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Exponentials and logarithms

Question paper

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3. Given that

$$3^x = 7^y$$

find the exact value of $\frac{x}{y}$

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9. **In this question you must show all stages of your working.**
Solutions relying entirely on calculator technology are not acceptable.

A new type of car is released for sale.

The total number of this type of car sold, N, in a particular region, t months after the cars were released for sale, is modelled by the equation

$$N = 5000 - 5000e^{-0.075t} \qquad t \geqslant 0$$

Use the equation of the model to answer parts (a), (b), (c) and (d).

(a) Find the total number of cars sold in the first 3 months.

(2)

Given that $N = 3000$ when $t = T$

(b) find the value of T giving the answer to 2 decimal places.

(3)

(c) Find the rate of increase in the total number of cars sold when $t = 3$, giving the answer to 3 significant figures.

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After a marketing campaign, the total number of cars sold is expected to rise and have an upper limit of 6500

(d) Using this information, suggest **one** refinement to the model.

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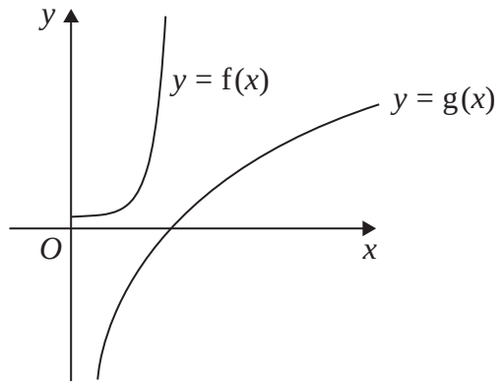


Figure 1

Figure 1 shows a sketch of the curves with equations $y = f(x)$ and $y = g(x)$ where

$$f(x) = e^{4x^2 - 1} \qquad x > 0$$
$$g(x) = 8 \ln x \qquad x > 0$$

(a) Find

(i) $f'(x)$

(ii) $g'(x)$

(2)

Given that $f'(x) = g'(x)$ at $x = \alpha$

(b) show that α satisfies the equation

$$4x^2 + 2 \ln x - 1 = 0$$

(2)

The iterative formula

$$x_{n+1} = \sqrt{\frac{1 - 2 \ln x_n}{4}}$$

is used with $x_1 = 0.6$ to find an approximate value for α

(c) Calculate, giving each answer to 4 decimal places,

(i) the value of x_2

(ii) the value of α

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13. The world human population, P billions, is modelled by the equation

$$P = ab^t$$

where a and b are constants and t is the number of years after 2004

Using the estimated population figures for the years from 2004 to 2007, a graph is plotted of $\log_{10}P$ against t.

The points lie approximately on a straight line with

- gradient 0.0054
- intercept 0.81 on the $\log_{10}P$ axis

(a) Estimate, to 3 decimal places, the value of a and the value of b.

(4)

In the context of the model,

(b) (i) interpret the value of the constant a,

(ii) interpret the value of the constant b.

(2)

(c) Use the model to estimate the world human population in 2030

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(d) Comment on the reliability of the answer to part (c).

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6. $a = \log_2 x$ $b = \log_2(x + 8)$

Express in terms of a and/or b

(a) $\log_2 \sqrt{x}$

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(b) $\log_2(x^2 + 8x)$

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(c) $\log_2\left(8 + \frac{64}{x}\right)$

Give your answer in simplest form.

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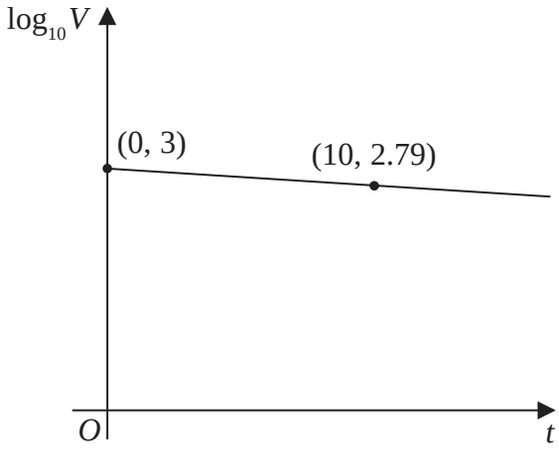


Figure 2

The value, V pounds, of a mobile phone, t months after it was bought, is modelled by

$$V = ab^t$$

where a and b are constants.

Figure 2 shows the linear relationship between $\log_{10} V$ and t.

The line passes through the points (0, 3) and (10, 2.79) as shown.

Using these points,

(a) find the initial value of the phone,

(2)

(b) find a complete equation for V in terms of t, giving the exact value of a and giving the value of b to 3 significant figures.

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Exactly 2 years after it was bought, the value of the phone was £320

(c) Use this information to evaluate the reliability of the model.

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3. Given that

$$\log_2(x + 3) + \log_2(x + 10) = 2 + 2\log_2 x$$

(a) show that

$$3x^2 - 13x - 30 = 0$$

(3)

(b) (i) Write down the roots of the equation

$$3x^2 - 13x - 30 = 0$$

(ii) Hence state which of the roots in part (b)(i) is not a solution of

$$\log_2(x + 3) + \log_2(x + 10) = 2 + 2\log_2 x$$

giving a reason for your answer.

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4. (a) Express $\lim_{\delta x \to 0} \sum_{x=2.1}^{6.3} \frac{2}{x} \delta x$ as an integral.

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(b) Hence show that

$$\lim_{\delta x \to 0} \sum_{x=2.1}^{6.3} \frac{2}{x} \delta x = \ln k$$

where k is a constant to be found.

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10. A scientist is studying the number of bees and the number of wasps on an island.

The number of bees, measured in thousands, N_b, is modelled by the equation

$$N_b = 45 + 220\,e^{0.05t}$$

where t is the number of years from the start of the study.

According to the model,

(a) find the number of bees at the start of the study,

(1)

(b) show that, exactly 10 years after the start of the study, the number of bees was increasing at a **rate** of approximately 18 thousand per year.

(3)

The number of wasps, measured in thousands, N_w, is modelled by the equation

$$N_w = 10 + 800\,e^{-0.05t}$$

where t is the number of years from the start of the study.

When $t = T$, according to the models, there are an equal number of bees and wasps.

(c) Find the value of T to 2 decimal places.

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12. **In this question you must show all stages of your working.**

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Show that

$$\int_1^{e^2} x^3 \ln x \, dx = ae^8 + b$$

where a and b are rational constants to be found.

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4. 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

$$2x^3 - 4x^2 + 7x - 2 = 0$$

(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.

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8. A scientist is studying the growth of two different populations of bacteria.

The number of bacteria, N, in the **first** population is modelled by the equation

$$N = Ae^{kt} \qquad t \geqslant 0$$

where A and k are positive constants and t is the time in hours from the start of the study.

Given that

- there were 1000 bacteria in this population at the start of the study
- it took exactly 5 hours from the start of the study for this population to double

(a) find a complete equation for the model.

(4)

(b) Hence find the rate of increase in the number of bacteria in this population exactly 8 hours from the start of the study. Give your answer to 2 significant figures.

(2)

The number of bacteria, M, in the **second** population is modelled by the equation

$$M = 500e^{1.4kt} \qquad t \geqslant 0$$

where k has the value found in part (a) and t is the time in hours from the start of the study.

Given that T hours after the start of the study, the number of bacteria in the two different populations was the same,

(c) find the value of T.

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10. The time, T seconds, that a pendulum takes to complete one swing is modelled by the formula

$$T = al^b$$

where l metres is the length of the pendulum and a and b are constants.

(a) Show that this relationship can be written in the form

$$\log_{10} T = b\log_{10} l + \log_{10} a$$

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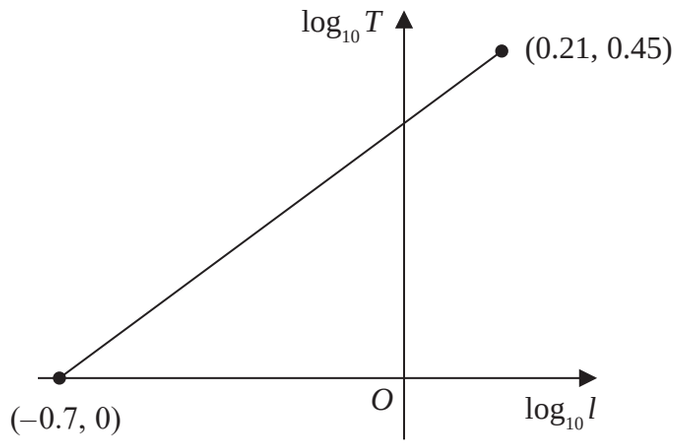


Figure 3

A student carried out an experiment to find the values of the constants a and b.

The student recorded the value of T for different values of l.

Figure 3 shows the linear relationship between $\log_{10} l$ and $\log_{10} T$ for the student's data. The straight line passes through the points (–0.7, 0) and (0.21, 0.45)

Using this information,

(b) find a complete equation for the model in the form

$$T = al^b$$

giving the value of a and the value of b, each to 3 significant figures.

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(c) With reference to the model, interpret the value of the constant a.

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2. By taking logarithms of both sides, solve the equation

$$4^{3p-1} = 5^{210}$$

giving the value of p to one decimal place.

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7. In a simple model, the value, £V, of a car depends on its age, t, in years.

The following information is available for car A

- its value when new is £20 000
- its value after one year is £16 000

(a) Use an exponential model to form, for car A, a possible equation linking V with t.

(4)

The value of car A is monitored over a 10-year period.
Its value after 10 years is £2 000

(b) Evaluate the reliability of your model in light of this information.

(2)

The following information is available for car B

- it has the same value, when new, as car A
- its value depreciates more slowly than that of car A

(c) Explain how you would adapt the equation found in (a) so that it could be used to model the value of car B.

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13. The curve C with equation

$$y = \frac{p - 3x}{(2x - q)(x + 3)} \qquad x \in \mathbb{R}, x \neq -3, x \neq 2$$

where p and q are constants, passes through the point $\left(3, \frac{1}{2}\right)$ and has two vertical asymptotes with equations $x = 2$ and $x = -3$

(a) (i) Explain why you can deduce that $q = 4$

(ii) Show that $p = 15$

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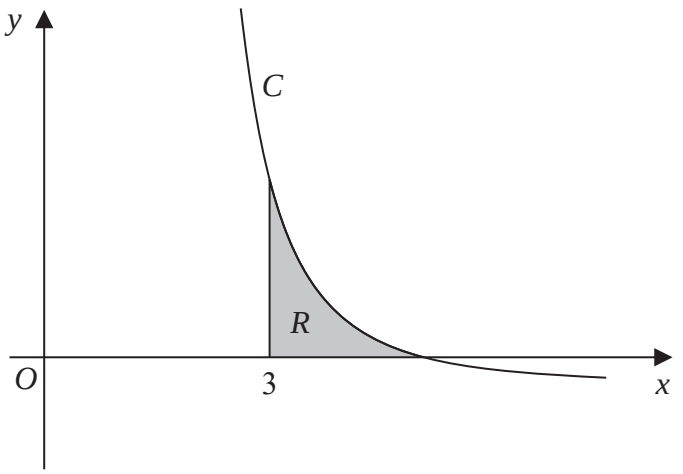


Figure 4

Figure 4 shows a sketch of part of the curve C. The region R, shown shaded in Figure 4, is bounded by the curve C, the x-axis and the line with equation $x = 3$

(b) Show that the exact value of the area of R is $a \ln 2 + b \ln 3$, where a and b are rational constants to be found.

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8. (i) Find the value of

$$\sum_{r=4}^{\infty} 20 \times \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^r$$

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(ii) Show that

$$\sum_{n=1}^{48} \log_5\left(\frac{n+2}{n+1}\right) = 2$$

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9. A research engineer is testing the effectiveness of the braking system of a car when it is driven in wet conditions.

The engineer measures and records the braking distance, d metres, when the brakes are applied from a speed of $V\,\text{km}\,\text{h}^{-1}$.

Graphs of d against V and $\log_{10} d$ against $\log_{10} V$ were plotted.

The results are shown below together with a data point from each graph.

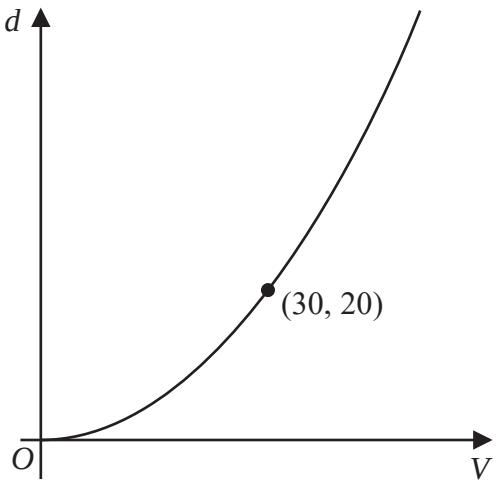


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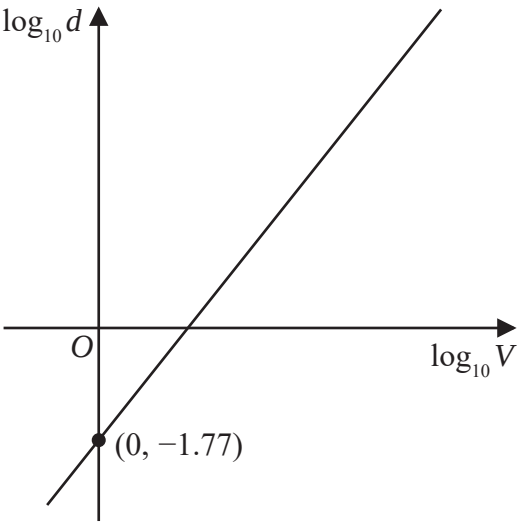


Figure 6

(a) Explain how Figure 6 would lead the engineer to believe that the braking distance should be modelled by the formula

$$d = kV^n \qquad \text{where } k \text{ and } n \text{ are constants}$$

with $k \approx 0.017$

(3)

Using the information given in Figure 5, with $k = 0.017$

(b) find a complete equation for the model giving the value of n to 3 significant figures.

(3)

Sean is driving this car at $60\,\text{km}\,\text{h}^{-1}$ in wet conditions when he notices a large puddle in the road 100 m ahead. It takes him 0.8 seconds to react before applying the brakes.

(c) Use your formula to find out if Sean will be able to stop before reaching the puddle.

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

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

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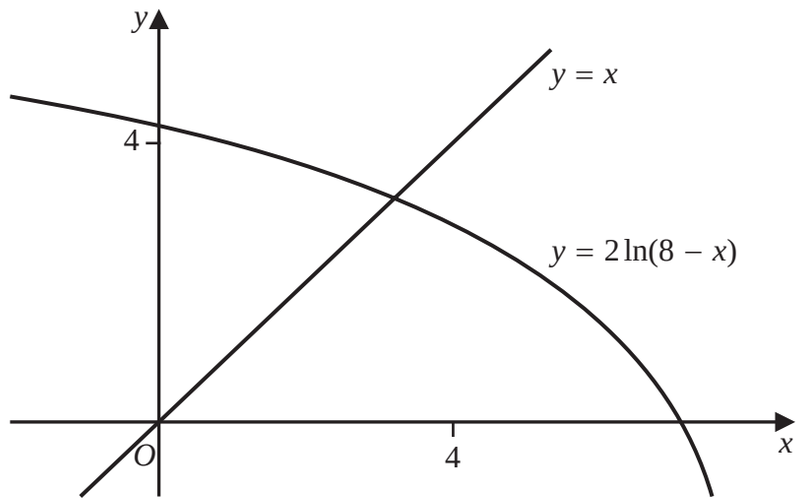


Figure 2

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.

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12. The value, £V, of a vintage car t years after it was first valued on 1st January 2001, is modelled by the equation

$$V = Ap^t \qquad \text{where } A \text{ and } p \text{ are constants}$$

Given that the value of the car was £32 000 on 1st January 2005 and £50 000 on 1st January 2012

(a) (i) find p to 4 decimal places,

(ii) show that A is approximately 24 800

(4)

(b) With reference to the model, interpret

(i) the value of the constant A,

(ii) the value of the constant p.

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Using the model,

(c) find the year during which the value of the car first exceeds £100 000

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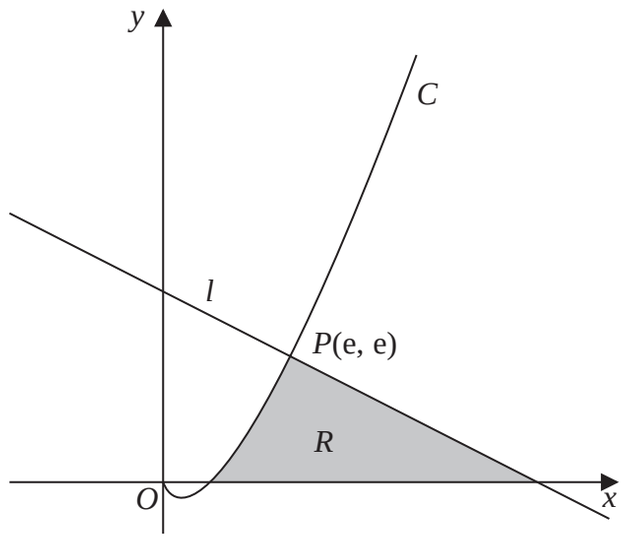


Figure 2

Figure 2 shows a sketch of part of the curve C with equation $y = x \ln x, \quad x > 0$

The line l is the normal to C at the point $P(e, e)$

The region R, shown shaded in Figure 2, is bounded by the curve C, the line l and the x-axis.

Show that the exact area of R is $Ae^2 + B$ where A and B are rational numbers to be found.

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14. A scientist is studying a population of mice on an island.

The number of mice, N, in the population, t months after the start of the study, is modelled by the equation

$$N = \frac{900}{3 + 7e^{-0.25t}}, \quad t \in \mathbb{R}, \quad t \geqslant 0$$

(a) Find the number of mice in the population at the start of the study.

(1)

(b) Show that the rate of growth $\frac{dN}{dt}$ is given by $\frac{dN}{dt} = \frac{N(300 - N)}{1200}$

(4)

The rate of growth is a maximum after T months.

(c) Find, according to the model, the value of T.

(4)

According to the model, the maximum number of mice on the island is P.

(d) State the value of P.

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