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FURTHER MATHEMATICS

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Paper 2 Further Pure Mathematics 2

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2 hours

You must answer on the question paper.

You will need: List of formulae (MF19)

INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **all** questions.
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INFORMATION

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- The number of marks for each question or part question is shown in brackets [].

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(a) Show that, for $n \geq 2$, $I_n = -1 + n(n-1)I_{n-2}$. [4]

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(b) Find the exact value of I_2 . [3]

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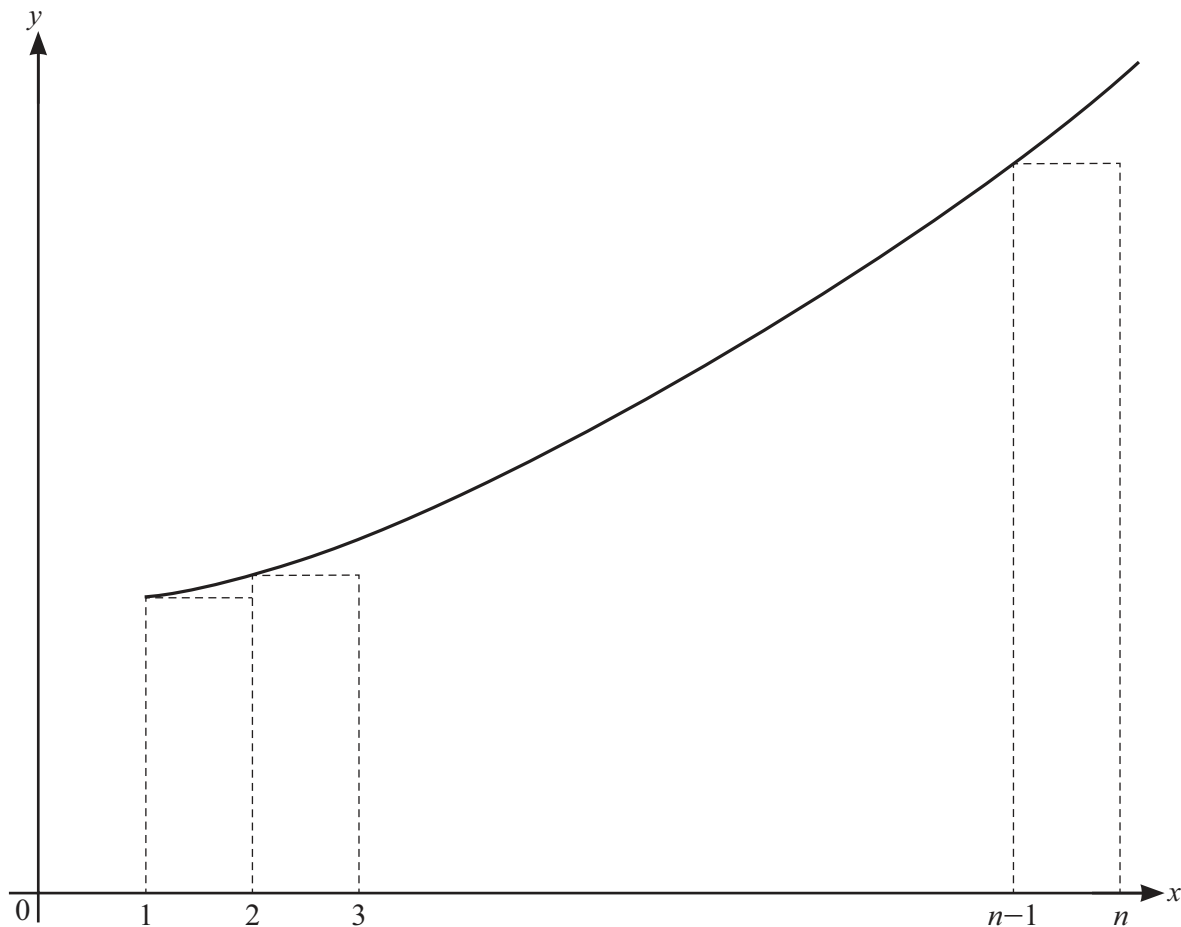
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The diagram shows the curve with equation $y = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}}e^{\sqrt{x}}$ for $x \geq 1$, together with a set of $n-1$ rectangles of unit width.

(a) By considering the sum of the areas of these rectangles, show that

$$\sum_{r=1}^n \frac{1}{\sqrt{r}} e^{\sqrt{r}} < \left(2 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}\right) e^{\sqrt{n}} - 2e. \quad [5]$$

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- (b) Use a similar method to find, in terms of n , a lower bound for $\sum_{r=1}^n \frac{1}{\sqrt{r}} e^{\sqrt{r}}$. [4]



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$$6 \frac{d^2 x}{dt^2} + 3 \frac{dx}{dt} + 6x = e^{-t},$$

given that, when $t = 0$, $x = \frac{dx}{dt} = 0$. [10]

[illegible]

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- 6 (a) Starting from the definitions of \tanh and sech in terms of exponentials, prove that

$$1 - \tanh^2 u = \operatorname{sech}^2 u. \quad [3]$$

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- (b) Show that $\frac{d}{dt}(\operatorname{sech}^{-1} t) = -\frac{1}{t\sqrt{1-t^2}}.$ [4]

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It is given that

$$x = \tanh^{-1} t \quad \text{and} \quad y = t \operatorname{sech}^{-1} t, \quad \text{for } 0 < t < 1.$$

- (c) Show that $\frac{dy}{dx} = -\sqrt{1-t^2} + (1-t^2)\operatorname{sech}^{-1} t$. [4]

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- (d) Find $\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2}$ in terms of t . [4]

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$$\frac{dy}{dx} - \frac{x+5}{x^2+10x+61}y = 1,$$

[10]

[illegible]



- 8 (a) It is given that λ is an eigenvalue of the non-singular square matrix \mathbf{A} , with corresponding eigenvector \mathbf{e} .

Show that \mathbf{e} is an eigenvector of \mathbf{A}^3 with corresponding eigenvalue λ^3 . [2]

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The matrix \mathbf{A} is given by

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & 5 \end{pmatrix}.$$

- (b) Show that the eigenvalues of \mathbf{A} are -1 , 1 and 5 . [2]

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