

$$(ABCU) = \frac{B}{S} \bigg/ \frac{\alpha}{Y}$$

$$= \frac{\frac{1/a}{(a^2 - 2a + 1)/a}}{\frac{1/a}{(1-a)/a}}$$

$$= \frac{(a^2 - 2a + 1)}{(1-a)}$$

$$= \frac{(a-1)(a-1)}{(1-a)}$$

$$= \frac{-1}{(a-1)} = \frac{1}{(1-a)}$$

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5) a) i) With $(x_1, y_1) = (-1, 0)$, $(x_2, y_2) = (3, 4)$
the ratios are the values of R for which

$$S_{22}k^2 + 2S_{12}R + S_{11} = 0$$

where $S_{11} = Ax_1^2 + Bx_1y_1 + Cy_1^2 + Fx_1 + Gy_1 + H$
 $= 3(-1)^2 + (-2)(-1 \times 0) + 3(0)^2 + 2 \times -1 + (-6) \times 0 + 2$
 $= 3 + 0 + 0 - 2 + 0 + 2 = 3$

$$S_{12} = 3(-1 \times 3) + (-2)(-1 \times 4 + 0 \times 3) + 3(0 \times 4) + 2(-1 + 3)/2 + 6(0 + 4)/2 + 2$$

$$= -9 + 4 + 2 - 12 + 2 = -13$$

$$S_{22} = 3(3)^2 + (-2)(3 \times 4) + 3(4)^2 + 2 \times 3 - 6 \times 4 + 2$$

$$= 27 - 24 + 48 + 6 - 24 + 2 = 35$$

$$S_{22}k^2 + 2S_{12}k + S_{11} = 35k^2 - 26k + 3 = 0$$

$$(7k-1)(5k-3) = 0$$

$$R = 1/7, k = 3/5$$

Hence conic divides line segment in ratios

$$1/7 : 1 \text{ and } 3/5 : 1$$

$$\text{or } 1 : 7 \text{ and } 3 : 5$$

ii) The point nearest to $(-1, 0)$ is given

$$\text{by } (-1, 0) + \frac{1}{8}((3, 4) - (-1, 0))$$

$$= (-1, 0) + \frac{1}{8}(4, 4) = (-1, 0) + (\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2})$$

$$= (-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2})$$

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