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Pure Maths-1

Quadratics
Exercise 1 Solution (Revision)

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Example 1: The equation of a line is $y = mx + c$, where m and c are constants, and the equation of a curve is $xy = 16$.

- (a) Given that the line is a tangent to the curve, express m in terms of c . --- [3]
- (b) Given instead that $m = -4$, find the set of values of c for which the line intersects the curve at two distinct points. --- [3]

S-20/11/Q5

Solution (a). $y = mx + c$ --- ①

Curve: $xy = 16$ --- ②

for ① and ② $x(mx + c) = 16$

$\Rightarrow mx^2 + cx - 16 = 0$ --- ③

for line be tangent to curve:

$B^2 - 4AC = 0$

for ③ $c^2 - 4 \times m \times (-16) = 0$

$\Rightarrow c^2 + 64m = 0$

$\Rightarrow m = \underline{\underline{-\frac{c^2}{64}}}$ ✓

(b) Now $y = -4x + c$ --- ④ for $m = -4$

$xy = 16$ --- ②

$\Rightarrow x(-4x + c) = 16$

$\Rightarrow -4x^2 + cx - 16 = 0$

$\Rightarrow 4x^2 - cx + 16 = 0$ --- ⑤

④ line intersects the curve ② in two different points $\Rightarrow B^2 - 4AC > 0$

from ⑤ $\Rightarrow c^2 - 4 \times 4 \times 16 > 0$

$c^2 - (16)^2 > 0$

$c^2 > (16)^2$

$\Rightarrow \underline{\underline{c > 16 \text{ or } c < -16}}$ ✓

$\because x^2 > a^2, a > 0$

$\leftarrow \begin{array}{c} -a \quad \quad \quad a \\ \hline x < -a \quad \quad \quad x > a \end{array} \rightarrow$

Example 2: The equation of a curve is $y = 2x^2 + kx + k - 1$, where k is a constant.

(a) Given that the line $y = 2x + 3$ is a tangent to the curve, find the value of k . [3]

It is now given that $k = 2$

(b) Express the equation of the curve in the form $y = 2(x+a)^2 + b$, where a and b are constants, and state the coordinates of the vertex of the curve. [5-20/12/06] [3]

Solution: curve; $y = 2x^2 + kx + k - 1$ — (1)

(a) line: $y = 2x + 3$ — (2)

from (1) & (2)

$$2x^2 + kx + k - 1 = 2x + 3$$

$$\Rightarrow 2x^2 + (k-2)x + (k-4) = 0 \text{ — (3)}$$

from line (2) be tangent to curve (1) line should intersect exactly at one point to curve (3)

$$\therefore \text{for } b^2 - 4ac = 0$$

$$\text{from (3)} \rightarrow (k-2)^2 - 4 \times 2 \times (k-4) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow k^2 - 12k + 38 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (k-6)^2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{k = 6} \checkmark$$

(b) Now $k = 2$

from (1) Curve: $y = 2x^2 + 2x + 1$

$$\text{or } y = 2 \left[x^2 + x + \frac{1}{2} \right]$$

$$= 2 \left[x^2 + x + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 - \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{2} \right]$$

$$= 2 \left[\left(x + \frac{1}{2}\right)^2 + \frac{1}{4} \right]$$

$$= 2 \left(x + \frac{1}{2}\right)^2 + \frac{1}{2}$$

\therefore Vertex $\left(-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\right) \checkmark$

\therefore for a quad. function:
 $y = a(x+b)^2 + c$
Vertex $(-b, c) \checkmark$

Example 3: Find the set of values of m for which the line with equation $y = mx + 1$ and the curve with equation $y = 3x^2 + 2x + 4$ intersect at two distinct points. ---[4]

S-20/13/Q1

Solution: Line: $y = mx + 1$ --- ①

Curve: $y = 3x^2 + 2x + 4$ --- ②

To find the point of intersection from ① & ②

$$3x^2 + 2x + 4 = mx + 1$$

$$\text{or } 3x^2 + (2-m)x + 3 = 0 \text{ --- ③}$$

from ① and ② intersect in two distinct points,
for ③ $b^2 - 4ac > 0$

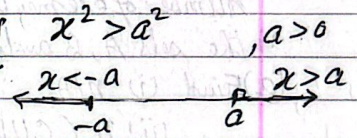
$$\Rightarrow (2-m)^2 - 4 \times 3 \times 3 > 0$$

$$(2-m)^2 - 36 > 0 \text{ --- ④}$$

$$(2-m)^2 > 36$$

$$\Rightarrow 2-m > 6 \text{ or } 2-m < -6$$

$$\Rightarrow m < -4 \text{ or } m > 8 \checkmark$$



Alternate method to solve ④

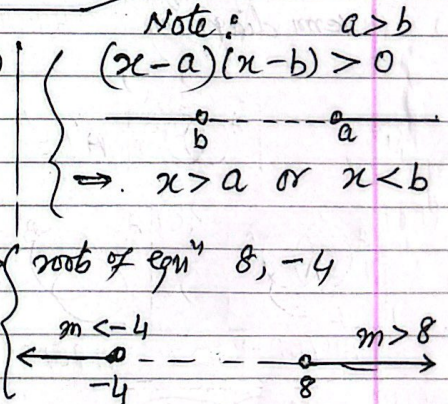
$$(2-m)^2 - 36 > 0$$

$$m^2 - 4m + 4 - 36 > 0$$

$$m^2 - 4m - 32 > 0$$

$$(m-8)(m+4) > 0 \Rightarrow \text{roots of eqn } 8, -4$$

$$\Rightarrow m > 8 \text{ or } m < -4 \checkmark$$



4. Find the set of values of m for which the line with equation $y = mx - 3$ and the curve with equation $y = 2x^2 + 5$ do not meet. [W-20/11/21] ... [3]

<p><u>Solution:</u> Line: $y = mx - 3$ --- ① Curve: $y = 2x^2 + 5$ --- ② for intersection of ① & ② $2x^2 + 5 = mx - 3$ $\Rightarrow 2x^2 - mx + 8 = 0$ --- ③</p>	<p>Given that ① & ② do not intersect. $B^2 - 4AC < 0$ for ③ $\Rightarrow (m)^2 - 4 \times 2 \times 8 < 0$ $\Rightarrow m^2 - 64 < 0$ $(m+8)(m-8) < 0$ $\Rightarrow -8 < m < 8$ ✓ [for $m = -8, 8$]</p>
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4+. The equation of a curve is $y = 2x^2 + m(2x+1)$, where m is a constant, and the equation of a line is $y = 6x + 4$. Show that for all value of m , the line intersects the curve at two distinct points. [W-20/12/23] ... [5]

Solution: Curve: $y = 2x^2 + m(2x+1)$ --- ①
 Line: $y = 6x + 4$ --- ②
 for ① and ② to intersect,
 $2x^2 + 2mx + m = 6x + 4$
 $\Rightarrow 2x^2 + (2m-6)x + (m-4) = 0$ --- ③

$B^2 - 4AC$ $= (2m-6)^2 - 4 \times 2 \times (m-4)$ $= 4m^2 - 24m + 36 - 8m + 32$ $= 4m^2 - 32m + 68$ $= 4[m^2 - 8m + 17]$ $= 4[(m-4)^2 + 1] > 0$ for all value of m .	<p>For nature of roots of ③ to prove the two distinct points of intersection $\rightarrow B^2 - 4AC > 0$</p>
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\therefore line ② intersects the curve ① at two distinct points for all values of m .

\therefore line ② intersects the curve ① at two distinct points for all values of m .	$\because (m-4)^2 \geq 0$ $\Rightarrow (m-4)^2 + 1 > 0$ $\Rightarrow 4[(m-4)^2 + 1] > 0$
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5. (a) Express $x^2 + 6x + 5$ in the form $(x+a)^2 + b$, where a and b are constants. ---[2]
- (b) The curve with equation $y = x^2$ is transformed to the curve with equation $y = x^2 + 6x + 5$. Describe fully the transformations involved. [W-20/13/Q.1] ---[2]

Solution (a) $x^2 + 6x + 5 = x^2 + 6x + 3^2 - 9 + 5$
 $= (x+3)^2 - 4$ ✓ --- ①

(b) Translation (or shift) $\begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix}$.

[or translation -3 units in x -direction and translation -4 units in y -direction.]

6. A curve has equation $y = 3x^2 - 4x + 4$ and a straight line has equation $y = mx + m - 1$, where m is a constant. Find the set of values of m for which the curve and the line have two distinct points of intersection. ---[5]

[W-20/13/Q.4]

Solution: Curve: $y = 3x^2 - 4x + 4$ --- ①

line: $y = mx + m - 1$ --- ②

for the points of intersection of ① & ②

$3x^2 - 4x + 4 = mx + m - 1$

$\Rightarrow 3x^2 - (4+m)x + (5-m) = 0$ --- ③

$B^2 - 4AC = (-4+m)^2 = 4 \times 3(5-m)$

$= 16 + m^2 + 8m - 60 + 12m$

$= m^2 + 20m - 44$

$= m^2 + 22m - 2m - 44$

$= (m+22)(m-2) > 0$ for two distinct roots

$\Rightarrow \underline{m > 2} \quad \vee \quad \underline{m < -22}$ ✓

7. By using a suitable substitution, solve the equation:
 $(2x-3)^2 - \frac{4}{(2x-3)^2} - 3 = 0$ --- (1) [4]
M-21/12/Q2

Solution: let $(2x-3)^2 = y$

from (1) $\rightarrow y - \frac{4}{y} - 3 = 0 \Rightarrow y^2 - 3y - 4 = 0$
 $\Rightarrow (y-4)(y+1) = 0$

$\Rightarrow y = 4 ; y = -1$

$\Rightarrow (2x-3)^2 = 4 ; (2x-3)^2 = -1^x$

$\Rightarrow 2x-3 = \pm 2 \Rightarrow 2x-3 = 2 ; 2x-3 = -2$
 $x = \frac{5}{2} \checkmark ; x = \frac{1}{2} \checkmark$

8. A line has equation $y = 3x + k$ and a curve has equation $y = x^2 + kx + 6$, where k is a constant.
 Find the set of values of k for which the line and curve have two distinct points of intersection. --- [5]
M-21/12/Q4

Solution: Line: $y = 3x + k$ --- (1)

Curve: $y = x^2 + kx + 6$ --- (2)

for (1) and (2)

$x^2 + kx + 6 = 3x + k$

$\Rightarrow x^2 + (k-3)x + (6-k) = 0$ (3)

for two points of intersection \Rightarrow

$B^2 - 4AC > 0$

$\Rightarrow (k-3)^2 - 4 \times 1 \times (6-k) > 0$

$k^2 - 6k + 9 - 24 + 4k > 0$

$k^2 - 2k - 15 > 0$

$(k-5)(k+3) > 0$ [$k = 5, -3$]

$\therefore k < -3 ; k > 5 \checkmark$

9. The equation of curve is $y = (2k-3)x^2 - kx - (k-2)$, where k is a constant. The line $y = 3x - 4$ is a tangent to the curve. Find the value of k . [S-21/11/Q6] [5]

Solution: Curve: $y = (2k-3)x^2 - kx - (k-2)$ --- (i)
line: $y = 3x - 4$ --- (ii)

Solving (i) & (ii) $\Rightarrow (2k-3)x^2 - kx - (k-2) = 3x - 4$

$\Rightarrow (2k-3)x^2 - (k+3)x - (k-6) = 0$

for line (ii) be tangent to curve (i) $\Rightarrow B^2 - 4AC = 0$

$\Rightarrow (k+3)^2 + 4(2k-3)(k+6) = 0$

$k^2 + 6k + 9 + 4(2k^2 - 15k + 18) = 0$

$\Rightarrow 9k^2 - 54k + 81 = 0$

$\Rightarrow k^2 - 6k + 9 = 0 \Rightarrow (k-3)^2 = 0$

$= k = 3$ ✓

10. (a) Express $16x^2 - 24x + 10$ in the form $(4x + a)^2 + b$. --- [2]

- (b) It is given that the equation $16x^2 - 24x + 10 = k$; where k is a constant, has exactly one root. Find the value of this root. --- [2]

[S-21/12/Q1]

Solution (a) $16x^2 - 24x + 10$

$= (4x)^2 - 2 \times 4x \times 3 + 3^2 - 9 + 10$

$= (4x - 3)^2 + 1$ ✓ [∵ $b = 1$]

(b) $16x^2 - 24x + 10 = k$ (Given)

From part (a) $\Rightarrow (4x - 3)^2 + 1 = k$ has exactly one root $\Rightarrow k = 1$

$\Rightarrow (4x - 3)^2 = 0 \Rightarrow 4x - 3 = 0 \Rightarrow x = \frac{3}{4} (0.75)$ ✓

11. A line with equation $y = mx - 6$, is a tangent to the curve with equation $y = x^2 - 4x + 3$. Find the possible values of the constant m , and the corresponding coordinate of the points at which the line touches the curve. [S-21/13/Q3] --- [6]

Solution: line: $y = mx - 6$ --- (1)

Curve: $y = x^2 - 4x + 3$ --- (2)

From (1) & (2) $x^2 - 4x + 3 = mx - 6$

$\Rightarrow x^2 - (4+m)x + 9 = 0$ --- (3)

for line (1) is tangent to curve (2) $\Rightarrow B^2 - 4AC = 0$

$\Rightarrow (4+m)^2 - 4 \times 9 = 0 \Rightarrow 4+m = \pm 6 \Rightarrow m = 2, \text{ or } -10$

From (1) $m = 2 \Rightarrow$ from (3) $x^2 - 6x + 9 = 0 \Rightarrow (x-3)^2 = 0 \Rightarrow x = 3$

for $m = -10$ in (3) $\Rightarrow x^2 + (x+9) = 0, (x+3)^2 = 0 \Rightarrow x = -3$

∴ Required points are $(3, 0), (-3, 24)$ from (2)

12. A curve has equation $y = kx^2 + 2x - k$ and a line has equation $y = kx - 2$, where k is a constant. Find the set of values of k for which the curve and line do not intersect. --- [5]

[W-21/011/02]

Solution: Line: $y = kx - 2$ --- (i)

Curve: $y = kx^2 + 2x - k$ --- (ii)

for (i) and (ii) to intersect;

$$kx^2 + 2x - k = kx - 2$$

$$\Rightarrow kx^2 + (2-k)x + (2-k) = 0 \text{ --- (3)}$$

for (i) & (ii) do not intersect! In (3)

$$B^2 - 4AC < 0 \Rightarrow (2-k)^2 - 4k(2-k) < 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 5k^2 - 12k + 4 < 0$$

$$(5k-2)(k-2) < 0 \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{critical values} \\ \text{are } k = \frac{2}{5}; 2 \end{array} \right.$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{2}{5} < k < 2 \quad \checkmark$$

13. Express $5y^2 - 30y + 50$ in the form $5(y+a)^2 + b$, where a and b are constants. [W-21/13/03(a)] --- [2]

Solution: $5y^2 - 30y + 50 = 5[y^2 - 6y + 10] = 5[y^2 - 6y + 3^2 - 9 + 10]$
 $= 5[(y-3)^2 + 1]$
 $= 5(y-3)^2 + 5 \quad \checkmark$

14. A curve has equation $y = x^2 + 2cx + 4$ and a straight line has equation $y = 4x + c$, where c is a constant. Find the set of values of c for which the curve and line intersect at two distinct points. --- [5]

[M-22/12/02]

Solution: Curve: $y = x^2 + 2cx + 4$ --- (1)

line: $y = 4x + c$ --- (2)

To line and curve intersect; from

$$(1) \& (2) \quad 4x + c = x^2 + 2cx + 4$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 + (4-2c)x + (4-c) = 0 \text{ --- (3)}$$

for (3) $B^2 - 4AC$

$$= (4-2c)^2 - 4 \times 1 \times (4-c)$$

$$= 16 + 4c^2 - 16c - 16 + 4c$$

$$B^2 - 4AC = 4c^2 - 12c \text{ --- (4)}$$

for (1) (2) to intersect in two

distinct points \rightarrow

$$B^2 - 4AC > 0 \quad \checkmark \checkmark$$

from (4) $4c^2 - 12c > 0$

$$4c(c-3) > 0 \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{critical values} \\ \text{are } 0, 3 \end{array} \right.$$

$$C < 0 \text{ or } C > 3 \quad \checkmark$$

15(a) Express $2x^2 - 8x + 14$ in the form $2[(x-a)^2 + b]$ --- [2]
M-22/12/Q5(a)

Solution: $2x^2 - 8x + 14 = 2[x^2 - 4x + 7]$
 $= 2[x^2 - 4x + 2^2 - 4 + 7]$
 $= 2[(x-2)^2 + 3] \checkmark$

15⁺(a) Express $x^2 - 8x + 11$ in the form $(x+p)^2 + q$, where p and q are constants.
 (b) Hence find the exact solutions of the equation $x^2 - 8x + 11 = 1$ --- [2]
S-22/11/Q1 [2]

<p><u>Solution (a)</u> $x^2 - 8x + 11$ $= x^2 - 8x + 4^2 - 16 + 11$ $= (x-4)^2 - 5 \checkmark$</p>	<p>(b) $x^2 - 8x + 11 = 1$ (from part (a)) $\Rightarrow (x-4)^2 - 5 = 1$ $\Rightarrow (x-4)^2 = 6 \Rightarrow x-4 = \pm \sqrt{6}$ $\therefore x = 4 \pm \sqrt{6} \checkmark$</p>
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16. Solve the equation $6\sqrt{y} + \frac{2}{\sqrt{y}} - 7 = 0$ --- [4]
S-22/13/Q5(a)

Solution: $6\sqrt{y} + \frac{2}{\sqrt{y}} - 7 = 0$ but $\sqrt{y} = x$
 $\Rightarrow 6x + \frac{2}{x} - 7 = 0$ $y = x^2$ ----- (1)
 $\Rightarrow 6x^2 - 7x + 2 = 0 \Rightarrow 6x^2 - 4x - 3x + 2 = 0$
 $2x(3x-2) - 1(3x-2) = 0$
 $\Rightarrow (3x-2)(2x-1) = 0 \Rightarrow x = \frac{1}{2}, \frac{2}{3}$
 $\Rightarrow \sqrt{y} = \frac{1}{2}, \frac{2}{3} \Rightarrow y = \frac{1}{4} \text{ \& } \frac{4}{9} \checkmark$

17 Given $f(x) = 2x^2 - 16x + 23$.
 Express $f(x)$ in the form $2(x+a)^2 + b$ --- [2]
S-22/13/Q6(a)

Solution: $2x^2 - 16x + 23$
 $= 2[x^2 - 8x] + 23$ $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} x^2 - ax = x^2 - ax + (\frac{a}{2})^2 - \frac{a^2}{4} \\ = (x - \frac{a}{2})^2 - \frac{a^2}{4} \end{array} \right.$
 $= 2[x^2 - 8x + 4^2 - 16] + 23$
 $= 2(x-4)^2 - 32 + 23$
 $= 2(x-4)^2 - 9 \checkmark$

18. Solve the equation: $3x+2 = \frac{2}{x-1}$ --- [3]
W-22/11/Q1

Solution: $3x+2 = \frac{2}{x-1} \Rightarrow (3x+2)(x-1) = 2$
 $\Rightarrow 3x^2 - x - 4 = 0$
 $\Rightarrow (3x-4)(x+1) = 0 \Rightarrow x = -1, \frac{4}{3} \checkmark$

19. Find the set of values of k for which the equation $8x^2+kx+2=0$ has no real roots. --- [2]
W-22/12/Q3(a)

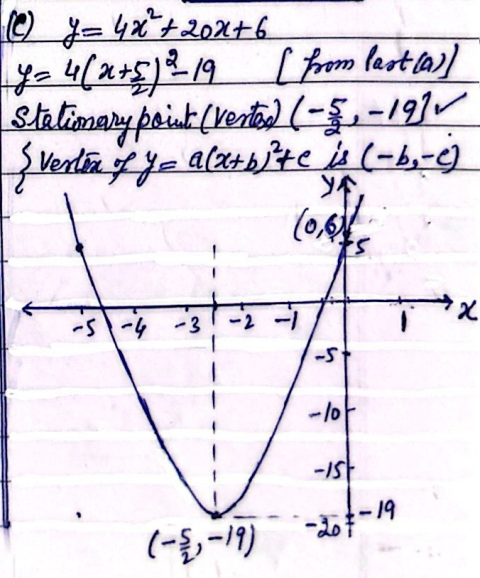
Solution: $8x^2+kx+2=0$ has no real roots, $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} ax^2+bx+c=0 \text{ has no real roots} \\ \text{if } b^2-4ac < 0 \end{array} \right.$
 $\Rightarrow k^2 - 4 \times 8 \times 2 < 0$
 $\Rightarrow k^2 - 64 < 0 \Rightarrow (k+8)(k-8) < 0$ } $\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{as} \\ \text{critical values of} \\ k = 8, -8 \end{array} \right\}$
 $\Rightarrow -8 < k < 8 \checkmark$

20. The equation of a curve is $y = 4x^2 + 20x + 6$ --- [3]

- (a) Express the equation in the form $y = a(x+b)^2 + c$; a, b, c are constants
- (b) Hence solve the equation $4x^2 + 20x + 6 = 45$ --- [3]
- (c) Sketch the graph of $y = 4x^2 + 20x + 6$, showing the coordinates of stationary point. W-22/12/Q6 --- [3]

Solution: $y = 4x^2 + 20x + 6$
 $= 4(x^2 + 5x + \frac{3}{2}) + 6$
 $= 4(x + \frac{5}{2})^2 - 25 + 6$
 $\Rightarrow y = 4(x + \frac{5}{2})^2 - 19 \checkmark$

(b) Solve $4x^2 + 20x + 6 = 45$
 $\Rightarrow 4(x + \frac{5}{2})^2 - 19 = 45$ [from Part (a)]
 $\Rightarrow 4(x + \frac{5}{2})^2 = 45 + 19 = 64$
 $(x + \frac{5}{2})^2 = 16$
 $\Rightarrow x + \frac{5}{2} = \pm 4$
 $\Rightarrow x + \frac{5}{2} = 4 \text{ or } x + \frac{5}{2} = -4$
 $x = \frac{3}{2} \text{ or } -\frac{13}{2} \checkmark$



21. Find the coordinates of the minimum point on the curve, $y = \frac{9}{4}x^2 - 12x + 18$

W-22/12/21/10/---[3]

Solution: $y = \frac{9}{4}x^2 - 12x + 18$

$$= \frac{9}{4} \left(x^2 - \frac{16x}{3} + \left(\frac{8}{3}\right)^2 - \frac{64}{9} \right) + 18$$

$$= \frac{9}{4} \left(x - \frac{8}{3} \right)^2 - 16 + 18$$

$$= \frac{9}{4} \left(x - \frac{8}{3} \right)^2 + 2 \Rightarrow \text{minimum point is at Vertex } \left(\frac{8}{3}, 2 \right) \checkmark$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} y &= a(x-h)^2 + k \\ \text{Vertex is } (h, k) \end{aligned} \right\}$$

22. A line has equation $y = 3x - 2k$ and a curve has equation $y = x^2 - kx + 2$, where k is a constant. Show that the line and the curve meet for all values of k . [4]

M-23/12/21

Solution: line: $y = 3x - 2k$ --- (1)

Curve: $y = x^2 - kx + 2$ --- (2)

for the intersection of (1) and (2)

$$x^2 - kx + 2 = 3x - 2k$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 - (k+3)x + (2+2k) = 0$$

$$b^2 - 4ac = (k+3)^2 - 4 \times 1 \times (2+2k)$$

$$= k^2 + 6k + 9 - 8 - 8k \Rightarrow$$

$$b^2 - 4ac = k^2 - 2k + 1$$

$$= (k-1)^2 \geq 0 \text{ for all values of } k.$$

\therefore line and curve meet for all values of k .

23. The line with equation $y = kx - k$, where k is a positive constant, is a tangent to the curve with equation $y = -\frac{1}{2}x$.

Find, in any order, the value of k and the coordinates of the point where the tangent meets the curve. [5]

S-23/11/25

Solution: line: $y = kx - k$ --- (1)

Curve: $y = -\frac{1}{2}x$ --- (2)

Solving (1) and (2)

$$kx - k = -\frac{1}{2}x \Rightarrow 2kx^2 - 2kx + 1 = 0$$

for line (1) is tangent to curve (2), has only one point of intersection $\Rightarrow b^2 - 4ac = 0$ in (3)

$$\Rightarrow (-2k)^2 - 4 \times 2k \times 1 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 4k^2 - 8k = 0 \Rightarrow 4k(k-2) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{k = 2} \quad (as k > 0)$$

From (3) put $k = 2$

$$2 \times 2 x^2 - 2 \times 2 x + 1 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 4x^2 - 4x + 1 = 0 \Rightarrow (2x-1)^2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{1}{2} \checkmark$$

$$\text{from (2) } y = -\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{2} = -1$$

\therefore Req. point of contact is:

$$\underline{\left(\frac{1}{2}, -1 \right) \checkmark}$$

24. (a) Express $4x^2 - 24x + p$ in the form $a(x+b)^2 + c$, where a and b are integers and c is to be given in terms of the constant p [2]
- (b) Hence or otherwise find the set of values of p for which the equation $4x^2 - 24x + p = 0$ has no real roots. ... [1]

[S-23/12/Q3]

Solution (a) $4x^2 - 24x + p$
 $= 4(x^2 - 6x + 3^2 - 9) + p$
 $= 4(x-3)^2 - 36 + p$
 $\therefore a = 4, b = -3$ [$a(x+b)^2 + c$]
 and $c = p - 36$ ✓

$4x^2 - 24x + p = 0$... (1)
 $= 4(x-3)^2 + (p-36) = 0$ [$4(x-3)^2 \geq 0$]
 has no real roots for $p-36 > 0$
 or $p > 36$ ✓

Alternate method: $B^2 - 4AC < 0$ for (1)
 $\Rightarrow (-24)^2 - 4 \times 4 \times p < 0 \Rightarrow 576 - 16p < 0$
 $\Rightarrow 36 - p < 0 \Rightarrow p > 36$ ✓

25. Solve the equation. $8x^6 + 215x^3 - 27 = 0$... [3]

[S-23/12/Q4]

Solution: $8x^6 + 215x^3 - 27 = 0$
 $8(x^3)^2 + 215x^3 - 27 = 0$ let $x^3 = y$
 $8y^2 + 215y - 27 = 0$ ($-8 \times 27 = -216$, factors $+216 \times (-1)$)
 $8y^2 + 216y - y - 27 = 0$
 $8y(y+27) - 1(y-27) = 0 \Rightarrow (y+27)(8y-1) = 0$
 $\Rightarrow y = -27, 8y = 1$ [$y = x^3$]
 $\Rightarrow x^3 = -27$ or $x^3 = \frac{1}{8} \Rightarrow x = -3, x = \frac{1}{2}$ ✓

26. The function f is defined for $x \in \mathbb{R}$ by $f(x) = x^2 - 6x + C$, where C is a constant. It is given that $f(x) > 2$ for all values of x . Find the set of values of C [4]

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Solution: Given $f(x) > 2 \Rightarrow x^2 - 6x + C > 2$
 $\Rightarrow x^2 - 6x + C - 2 > 0$ ($\Rightarrow x^2 - 6x + (C-2) = 0$ has no real roots)
 $\Rightarrow B^2 - 4AC < 0$
 $(-6)^2 - 4 \times 1 \times (C-2) < 0$
 $36 - 4C + 8 < 0$
 $4C > 44 \Rightarrow C > 11$ ✓