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2. A scientist monitored the growth of bacteria on a dish over a 30-day period.

The area, $N\text{mm}^2$, of the dish covered by bacteria, t days after monitoring began, is modelled by the equation

$$\log_{10} N = 0.0646t + 1.478 \qquad 0 \leqslant t \leqslant 30$$

(a) Show that this equation may be written in the form

$$N = ab^t$$

where a and b are constants to be found. Give the value of a to the nearest integer and give the value of b to 3 significant figures.

(4)

(b) Use the model to find the area of the dish covered by bacteria 30 days after monitoring began. Give your answer, in mm^2, to 2 significant figures.

(2)

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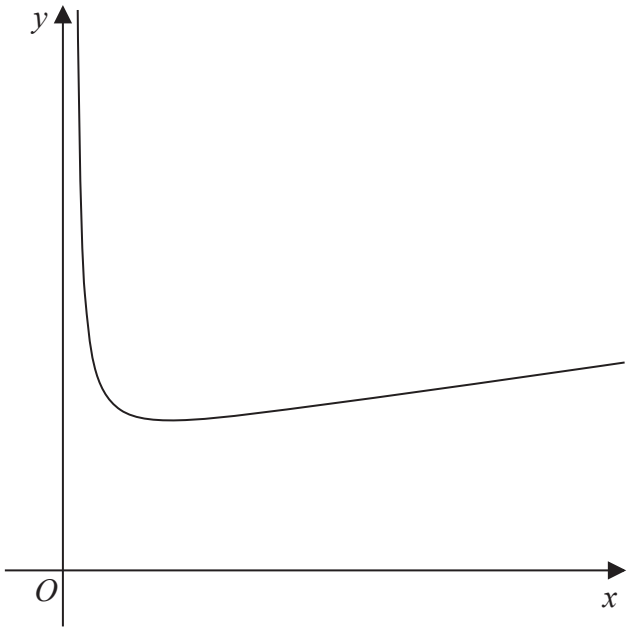


Figure 1

Figure 1 shows a sketch of a curve with equation $y = \mathrm{f}(x)$ where

$$\mathrm{f}(x) = \frac{2x + 3}{\sqrt{4x - 1}} \qquad x > \frac{1}{4}$$

(a) Find, in simplest form, $\mathrm{f}'(x)$.

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(b) Hence find the range of f.

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