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$$f(x) = 3x^4 + 4x^3 - 36x^2 + 64$$

Given that $f(x)$ can be written in the form $(x-2)^2(ax^2 + bx + c)$

(a) find the value of a , the value of b and the value of c

(4)

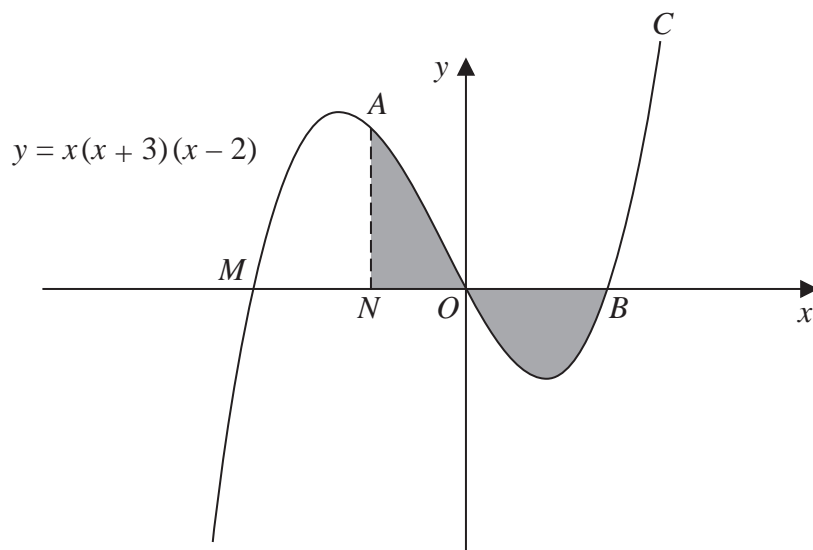


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Figure 3

Figure 3 shows a sketch of part of the curve C with equation $y = x(x+3)(x-2)$

The curve C crosses the x -axis at the point M , the origin and the point B .

The point N lies on the x -axis between M and O .

The point A lies on C such that AN is parallel to the y -axis.

The area of the shaded region bounded by the curve and OB is numerically equal to the area of the shaded region bounded by the curve, ON and NA .

Given that the coordinates of N are $(n, 0)$,

(b) use algebraic integration to show that n satisfies the equation

$$(x-2)^2(3x^2 + 16x + 16) = 0 \quad (7)$$

(c) Hence find the exact coordinates of A .

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