Example 6 Find the domain for which the functions

$$f(x) = 2x^2 - 1$$
 and $g(x) = 1 - 3x$ are equal.

Solution

- For f(x) = g(x)
- $\Rightarrow \qquad 2x^2 1 = 1 3x$
- $\Rightarrow \qquad 2x^2 + 3x 2 = 0$
- $\Rightarrow \qquad 2x^2 + 4x x 2 = 0$
- $\Rightarrow \qquad 2x (x+2) 1 (x+2) = 0$
- $\Rightarrow \qquad (2x-1)(x+2) = 0$

Thus domain for which the function f(x) = g(x) is $\left\{\frac{1}{2}, -2\right\}$.