

**Dr Oliver Mathematics**  
**Mathematics**  
**Logarithms Part 2**  
**Past Examination Questions**

This booklet consists of 61 questions across a variety of examination topics.  
The total number of marks available is 475.

1. Differentiate with respect to  $x$ :

(a)  $[x + \ln(2x)]^3$ , (3)

**Solution**

$$\frac{d}{dx}([x + \ln(2x)]^3) = \underline{\underline{3[x + \ln(2x)]^2 \left(1 + \frac{1}{x}\right)}}.$$

$$f(x) = 3e^x - \frac{1}{2} \ln x - 2, \quad x > 2.$$

(b)  $3e^x - \frac{1}{2} \ln x - 2, \quad x > 2$ . (3)

**Solution**

$$\frac{d}{dx}(3e^x - \frac{1}{2} \ln x - 2) = \underline{\underline{3e^x - \frac{1}{2x}}}.$$

2. A particular species of orchid is being studied. The population  $p$  at time  $t$  years after the study started is assumed to be

$$p = \frac{2800ae^{0.2t}}{1 + ae^{0.2t}},$$

where  $a$  is a constant. Given that there were 300 orchids when the study started,

(a) show that  $a = 0.12$ , (3)

**Solution**

$$\begin{aligned} 300 &= \frac{2800a}{1+a} \Rightarrow 300(1+a) = 2800a \\ &\Rightarrow 300 + 300a = 2800a \\ &\Rightarrow 300 = 2500a \\ &\Rightarrow \underline{\underline{a = 0.12}}. \end{aligned}$$

- (b) use the equation with  $a = 0.12$  to predict the number of years before the population of orchids reaches 1850. (4)

**Solution**

$$\begin{aligned}
 1850 &= \frac{336e^{0.2t}}{1 + 0.12e^{0.2t}} \Rightarrow 1850(1 + 0.12e^{0.2t}) = 336e^{0.2t} \\
 &\Rightarrow 1850 + 222e^{0.2t} = 336e^{0.2t} \\
 &\Rightarrow 1850 = 114e^{0.2t} \\
 &\Rightarrow e^{0.2t} = \frac{925}{57} \\
 &\Rightarrow 0.2t = \ln \frac{925}{57} \\
 &\Rightarrow t = 5 \ln \frac{925}{57} \\
 &\Rightarrow t = 13.933\ 712\ 35 \text{ (FCD)} \\
 &\Rightarrow \underline{\underline{t = 14 \text{ (nearest integer)}}}.
 \end{aligned}$$

- (c) Show that  $p = \frac{336}{0.12 + e^{-0.2t}}$ . (1)

**Solution**

$$p = \frac{336e^{0.2t}}{1 + 0.12e^{0.2t}} = \frac{336}{\underline{\underline{0.12 + e^{-0.2t}}}}.$$

- (d) Hence show the population cannot exceed 2800. (2)

**Solution**

At  $t \rightarrow \infty$ ,

$$\frac{336}{0.12 + e^{-0.2t}} \rightarrow \frac{336}{0.12} = \underline{\underline{2800}}.$$

3. The point  $P$  lies on the curve with equation  $y = \ln(\frac{1}{3}x)$ . The  $x$ -coordinate of  $P$  is 3. Find an equation of the normal to the curve at the point  $P$  in the form  $y = ax + b$ , where  $a$  and  $b$  are constants.

**Solution**

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{x}, \quad \left. \frac{dy}{dx} \right|_{x=3} = \frac{1}{3} \Rightarrow m' = -3.$$

Now,  $y = \ln 1 = 0$  and so

$$y = -3(x - 3) \Rightarrow \underline{\underline{y = -3x + 9.}}$$

4. Differentiate with respect to  $x$ ,  $x^2e^{3x+2}$ .

(4)

**Solution**

$$\frac{d}{dx}(x^2e^{3x+2}) = 2x \times e^{3x+2} + 3x^2 \times e^{3x+2} = \underline{\underline{xe^{3x+2}(2 + 3x).}}$$

5. The functions  $f$  and  $g$  are defined by

$$f : x \mapsto 2x + \ln 2, x \in \mathbb{R},$$

$$g : x \mapsto e^{2x}, x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

(a) Prove that the composite function  $g \circ f$  is

(4)

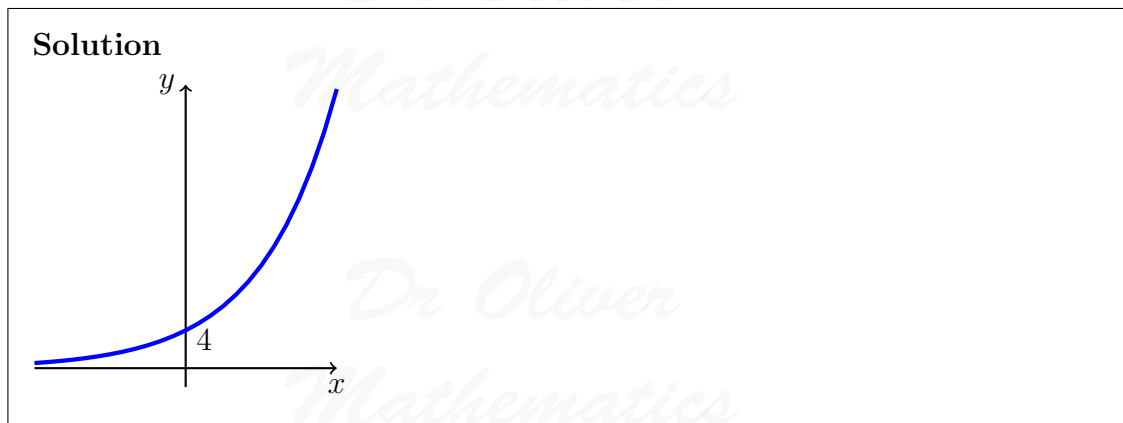
$$g \circ f : x \rightarrow 4e^{4x}, x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

**Solution**

$$\begin{aligned} g \circ f(x) &= g(f(x)) \\ &= g(2x + \ln 2) \\ &= e^{2(2x + \ln 2)} \\ &= e^{4x + 2 \ln 2} \\ &= e^{4x + \ln 4} \\ &= e^{\ln 4} e^{4x} \\ &= \underline{\underline{4e^{4x}}}. \end{aligned}$$

(b) Sketch the curve with equation  $y = g \circ f(x)$ , and show the coordinates of the point where the curve cuts the  $y$ -axis.

(1)



(c) Write down the range of  $g f$ . (1)

**Solution**  
 $g f(x) > 0$ .

(d) Find the value of  $x$  for which  $\frac{d}{dx}[g f(x)] = 3$ , giving your answer to 3 significant figures. (4)

**Solution**

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dx}[g f(x)] = 3 &\Rightarrow 16e^{4x} = 3 \\ &\Rightarrow e^{4x} = \frac{3}{16} \\ &\Rightarrow 4x = \ln \frac{3}{16} \\ &\Rightarrow x = \frac{1}{4} \ln \frac{3}{16} \\ &\Rightarrow x = -0.4184941084 \text{ (FCD)} \\ &\Rightarrow \underline{\underline{x = -0.418 \text{ (3 sf)}}} \end{aligned}$$

6. Differentiate with respect to  $x$ ,  $e^{3x} + \ln 2x$ . (3)

**Solution**

$$\frac{d}{dx}(e^{3x} + \ln 2x) = 3e^{3x} + \frac{2}{2x} = \underline{\underline{3e^{3x} + \frac{1}{x}}}$$

7. A heated metal ball is dropped into a liquid. As the liquid cools, its temperature,  $T^\circ\text{C}$ ,

$t$  minutes after it enters the liquid, is given by

$$T = 400e^{-0.05t} + 25, t \geq 0.$$

- (a) Find the temperature of the ball as it enter the liquid. (1)

**Solution**

$$400 + 25 = \underline{\underline{425^\circ\text{C}}}.$$

- (b) Find the value of  $t$  for which  $T = 300$ , giving your answer to 3 significant figures. (4)

**Solution**

$$\begin{aligned} 400e^{-0.05t} + 25 = 300 &\Rightarrow 400e^{-0.05t} = 275 \\ &\Rightarrow e^{-0.05t} = \frac{11}{16} \\ &\Rightarrow -0.05t = \ln \frac{11}{16} \\ &\Rightarrow t = -20 \ln \frac{11}{16} \\ &\Rightarrow t = 7.493\,868\,989 \text{ (FCD)} \\ &\Rightarrow \underline{\underline{t = 7.49 \text{ (3 sf)}}}. \end{aligned}$$

- (c) Find the rate at which the temperature of the ball is decreasing at the instant when  $t = 50$ . Give your answer in  $^\circ\text{C}$  per minute to 3 significant figures. (3)

**Solution**

$$\frac{dT}{dt} = -20e^{-0.05t},$$

and we have

$$\left. \frac{dT}{dt} \right|_{t=50} = -20e^{-2.5} = -1.641\,699\,972 \text{ (FCD)} = \underline{\underline{-1.64 \text{ (3 sf)}}}.$$

- (d) From the equation for temperature  $T$  in terms of  $t$ , given above, explain why the temperature of the ball can never fall to  $20^\circ\text{C}$ . (1)

**Solution**

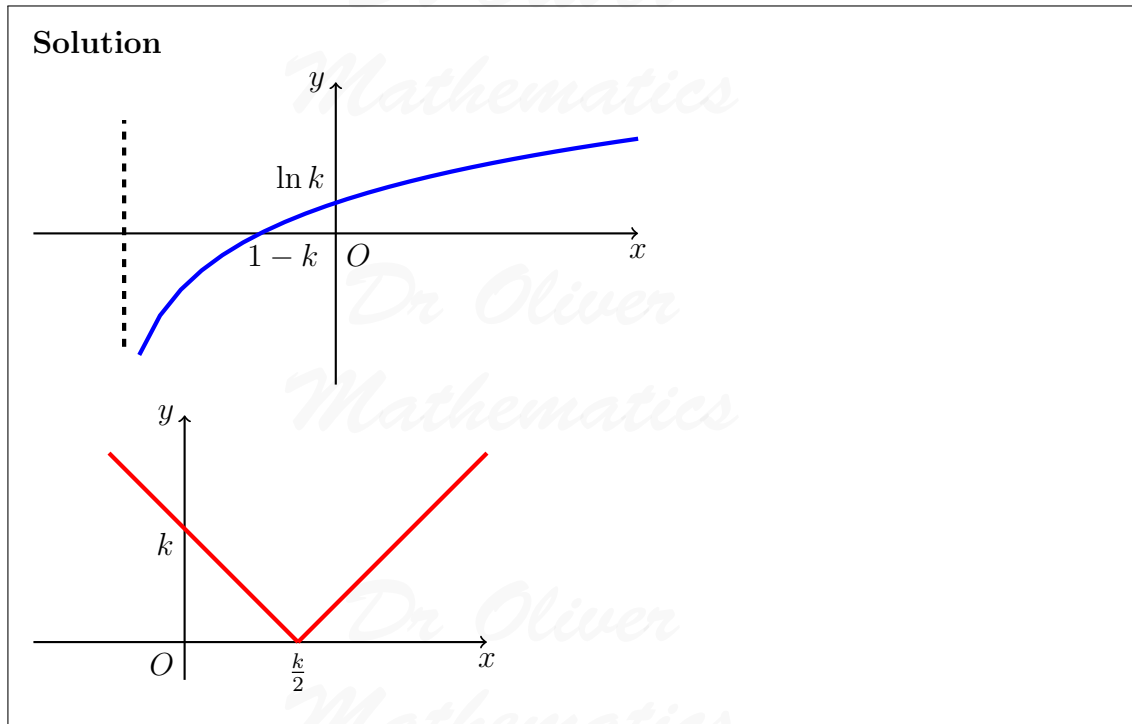
$$\text{As } t \rightarrow \infty, \underline{\underline{T \rightarrow 25}}.$$

8. For the constant  $k$ , where  $k > 1$ , the functions  $f$  and  $g$  are defined by

$$f : x \mapsto \ln(x + k), \quad x > -k,$$

$$g : x \mapsto |2x - k|, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

- (a) On separate axes, sketch the graph of  $f$  and the graph of  $g$ . On each sketch, state, in terms of  $k$ , the coordinates of the point where the graph meets the coordinate axes. (5)



- (b) Write down the range of  $f$ . (1)

**Solution**

$$\underline{\underline{f(x) \in \mathbb{R}.$$

- (c) Find  $f g(\frac{k}{4})$  in terms of  $k$ , giving your answer in its simplest form. (2)

**Solution**

$$\begin{aligned}
 f g\left(\frac{k}{4}\right) &= f\left(g\left(\frac{k}{4}\right)\right) \\
 &= f\left|\frac{k}{2} - k\right| \\
 &= f\left(\frac{k}{2}\right) \\
 &= \ln\left(k + \frac{k}{2}\right) \\
 &= \underline{\underline{\ln \frac{3k}{2}}}.
 \end{aligned}$$

9. Given that

$$y = (1 + e^{2x})^{\frac{3}{2}},$$

(5)

find the value of  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  at  $\frac{1}{2} \ln 3$ .

**Solution**

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{3}{2}(1 + e^{2x})^{\frac{1}{2}} \times 2e^{2x} = 3e^{2x}(1 + e^{2x})^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
 \left. \frac{dy}{dx} \right|_{x=\frac{1}{2} \ln 3} &= 3e^{2(\frac{1}{2} \ln 3)}(1 + e^{2(\frac{1}{2} \ln 3)})^{\frac{1}{2}} \\
 &= 3e^{\ln 3}(1 + e^{\ln 3})^{\frac{1}{2}} \\
 &= 3(3)(1 + 3)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\
 &= \underline{\underline{18}}.
 \end{aligned}$$

10. The functions  $f$  is defined by

$$f : x \mapsto \ln(4 - 2x), \quad x < 2, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

(a) Show that the inverse function of  $f$  is defined by

(4)

$$f^{-1} : x \mapsto 2 - \frac{1}{2}e^x,$$

and write down the domain of  $f^{-1}$ .

**Solution**

$$\begin{aligned}y &= \ln(4 - 2x) \Rightarrow e^y = 4 - 2x \\ &\Rightarrow 2x = 4 - e^y \\ &\Rightarrow x = 2 - \frac{1}{2}e^y\end{aligned}$$

and so

$$\underline{\underline{f^{-1}(x) = 2 - \frac{1}{2}e^x, x \in \mathbb{R}.}}$$

(b) Write down the range of  $f^{-1}$ .

(1)

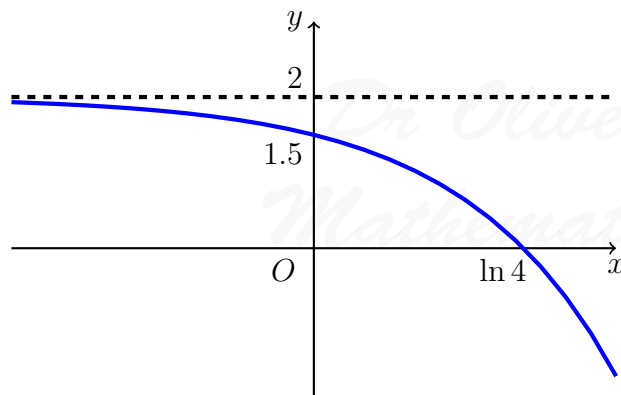
**Solution**

$$\underline{\underline{f^{-1}(x) < 2.}}$$

(c) Sketch the graph of  $y = f^{-1}(x)$ . State the coordinates of the points of intersection with the  $x$ - and  $y$ -axes.

(4)

**Solution**



The graph of  $y = x + 2$  crosses the graph of  $y = f^{-1}(x)$  at  $x = k$ . The iterative formula

$$x_{n+1} = -\frac{1}{2}e^{x_n}, x_0 = -0.3,$$

is used to find an approximate value for  $k$ .

(d) Calculate the values of  $x_1$  and  $x_2$ , giving your answer to 4 decimal places.

(2)

**Solution**



$$x_1 = -0.370\,409\,110\,3 \text{ (FCD)} = \underline{\underline{-0.3704}} \text{ (4 dp)}$$

$$x_2 = -0.345\,225\,900\,9 \text{ (FCD)} = \underline{\underline{-0.3452}} \text{ (4 dp)}$$

(e) Find the value of  $k$  to 3 decimal places.

(2)

**Solution**

$$x_3 = -0.354\,030\,191\,9 \text{ (FCD)}$$

$$x_4 = -0.350\,926\,888\,4 \text{ (FCD)}$$

$$x_5 = -0.352\,017\,612\,6 \text{ (FCD)}$$

$$x_6 = -0.351\,633\,867\,8 \text{ (FCD)}$$

$$x_7 = -0.351\,768\,831\,3 \text{ (FCD)}$$

$$x + 2 = 2 - \frac{1}{2}e^x \Rightarrow x + \frac{1}{2}e^x = 0.$$

Put

$$g(x) = x + \frac{1}{2}e^x.$$

Then

$$g(-0.3525) = -1.03 \dots \times 10^{-3}$$

$$g(-0.3515) = 3.15 \dots \times 10^{-4}$$

There is a (i) change of sign and (ii) continuity and we have

$$-0.3525 < k < -0.3515,$$

i.e.,

$$\underline{\underline{k = -0.352}} \text{ (3 dp)}.$$

11. Find the exact solutions to the equations

(a)  $\ln x + \ln 3 = \ln 6,$

(2)

**Solution**

$$\ln x + \ln 3 = \ln 6 \Rightarrow \ln 3x = \ln 6$$

$$\Rightarrow 3x = 6$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{\underline{x = 2}}.$$

(b)  $e^x + 3e^{-x} = 4.$

(4)

**Solution**

$$\begin{aligned}e^x + 3e^{-x} = 4 &\Rightarrow e^x + 3e^{-x} - 4 = 0 \\ &\Rightarrow e^{2x} - 4e^x + 3 = 0 \\ &\Rightarrow (e^x - 1)(e^x - 3) = 0 \\ &\Rightarrow e^x - 1 = 0 \text{ or } e^x - 3 = 0 \\ &\Rightarrow e^x = 1 \text{ or } e^x = 3 \\ &\Rightarrow \underline{x = 0} \text{ or } \underline{x = \ln 3}.\end{aligned}$$

12. A curve  $C$  has equation  $y = x^2e^x$ .

(a) Find  $\frac{dy}{dx}$ . (3)

**Solution**

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = x^2 \times e^x + 2x \times e^x = \underline{\underline{xe^x(x+2)}}.$$

(b) Hence find the coordinates of the turning points of  $C$ . (3)

**Solution**

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dy}{dx} = 0 &\Rightarrow xe^x(x+2) = 0 \\ &\Rightarrow x = -2 \text{ or } x = 0.\end{aligned}$$

Now,  $x = -2 \Rightarrow y = 4e^{-2}$  and  $x = 0 \Rightarrow y = 0$ . Hence, the turning points are  $\underline{\underline{(-2, 4e^{-2})}}$  and  $\underline{\underline{(0, 0)}}$ .

(c) Find  $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$ . (2)

**Solution**

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dy}{dx} = e^x(x^2 + 2x) &\Rightarrow \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = e^x \times (x^2 + 2x) + e^x \times (2x + 2) \\ &\Rightarrow \underline{\underline{\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = e^x(x^2 + 4x + 2)}}.\end{aligned}$$

- (d) Determine the nature of each turning point of the curve  $C$ . (2)

**Solution**

$$x = -2, \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = -2e^{-2} < 0 \text{ and so this is a maximum}$$

and

$$x = 0, \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = 2 > 0 \text{ and so this is a minimum}.}$$

13. The functions  $f$  and  $g$  are defined by

$$f : x \mapsto \ln(2x - 1), \quad x \in \mathbb{R}, \quad x > \frac{1}{2},$$

$$g : x \mapsto \frac{2}{x - 3}, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}, \quad x \neq 3.$$

- (a) Find the exact value of  $f \circ g(4)$ . (2)

**Solution**

$$\begin{aligned} f \circ g(x) &= f(g(x)) \\ &= f\left(\frac{2}{x-3}\right) \\ &= \ln \frac{4}{x-3} - 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{and } f \circ g(4) = \ln\left(\frac{4}{4-3} - 1\right) = \underline{\underline{\ln 3}}.$$

- (b) Find the inverse function  $f^{-1}(x)$ , stating its domain. (4)

**Solution**

$$\begin{aligned} y &= \ln(2x - 1) \Rightarrow e^y = 2x - 1 \\ &\Rightarrow e^y + 1 = 2x \\ &\Rightarrow x = \frac{1}{2}(e^y + 1) \end{aligned}$$

and so

$$f^{-1}(x) = \underline{\underline{\frac{1}{2}(e^x + 1)}}, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

14. The amount of a certain type of drug in the bloodstream  $t$  hours after it has been taken is given by the formula

$$x = De^{-\frac{1}{8}t},$$

where  $x$  is the amount of the drug in the bloodstream in milligrams and  $D$  is the dose given in milligrams. A dose of 10 mg of the drug is given.

- (a) Find the amount of the drug in the bloodstream 5 hours after the dose is given. Give your answer in mg to 3 decimal places. (2)

**Solution**

$$x = 10e^{-\frac{5}{8}} = 5.352\,614\,285 \text{ (FCD)} = \underline{\underline{5.353 \text{ (3 dp)}}}.$$

A second dose of 10 mg is given after 5 hours.

- (b) Show that the amount of the drug in the bloodstream 1 hour after the second dose is 13.549 mg to 3 decimal places. (2)

**Solution**

$$x = 10e^{-\frac{1}{8}} + 10e^{-\frac{6}{8}} = 13.548\,634\,55 \text{ (FCD)} = \underline{\underline{13.549 \text{ (3 dp)}}}.$$

No more doses of the drug are given. At time  $T$  hours after the the second dose is given, the amount of drug in the bloodstream is 3 mg.

- (c) Find the value of  $T$ . (3)

**Solution**

$$\begin{aligned} 15.352\dots e^{-\frac{1}{8}T} = 3 &\Rightarrow e^{-\frac{1}{8}T} = \frac{3}{15.352\dots} \\ &\Rightarrow -\frac{1}{8}T = \ln \frac{3}{15.352\dots} \\ &\Rightarrow T = -8 \ln \frac{3}{15.352\dots} \\ &\Rightarrow \underline{\underline{T = 13.061\,387\,86 \text{ (FCD)}}}. \end{aligned}$$

15. A curve  $C$  has equation

$$y = e^{2x} \tan x, \quad x \neq (2n + 1)\frac{\pi}{2}.$$

- (a) Show that the turning points on  $C$  occur where  $\tan x = -1$ . (6)

**Solution**

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{dy}{dx} = 0 &\Rightarrow 2e^{2x} \tan x + e^{2x} \sec^2 x = 0 \\
 &\Rightarrow e^{2x}(2 \tan x + \sec^2 x) = 0 \\
 &\Rightarrow 2 \tan x + \sec^2 x = 0 \\
 &\Rightarrow 2 \tan x + (\tan^2 x + 1) = 0 \\
 &\Rightarrow (\tan x + 1)^2 = 0 \\
 &\Rightarrow \tan x + 1 = 0 \\
 &\Rightarrow \underline{\underline{\tan x = -1.}}
 \end{aligned}$$

- (b) Find an equation of the tangent to  $C$  at the point where  $x = 0$ . (2)

**Solution**

$$x = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = 1$$

and

$$y - 0 = 1(x - 0) \Rightarrow \underline{\underline{y = x.}}$$

16.

$$f(x) = \ln(x + 2) - x + 1, \quad x > -2, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

- (a) Show that there is a root of  $f(x) = 0$  in the interval  $2 < x < 3$ . (2)

**Solution**

$$f(2) = 0.386 \dots$$

$$f(3) = -0.390 \dots$$

There is a (i) change of sign and (ii) continuity and we have a root in  $2 < x < 3$ .

- (b) Use the iterative formula (3)

$$x_{n+1} = \ln(x_n + 2) + 1, \quad x_0 = 2.5,$$

to calculate the values of  $x_1$ ,  $x_2$ , and  $x_3$ , giving your answer to 5 decimal places.

**Solution**

$$x_1 = 2.504\,077\,397 \text{ (FCD)} = \underline{\underline{2.504\,08}} \text{ (5 dp)}$$

$$x_2 = 2.504\,983\,075 \text{ (FCD)} = \underline{\underline{2.504\,98}} \text{ (5 dp)}$$

$$x_3 = 2.505\,184\,134 \text{ (FCD)} = \underline{\underline{2.505\,18}} \text{ (5 dp)}$$

- (c) Show that  $x = 2.505$  is a root of  $f(x) = 0$ , correct to 3 decimal places. (2)

**Solution**

$$f(2.5045) = 5.76 \dots \times 10^{-4}$$

$$f(2.5055) = -2.01 \dots \times 10^{-4}$$

There is a (i) change of sign and (ii) continuity and we have a root in

$$2.5045 < x < 2.5055,$$

i.e.,  $x = 2.505$  (3 dp).

17. The radioactive decay of a substance is given by

$$R = 1000e^{-ct}, t \geq 0,$$

where  $R$  is the number of atoms at time  $t$  years and  $c$  is a positive constant.

- (a) Find the number of atoms when the substance started to decay. (1)

**Solution**

1000.

It takes 5730 years for half of the substance to decay.

- (b) Find the value of  $c$  to 3 significant figures. (4)

**Solution**

$$500 = 1000e^{-5730c} \Rightarrow e^{-5730c} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow -5730c = \ln \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow c = -\frac{1}{5730} \ln \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow c = 1.209\,680\,943 \times 10^{-4} \text{ (FCD)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{\underline{c = 1.21 \times 10^{-4} \text{ (3 sf)}}}.$$

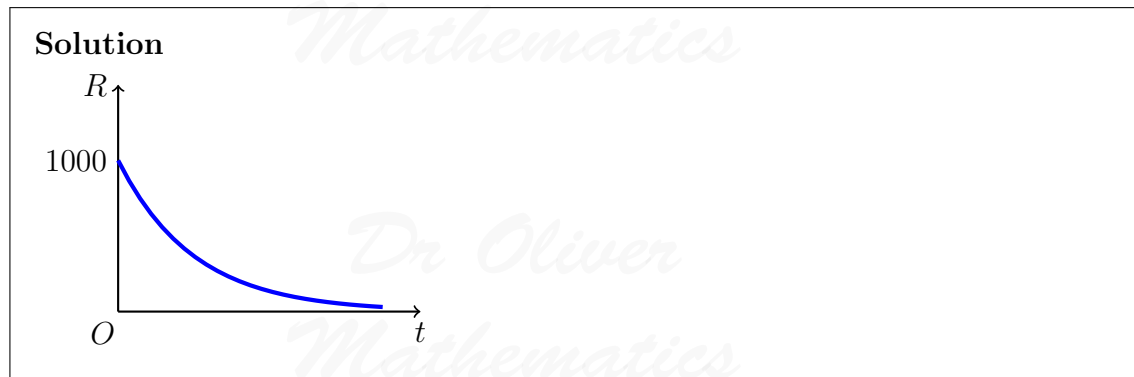
- (c) Calculate the number of atoms that will be left when  $t = 22\,920$ . (2)

**Solution**

$$t = 22\,920 \Rightarrow R = 1000e^{-22\,920c} = \underline{\underline{62.5}}.$$

(d) Sketch the graph of  $R$  against  $t$ .

(2)



18. The point  $P$  lies on the curve with equation  $y = 4e^{2x+1}$ . The  $y$ -coordinate of  $P$  is 8.

(a) Find, in terms of  $\ln 2$ , the  $x$ -coordinate of  $P$ .

(2)

**Solution**

$$\begin{aligned} 4e^{2x+1} = 8 &\Rightarrow e^{2x+1} = 2 \\ &\Rightarrow 2x + 1 = \ln 2 \\ &\Rightarrow 2x = \ln 2 - 1 \\ &\Rightarrow \underline{\underline{x = \frac{1}{2}(\ln 2 - 1)}}. \end{aligned}$$

(b) Find the equation of the tangent to the curve at the point  $P$  in the form  $y = ax + b$ , where  $a$  and  $b$  are exact constants to be found.

(4)

**Solution**

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 8e^{2x+1} \text{ and } \left. \frac{dy}{dx} \right|_{x=\frac{1}{2}(\ln 2 - 1)} = 16.$$

Now,

$$\begin{aligned} y - 8 &= 16\left[x - \frac{1}{2}(\ln 2 - 1)\right] \Rightarrow y - 8 = 16x - 8(\ln 2 - 1) \\ &\Rightarrow y - 8 = 16x - 8 \ln 2 + 8 \\ &\Rightarrow \underline{\underline{y = 16x - 8 \ln 2 + 16}}. \end{aligned}$$

19. Differentiate with respect to  $x$ :

(a)  $e^{3x}(\sin x + 2 \cos x)$ ,

(3)

**Solution**

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d}{dx}[e^{3x}(\sin x + 2 \cos x)] &= 3e^{3x}(\sin x + 2 \cos x) + e^{3x}(\cos x - 2 \sin x) \\ &= \underline{\underline{e^{3x}(\sin x + 7 \cos x)}}.\end{aligned}$$

(b)  $x^3 \ln(5x + 2)$ .

(3)

**Solution**

$$\frac{d}{dx}[x^3 \ln(5x + 2)] = \underline{\underline{3x^2 \ln(5x + 2) + \frac{5x^3}{5x + 2}}}.$$

20. The functions  $f$  and  $g$  are defined by

$$\begin{aligned}f : x &\mapsto 3x + \ln x, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}, \quad x > 0, \\ g : x &\mapsto e^{x^2}, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}.\end{aligned}$$

(a) Write down the range of  $g$ .

(1)

**Solution**

$$\underline{\underline{g(x) \geq 1}}.$$

(b) Show that the composite function  $f \circ g$  is defined by

(2)

$$f \circ g : x \mapsto x^2 + 3e^{x^2}, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

**Solution**

$$\begin{aligned}f \circ g(x) &= f(g(x)) \\ &= f(e^{x^2}) \\ &= 3e^{x^2} + \ln e^{x^2} \\ &= \underline{\underline{x^2 + 3e^{x^2}}}.\end{aligned}$$

(c) Write down the range of  $f \circ g$ .

(1)



**Solution**

$$\underline{\underline{f g(x) \geq 3.}}$$

- (d) Solve the equation  $\frac{d}{dx} [f g(x)] = x(xe^{x^2} + 2)$ . (6)

**Solution**

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dx} [f g(x)] = x(xe^{x^2} + 2) &\Rightarrow 2x + 6xe^{x^2} = x(xe^{x^2} + 2) \\ &\Rightarrow 2x + 6xe^{x^2} = x^2e^{x^2} + 2x \\ &\Rightarrow 6xe^{x^2} = x^2e^{x^2} \\ &\Rightarrow 6xe^{x^2} - x^2e^{x^2} = 0 \\ &\Rightarrow xe^{x^2}(6 - x) = 0 \\ &\Rightarrow \underline{\underline{x = 1}} \text{ or } \underline{\underline{x = 6}}. \end{aligned}$$

21.

$$f(x) = 3xe^x - 1.$$

The curve with equation  $y = f(x)$  has a turning point  $P$ .

- (a) Find the exact coordinates of  $P$ . (5)

**Solution**

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dy}{dx} = 0 &\Rightarrow 3e^x + 3xe^x = 0 \\ &\Rightarrow 3e^x(1 + x) = 0 \\ &\Rightarrow x = -1 \end{aligned}$$

and  $y = -3e^{-1} - 1$ . Hence, we have  $\underline{\underline{(-1, -3e^{-1} - 1)}}$ .

The equation  $f(x) = 0$  has a root between  $x = 0.25$  and  $x = 0.3$ .

- (b) Use the iterative formula (3)

$$x_{n+1} = \frac{1}{3}e^{-x_n},$$

with  $x_0 = 0.25$  to calculate the values of  $x_1$ ,  $x_2$ , and  $x_3$ , giving your answer to 4 decimal places.

**Solution**

$$x_1 = 0.259\,600\,261 \text{ (FCD)} = \underline{\underline{0.2596}} \text{ (4 dp)}$$

$$x_2 = 0.257\,119\,955\,6 \text{ (FCD)} = \underline{\underline{0.2571}} \text{ (4 dp)}$$

$$x_3 = 0.257\,758\,483\,2 \text{ (FCD)} = \underline{\underline{0.2576}} \text{ (4 dp)}$$

- (c) By choosing a suitable interval, show that a root of  $f(x) = 0$  is  $x = 0.2576$ , correct to 4 decimal places. (3)

**Solution**

$$f(0.25755) = -3.79 \dots \times 10^{-4}$$

$$f(0.25765) = 1.09 \dots \times 10^{-4}$$

There is a (i) change of sign and (ii) continuity and we have a root in

$$0.25755 < x < 0.25765,$$

i.e.,  $x = 0.2576$  (4 dp).

22. Rabbits were introduced onto an island. The number of rabbits,  $P$ ,  $t$  years after they were introduced is modelled by the equation

$$P = 80e^{\frac{1}{5}t}, \quad t \in \mathbb{R}, \quad t \geq 0.$$

- (a) Write down the number of rabbits that were introduced to the island. (1)

**Solution**

80.

- (b) Find the number of years it would take for the number of rabbits to first exceed 1000. (2)

**Solution**

$$1000 = 80e^{\frac{1}{5}t} \Rightarrow e^{\frac{1}{5}t} = 12.5$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{5}t = \ln 12.5$$

$$\Rightarrow t = 5 \ln 12.5$$

$$\Rightarrow t = \underline{\underline{12.628\,643\,22}} \text{ (FCD)}.$$

(c) Find  $\frac{dP}{dt}$ . (2)

**Solution**  
$$\underline{\underline{\frac{dP}{dt} = 16e^{\frac{1}{5}t}}}$$

(d) Find  $P$  when  $\frac{dP}{dt} = 50$ . (3)

**Solution**

$$\begin{aligned} 50 &= 16e^{\frac{1}{5}t} \Rightarrow \frac{25}{8} = e^{\frac{1}{5}t} \\ &\Rightarrow \frac{1}{5}t = \ln \frac{25}{8} \\ &\Rightarrow t = 5 \ln \frac{25}{8} \\ &\Rightarrow P = 80e^{\frac{1}{5} \times 5 \ln \frac{25}{8}} \\ &\Rightarrow P = 80e^{\ln \frac{25}{8}} \\ &\Rightarrow P = 80 \times \frac{25}{8} \\ &\Rightarrow \underline{\underline{P = 250}}. \end{aligned}$$

23. Differentiate with respect to  $x$ ,  $\frac{\ln(x^2 + 1)}{x^2 + 1}$ . (4)

**Solution**

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dx} \left( \frac{\ln(x^2 + 1)}{x^2 + 1} \right) &= \frac{(x^2 + 1) \times \frac{2x}{x^2 + 1} - 2x \times \ln(x^2 + 1)}{(x^2 + 1)^2} \\ &= \underline{\underline{\frac{2x - 2x \ln(x^2 + 1)}{(x^2 + 1)^2}}}. \end{aligned}$$

24. Given that

$$f(x) = e^{2x} - k, \quad x \in \mathbb{R},$$

(a) state the range of  $f$ , (1)

**Solution**

$$\underline{\underline{f(x) > -k.}}$$

(b) find  $f^{-1}(x)$ ,

(3)

**Solution**

$$\begin{aligned}y = e^{2x} - k &\Rightarrow y + k = e^{2x} \\&\Rightarrow \ln(y + k) = 2x \\&\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} \ln(y + k) = x\end{aligned}$$

and hence

$$\underline{\underline{f^{-1}(x) = \frac{1}{2} \ln(x + k).}}$$

(c) write down the domain of  $f^{-1}$ .

(1)

**Solution**

$$\underline{\underline{f^{-1}(x) > -k.}}$$

25. The function  $g$  is defined by

$$g(x) = \frac{e^x - 3}{e^x - 2}, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}, \quad x \neq \ln 2.$$

(a) Differentiate  $g(x)$  to show that

(3)

$$g'(x) = \frac{e^x}{(e^x - 2)^2}.$$

**Solution**

$$\begin{aligned}g(x) = \frac{e^x - 3}{e^x - 2} &\Rightarrow g'(x) = \frac{e^x(e^x - 2) - e^x(e^x - 3)}{(e^x - 2)^2} \\&\Rightarrow g'(x) = \underline{\underline{\frac{e^x}{(e^x - 2)^2}}}.\end{aligned}$$

- (b) Find the exact values of  $x$  for which  $g'(x) = 1$ . (4)

**Solution**

$$\begin{aligned}g'(x) = 1 &\Rightarrow \frac{e^x}{(e^x - 2)^2} = 1 \\&\Rightarrow e^x = (e^x - 2)^2 \\&\Rightarrow e^x = e^{2x} - 4e^x + 4 \\&\Rightarrow e^{2x} - 5e^x + 4 = 0 \\&\Rightarrow (e^x - 1)(e^x - 4) = 0 \\&\Rightarrow e^x - 1 = 0 \text{ or } e^x - 4 = 0 \\&\Rightarrow \underline{x = 0} \text{ or } \underline{x = \ln 4}.\end{aligned}$$

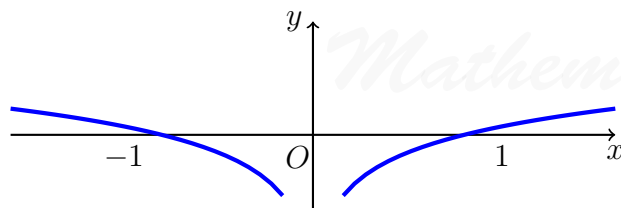
26. Given that  $y = \frac{\ln(x^2 + 1)}{x}$ , find  $\frac{dy}{dx}$ . (4)

**Solution**

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d}{dx} \left( \frac{\ln(x^2 + 1)}{x} \right) &= \frac{x \times \frac{2x}{x^2 + 1} - 1 \times \ln(x^2 + 1)}{x^2} \\&= \underline{\underline{\frac{2x^2 - (x^2 + 1)\ln(x^2 + 1)}{x^2(x^2 + 1)}}}.\end{aligned}$$

27. Sketch the graph of  $y = \ln|x|$ , stating the coordinates of any points of intersection with the axes. (3)

**Solution**



28. (a) By writing  $\sec x$  as  $\frac{1}{\cos x}$ , show that  $\frac{d}{dx}(\sec x) = \sec x \tan x$ . (3)

**Solution**

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d}{dx}(\sec x) &= \frac{d}{dx} \left( \frac{1}{\cos x} \right) \\ &= \frac{0 \times \cos x - 1 \times (-\sin x)}{\cos^2 x} \\ &= \frac{\sin x}{\cos^2 x} \\ &= \frac{1}{\cos x} \times \frac{\sin x}{\cos x} \\ &= \underline{\underline{\sec x \tan x}}.\end{aligned}$$

Given that  $y = e^{2x} \sec 3x$ ,

(b) find  $\frac{dy}{dx}$ .

(4)

**Solution**

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 2e^{2x} \sec 3x + e^{2x} \sec 3x \tan 3x = \underline{\underline{e^{2x} \sec 3x(2 + 3 \tan 3x)}}.$$

The curve with equation  $y = e^{2x} \sec 3x$ ,  $-\frac{\pi}{6} < x < \frac{\pi}{6}$ , has a minimum turning point at  $(a, b)$ .

(c) Find the values of the constants  $a$  and  $b$ , giving your answers to 3 significant figures.

(4)

**Solution**

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dy}{dx} = 0 &\Rightarrow e^{2x} \sec 3x(2 + 3 \tan 3x) = 0 \\ &\Rightarrow 2 + 3 \tan 3x = 0 \\ &\Rightarrow \tan 3x = -\frac{2}{3} \\ &\Rightarrow 3x = -0.588\,002\,603\,5 \text{ (FCD)} \\ &\Rightarrow x = -0.196\,000\,867\,8 \text{ (FCD)} = \underline{\underline{-0.196 \text{ (3 sf)}}} \\ &\Rightarrow y = 0.812\,093\,867\,1 \text{ (FCD)} = \underline{\underline{0.812 \text{ (3 sf)}}}.\end{aligned}$$

29. (a) Find the exact solutions to the equations

(i)  $\ln(3x - 7) = 5$ , (3)

**Solution**

$$\begin{aligned}\ln(3x - 7) = 5 &\Rightarrow 3x - 7 = e^5 \\ &\Rightarrow 3x = e^5 + 7 \\ &\Rightarrow \underline{\underline{x = \frac{1}{3}(e^5 + 7)}}.\end{aligned}$$

(ii)  $3^x e^{7x+2} = 15$ . (5)

**Solution**

$$\begin{aligned}3^x e^{7x+2} = 15 &\Rightarrow \ln(3^x e^{7x+2}) = \ln 15 \\ &\Rightarrow \ln 3^x + \ln e^{7x+2} = \ln 15 \\ &\Rightarrow x \ln 3 + 7x + 2 = \ln 15 \\ &\Rightarrow x(\ln 3 + 7) = \ln 15 - 2 \\ &\Rightarrow \underline{\underline{x = \frac{\ln 15 - 2}{\ln 3 + 7}}}.\end{aligned}$$

(b) The functions  $f$  and  $g$  are defined by

$$f : x \mapsto e^{2x} + 3, x \in \mathbb{R},$$

$$g : x \mapsto \ln(x - 1), x \in \mathbb{R}, x > 1.$$

(i) Find  $f^{-1}$  and state its domain. (4)

**Solution**

$$\begin{aligned}y = e^{2x} + 3 &\Rightarrow y - 3 = e^{2x} \\ &\Rightarrow \ln(y - 3) = 2x \\ &\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} \ln(y - 3) = x\end{aligned}$$

and so we have

$$\underline{\underline{f^{-1}(x) = \frac{1}{2} \ln(x - 3), x > 3.}}$$

(ii) Find  $f \circ g$  and state its range. (3)

**Solution**

$$\begin{aligned}fg(x) &= f(g(x)) \\ &= f(\ln(x-1)) \\ &= e^{2\ln(x-1)} + 3 \\ &= e^{\ln(x-1)^2} + 3 \\ &= (x-1)^2 + 3 \\ &= \underline{\underline{x^2 - 2x + 4}}, \quad fg(x) > 3.\end{aligned}$$

30. Figure 1 shows a sketch of the curve  $C$  with the equation  $y = (2x^2 - 5x + 2)e^{-x}$ .



Figure 1:  $y = (2x^2 - 5x + 2)e^{-x}$

- (a) Find the coordinates of the point where  $C$  crosses the  $y$ -axis. (1)

**Solution**

(0, 2).

- (b) Show that  $C$  crosses the  $x$ -axis at  $x = 2$  and find the  $x$ -coordinate of the other point where  $C$  crosses the  $x$ -axis. (3)

**Solution**

$$\begin{aligned}(2x^2 - 5x + 2)e^{-x} = 0 &\Rightarrow 2x^2 - 5x + 2 = 0 \\ &\Rightarrow (2x - 1)(x - 2) = 0 \\ &\Rightarrow \underline{\underline{x = \frac{1}{2}}} \text{ or } \underline{\underline{x = 2}}.\end{aligned}$$

- (c) Find  $\frac{dy}{dx}$ . (3)



**Solution**

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = (2x^2 - 5x + 2)e^{-x} - (4x - 5)e^{-x} = \underline{\underline{(2x^2 - 9x + 7)e^{-x}}}.$$

(d) Hence find the exact coordinates of the turning points  $C$ .

(5)

**Solution**

$$\begin{aligned}(2x^2 - 9x + 7)e^{-x} = 0 &\Rightarrow 2x^2 - 9x + 7 = 0 \\ &\Rightarrow (2x - 7)(x - 1) = 0 \\ &\Rightarrow x = \frac{7}{2} \text{ or } \underline{\underline{x = 1}},\end{aligned}$$

and so we have  $\underline{\underline{(1, -e^{-1})}}$  and  $\underline{\underline{(\frac{7}{2}, 9e^{-\frac{7}{2}})}}$ .

31. (a) Simplify fully

(3)

$$\frac{2x^2 + 9x - 5}{x^2 + 2x - 15}.$$

**Solution**

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{2x^2 + 9x - 5}{x^2 + 2x - 15} &= \frac{(2x - 1)(x + 5)}{(x - 3)(x + 5)} \\ &= \underline{\underline{\frac{2x - 1}{x - 3}}}.\end{aligned}$$

Given that

$$\ln(2x^2 + 9x - 5) = 1 + \ln(x^2 + 2x - 15), \quad x \neq -5,$$

(b) find  $x$  in terms of  $e$ .

(4)

**Solution**

$$\begin{aligned}
& \ln(2x^2 + 9x - 5) = 1 + \ln(x^2 + 2x - 15) \\
\Rightarrow & \ln(2x^2 + 9x - 5) - \ln(x^2 + 2x - 15) = 1 \\
\Rightarrow & \ln\left(\frac{2x^2 + 9x - 5}{x^2 + 2x - 15}\right) = 1 \\
\Rightarrow & \ln\left(\frac{2x - 1}{x - 3}\right) = 1 \\
\Rightarrow & \frac{2x - 1}{x - 3} = e \\
\Rightarrow & 2x - 1 = e(x - 3) \\
\Rightarrow & 2x - 1 = ex - 3e \\
\Rightarrow & 3e - 1 = x(e - 2) \\
\Rightarrow & x = \frac{3e - 1}{e - 2}.
\end{aligned}$$

32. Joan brings a cup of hot tea into a room and places the cup on a table. At time  $t$  minutes after Joan places the cup on the table, the temperature,  $\theta^\circ\text{C}$ , of the tea is modelled by the equation

$$\theta = 20 + Ae^{-kt},$$

where  $A$  and  $k$  are positive constants. Given that the initial temperature of the tea was  $90^\circ\text{C}$ ,

- (a) find the value of  $A$ .

(2)

**Solution**

$$90 = 20 + A \Rightarrow \underline{\underline{A = 70}}.$$

The tea takes 5 minutes to decrease in temperature from  $90^\circ\text{C}$  to  $55^\circ\text{C}$ .

- (b) Show that  $k = \frac{1}{5} \ln 2$ .

(3)

**Solution**

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$$\begin{aligned}55 &= 20 + 70e^{-5k} \Rightarrow 35 = 70e^{-5k} \\ &\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} = e^{-5k} \\ &\Rightarrow 2 = e^{5k} \\ &\Rightarrow 5k = \ln 2 \\ &\Rightarrow \underline{\underline{k = \frac{1}{5} \ln 2.}}\end{aligned}$$

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- (c) Find the rate at which the temperature of the tea is decreasing at the instant when  $t = 10$ . Give your answer, in  $^{\circ}\text{C}$  per minute, to 3 decimal places. (3)

**Solution**

$$\frac{d\theta}{dt} = 70e^{-(\frac{1}{5} \ln 2)t} \times \left(-\frac{1}{5} \ln 2\right) = -14(\ln 2)e^{-(\frac{1}{5} \ln 2)t}$$

and

$$\left. \frac{d\theta}{dt} \right|_{t=10} = -2.426\,015\,132 \text{ (FCD)}$$

and so the cup of tea is decreasing by 2.426 $^{\circ}\text{C}$  (3 dp) per minute.

33. Figure 2 shows a sketch of the curve  $C$  with the equation  $y = f(x)$ , where

$$f(x) = f(x) = (8 - x) \ln x, \quad x > 0.$$

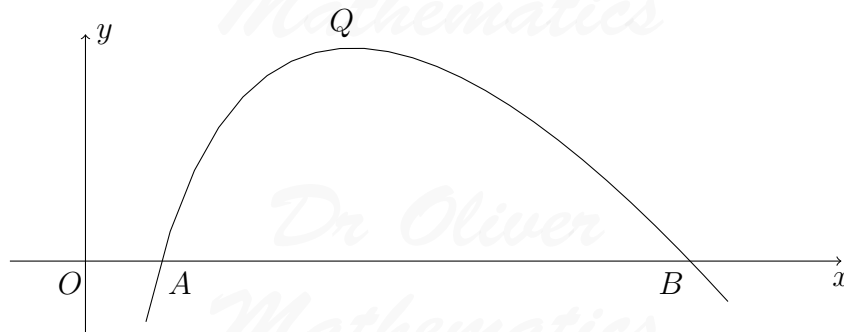


Figure 2:  $f(x) = (8 - x) \ln x$

The curve cuts the  $x$ -axis at the points  $A$  and  $B$  and has a maximum turning point at  $Q$ .

- (a) Write down the coordinates of  $A$  and coordinates of  $B$ . (2)

**Solution**

$A(1, 0)$  and  $B(8, 0)$ .

(b) Find  $f'(x)$ .

(3)

**Solution**

$$f'(x) = (8 - x) \times \frac{1}{x} + (-1) \times \ln x = \frac{8 - x}{x} - \ln x.$$

(c) Show that the  $x$ -coordinate of  $Q$  lies between 3.5 and 3.6.

(2)

**Solution**

$$f'(3.5) = 0.032 \dots$$

$$f'(3.6) = -0.058 \dots$$

There is a (i) change of sign and (ii) continuity and we have a root in

$$\underline{\underline{3.5 < x < 3.6.}}$$

(d) Show that the  $x$ -coordinate of  $Q$  is the solution of

(3)

$$x = \frac{8}{1 + \ln x}.$$

**Solution**

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{8 - x}{x} - \ln x = 0 &\Rightarrow \frac{8 - x}{x} = \ln x \\ &\Rightarrow 8 - x = x \ln x \\ &\Rightarrow 8 = x + x \ln x \\ &\Rightarrow 8 = x(1 + \ln x) \\ &\Rightarrow x = \frac{8}{1 + \ln x}. \end{aligned}$$

To find an approximation for the  $x$ -coordinate of  $Q$ , the iteration formula

$$x_{n+1} = \frac{8}{1 + \ln x_n}$$

is used.

- (e) Taking  $x_0 = 3.55$ , find the values of  $x_1$ ,  $x_2$ , and  $x_3$ . Give your answers to 3 decimal places. (3)

**Solution**

$$x_1 = 3.528\,974\,374 \text{ (FCD)} = \underline{\underline{3.529}} \text{ (3 dp)}$$

$$x_2 = 3.538\,246\,601\,1 \text{ (FCD)} = \underline{\underline{3.538}} \text{ (3 dp)}$$

$$x_3 = 3.534\,144\,722 \text{ (FCD)} = \underline{\underline{3.534}} \text{ (3 dp)}$$

34. Differentiate with respect to  $x$ ,  $x^2 \ln(3x)$ . (4)

**Solution**

$$\frac{d}{dx}(x^2 \ln(3x)) = 2x \times \ln(3x) + x^2 \times \frac{1}{x} = \underline{\underline{2x \ln(3x) + x}}$$

35. The area  $A \text{ mm}^2$ , of bacterial culture growing in milk,  $t$  hours after midday, is given by

$$A = 20e^{1.5t}.$$

- (a) Write down the area of the culture at midday. (1)

**Solution**

20.

- (b) Find the time at which the area of the culture is twice its area at midday. Give your answer to the nearest minute. (5)

**Solution**

$$\begin{aligned}
20e^{1.5t} = 40 &\Rightarrow e^{1.5t} = 2 \\
&\Rightarrow 1.5t = \ln 2 \\
&\Rightarrow t = \frac{2}{3} \ln 2 \\
&\Rightarrow t = 0.462\,098\,120\,4 \text{ hours (FCD)} \\
&\Rightarrow t = 27.725\,887\,22 \text{ minutes (FCD)} \\
&\Rightarrow t = \underline{\underline{28 \text{ minutes (nearest minute)}}}.
\end{aligned}$$

36. The functions  $f$  and  $g$  are defined by

$$f : x \mapsto \frac{1}{2x - 1}, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}, \quad x > \frac{1}{2},$$

$$g : x \mapsto \ln(x + 1), \quad x \in \mathbb{R}, \quad x > -1.$$

Find the solution of  $f g(x) = \frac{1}{7}$ , giving your answer in terms of  $e$ .

**Solution**

$$\begin{aligned}
f g(x) &= f(g(x)) \\
&= f(\ln(x + 1)) \\
&= \frac{1}{2 \ln(x + 1) - 1}
\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{1}{2 \ln(x + 1) - 1} = \frac{1}{7} &\Rightarrow 2 \ln(x + 1) - 1 = 7 \\
&\Rightarrow 2 \ln(x + 1) = 8 \\
&\Rightarrow \ln(x + 1) = 4 \\
&\Rightarrow x + 1 = e^4 \\
&\Rightarrow \underline{\underline{x = e^4 - 1}}.
\end{aligned}$$

37. Figure 3 shows a sketch of the curve  $C$  which has equation

$$y = e^{x\sqrt{3}} \sin 3x, \quad -\frac{\pi}{3} \leq x \leq \frac{\pi}{3}.$$

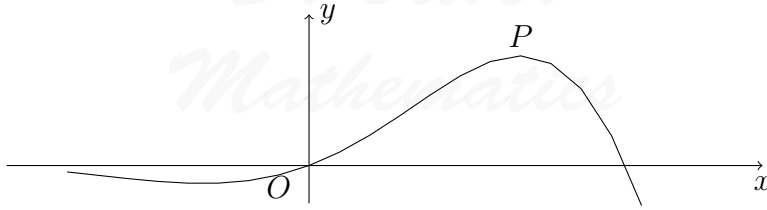


Figure 3:  $y = e^{x\sqrt{3}} \sin 3x$

- (a) Find the  $x$ -coordinate of the turning point  $P$  on  $C$ , for which  $x > 0$ . Give your answer as a multiple of  $\pi$ . (6)

**Solution**

$$y = e^{x\sqrt{3}} \sin 3x \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \sqrt{3}e^{x\sqrt{3}} \sin 3x + 3e^{x\sqrt{3}} \cos 3x$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dy}{dx} = 0 &\Rightarrow \sqrt{3}e^{x\sqrt{3}} \sin 3x + 3e^{x\sqrt{3}} \cos 3x = 0 \\ &\Rightarrow \sqrt{3}e^{x\sqrt{3}}(\sin 3x + \sqrt{3} \cos 3x) = 0 \\ &\Rightarrow \sin 3x + \sqrt{3} \cos 3x = 0 \\ &\Rightarrow \sin 3x = -\sqrt{3} \cos 3x \\ &\Rightarrow \tan 3x = -\sqrt{3} \\ &\Rightarrow 3x = \frac{2\pi}{3} \\ &\Rightarrow \underline{\underline{x = \frac{2\pi}{9}}}. \end{aligned}$$

- (b) Find an equation of the normal to  $C$  at the point where  $x = 0$ . (3)

**Solution**

$$x = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = 3 \Rightarrow m = -\frac{1}{3}$$

and

$$y - 0 = -\frac{1}{3}(x - 0) \Rightarrow \underline{\underline{y = -\frac{1}{3}x}}.$$

38. The functions  $f$  and  $g$  are defined by

$$f : x \mapsto e^x + 2, x \in \mathbb{R},$$

$$g : x \mapsto \ln x, x \in \mathbb{R}, x > 0.$$

- (a) State the range of  $f$ . (1)

**Solution**

$$\underline{\underline{f(x) > 2.}}$$

- (b) Find  $f \circ g(x)$ , giving your answer in its simplest form. (2)

**Solution**

$$\begin{aligned} f \circ g(x) &= f(g(x)) \\ &= f(\ln x) \\ &= e^{\ln x} + 2 \\ &= \underline{\underline{x + 2.}} \end{aligned}$$

- (c) Find the exact value of  $x$  for which  $f(2x + 3) = 6$ . (4)

**Solution**

$$\begin{aligned} f(2x + 3) = 6 &\Rightarrow e^{2x+3} + 2 = 6 \\ &\Rightarrow e^{2x+3} = 4 \\ &\Rightarrow 2x + 3 = \ln 4 \\ &\Rightarrow 2x = \ln 4 - 3 \\ &\Rightarrow \underline{\underline{x = \frac{1}{2}(\ln 4 - 3).}} \end{aligned}$$

- (d) Find  $f^{-1}$ , the inverse function of  $f$ , stating its domain. (3)

**Solution**

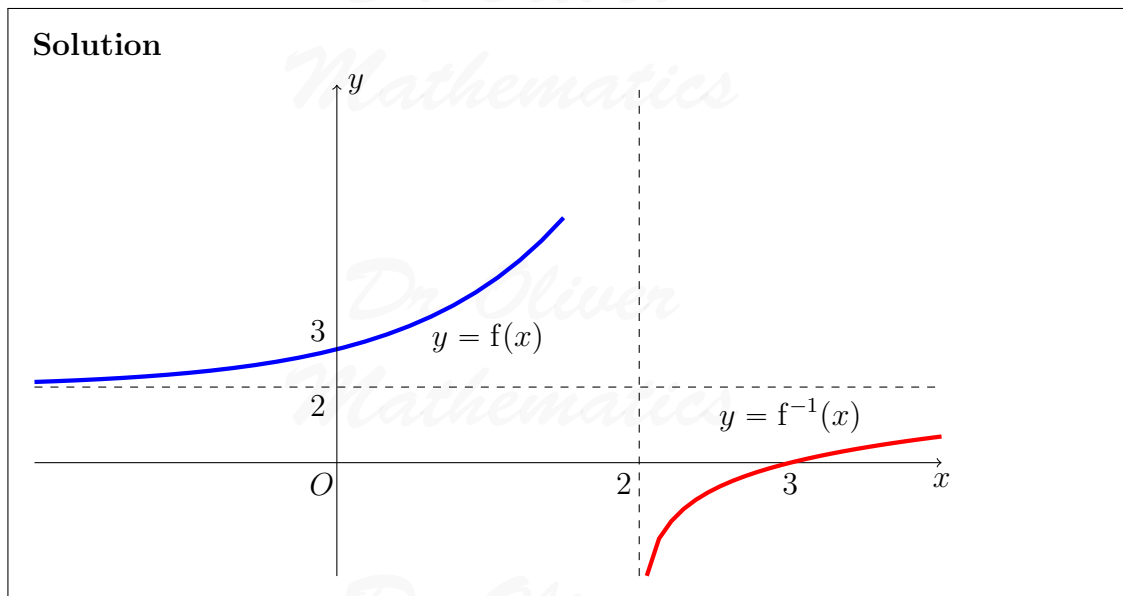
$$\begin{aligned} y = e^x + 2 &\Rightarrow y - 2 = e^x \\ &\Rightarrow \ln(y - 2) = x \end{aligned}$$

and so

$$\underline{\underline{f^{-1}(x) = \ln(x - 2), x > 2.}}$$

- (e) On the same axes, sketch the curves with equation  $y = f(x)$  and  $y = f^{-1}(x)$ , giving the coordinates of all the points where the curves cross the axes. (4)





39. Differentiate with respect to  $x$ ,  $x^{\frac{1}{2}} \ln(3x)$ . (3)

**Solution**

$$\frac{d}{dx} [x^{\frac{1}{2}} \ln(3x)] = \frac{1}{2}x^{-\frac{1}{2}} \times \ln(3x) + x^{\frac{1}{2}} \times \frac{1}{x} = \underline{\underline{\frac{1}{2}x^{-\frac{1}{2}} [\ln(3x) + 2]}}$$

40.  $g(x) = e^{x-1} + x - 6$ . (2)
- (a) Show that the equation  $g(x) = 0$  can be written as

$$x = \ln(6 - x) + 1, \quad x < 6.$$

**Solution**

$$\begin{aligned} e^{x-1} + x - 6 = 0 &\Rightarrow e^{x-1} = 6 - x \\ &\Rightarrow x - 1 = \ln(6 - x) \\ &\Rightarrow \underline{\underline{x = \ln(6 - x) + 1.}} \end{aligned}$$

The root of  $g(x) = 0$  is  $\alpha$ . The iterative formula

$$x_{n+1} = \ln(6 - x_n) + 1, x_0 = 2,$$

is used to find an approximate value for  $\alpha$ .

- (b) Calculate the values of  $x_1$ ,  $x_2$ , and  $x_3$  to 4 decimal places. (3)

**Solution**

$$x_1 = 2.386\ 294\ 361 \text{ (FCD)} = \underline{\underline{2.3863}} \text{ (4 dp)}$$

$$x_2 = 2.284\ 733\ 739 \text{ (FCD)} = \underline{\underline{2.2847}} \text{ (4 dp)}$$

$$x_3 = 2.312\ 450\ 348 \text{ (FCD)} = \underline{\underline{2.3125}} \text{ (4 dp)}$$

- (c) By choosing a suitable interval, show that  $\alpha = 2.307$  correct to 3 decimal places. (3)

**Solution**

$$g(2.3065) = -2.72 \dots \times 10^{-4}$$

$$g(2.3075) = 4.41 \dots \times 10^{-3}$$

There is a (i) change of sign and (ii) continuity and we have a root in

$$2.3065 < \alpha < 2.3075,$$

i.e.,

$$\underline{\underline{\alpha = 2.307}} \text{ (3 dp).}$$

41. Differentiate with respect to  $x$ ,  $x^3 \ln 2x$ . (3)

**Solution**

$$\frac{d}{dx}[x^3 \ln 2x] = 3x^2 \times \ln 2x + x^3 \times \frac{1}{x} = \underline{\underline{x^2(3 \ln 2x + 1)}}.$$

42. The value of Bob's car can be calculated from the formula

$$V = 17\,000e^{-0.25t} + 2\,000e^{-0.5t} + 500,$$

where  $V$  is the value of the car in pounds (£) and  $t$  is the age in years.

- (a) Find the value of the car when  $t = 0$ . (1)

**Solution**

$$17\,000 + 2\,000 + 500 = \underline{\underline{19\,500}}.$$

- (b) Calculate the exact value of  $t$  when  $V = 9\,500$ .

(4)

**Solution**

$$\begin{aligned} 9\,500 &= 17\,000e^{-0.25t} + 2\,000e^{-0.5t} + 500 \\ \Rightarrow 9\,000 &= 17\,000e^{-0.25t} + 2\,000e^{-0.5t} \\ \Rightarrow 9 &= 17e^{-0.25t} + 2e^{-0.5t} \\ \Rightarrow 9e^{0.5t} &= 17e^{0.25t} + 2 \\ \Rightarrow 9e^{0.5t} - 17e^{0.25t} - 2 &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow (9e^{0.25t} + 1)(e^{0.25t} - 2) &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow e^{0.25t} - 2 &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow e^{0.25t} &= 2 \\ \Rightarrow 0.25t &= \ln 2 \\ \Rightarrow \underline{\underline{t = 4 \ln 2}}. \end{aligned}$$

- (c) Find the rate at which the value of the car is decreasing at the instant when  $t = 8$ . Give your answer in pounds per year to the nearest pound.

(4)

**Solution**

$$\frac{dV}{dt} = -4\,250e^{-0.25t} - 1\,000e^{-0.5t}$$

and

$$\left. \frac{dV}{dt} \right|_{t=8} = -593.490\,592\,6 \text{ (FCD)},$$

a decrease of £593 (nearest pound).

43. Given that

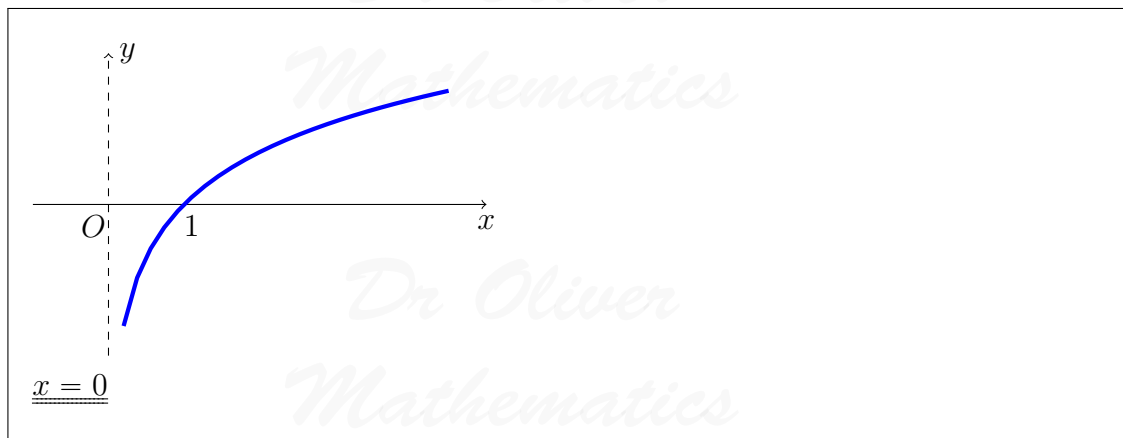
$$f(x) = \ln x, \quad x > 0,$$

sketch on separate axes the graphs of

- (a)  $y = f(x)$ ,

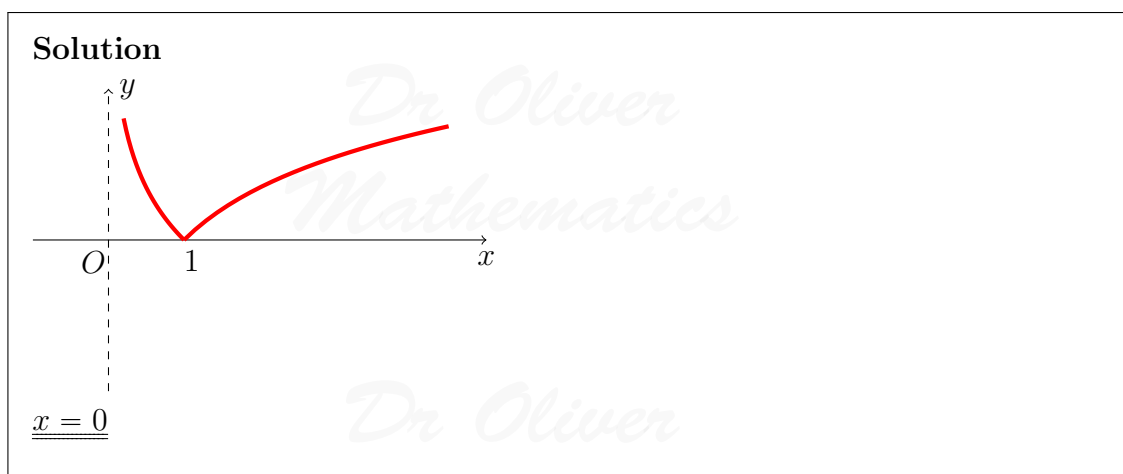
(1)

**Solution**



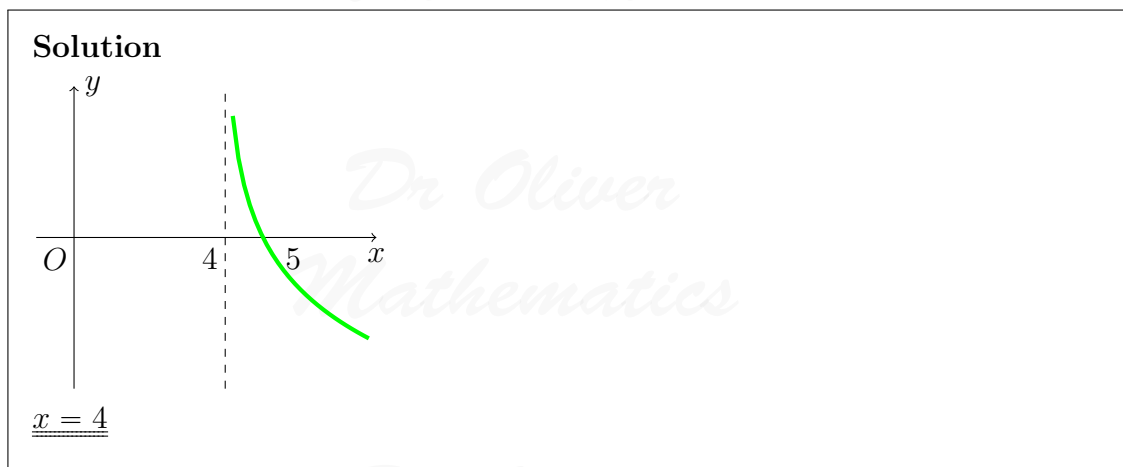
(b)  $y = |f(x)|$

(3)



(c)  $y = -f(x - 4)$

(3)



Show, in each case, the point where the graph meets or crosses the  $x$ -axis. In each case, state the equation of the asymptote.

44.

$$f(x) = 25x^2e^{2x} - 16, x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

- (a) Using calculus, find the exact coordinates of the turning points on the curve with equation  $y = f(x)$ . (5)

**Solution**

$$\begin{aligned} f'(x) = 0 &\Rightarrow 50xe^{2x} + 50x^2e^{2x} = 0 \\ &\Rightarrow 50xe^{2x}(1 + x) = 0 \\ &\Rightarrow x(1 + x) = 0 \\ &\Rightarrow x = -1 \text{ or } x = 0, \end{aligned}$$

and we have  $(-1, 25e^{-2} - 16)$  and  $(0, -16)$ .

- (b) Show that the equation  $f(x) = 0$  can be written as  $x = \pm \frac{4}{5}e^{-x}$ . (1)

**Solution**

$$25x^2e^{2x} - 16 = 0 \Rightarrow x^2 = \frac{16}{25}e^{-2x} \Rightarrow \underline{\underline{x = \pm \frac{4}{5}e^{-x}}}.$$

The equation  $f(x) = 0$  has a root  $\alpha$ , where  $\alpha = 0.5$  to 1 decimal place.

- (c) Starting with  $x_0 = 0.5$ , use the iteration formula (2)

$$x_{n+1} = \frac{4}{5}e^{-x_n}$$

to calculate the values of  $x_1$ ,  $x_2$ , and  $x_3$  to 3 decimal places.

**Solution**

$$x_1 = 0.485\ 224\ 527\ 8 \text{ (FCD)} = \underline{\underline{0.485}} \text{ (3 dp)}$$

$$x_2 = 0.492\ 447\ 176\ 9 \text{ (FCD)} = \underline{\underline{0.492}} \text{ (3 dp)}$$

$$x_3 = 0.488\ 903\ 217\ 5 \text{ (FCD)} = \underline{\underline{0.489}} \text{ (3 dp)}$$

- (d) Give an accurate estimate for  $\alpha$  to 2 decimal places, and justify your answer. (2)

**Solution**

$$f(0.485) = -0.487 \dots$$

$$f(0.495) = 0.485 \dots$$

There is a (i) change of sign and (ii) continuity and we have a root in

$$0.485 < \alpha < 0.495,$$

i.e.,

$$\underline{\underline{\alpha = 0.49 \text{ (2 dp)}}}.$$

45. Find algebraically the exact solutions to the equations

(a)  $\ln(4 - 2x) + \ln(9 - 3x) = 2 \ln(x + 1)$ ,  $-1 < x < 2$ , (5)

**Solution**

$$\begin{aligned} \ln(4 - 2x) + \ln(9 - 3x) &= 2 \ln(x + 1) \\ \Rightarrow \ln[(4 - 2x)(9 - 3x)] &= \ln[(x + 1)^2] \\ \Rightarrow (4 - 2x)(9 - 3x) &= (x + 1)^2 \\ \Rightarrow 6x^2 - 30x + 36 &= x^2 + 2x + 1 \\ \Rightarrow 5x^2 - 32x + 35 &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow (5x - 7)(x - 5) &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow 5x - 7 = 0 &\text{ (as } x - 5 = 0 \text{ won't work)} \\ \Rightarrow \underline{\underline{x = 1\frac{2}{5}}}. \end{aligned}$$

(b)  $2^x e^{3x+1} = 10$ . (5)

**Solution**

$$\begin{aligned} 2^x e^{3x+1} = 10 &\Rightarrow \ln(2^x e^{3x+1}) = \ln 10 \\ &\Rightarrow \ln 2^x + \ln e^{3x+1} = \ln 10 \\ &\Rightarrow x \ln 2 + 3x + 1 = \ln 10 \\ &\Rightarrow x(\ln 2 + 3) = -1 + \ln 10 \\ &\Rightarrow \underline{\underline{x = \frac{-1 + \ln 10}{3 + \ln 2}}}. \end{aligned}$$

Give your answer to (b) in the form  $\frac{a + \ln b}{c + \ln d}$ , where  $a$ ,  $b$ ,  $c$ , and  $d$  are integers.

46. Figure 4 shows a sketch of part of the curve with equation  $y = f(x)$  where

$$f(x) = (x^2 + 3x + 1)e^{x^2}.$$

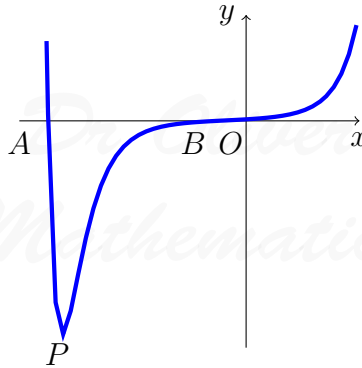


Figure 4:  $f(x) = (x^2 + 3x + 1)e^{x^2}$

The curve cuts the  $x$ -axis at the points  $A$  and  $B$ .

- (a) Calculate the  $x$ -coordinate of  $A$  and the  $x$ -coordinate of  $B$ , giving your answers to 3 decimal places. (2)

**Solution**

$$\begin{aligned} (x^2 + 3x + 1)e^{x^2} = 0 &\Rightarrow x^2 + 3x + 1 = 0 \\ &\Rightarrow x^2 + 3x + 2.25 = 1.25 \\ &\Rightarrow (x + 1.5)^2 = 1.25 \\ &\Rightarrow x + 1.5 = \pm \frac{\sqrt{5}}{2} \\ &\Rightarrow x = \frac{-3 \pm \sqrt{5}}{2} \\ &\Rightarrow \underline{\underline{x = -2.618, -0.382 \text{ (3 dp)}}}. \end{aligned}$$

- (b) Find  $f'(x)$ . (3)

**Solution**

$$f'(x) = 2x(x^2 + 3x + 1) \times e^{x^2} + (2x + 3) \times e^{x^2} = \underline{\underline{(2x^3 + 6x^2 + 4x + 3)e^{x^2}}}.$$

The curve has a minimum turning point at the point  $P$ .

- (c) Show that the  $x$ -coordinate of  $P$  is the solution of (3)

$$x = -\frac{3(2x^2 + 1)}{2(x^2 + 2)}.$$

**Solution**

$$\begin{aligned}(2x^3 + 6x^2 + 4x + 3)e^{x^2} = 0 &\Rightarrow 2x^3 + 6x^2 + 4x + 3 = 0 \\ &\Rightarrow 2x(x^2 + 2) = -3(2x^2 + 1) \\ &\Rightarrow x = \underline{\underline{-\frac{3(2x^2 + 1)}{2(x^2 + 2)}}}.\end{aligned}$$

- (d) Use the iteration formula (3)

$$x_{n+1} = -\frac{3(2x_n^2 + 1)}{2(x_n^2 + 2)}, \text{ with } x_0 = -2.4,$$

to calculate the values of  $x_1$ ,  $x_2$ , and  $x_3$  to 3 decimal places.

**Solution**

$$x_1 = -2.420\ 103\ 093 \text{ (FCD)} = \underline{\underline{-2.420 \text{ (3 dp)}}}$$

$$x_2 = -2.427\ 254\ 95 \text{ (FCD)} = \underline{\underline{-2.427 \text{ (3 dp)}}}$$

$$x_3 = -2.429\ 771\ 016 \text{ (FCD)} = \underline{\underline{-2.430 \text{ (3 dp)}}}$$

The  $x$ -coordinate of  $P$  is  $\alpha$ .

- (e) By choosing a suitable interval, prove that  $\alpha = -2.43$  to 2 decimal places. (2)

**Solution**

$$f(-2.435) = -15.0\dots$$

$$f(-2.425) = 22.4\dots$$

There is a (i) change of sign and (ii) continuity and we have a root in

$$-2.435 < \alpha < -2.425,$$

i.e.,

$$\alpha = \underline{\underline{-2.43 \text{ (2 dp)}}}.$$



47. The population of a town is being studied. The population  $P$ , at time  $t$  years from the start of the study, is assumed to be

$$P = \frac{8000}{1 + 7e^{-kt}},$$

where  $k$  is a positive constant. Use the given equation to

- (a) find the population at the start of the study, (2)

**Solution**

$$P = \frac{8000}{1 + 7} = \underline{\underline{1000}}.$$

- (b) find a value for the expected upper limit of the population. (1)

**Solution**

As  $t \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $P \rightarrow \underline{\underline{8000}}$ .

Given also that the population reaches 2500 at 3 years from the start of the study,

- (c) calculate the value of  $k$  to 3 decimal places. (5)

**Solution**

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{8000}{1 + 7e^{-3k}} = 2500 &\Rightarrow \frac{1}{1 + 7e^{-3k}} = \frac{5}{16} \\ &\Rightarrow \frac{1}{\frac{5}{16}} = 1 + 7e^{-3k} \\ &\Rightarrow \frac{16}{5} = 1 + 7e^{-3k} \\ &\Rightarrow \frac{11}{5} = 7e^{-3k} \\ &\Rightarrow \frac{11}{35} = e^{-3k} \\ &\Rightarrow -3k = \ln \frac{11}{35} \\ &\Rightarrow k = -\frac{1}{3} \ln \frac{11}{35} \\ &\Rightarrow k = 0.3858175962 \text{ (FCD)} \\ &\Rightarrow \underline{\underline{k = 0.386}} \text{ (3 dp)}. \end{aligned}$$

Using this value for  $k$ ,

- (d) find the population at 10 years from the start of the study, giving your answer to 3 significant figures. (2)

**Solution**

$$t = 10 \Rightarrow P = \frac{8000}{1 + 7e^{-10k}} = 6970.18789 \text{ (FCD)} = \underline{\underline{6970 \text{ people (3 sf)}}}.$$

- (e) Find, using  $\frac{dP}{dt}$ , the rate at which the population is growing at 10 years from the start of the study. (3)

**Solution**

$$\frac{dP}{dt} = \frac{0 - 56000ke^{-kt}}{(1 + 7e^{-kt})^2} = \frac{56000ke^{-kt}}{(1 + 7e^{-kt})^2}$$

and

$$\left. \frac{dP}{dt} \right|_{t=10} = \underline{\underline{346.1740617 \text{ (FCD)}}}.$$

48. Find the exact solutions, in their simplest form, to the equations

- (a)  $2\ln(2x + 1) - 10 = 0$ , (2)

**Solution**

$$\begin{aligned} 2\ln(2x + 1) - 10 = 0 &\Rightarrow 2\ln(2x + 1) = 10 \\ &\Rightarrow \ln(2x + 1) = 5 \\ &\Rightarrow 2x + 1 = e^5 \\ &\Rightarrow 2x = e^5 - 1 \\ &\Rightarrow x = \underline{\underline{\frac{1}{2}(e^5 - 1)}}. \end{aligned}$$

- (b)  $3^x e^{4x} = e^7$ . (4)

**Solution**

$$\begin{aligned} 3^x e^{4x} = e^7 &\Rightarrow \ln(3^x e^{4x}) = \ln e^7 \\ &\Rightarrow \ln 3^x + \ln e^{4x} = 7 \\ &\Rightarrow x \ln 3 + 4x = 7 \\ &\Rightarrow x(\ln 3 + 4) = 7 \\ &\Rightarrow x = \underline{\underline{\frac{7}{\ln 3 + 4}}}. \end{aligned}$$

49. A rare species of primrose is being studied. The population,  $P$ , of primroses at time  $t$  years after the study started is modelled by the equation

$$P = \frac{800e^{0.1t}}{1 + 3e^{0.1t}}, t \geq 0, t \in \mathbb{R}.$$

- (a) Calculate the number of primroses at the start of the study. (2)

**Solution**

$$P = \frac{800}{1 + 3} = \frac{800}{4} = \underline{\underline{200}}.$$

- (b) Find the exact value of  $t$  when  $P = 250$ , giving your answer in the form  $a \ln b$ , where  $a$  and  $b$  are integers. (4)

**Solution**

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{800e^{0.1t}}{1 + 3e^{0.1t}} = 250 &\Rightarrow 800e^{0.1t} = 250(1 + 3e^{0.1t}) \\ &\Rightarrow 800e^{0.1t} = 250 + 750e^{0.1t} \\ &\Rightarrow 50e^{0.1t} = 250 \\ &\Rightarrow e^{0.1t} = 5 \\ &\Rightarrow 0.1t = \ln 5 \\ &\Rightarrow \underline{\underline{t = 10 \ln 5}}. \end{aligned}$$

- (c) Find the exact value of  $\frac{dP}{dt}$  when  $t = 10$ . Give your answer in its simplest form. (4)

**Solution**

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dP}{dt} &= \frac{(1 + 3e^{0.1t}) \times 80e^{0.1t} - 0.3e^{0.1t} \times 800e^{0.1t}}{(1 + 3e^{0.1t})^2} \\ &= \frac{80e^{0.1t}}{(1 + 3e^{0.1t})^2} \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\left. \frac{dP}{dt} \right|_{t=10} = \underline{\underline{\frac{80e}{(1 + 3e)^2}}}.$$

- (d) Explain why the population of primroses can never be 270. (1)

**Solution**

$$\text{As } t \rightarrow \infty, P \rightarrow \frac{800}{3} = \underline{\underline{266\frac{2}{3}}}.$$

50. A curve  $C$  has the equation  $y = e^{4x} + x^4 + 8x + 5$ .

(a) Show that the  $x$ -coordinate of any turning point of  $C$  satisfies the equation

(3)

$$x^3 = -2 - e^{4x}.$$

**Solution**

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 0 \Rightarrow 4e^{4x} + 4x^3 + 8 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 4x^3 = -4e^{4x} - 8$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{\underline{x^3 = -2 - e^{4x}}}.$$

(b) Sketch, on a single diagram, the curves with equations

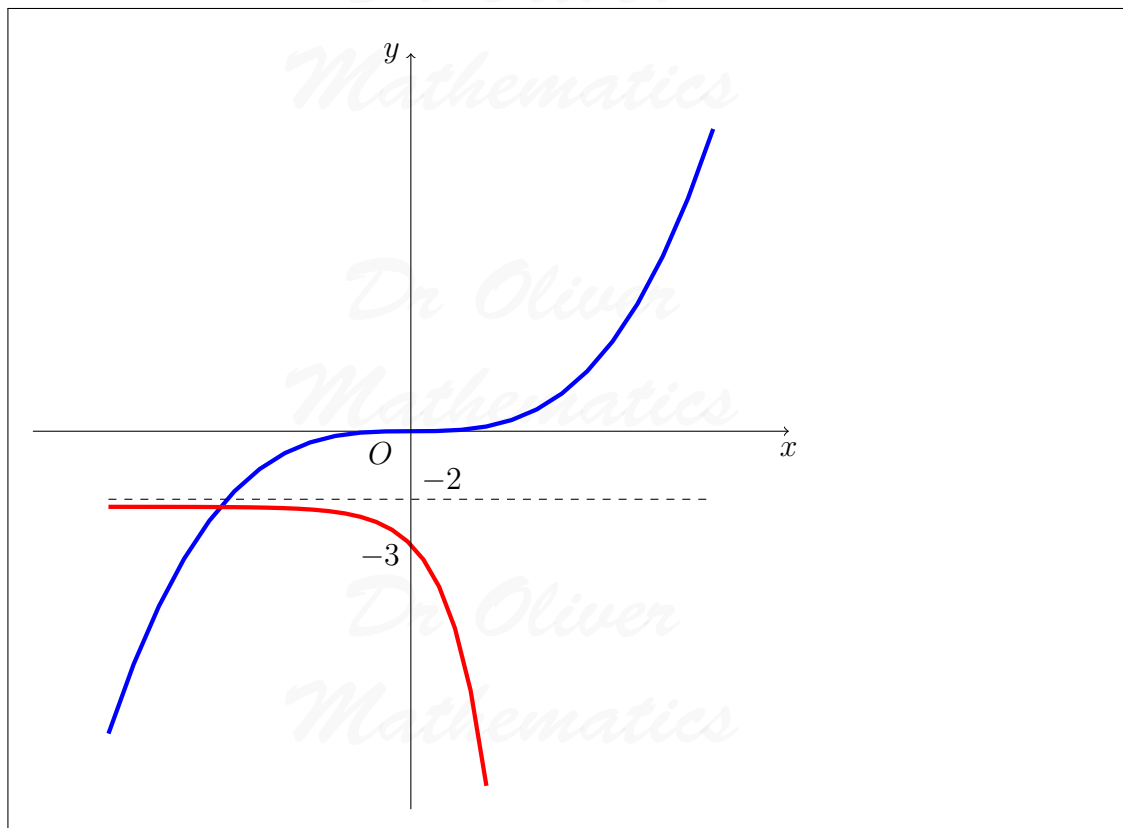
(4)

(i)  $y = x^3$ ,

(ii)  $y = -2 - e^{4x}$ .

On your diagram, give the coordinates of the points where each curve crosses the  $y$ -axis and state the equation of any asymptotes.

**Solution**



- (c) Explain how your diagram illustrates that the equation  $x^3 = -2 - e^{4x}$  has only one root. (1)

**Solution**

The two sketches have only one crossing point.

The iteration formula

$$x_{n+1} = (-2 - e^{4x_n})^{\frac{1}{3}}, \quad x_0 = -1,$$

can be used to find an approximate value for this root.

- (d) Calculate the values of  $x_1$  and  $x_2$ , giving your answer to 5 decimal places. (2)

**Solution**

$$x_1 = -1.263\,755\,412 \text{ (FCD)} = \underline{\underline{-1.263\,76}} \text{ (5 dp)}$$

$$x_2 = -1.261\,258\,763 \text{ (FCD)} = \underline{\underline{-1.261\,26}} \text{ (5 dp)}$$

- (e) Hence deduce the coordinates, to 2 decimal places, of the turning point of the curve  $C$ . (2)

**Solution**

Let  $f(x) = 4e^{4x} + 4x^3 + 8$ . Now,

$$f(-1.265) = -0.071 \dots$$

$$f(-1.255) = 0.11 \dots$$

There is a (i) change of sign and (ii) continuity and we have a root in

$$-1.265 < \alpha < -1.255,$$

i.e.,

the turning point is  $(-1.26, -2.55)$  (2 dp).

51. Given that

$$y = (x^2 + x^3) \ln 2x,$$

(5)

find the exact value of  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  at  $x = \frac{e}{2}$ , giving your answer in its simplest form.

**Solution**

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = (x^2 + x^3) \times \frac{1}{x} + (2x + 3x^2) \times \ln 2x = x + x^2 + (2x + 3x^2) \ln 2x$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dy}{dx} \Big|_{x=\frac{e}{2}} &= \frac{e}{2} + \left(\frac{e}{2}\right)^2 + \left(e + \frac{3}{4}e^2\right) \ln e \\ &= \underline{\underline{\frac{3}{2}e + e^2}}. \end{aligned}$$

52. The functions  $f$  is defined by

$$f : x \mapsto e^{2x} + k^2, \quad x \in \mathbb{R},$$

where  $k$  is a positive constant.

(a) State the range of  $f$ .

(1)

**Solution**

$$\underline{\underline{f(x) > k^2}}.$$

(b) Find  $f^{-1}$  and state its domain.

(3)

**Solution**

$$\begin{aligned}y &= e^{2x} + k^2 \Rightarrow y - k^2 = e^{2x} \\ &\Rightarrow \ln(y - k^2) = 2x \\ &\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} \ln(y - k^2) = x\end{aligned}$$

and so

$$\underline{\underline{f^{-1}(x) = \frac{1}{2} \ln(x - k^2) \quad x > k^2.}}$$

The functions  $g$  is defined by

$$g : x \mapsto \ln(2x), \quad x > 0.$$

(c) Solve the equation

$$g(x) + g(x^2) + g(x^3) = 6,$$

(4)

giving your answer in its simplest form.

**Solution**

$$\begin{aligned}g(x) + g(x^2) + g(x^3) = 6 &\Rightarrow \ln(2x) + \ln(2(x^2)) + \ln(2(x^3)) = 6 \\ &\Rightarrow \ln(2x) + \ln(2x^2) + \ln(2x^3) = 6 \\ &\Rightarrow \ln(8x^6) = 6 \\ &\Rightarrow 8x^6 = e^6 \\ &\Rightarrow x^6 = \frac{1}{8}e^6 \\ &\Rightarrow x = \underline{\underline{\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}e.}}\end{aligned}$$

(d) Find  $f g(x)$ , giving your answer in its simplest form.

(2)

**Solution**

$$\begin{aligned}f g(x) &= f(g(x)) \\ &= f(\ln(2x)) \\ &= e^{2 \ln(2x)} + k^2 \\ &= e^{\ln(4x^2)} + k^2 \\ &= \underline{\underline{4x^2 + k^2.}}\end{aligned}$$

(e) Find, in terms of the constant  $k$ , the solution of the equation

(2)

$$4x^2 + k^2 = 2k^2.$$

**Solution**

$$4x^2 + k^2 = 2k^2 \Rightarrow 4x^2 = k^2 \Rightarrow x^2 = \frac{1}{2}k^2 \Rightarrow \underline{\underline{x = \frac{1}{2}k}}$$

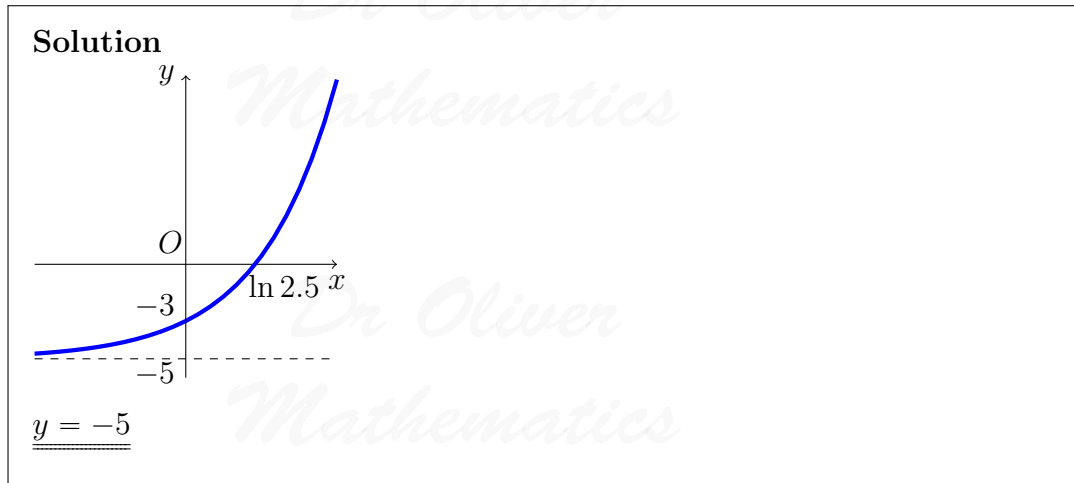
and we have  $x > 0$  since  $k$  is a positive constant.

53. Given that

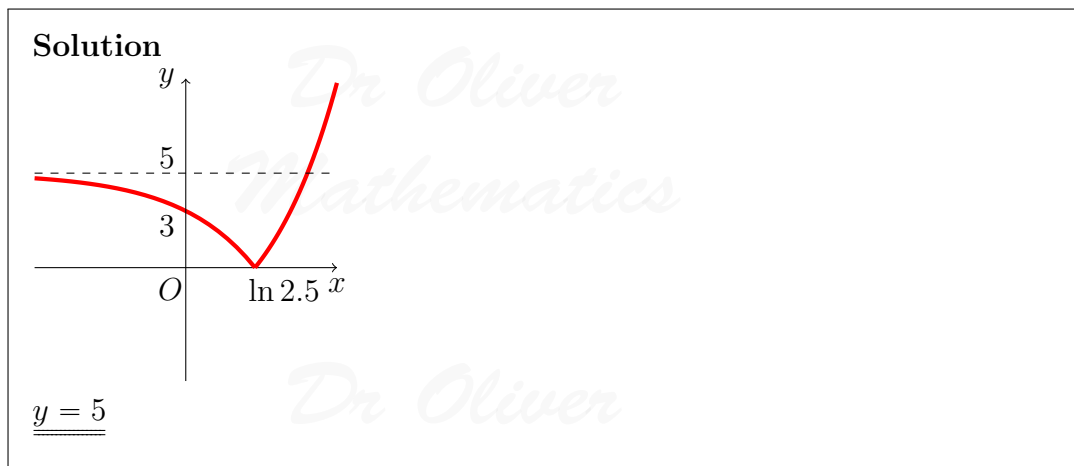
$$f(x) = 2e^x - 5, \quad x \in \mathbb{R},$$

(a) sketch, on separate diagrams, the curves with equation

(i)  $y = f(x)$ ,



(ii)  $y = |f(x)|$ .





On each diagram, show the coordinates of each point at which the curve meets or cuts the axes. On each diagram, state the equation of the asymptote.

- (b) Deduce the set of values of  $x$  for which  $f(x) = |f(x)|$ . (1)

**Solution**

$$\underline{x \geq \ln 2.5.}$$

- (c) Find the exact solutions of the equation  $|f(x)| = 2$ . (2)

**Solution**

$$\underline{f(x) = 2:}$$

$$2e^x - 5 = 2 \Rightarrow e^x = 3.5 \Rightarrow \underline{x = \ln 3.5.}$$

$$\underline{f(x) = -2:}$$

$$2e^x - 5 = -2 \Rightarrow e^x = 1.5 \Rightarrow \underline{x = \ln 1.5.}$$

54. Water is being heated in an electric kettle. The temperature,  $\theta^\circ\text{C}$ , of the water  $t$  seconds after the kettle is switched on, is modelled by the equation

$$\theta = 120 - 100e^{-\lambda t}, \quad 0 \leq t \leq T.$$

- (a) State the value of  $\theta$  when  $t = 0$ . (1)

**Solution**

$$120 - 100 = \underline{20^\circ\text{C}.}$$

Given that the temperature of the water in the kettle is  $70^\circ\text{C}$  when  $t = 40$ ,

- (b) find the exact value for  $\lambda$ , giving your answer in the form  $\frac{\ln a}{b}$ , where  $a$  and  $b$  are integers. (4)

**Solution**

$$120 - 100e^{-40\lambda} = 70 \Rightarrow 50 = 100e^{-40\lambda}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} = e^{-40\lambda}$$

$$\Rightarrow \ln \frac{1}{2} = -40\lambda$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda = -\frac{\ln \frac{1}{2}}{40}$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda = \underline{\underline{\frac{\ln 2}{40}.}}$$

When  $t = T$ , the temperature of the water reaches  $100^\circ\text{C}$  and the kettle switches off.

(c) Calculate the value of  $T$  to the nearest whole number.

(2)

**Solution**

$$120 - 100e^{-\lambda T} = 100 \Rightarrow 20 = 100e^{-\lambda T}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{5} = e^{-\lambda T}$$

$$\Rightarrow \ln \frac{1}{5} = -\lambda T$$

$$\Rightarrow T = -\frac{\ln \frac{1}{5}}{\lambda}$$

$$\Rightarrow T = 92.877\ 123\ 8 \text{ (FCD)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{\underline{T = 93 \text{ (nearest whole number)}}}.$$

55. Figure 5 is a sketch showing part of the curve with equation  $y = 2^{x+1} - 3$  and part of the line with equation  $y = 17 - x$ .

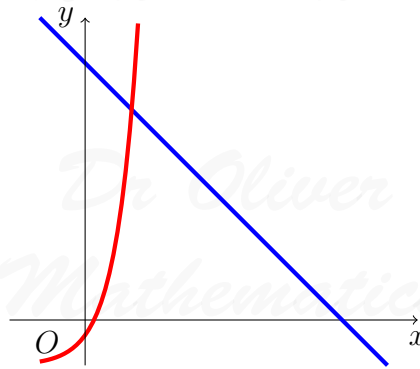


Figure 5:  $y = 2^{x+1} - 3$  and  $y = 17 - x$

(a) Show that the  $x$ -coordinate of  $A$  satisfies the equation

(3)

$$x = \frac{\ln(20 - x)}{\ln 2} - 1.$$

**Solution**

$$\begin{aligned}
2^{x+1} - 3 &= 17 - x \Rightarrow 2^{x+1} = 20 - x \\
&\Rightarrow \ln 2^{x+1} = \ln(20 - x) \\
&\Rightarrow (x + 1) \ln 2 = \ln(20 - x) \\
&\Rightarrow x + 1 = \frac{\ln(20 - x)}{\ln 2} \\
&\Rightarrow x = \frac{\ln(20 - x)}{\ln 2} - 1.
\end{aligned}$$

(b) Use the iterative formula

(3)

$$x_{n+1} = \frac{\ln(20 - x_n)}{\ln 2} - 1, \quad x_0 = 3,$$

to calculate the values of  $x_1$ ,  $x_2$ , and  $x_3$  to 3 decimal places.

**Solution**

$$x_1 = 3.087462841 \text{ (FCD)} = \underline{\underline{3.087}} \text{ (3 dp)}$$

$$x_2 = 3.080021199 \text{ (FCD)} = \underline{\underline{3.080}} \text{ (3 dp)}$$

$$x_3 = 3.080655856 \text{ (FCD)} = \underline{\underline{3.081}} \text{ (3 dp)}$$

(c) Use your answer to part (b) to deduce the coordinates of the point  $A$ , giving your answers to one decimal place.

(2)

**Solution**

Let  $f(x) = 2^{x+1} - 20 + x$ . Now,

$$f(3.05) = -0.38 \dots$$

$$f(3.15) = 0.90 \dots$$

There is a (i) change of sign and (ii) continuity and we have a root in

$$3.05 < \alpha < 3.15,$$

i.e.,

$$\underline{\underline{(3.1, 3.9)}} \text{ (1 dp)}.$$

56. Figure 6 shows a sketch of part of the curve with equation

$$g(x) = x^2(1 - x)e^{-2x}, \quad x \geq 0.$$

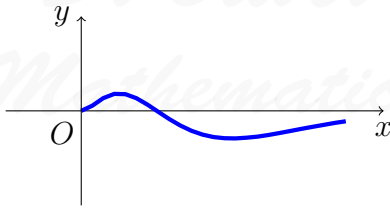


Figure 6:  $g(x) = x^2(1-x)e^{-2x}$

- (a) Show that  $g'(x) = f(x)e^{-2x}$ , where  $f(x)$  is a cubic function to be found. (3)

**Solution**

$$\begin{aligned}
 g'(x) &= 2x(1-x)e^{-2x} - x^2e^{-2x} - 2x^2(1-x)e^{-2x} \\
 &= e^{-2x}[2x(1-x) - x^2 - 2x^2(1-x)] \\
 &= e^{-2x}(2x - 2x^2 - x^2 - 2x^2 + 2x^3) \\
 &= \underline{\underline{e^{-2x}(2x^3 - 5x^2 + 2x)}}.
 \end{aligned}$$

- (b) Hence find the range of  $g$ . (6)

**Solution**

$$\begin{aligned}
 g'(x) = 0 &\Rightarrow e^{-2x}(2x^3 - 5x^2 + 2x) = 0 \\
 &\Rightarrow x(2x^2 - 5x + 2) = 0 \\
 &\Rightarrow x(2x - 1)(x - 2) = 0 \\
 &\Rightarrow x = 0, x = \frac{1}{2}, \text{ or } x = 2.
 \end{aligned}$$

Now,  $g(0) = 0$ ,  
 $g(\frac{1}{2}) = \frac{1}{8}e^{-1}$ ,  
 $g(2) = -4e^{-4}$ .  
Hence,

$$\underline{\underline{-4e^{-4} \leq g(x) \leq \frac{1}{8}e^{-1}}}.$$

- (c) State a reason why the function  $g^{-1}(x)$  does not exist. (1)

**Solution**

Because  $g$  is a many-to-one function.

57. Figure 7 shows a sketch of part of the curve with equation  $y = g(x)$ , where

$$g(x) = |4e^{2x} - 25|, x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

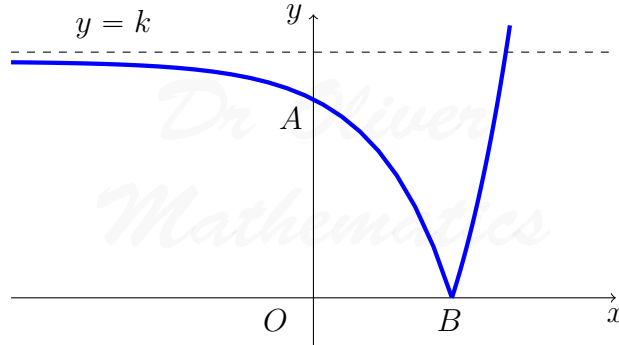


Figure 7:  $g(x) = |4e^{2x} - 25|$

The curve cuts the  $y$ -axis at the point  $A$  and meets the  $x$ -axis at the point  $B$ . The curve has an asymptote  $y = k$ , where  $k$  is a constant.

(a) Find, giving each answer in its simplest form,

(i) the  $y$ -coordinate of the point  $A$ ,

(1)

**Solution**

$$25 - 4 = \underline{\underline{21}}.$$

(ii) the exact  $x$ -coordinate of the point  $B$ ,

(3)

**Solution**

$$4e^{2x} - 25 = 0 \Rightarrow e^{2x} = \frac{25}{4} \Rightarrow x = \frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{25}{4} \Rightarrow \underline{\underline{x = \ln \frac{5}{2}}}.$$

(iii) the value of the constant  $k$ .

(1)

**Solution**

$$\underline{\underline{25}}.$$

The equation  $g(x) = 2x + 43$  has a positive root at  $x = \alpha$ .

(b) Show that  $\alpha$  is a solution of  $x = \frac{1}{2} \ln(\frac{1}{2}x + 17)$ .

(2)

**Solution**

$$\begin{aligned}4e^{2x} - 25 = 2x + 43 &\Rightarrow 4e^{2x} = 2x + 68 \\ &\Rightarrow e^{2x} = \frac{1}{2}x + 17 \\ &\Rightarrow 2x = \ln\left(\frac{1}{2}x + 17\right) \\ &\Rightarrow x = \underline{\underline{\frac{1}{2}\ln\left(\frac{1}{2}x + 17\right)}}.\end{aligned}$$

The iteration formula

$$x_{n+1} = \frac{1}{2}\ln\left(\frac{1}{2}x_n + 17\right)$$

can be used to find an approximation for  $\alpha$ .

- (c) Taking  $x_0 = 1.4$ , find the values of  $x_1$  and  $x_2$ . Give each answer to 4 decimal places. (2)

**Solution**

$$x_1 = 1.43678232 \text{ (FCD)} = \underline{\underline{1.4368}} \text{ (4 dp)}$$

$$x_2 = 1.437301574 \text{ (FCD)} = \underline{\underline{1.4373}} \text{ (4 dp)}$$

- (d) By choosing a suitable interval, show that  $\alpha = 1.437$  to 3 decimal places. (2)

**Solution**

Now,  $h(x) = 4e^{2x} - 2x - 68$  and  $g(1.4365) = -0.11\dots$

$g(1.4375) = 0.026\dots$

There is a (i) change of sign and (ii) continuity and we have a root in

$$1.4365 < \alpha < 1.4375,$$

i.e.,

$$\underline{\underline{1.437}} \text{ (3 dp).}$$

58. Find, using calculus, the  $x$ -coordinate of the turning point of the curve with equation (5)

$$y = e^{3x} \cos 4x, \quad \frac{\pi}{4} \leq x < \frac{\pi}{2}.$$

Give your answer to 4 decimal places.

**Solution**

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dy}{dx} = 0 &\Rightarrow 3e^{3x} \cos 4x - 4e^{3x} \sin 4x = 0 \\ &\Rightarrow 3 \cos 4x - 4 \sin 4x = 0 \\ &\Rightarrow 3 \cos 4x = 4 \sin 4x \\ &\Rightarrow \tan 4x = \frac{3}{4} \\ &\Rightarrow 4x = \arctan \frac{3}{4}, \arctan \frac{3}{4} + \pi \\ &\Rightarrow x = \frac{1}{4}(\arctan \frac{3}{4} + \pi) \\ &\Rightarrow x = 0.946\,273\,440\,6 \text{ (FCD)} \\ &\Rightarrow x = 0.9463 \text{ (4 dp)}\end{aligned}$$

59. The amount of an antibiotic in the bloodstream, from a given dose, is modelled by the equation

$$x = De^{-0.2t},$$

where  $x$  is the amount of the antibiotic in the bloodstream in milligrams,  $D$  is the dose given in milligrams, and  $t$  is time in hours after the antibiotic has been given. A first dose of 15 mg of the antibiotic is given.

- (a) Use the model to find the amount of the antibiotic in the bloodstream 4 hours after the dose is given. Give your answer in mg to 3 decimal places. (2)

**Solution**

$$x = 15e^{-0.8} = 6.739\,934\,462 \text{ (FCD)} = \underline{\underline{6.740 \text{ mg (3 dp)}}}.$$

A second dose of 15 mg is given 5 hours after the first dose has been given. Using the same model for the second dose,

- (b) show that the total amount of the antibiotic in the bloodstream 2 hours after the second dose is given is 13.754 mg to 3 decimal places. (2)

**Solution**

$$x = 15e^{-1.4} + 15e^{-0.4} = 13.753\,755\,515 \text{ (FCD)} = \underline{\underline{13.754 \text{ mg (3 dp)}}}.$$

No more doses of the antibiotic are given. At time  $T$  hours after the second dose is given, the total amount of the antibiotic in the bloodstream is 7.5 mg.

- (c) Show that  $T = a \ln(b + \frac{b}{e})$ , where  $a$  and  $b$  are integers to be determined. (4)

**Solution**

$$\begin{aligned} 7.5 &= 15e^{-0.2(T+5)} + 15e^{-0.2T} \Rightarrow 7.5 = 15e^{-0.2T-1} + 15e^{-0.2T} \\ &\Rightarrow 7.5 = 15e^{-1}e^{-0.2T} + 15e^{-0.2T} \\ &\Rightarrow 7.5 = 15e^{-0.2T}(e^{-1} + 1) \\ &\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} = e^{-0.2T}(e^{-1} + 1) \\ &\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2(e^{-1} + 1)} = e^{-0.2T} \\ &\Rightarrow -0.2T = \ln\left(\frac{1}{2(e^{-1} + 1)}\right) \\ &\Rightarrow T = -5 \ln\left(\frac{1}{2(e^{-1} + 1)}\right) \\ &\Rightarrow T = 5 \ln[2(e^{-1} + 1)] \\ &\Rightarrow T = \underline{\underline{5 \ln\left(2 + \frac{2}{e}\right)}}. \end{aligned}$$

60. Find the exact solutions, in their simplest form, to the equations

(a)  $e^{3x-9} = 8$ , (3)

**Solution**

$$\begin{aligned} e^{3x-9} &= 8 \Rightarrow 3x - 9 = \ln 8 \\ &\Rightarrow 3x = 9 + \ln 8 \\ &\Rightarrow x = \frac{1}{3}(9 + \ln 8) \\ &\Rightarrow x = 3 + \frac{1}{3} \ln 8 \\ &\Rightarrow x = 3 + \ln 8^{\frac{1}{3}} \\ &\Rightarrow \underline{\underline{x = 3 + \ln 2}}. \end{aligned}$$

(b)  $\ln(2y + 5) = 2 + \ln(4 - y)$ . (4)

**Solution**



$$\begin{aligned}
 \ln(2y + 5) &= 2 + \ln(4 - y) \Rightarrow \ln(2y + 5) - \ln(4 - y) = 2 \\
 &\Rightarrow \ln\left(\frac{2y + 5}{4 - y}\right) = 2 \\
 &\Rightarrow \frac{2y + 5}{4 - y} = e^2 \\
 &\Rightarrow 2y + 5 = e^2(4 - y) \\
 &\Rightarrow 2y + 5 = 4e^2 - ye^2 \\
 &\Rightarrow 2y + ye^2 = 4e^2 - 5 \\
 &\Rightarrow y(2 + e^2) = 4e^2 - 5 \\
 &\Rightarrow \underline{\underline{y = \frac{4e^2 - 5}{2 + e^2}}}
 \end{aligned}$$

61. The number of rabbits on an island is modelled by the equation

$$P = \frac{100e^{-0.1t}}{1 + 3e^{-0.9t}} + 40, \quad t \in \mathbb{R}, t \geq 0,$$

where  $P$  is the number of rabbits,  $t$  years after they were introduced onto the island. A sketch of the graph of  $P$  against  $t$  is shown in Figure 8.

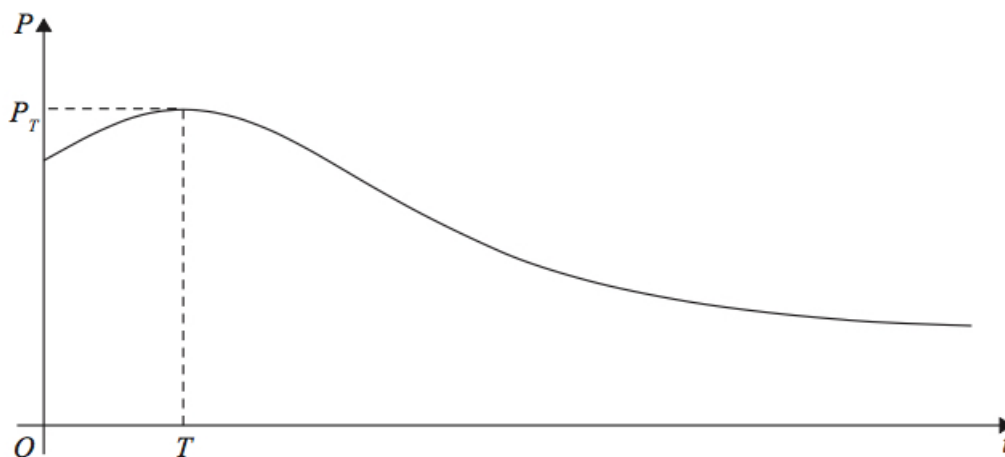


Figure 8: the number of rabbits on an island

- (a) Calculate the number of rabbits that were introduced onto the island. (1)

**Solution**

$$t = 0 \Rightarrow P = \frac{100}{1+3} + 40 = 25 + 40 = \underline{\underline{65}}.$$

(b) Find  $\frac{dP}{dt}$ . (3)

**Solution**

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dP}{dt} &= \frac{(1 + 3e^{-0.9t}) \times (-10e^{-0.1t}) - 100e^{-0.1t} \times (-2.7e^{-0.9t})}{(1 + 3e^{-0.9t})^2} \\ &= \frac{-10e^{-0.1t} - 30e^{-t} + 270e^{-t}}{(1 + 3e^{-0.9t})^2} \\ &= \frac{240e^{-t} - 10e^{-0.1t}}{(1 + 3e^{-0.9t})^2}. \end{aligned}$$

The number of rabbits initially increases, reaching a maximum value  $P_T$  when  $t = T$ .

(c) Using your answer from part (b), calculate (4)  
 (i) the value of  $T$  to 2 decimal places,

**Solution**

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dP}{dt} = 0 &\Rightarrow 240e^{-t} - 10e^{-0.1t} = 0 \\ &\Rightarrow 24e^{-t} = e^{-0.1t} \\ &\Rightarrow e^{0.9t} = 24 \\ &\Rightarrow 0.9t = \ln 24 \\ &\Rightarrow \underline{\underline{t = \frac{10}{9} \ln 24.}} \end{aligned}$$

(ii) the value of  $P_T$  to the nearest integer.

**Solution**

$$\begin{aligned} t = \frac{10}{9} \ln 24 &\Rightarrow P_T = 102.443\,993\,9 \text{ (FCD)} \\ &\Rightarrow \underline{\underline{P_T = 102 \text{ (nearest integer)}}}. \end{aligned}$$

For  $t > T$ , the number of rabbits decreases, as shown in Figure 8, but never falls below  $k$ , where  $k$  is a positive constant.

(d) Use the model to state the maximum value of  $k$ . (1)

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**Solution**

$P \rightarrow 40$  as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ .

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