

1. The curve with equation $y = 2 \ln(8 - x)$ meets the line $y = x$ at a single point, $x = \alpha$.

(a) Show that $3 < \alpha < 4$

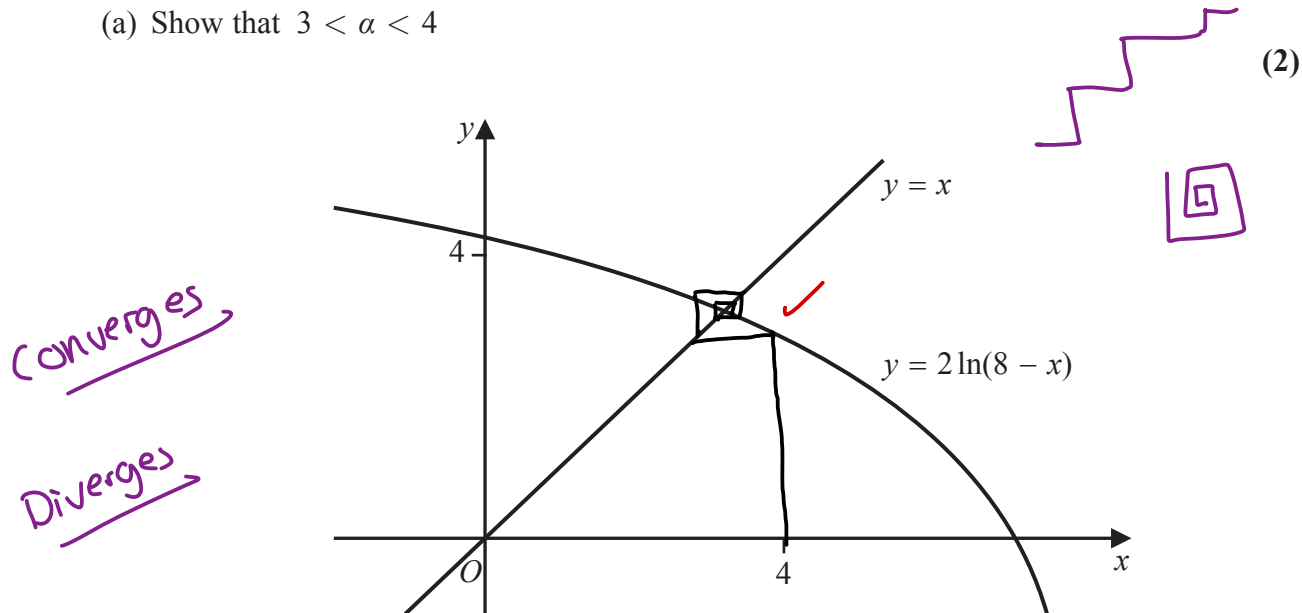


Figure 2

Figure 2 shows the graph of $y = 2 \ln(8 - x)$ and the graph of $y = x$.

A student uses the iteration formula

$$x_{n+1} = 2 \ln(8 - x_n), \quad n \in \mathbb{N}$$

in an attempt to find an approximation for α .

Using the graph and starting with $x_1 = 4$

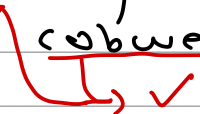
(b) determine whether or not this iteration formula can be used to find an approximation for α , justifying your answer.

(2)

a) $2 \ln(8 - x) = x$
 $2 \ln(8 - x) - x = 0$
 $f(x) = 2 \ln(8 - x) - x$
 $f(3) = 2 \ln(5) - 3 = 0.22$ (positive)
 $f(4) = 2 \ln(4) - 4 = -1.23$ (Negative)

$f(x)$ changes sign between 3 & 4, the function is continuous $[3, 4] \Rightarrow$ Root ✓

Question continued

b) can be used to find an approximation for d
because the cobweb spirals inwards for cobweb
diagram 

(see figure 2 for first mark
for part b)

(Total for Question is 4 marks)

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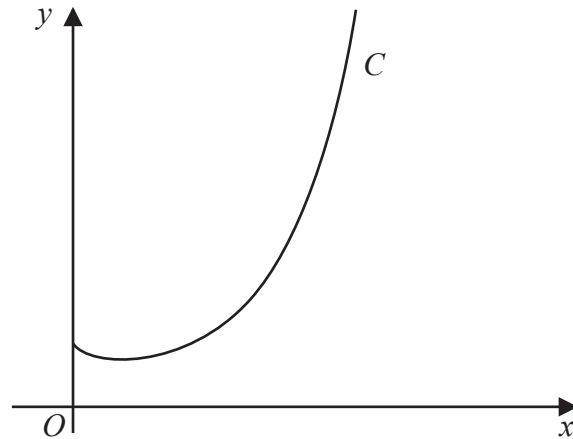


Figure 8

Figure 8 shows a sketch of the curve C with equation $y = x^x$, $x > 0$

(a) Find, by firstly taking logarithms, the x coordinate of the turning point of C .

(Solutions based entirely on graphical or numerical methods are not acceptable.)

(5)

The point $P(\alpha, 2)$ lies on C .

(b) Show that $1.5 < \alpha < 1.6$

(2)

A possible iteration formula that could be used in an attempt to find α is

$$x_{n+1} = 2x_n^{1-x_n}$$

Using this formula with $x_1 = 1.5$

(c) find x_4 to 3 decimal places,

(2)

(d) describe the long-term behaviour of x_n

(2)

a) $y = x^x$
 $\ln y = \ln(x^x)$
 $\Rightarrow \ln y = x \cdot \ln(x)$ ①

Turning Point?
 $\hookrightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = 0$

$\frac{1}{y} \frac{dy}{dx} = x \cdot \frac{1}{x} + \ln(x) \cdot 1$ log laws: $\ln(a^m) = m \cdot \ln(a)$

$\frac{1}{y} \frac{dy}{dx} = 1 + \ln(x)$ ② Product Rule: $h(x) = f(x) \cdot g(x)$
 $h'(x) = f'(x) \cdot g(x) + f(x) \cdot g'(x)$
 $x \rightarrow 1$
 $\ln x \rightarrow \frac{1}{x}$

$\frac{dy}{dx} = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{1}{y} \cdot 0 = 1 + \ln x$
 $\Rightarrow 0 = 1 + \ln x$
 $\Rightarrow \ln(x) = -1$
 $\Rightarrow e^{\ln x} = e^{-1} \Rightarrow x = \frac{1}{e} = 0.368$ ①

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$$b) y = x^x$$

$$x = 1.5 \Rightarrow y = 1.5^{1.5} = 1.84$$

$$x = 1.6 \Rightarrow y = 1.6^{1.6} = 2.12 \quad (1)$$

$P(\alpha, 2) \Rightarrow 1.84 < 2 < 2.12$, we also know that C is a continuous curve, hence $\underline{1.5 < \alpha < 1.6}$ (1)

$$c) x_{n+1} = 2x_n^{1-x_n}, \quad x_1 = 1.5$$

$$x_2 = 2 \cdot x_1^{1-x_1} = 2 \cdot (1.5)^{1-1.5} = 1.63299.. \quad (1)$$

$$x_3 = 2 \cdot x_2^{1-x_2} = 1.46626..$$

$$x_4 = 2 \cdot x_3^{1-x_3} = 1.6731... \Rightarrow \underline{x_4 = 1.673} \quad (1)$$

d) $n \rightarrow \infty$, what happens to x_n ?

- x_n fluctuates between 1 and 2 (1) 1, 2, 1, 2, ...
- x_n will be periodic with period 2 (1)

3. The sequence u_1, u_2, u_3, \dots is defined by

$$u_{n+1} = k - \frac{24}{u_n} \quad u_1 = 2$$

where k is an integer.

Given that $u_1 + 2u_2 + u_3 = 0$

(a) show that

$$3k^2 - 58k + 240 = 0 \tag{3}$$

(b) Find the value of k , giving a reason for your answer. (2)

(c) Find the value of u_3 (1)

(a) Given $u_1 = 2$

$$u_2 = k - \frac{24}{u_1} = k - \frac{24}{2} = k - 12$$

$$u_3 = k - \frac{24}{u_2} = k - \frac{24}{k-12} \tag{1}$$

Given $u_1 + 2u_2 + u_3 = 0$

$$2 + 2(k-12) + k - \frac{24}{k-12} = 0 \tag{1}$$

$$2 + 2k - 24 + k - \frac{24}{k-12} = 0$$

$$-22 + 3k - \frac{24}{k-12} = 0$$

$$(k-12)(-22 + 3k) - 24 = 0$$

$$-22k + 3k^2 + 264 - 36k - 24 = 0$$

$$3k^2 - 58k + 240 = 0 \tag{1}$$

(b) $3k^2 - 58k + 240 = 0$

$$(k-6)(3k-40) = 0$$

$$k = 6, \frac{40}{3} \tag{1}$$

Since k is an integer, $k = 6$ is the answer $\# \tag{1}$

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Question 3 continued

$$u_3 = \frac{k - 24}{k - 12}$$

$$= \frac{6 - 24}{6 - 12}$$

$$= \frac{6 - 24}{-6}$$

$$= 6 + 4$$

$$= 10 \quad \# \quad (1)$$

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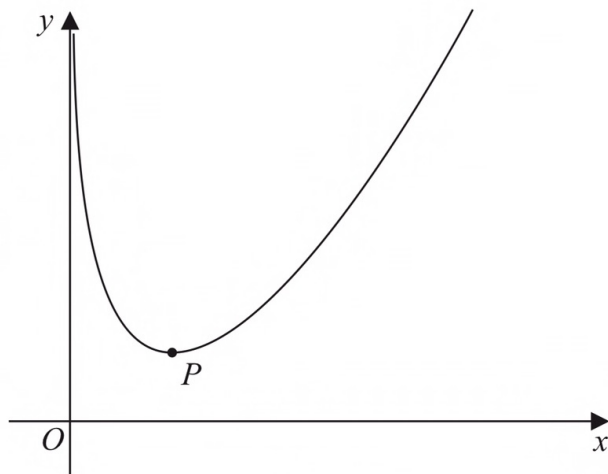


Figure 1

Figure 1 shows a sketch of the curve C with equation

$$y = \frac{4x^2 + x}{2\sqrt{x}} - 4 \ln x \quad x > 0$$

(a) Show that

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{12x^2 + x - 16\sqrt{x}}{4x\sqrt{x}} \quad (4)$$

a) $y = \frac{4x^2 + x}{2\sqrt{x}} - 4 \ln x$, Find $\frac{dy}{dx}$

• Log Differentiation: $\frac{d}{dx}(\ln x) = \frac{1}{x}$

• Quotient Rule: If $h(x) = \frac{f(x)}{g(x)}$

then $h'(x) = \frac{f'(x) \cdot g(x) - f(x) \cdot g'(x)}{(g(x))^2}$

• $\frac{d}{dx}(4 \ln x) = 4 \cdot \frac{1}{x} = \frac{4}{x}$ (1)

$2\sqrt{x} = 2x^{1/2}$

let $h(x) = \frac{4x^2 + x}{2\sqrt{x}} \Rightarrow f(x) = 4x^2 + x \rightarrow f'(x) = 8x + 1$

$g(x) = 2\sqrt{x} \rightarrow g'(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}}$ (1)

$\Rightarrow h'(x) = \frac{(8x+1)(2\sqrt{x}) - (4x^2+x)(\frac{1}{\sqrt{x}})}{(2\sqrt{x})^2} = \frac{16x^{3/2} + 2x^{1/2} - \frac{4x^2}{x^{1/2}} - \frac{x}{x^{1/2}}}{4x} = \frac{16x^{3/2} + 2x^{1/2} - 4x^{3/2} - x^{1/2}}{4x}$

$\Rightarrow h'(x) = \frac{12x^{3/2} + x^{1/2}}{4x} = 3x^{1/2} + \frac{1}{4x^{1/2}} = 3\sqrt{x} + \frac{1}{4\sqrt{x}}$

$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = 3\sqrt{x} + \frac{1}{4\sqrt{x}} - \frac{4}{x} = \frac{12x+1}{4\sqrt{x}} - \frac{4}{x} = \frac{12x^2+x-16\sqrt{x}}{4x\sqrt{x}} = \frac{dy}{dx}$ as required. (1)

The point P , shown in Figure 1, is the minimum turning point on C .

(b) Show that the x coordinate of P is a solution of

$$x = \left(\frac{4}{3} - \frac{\sqrt{x}}{12} \right)^{\frac{2}{3}} \quad (3)$$

b) From part a: $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{12x^2 + x - 16\sqrt{x}}{4x\sqrt{x}}$

Our first step is to set $\frac{dy}{dx} = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{12x^2 + x - 16\sqrt{x}}{4x\sqrt{x}} = 0$

$$\Rightarrow 12x^2 + x - 16\sqrt{x} = 0 \quad \div \sqrt{x}$$

$$\Rightarrow 12x^{3/2} + \sqrt{x} - 16 = 0 \quad \textcircled{1}$$

$$\Rightarrow 12x^{3/2} = 16 - \sqrt{x} \quad \div 12 \textcircled{1}$$

$$\Rightarrow x^{3/2} = \frac{16}{12} - \frac{\sqrt{x}}{12}$$

$$\Rightarrow x^{3/2} = \frac{4}{3} - \frac{\sqrt{x}}{12}$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \left(\frac{4}{3} - \frac{\sqrt{x}}{12} \right)^{2/3} \quad \text{as required.} \textcircled{1}$$

(c) Use the iteration formula

$$x_{n+1} = \left(\frac{4}{3} - \frac{\sqrt{x_n}}{12} \right)^{\frac{2}{3}} \quad \text{with } x_1 = 2$$

to find (i) the value of x_2 to 5 decimal places,

(ii) the x coordinate of P to 5 decimal places.

(3)

c) i) $x_1 = 2$ and $x_{n+1} = \left(\frac{4}{3} - \frac{\sqrt{x_n}}{12} \right)^{2/3} \Rightarrow x_2 = \left(\frac{4}{3} - \frac{\sqrt{x_1}}{12} \right)^{2/3} = \left(\frac{4}{3} - \frac{\sqrt{2}}{12} \right)^{2/3} \textcircled{1}$

Sub this in! \rightarrow

$$x_2 = 1.138935\dots$$

$$x_2 = \underline{\underline{1.13894}} \quad (5 \text{ d.p.}) \textcircled{1}$$

ii) $x = \underline{\underline{1.15650}} \textcircled{1}$

5. The curve with equation $y = f(x)$ where

$$f(x) = x^2 + \ln(2x^2 - 4x + 5)$$

has a single turning point at $x = \alpha$

(a) Show that α is a solution of the equation

$$2x^3 - 4x^2 + 7x - 2 = 0 \tag{4}$$

The iterative formula

$$x_{n+1} = \frac{1}{7}(2 + 4x_n^2 - 2x_n^3)$$

is used to find an approximate value for α .

Starting with $x_1 = 0.3$

(b) calculate, giving each answer to 4 decimal places,

(i) the value of x_2

(ii) the value of x_4

(3)

Using a suitable interval and a suitable function that should be stated,

(c) show that α is 0.341 to 3 decimal places.

(2)

$$(a) f(x) = x^2 + \ln(2x^2 - 4x + 5)$$

$$f'(x) = 2x + \frac{4x-4}{2x^2-4x+5} \quad (1)$$

$$\text{i.e. } 0 = 2x + \frac{4x-4}{2x^2-4x+5}$$

$$0 = \frac{2x(2x^2-4x+5) + 4x-4}{2x^2-4x+5} \quad (1)$$

$$= \frac{4x^3 - 8x^2 + 10x + 4x - 4}{2x^2 - 4x + 5}$$

$$0 = 4x^3 - 8x^2 + 14x - 4$$

$$0 = 2x^3 - 4x^2 + 7x - 2 \quad (1)$$



Question . continued

$$(b) x_{n+1} = \frac{1}{7} (2 + 4x_n^2 - 2x_n^3)$$

$$\text{Given } x_1 = 0.3$$

$$x_2 = \frac{1}{7} (2 + 4(0.3)^2 - 2(0.3)^3) \quad (1)$$

$$= 0.3294 \text{ (4dp)} \quad *$$

$$x_3 = \frac{1}{7} (2 + 4(0.3294\dots)^2 - 2(0.3294\dots)^3)$$

$$= 0.3375 \dots$$

$$x_4 = \frac{1}{7} (2 + 4(0.3375\dots)^2 - 2(0.3375\dots)^3)$$

$$= 0.3398 \text{ (4dp)} \quad *$$

$$(c) n(x) = 2x^3 - 4x^2 + 7x - 2$$

$$n(0.3405) = -0.00130 \dots$$

$$n(0.3415) = 0.00366 \dots \quad (1)$$

There is a change of sign and $f(x)$ is continuous in required interval,
i.e. $0.3405 < \alpha < 0.3415$

$$\therefore \alpha = 0.341 \text{ (3dp)} \quad *$$

