{3}$$

$$\text{area} = 571 \frac{2}{3}$$



$$f(x) = 2x^3 - 5x^2 + ax + a$$

5. Given that $(x + 2)$ is a factor of $f(x)$, find the value of the constant a .

(3)

If $(x+a)$ is a factor, $f(-a) = 0$

$(x+2)$ is a factor, $f(-2) = 0$

$$2(-2)^3 - 5(-2)^2 + a(-2) + a = 0 \quad - \textcircled{1}$$

$$-16 - 20 - 2a + a = 0$$

$$-36 - a = 0 \quad - \textcircled{1}$$

$$a = -36 \quad - \textcircled{1}$$

$$f(x) = 3x^3 + 8x^2 - 9x + 10 \quad x \in \mathbb{R}$$

6. (a) (i) Calculate $f(2)$

(ii) Write $f(x)$ as a product of two algebraic factors.

(3)

Using the answer to (a)(ii),

(b) prove that there are exactly two real solutions to the equation

$$-3y^6 + 8y^4 - 9y^2 + 10 = 0$$

(2)

(c) deduce the number of real solutions, for $7\pi \leq \theta < 10\pi$, to the equation

$$3 \tan^3 \theta - 8 \tan^2 \theta + 9 \tan \theta - 10 = 0$$

ai) $f(2) = 3(2)^3 + 8(2)^2 - 9(2) + 10 = \underline{0}$ ✓ (1)

ii) If $x=2$ gives $f(2)=0$, then $(x-2)$ is a factor by the factor theorem.

$$f(x) = (x-2)(ax^2 + bx + c) = 3x^3 + 8x^2 - 9x + 10$$

$$\underline{x^3}: \quad a = -3$$

$$\underline{x^2}: \quad b - 2a = 8$$

$$b = 8 + 2a$$

$$b = 8 + 2(-3) = 2$$

$$\underline{\text{const.}}: \quad -2c = 10$$

$$c = -5$$

$$f(x) = \underline{(x-2)(-3x^2 + 2x - 5)} \quad \checkmark$$

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(2)

$$b) \quad f(x) = -3x^3 + 8x^2 - 9x + 10 \\ = (x-2)(-3x^2 + 2x - 5)$$

$$-3y^6 + 8y^4 - 9y^2 + 10 = 0$$

Use the sub. : $x = y^2$

$$-3x^3 + 8x^2 - 9x + 10 = 0$$

$$(x-2)(-3x^2 + 2x - 5) = 0$$

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$$x = 2$$

$$y^2 = 2$$

$$y = \pm\sqrt{2}$$

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only two real solutions.

$$b^2 - 4ac < 0$$

$$(2)^2 - 4(-3)(-5) < 0$$

$$4 - 60 < 0 \\ -56 < 0$$

∴ there are no real solutions to this quadratic.

(c) deduce the number of real solutions, for $7\pi \leq \theta < 10\pi$, to the equation

$$3 \tan^3 \theta - 8 \tan^2 \theta + 9 \tan \theta - 10 = 0$$

(1)

$$c) \quad f(x) = -3x^3 + 8x^2 - 9x + 10$$

Use the sub.: $x = \tan(\theta)$

$$3x^3 - 8x^2 + 9x - 10 = 0$$

$$-3x^3 + 8x^2 - 9x + 10 = 0$$

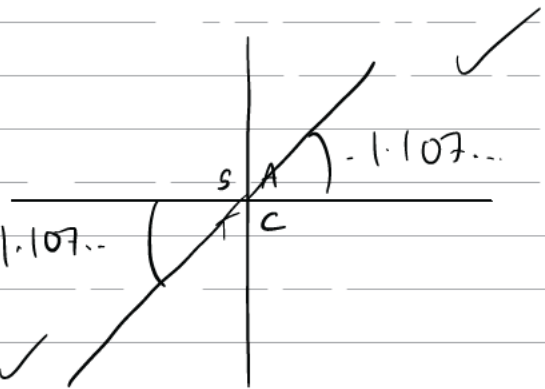
From earlier parts: $x = 2$ is the only solution

$$\tan(\theta) = 2$$

$$\theta = 1.107...$$

No. of solutions in $7\pi \leq \theta \leq 10\pi$ 1.107...

is the same in $0 \leq \theta \leq 3\pi$ ✓



$$\theta = 1.107..., 1.107... + \pi, 1.107... + 2\pi$$

$\Rightarrow \therefore$ there are 3 solutions for θ . ✓

$$f(x) = 3x^3 + 2ax^2 - 4x + 5a$$

7. Given that $(x + 3)$ is a factor of $f(x)$, find the value of the constant a .

(3)

when $f(k) = 0$ then $(x - k)$ is a factor of $f(x)$

$$f(-3) = 0 \quad (x - (-3))$$

$$f(-3) = 3(-3)^3 + 2a(-3)^2 - 4(-3) + 5a = 0 \quad (1)$$

$$3(-27) + 2a(9) + 12 + 5a = 0$$

$$\underbrace{-81} + \underbrace{18a} + \underbrace{12} + \underbrace{5a} = 0$$

$$-69 + 23a = 0$$

$$\therefore a = 3 \quad (1)$$

$$\begin{array}{l} +69 \quad +69 \\ 23a = 69 \quad (1) \quad a = 69/23 = 3 \\ \div 23 \quad \div 23 \end{array}$$

$$f(x) = ax^3 + 10x^2 - 3ax - 4$$

8. Given that $(x - 1)$ is a factor of $f(x)$, find the value of the constant a .

You must make your method clear.

(3)

If $(x-1)$ is a factor of $f(x)$, then $f(1) = 0$

$$f(1) = a(1)^3 + 10(1)^2 - 3a(1) - 4 \quad (1)$$

$$0 = a + 10 - 3a - 4$$

$$0 = -2a + 6 \quad (1)$$

$$2a = 6$$

$$a = 3 \quad (1)$$

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