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Figure 2

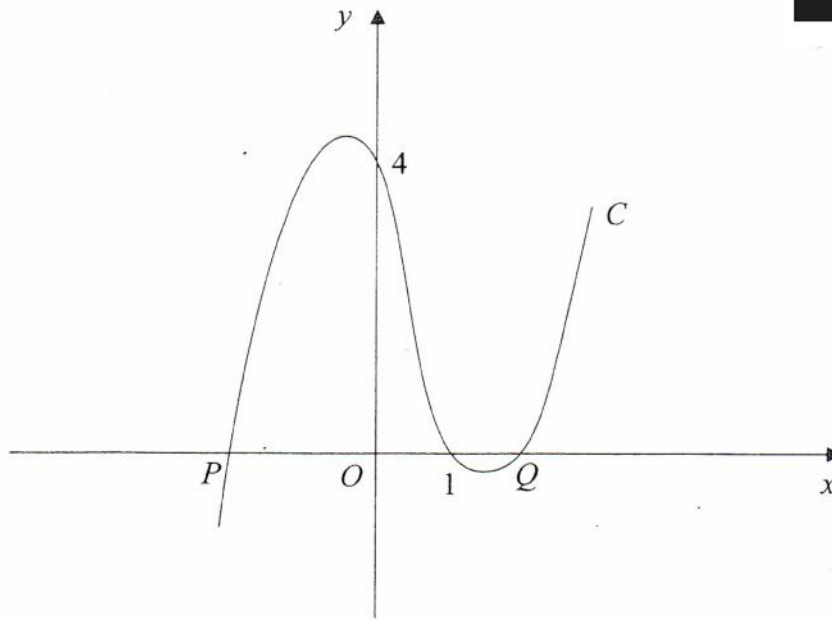


Figure 2 shows part of the curve C with equation

$$y = (x - 1)(x^2 - 4).$$

The curve cuts the x -axis at the points P , $(1, 0)$ and Q , as shown in Figure 2.

(a) Write down the x -coordinate of P , and the x -coordinate of Q . (2)

(b) Show that $\frac{dy}{dx} = 3x^2 - 2x - 4$. (3)

(c) Show that $y = x + 7$ is an equation of the tangent to C at the point $(-1, 6)$. (2)

The tangent to C at the point R is parallel to the tangent at the point $(-1, 6)$.

(d) Find the exact coordinates of R . (5)

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11. The curve C has equation

$$y = 9 - 4x - \frac{8}{x}, \quad x > 0.$$

The point P on C has x -coordinate equal to 2.

(a) Show that the equation of the tangent to C at the point P is $y = 1 - 2x$.

(6)

(b) Find an equation of the normal to C at the point P .

(3)

The tangent at P meets the x -axis at A and the normal at P meets the x -axis at B .

(c) Find the area of triangle APB .

(4)



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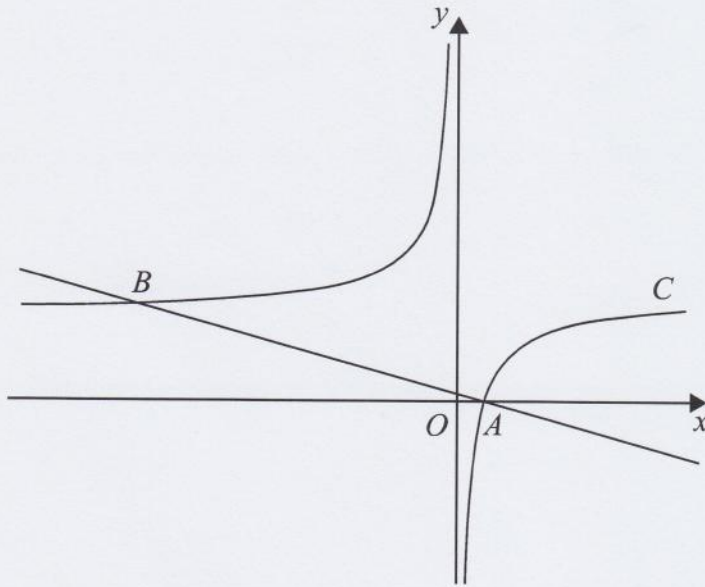


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Figure 2 shows a sketch of the curve C with equation

$$y = 2 - \frac{1}{x}, \quad x \neq 0$$

The curve crosses the x -axis at the point A .

(a) Find the coordinates of A . (1)

(b) Show that the equation of the normal to C at A can be written as

$$2x + 8y - 1 = 0 \tag{6}$$

The normal to C at A meets C again at the point B , as shown in Figure 2.

(c) Find the coordinates of B . (4)



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10. The curve C with equation $y = f(x)$, $x \neq 0$, passes through the point $(3, 7\frac{1}{2})$.

Given that $f'(x) = 2x + \frac{3}{x^2}$,

(a) find $f(x)$.

(5)

(b) Verify that $f(-2) = 5$.

(1)

(c) Find an equation for the tangent to C at the point $(-2, 5)$, giving your answer in the form $ax + by + c = 0$, where a , b and c are integers.

(4)



10. The curve C has equation $y = x^2(x-6) + \frac{4}{x}$, $x > 0$.

The points P and Q lie on C and have x -coordinates 1 and 2 respectively.

(a) Show that the length of PQ is $\sqrt{170}$. (4)

(b) Show that the tangents to C at P and Q are parallel. (5)

(c) Find an equation for the normal to C at P , giving your answer in the form $ax + by + c = 0$, where a , b and c are integers. (4)



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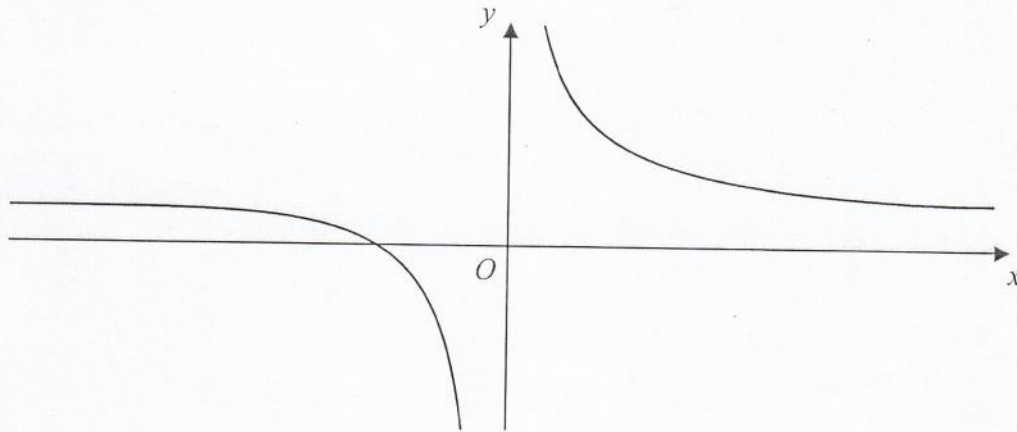


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Figure 2 shows a sketch of the curve H with equation $y = \frac{3}{x} + 4$, $x \neq 0$.

- (a) Give the coordinates of the point where H crosses the x -axis. (1)
- (b) Give the equations of the asymptotes to H . (2)
- (c) Find an equation for the normal to H at the point $P(-3, 3)$. (5)

This normal crosses the x -axis at A and the y -axis at B .

- (d) Find the length of the line segment AB . Give your answer as a surd. (3)

