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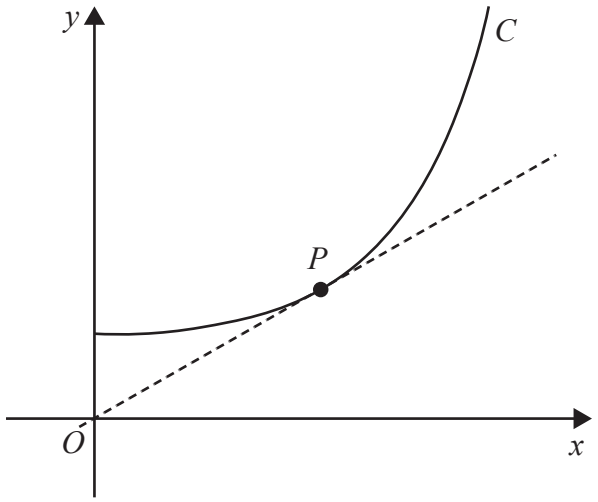


Figure 3

Figure 3 shows a sketch of part of the curve C with equation

$$y = \sqrt{3 + 4e^{x^2}} \qquad x \geqslant 0$$

(a) Find $\dfrac{dy}{dx}$, giving your answer in simplest form.

(2)

The point P with x coordinate α lies on C.

Given that the tangent to C at P passes through the origin, as shown in Figure 3,

(b) show that $x = \alpha$ is a solution of the equation

$$4x^2e^{x^2} - 4e^{x^2} - 3 = 0$$

(3)

(c) Hence show that α lies between 1 and 2

(2)

(d) Show that the equation in part (b) can be written in the form

$$x = \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{4 + 3e^{-x^2}}$$

(1)

The iteration formula

$$x_{n+1} = \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{4 + 3e^{-x_n^2}}$$

with $x_1 = 1$ is used to find an approximation for α.

(e) Use the iteration formula to find, to 4 decimal places, the value of

(i) x_3

(ii) α

(3)

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(Total for Question 9 is 11 marks)

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

Solutions relying entirely on calculator technology are not acceptable.

A population of fruit flies is being studied.

The number of fruit flies, F, in the population, t days after the start of the study, is modelled by the equation

$$F = \frac{350e^{kt}}{9 + e^{kt}}$$

where k is a constant.

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

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

(1)

Given that there are 200 fruit flies in the population 15 days after the start of the study,

(b) show that $k = \frac{1}{15}\ln 12$

(3)

Given also that, when $t = T$, the number of fruit flies in the population is increasing at a rate of 10 per day,

(c) find the possible values of T, giving your answers to one decimal place.

(5)

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