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Curve C: $y = \frac{x^3 + \sqrt{x}}{x}$, $x > 0$

a) $y = \frac{x^3 + \sqrt{x}}{x} = \frac{x^3}{x} + \frac{x^{\frac{1}{2}}}{x} = x^2 + x^{-\frac{1}{2}}$
So $p=2$, $q=-\frac{1}{2}$

b)

i) $\frac{dy}{dx} = 2x - \frac{1}{2}x^{-\frac{3}{2}}$

ii) Normal to curve, at a point
is perpendicular to the
tangent at that point.

If m_t is gradient of tangent
and m_n is gradient of normal

Then $m_t \times m_n = -1$

$$\Rightarrow m_n = -\frac{1}{m_t}$$

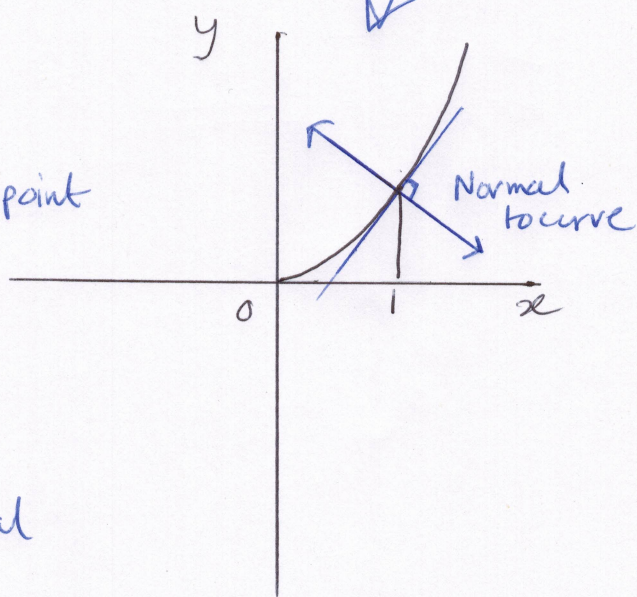
Step 1 first find coordinates of point of interest:

$$x_1 = 1, y_1 = \frac{1+1}{1} = 2.$$

Step 2 Find gradient of tangent at $x = x_1 = 1$.

$$\left. \frac{dy}{dx} \right|_{x=1} = 2(1) - \frac{1}{2} = \frac{3}{2} = m_t$$

Step 3 Find gradient of normal: $m_t \times m_n = -1$
 $\Rightarrow m_n = -\frac{2}{3}$



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Step 4 use equation for a line
to find equation for normal:

$$y - y_1 = m_n(x - x_1)$$

(x_1, y_1) is a point
on the line.

$$\Rightarrow \underline{y - 2 = -\frac{2}{3}(x - 1)}$$

Can leave answer like this
for a particular form:

$$y - 2 = -\frac{2}{3}(x - 1)$$

$$\Rightarrow 3(y - 2) = -2(x - 1)$$

$$\Rightarrow 3y - 6 - 2 + 2x = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{3y + 2x - 8 = 0}$$

often questions ask

Same thing,
just rearranged.

c) i) $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{dy}{dx} \right) = \frac{d}{dx} \left(2x - \frac{1}{2}x^{-\frac{3}{2}} \right)$
 $= 2 + \frac{3}{4}x^{-\frac{5}{2}}$

ii) A maximum point (or min point) must satisfy

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 0. \quad \text{Solving this} \quad \frac{dy}{dx} = 2x - \frac{1}{2}x^{-\frac{3}{2}} = 0$$
$$\Rightarrow 4x = x^{-\frac{3}{2}} = \frac{1}{x^{\frac{3}{2}}}$$

$$\Rightarrow 4x x^{\frac{3}{2}} = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow x^{\frac{5}{2}} = \frac{1}{4} \quad \leftarrow \text{use this in } \frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$$

But then $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = 2 + \frac{3}{4} \frac{1}{x^{\frac{5}{2}}} = 2 + \frac{3}{4} \times 4 = 2 + 3 = \underline{\underline{5}} > 0$

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c) ii) So $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} > 0$ for all stationary points

and a maximum point must satisfy

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} \leq 0$$

So curve C has no maximum points.