Core 3 Numerical Methods Questions

2 Use Simpson's rule with 5 ordinates (4 strips) to find an approximation to

$$\int_1^3 \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+x^3}}\,\mathrm{d}x$$

giving your answer to three significant figures. *(4 marks)*

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6 [**Figure 1**, printed on the insert, is provided for use in this question.]

The curve $y = x^3 + 4x - 3$ intersects the x-axis at the point A where $x = \alpha$.

(a) Show that α lies between 0.5 and 1.0. *(2 marks)*

(b) Show that the equation $x^3 + 4x - 3 = 0$ can be rearranged into the form $x = \dfrac{3 - x^3}{4}$. *(1 mark)*

(c) (i) Use the iteration $x_{n+1} = \dfrac{3 - x_n{}^3}{4}$ with $x_1 = 0.5$ to find x_3, giving your answer to two decimal places. *(3 marks)*

(ii) The sketch on **Figure 1** shows parts of the graphs of $y = \dfrac{3 - x^3}{4}$ and $y = x$, and the position of x_1.

On **Figure 1**, draw a cobweb or staircase diagram to show how convergence takes place, indicating the positions of x_2 and x_3 on the x-axis. *(3 marks)*

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1 The curve $y = x^3 - x - 7$ intersects the x-axis at the point where $x = \alpha$.

(a) Show that α lies between 2.0 and 2.1. *(2 marks)*

(b) Show that the equation $x^3 - x - 7 = 0$ can be rearranged in the form $x = \sqrt[3]{x + 7}$. *(1 mark)*

(c) Use the iteration $x_{n+1} = \sqrt[3]{x_n + 7}$ with $x_1 = 2$ to find the values of x_2, x_3 and x_4, giving your answers to three significant figures. *(3 marks)*

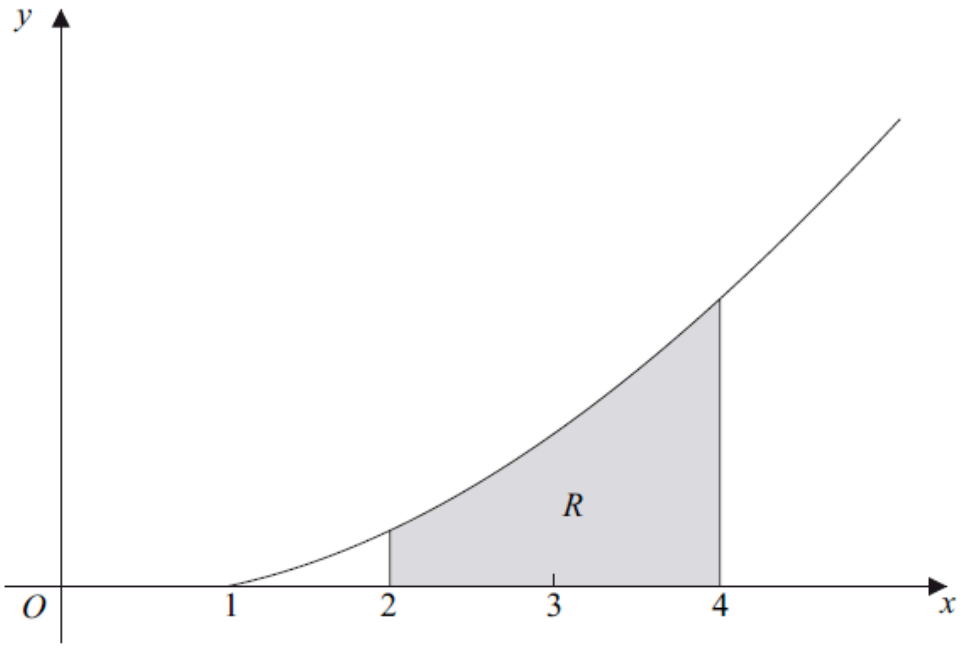
6 (a) Use the mid-ordinate rule with four strips to find an estimate for $\int_1^5 \ln x \, dx$, giving your answer to three significant figures. *(3 marks)*

(c) The region R is bounded by the curve $y = \sec x$, the x-axis and the lines $x = 0$ and $x = 1$.

Find the volume of the solid formed when R is rotated through 2π radians about the x-axis, giving your answer to three significant figures. *(3 marks)*

1 Use the mid-ordinate rule with four strips of equal width to find an estimate for $\int_1^5 \frac{1}{1+\ln x} dx$, giving your answer to three significant figures. *(4 marks)*

(b) The diagram shows the curve with equation $y = 2\sqrt{(x-1)^3}$ for $x \geqslant 1$.



The shaded region R is bounded by the curve $y = 2\sqrt{(x-1)^3}$, the lines $x = 2$ and $x = 4$, and the x-axis.

Find the exact value of the volume of the solid formed when the region R is rotated through 360° about the x-axis. *(4 marks)*

(c) Describe a sequence of **two** geometrical transformations that maps the graph of $y = \sqrt{x^3}$ onto the graph of $y = 2\sqrt{(x-1)^3}$. *(4 marks)*

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4 [**Figure 1**, printed on the insert, is provided for use in this question.]

(a) Use Simpson's rule with 5 ordinates (4 strips) to find an approximation to $\int_1^2 3^x \, dx$, giving your answer to three significant figures. *(4 marks)*

(b) The curve $y = 3^x$ intersects the line $y = x + 3$ at the point where $x = \alpha$.

(i) Show that α lies between 0.5 and 1.5. *(2 marks)*

(ii) Show that the equation $3^x = x + 3$ can be rearranged into the form

$$x = \frac{\ln(x+3)}{\ln 3}$$ *(2 marks)*

(iii) Use the iteration $x_{n+1} = \frac{\ln(x_n + 3)}{\ln 3}$ with $x_1 = 0.5$ to find x_3 to two significant figures. *(2 marks)*

(iv) The sketch on **Figure 1** shows part of the graphs of $y = \frac{\ln(x+3)}{\ln 3}$ and $y = x$, and the position of x_1.

On **Figure 1**, draw a cobweb or staircase diagram to show how convergence takes place, indicating the positions of x_2 and x_3 on the x-axis. *(2 marks)*

Figure 1 (for Question 6)

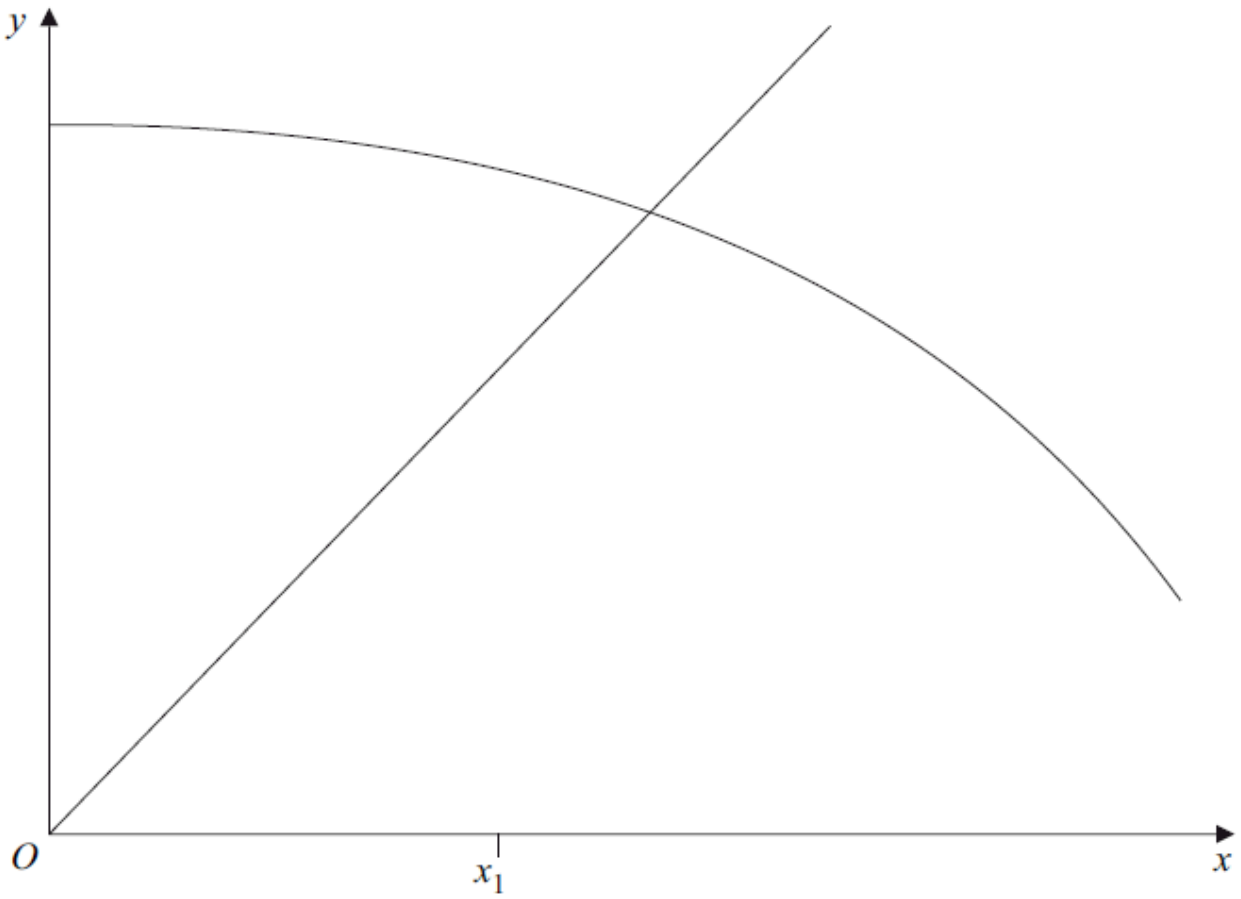

Figure 1 (for use in Question 4)