FP1 Conics Questions

8 A curve has equation $y^2 = 12x$.

(a) Sketch the curve. *(2 marks)*

(b) (i) The curve is translated by 2 units in the positive y direction. Write down the equation of the curve after this translation. *(2 marks)*

(ii) The **original** curve is reflected in the line $y = x$. Write down the equation of the curve after this reflection. *(1 mark)*

(c) (i) Show that if the straight line $y = x + c$, where c is a constant, intersects the curve $y^2 = 12x$, then the x-coordinates of the points of intersection satisfy the equation

$$x^2 + (2c - 12)x + c^2 = 0$$

(3 marks)

(ii) Hence find the value of c for which the straight line is a tangent to the curve. *(2 marks)*

(iii) Using this value of c, find the coordinates of the point where the line touches the curve. *(2 marks)*

(iv) In the case where $c = 4$, determine whether the line intersects the curve or not. *(3 marks)*

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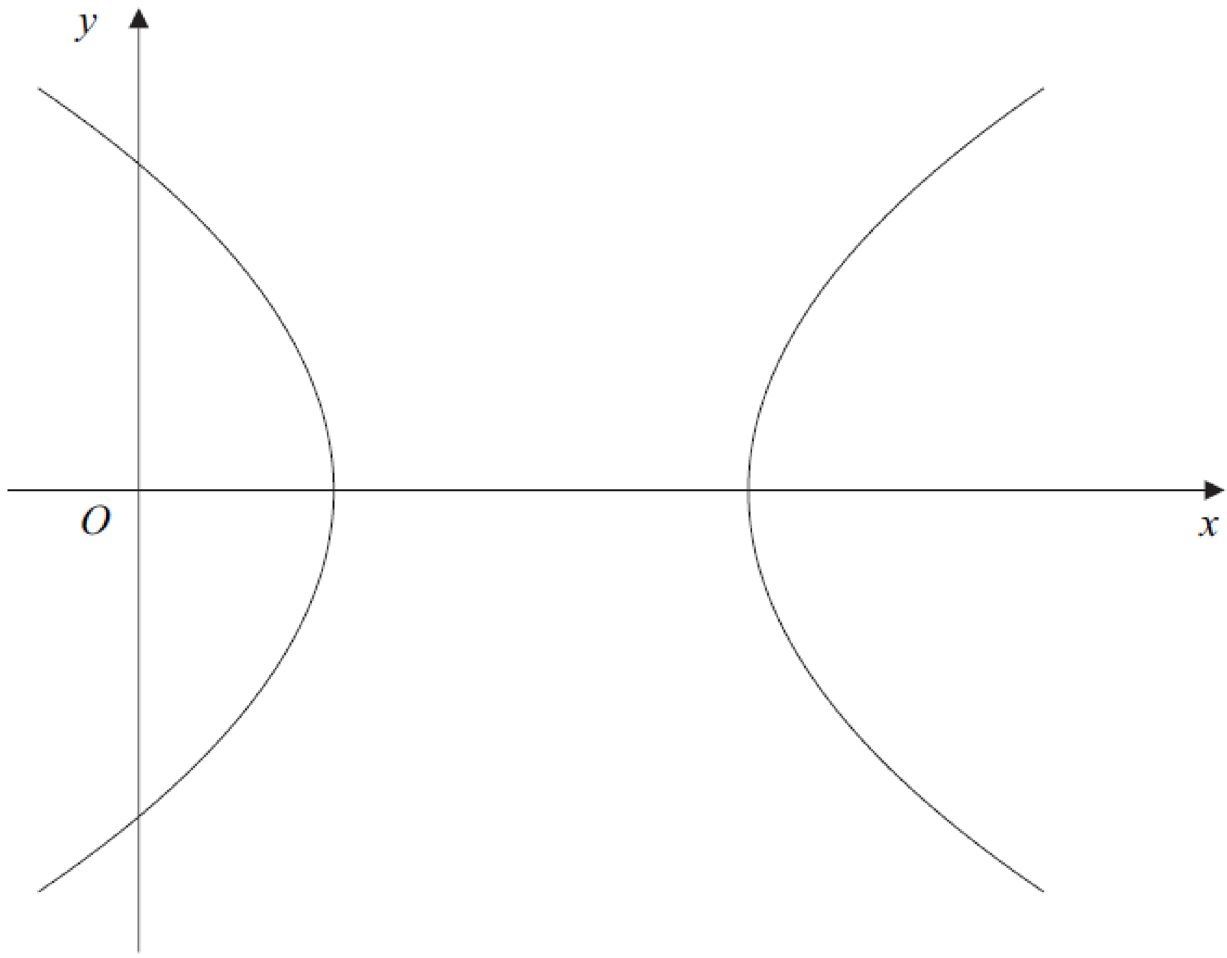
7 (a) Describe a geometrical transformation by which the hyperbola

$$x^2 - 4y^2 = 1$$

can be obtained from the hyperbola $x^2 - y^2 = 1$. *(2 marks)*

(b) The diagram shows the hyperbola H with equation

$$x^2 - y^2 - 4x + 3 = 0$$



By completing the square, describe a geometrical transformation by which the hyperbola H can be obtained from the hyperbola $x^2 - y^2 = 1$. *(4 marks)*

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8 A curve C has equation

$$\frac{x^2}{25} - \frac{y^2}{9} = 1$$

(a) Find the y-coordinates of the points on C for which $x = 10$, giving each answer in the form $k\sqrt{3}$, where k is an integer. *(3 marks)*

(b) Sketch the curve C, indicating the coordinates of any points where the curve intersects the coordinate axes. *(3 marks)*

(c) Write down the equation of the tangent to C at the point where C intersects the positive x-axis. *(1 mark)*

(d) (i) Show that, if the line $y = x - 4$ intersects C, the x-coordinates of the points of intersection must satisfy the equation

$$16x^2 - 200x + 625 = 0$$

(3 marks)

(ii) Solve this equation and hence state the relationship between the line $y = x - 4$ and the curve C. *(2 marks)*

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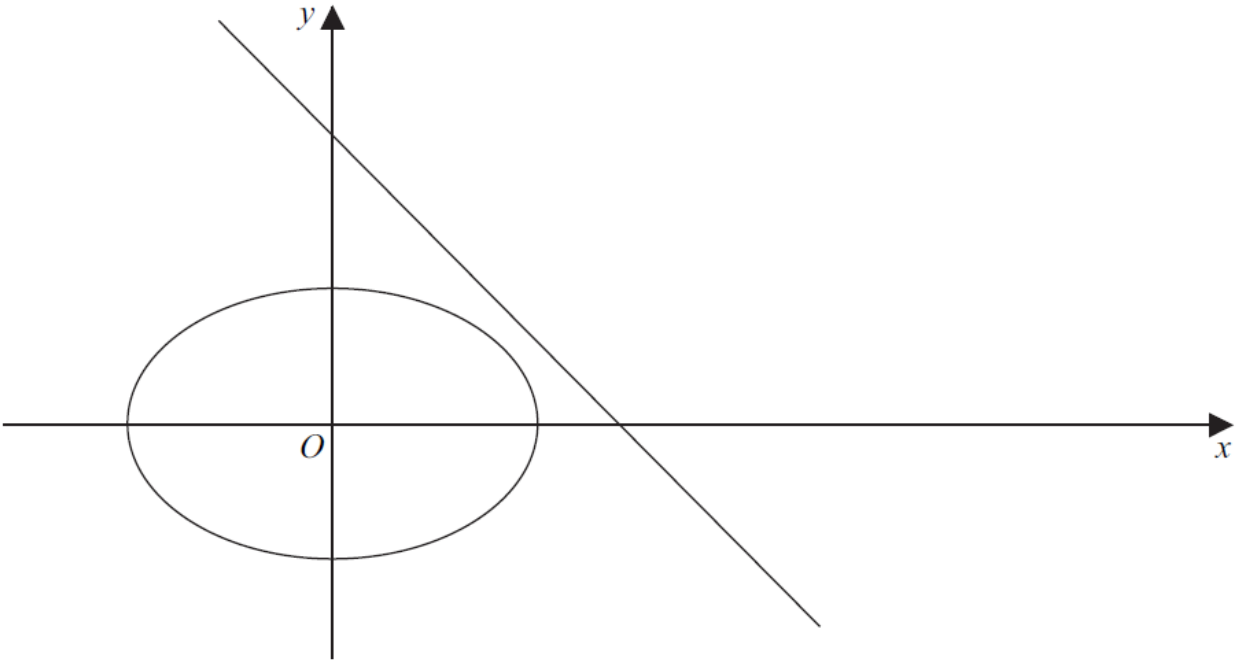
9 [**Figure 3**, printed on the insert, is provided for use in this question.]

The diagram shows the curve with equation

$$\frac{x^2}{2} + y^2 = 1$$

and the straight line with equation

$$x + y = 2$$



(a) Write down the exact coordinates of the points where the curve with equation $\frac{x^2}{2} + y^2 = 1$ intersects the coordinate axes. *(2 marks)*

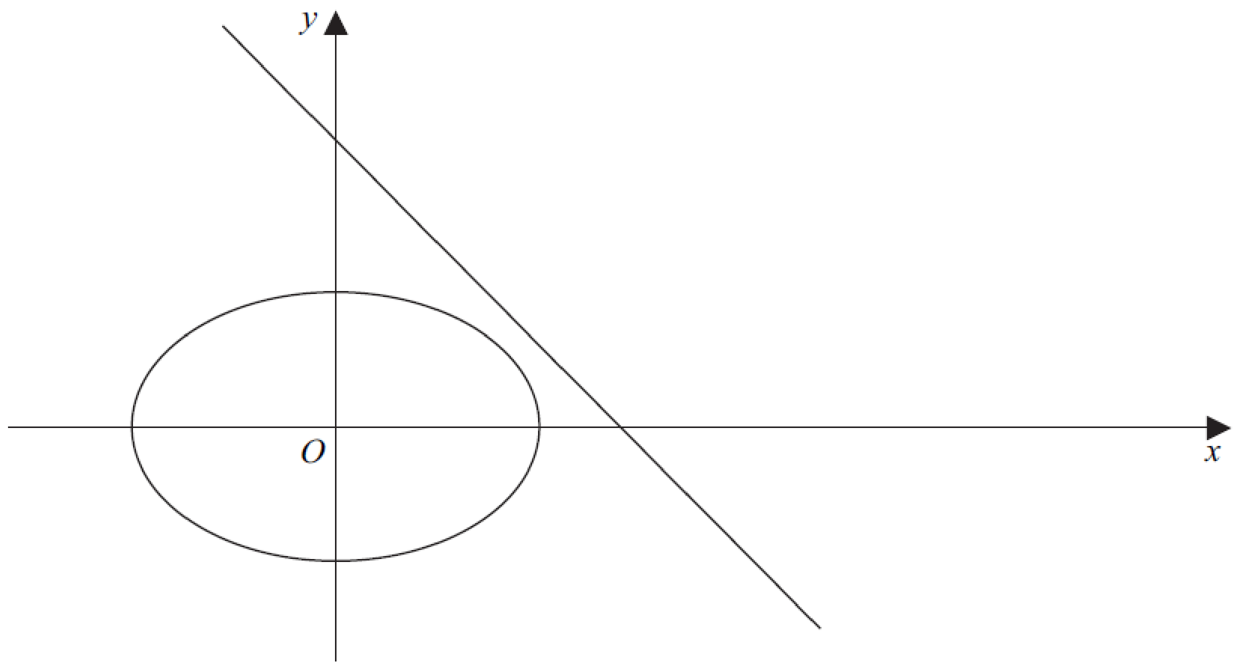
(b) The curve is translated k units in the positive x direction, where k is a constant. Write down, in terms of k, the equation of the curve after this translation. *(2 marks)*

(c) Show that, if the line $x + y = 2$ intersects the **translated** curve, the x-coordinates of the points of intersection must satisfy the equation

$$3x^2 - 2(k+4)x + (k^2 + 6) = 0$$ *(4 marks)*

(d) Hence find the two values of k for which the line $x + y = 2$ is a tangent to the translated curve. Give your answer in the form $p \pm \sqrt{q}$, where p and q are integers. *(4 marks)*

(e) On **Figure 3**, show the translated curves corresponding to these two values of k. *(3 marks)*



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