

3. $f(x) = x^3 - (k + 4)x + 2k$, where k is a constant.

(a) Show that, for all values of k , the curve with equation $y = f(x)$ passes through the point $(2, 0)$.

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(b) Find the values of k for which the equation $f(x) = 0$ has exactly two distinct roots.

(5)

Given that $k > 0$, that the x -axis is a tangent to the curve with equation $y = f(x)$, and that the line $y = p$ intersects the curve in three distinct points,

(c) find the set of values that p can take.

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