

3. The curve  $C$  has equation

$$x^2 + y^2 + fxy = g^2,$$

where  $f$  and  $g$  are constants and  $g \neq 0$ .

(a) Find an expression in terms of  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$  and  $f$  for the gradient of  $C$  at the point  $(\alpha, \beta)$ .

(4)

Given that  $f < 2$  and  $f \neq -2$  and that the gradient of  $C$  at the point  $(\alpha, \beta)$  is 1,

(b) show that  $\alpha = -\beta = \frac{\pm g}{\sqrt{2-f}}$ .

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Given that  $f = -2$ ,

(c) sketch  $C$ .

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