Assignment 1

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Question 6 (a):

Using properties of proportion , solve for x. Given x is positive :

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

Solution:

From the properties of proportion

$$\frac{a}{b} = \frac{c}{d} \Rightarrow \frac{a+b}{a-b} \qquad \qquad = \frac{c+d}{c-d} \tag{2}$$

The Given Equation is:

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

From (2)

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

$$\Rightarrow \frac{4x}{2\sqrt{4x^2 - 1}} = \frac{5}{3}$$
(5)

$$\Rightarrow \frac{6x}{5} = \sqrt{4x^2 - 1} \quad (6)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{36x^2}{25} = 4x^2 - 1 \quad (7)$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 = \left(4 - \frac{36}{25}\right)x^2$$

 $\Rightarrow x^2 = \frac{25}{64} \tag{9}$

$$\Rightarrow x = \pm \frac{5}{8} \tag{10}$$

But Given x is positive

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{5}{8} \tag{11}$$

Verification with Graph:

If we draw the graph of y = f(x) = $\frac{2x+\sqrt{4x^2-1}}{2x-\sqrt{4x^2-1}}$ and find point of intersection with y=4,

we get
$$x = 0.625 = \frac{5}{8}$$

 $\therefore x = \frac{5}{8} = 0.625$

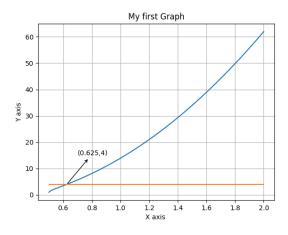


Figure 1: graph of y = f(x)