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$$f(x) = 2x^3 - 13x^2 + 8x + 48$$

(a) Prove that $(x - 4)$ is a factor of $f(x)$.

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(b) Hence, using algebra, show that the equation $f(x) = 0$ has only two distinct roots.

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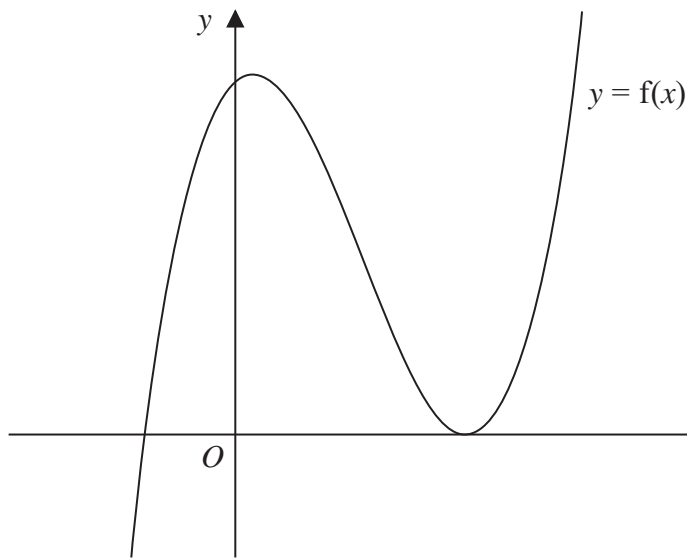


Figure 2

Figure 2 shows a sketch of part of the curve with equation $y = f(x)$.

(c) Deduce, giving reasons for your answer, the number of real roots of the equation

$$2x^3 - 13x^2 + 8x + 46 = 0$$

(2)

Given that k is a constant and the curve with equation $y = f(x + k)$ passes through the origin,

(d) find the two possible values of k .

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