

6 A curve has equation $y = x^2 - x + 3$ and a line has equation $y = 3x + a$, where a is a constant.

(i) Show that the x -coordinates of the points of intersection of the line and the curve are given by the equation $x^2 - 4x + (3 - a) = 0$. [1]

(ii) For the case where the line intersects the curve at two points, it is given that the x -coordinate of one of the points of intersection is -1 . Find the x -coordinate of the other point of intersection. [2]

(iii) For the case where the line is a tangent to the curve at a point P , find the value of a and the coordinates of P . [4]