

In this file,

we summarize the details of some computations that verify that there are no accumulation points in  $[0.66, 0.67]$ .

The excluded interval is slightly larger, but **for** simplicity, we stick to crude (simpler) estimates.

First, we observe that the contraction of an edge results in a difference larger than 0.7, if  $T_A$  and  $T_B$  have both at least 6 leaves •

For this, it is sufficient to note that the following function is positive.

Hereby we note that  $R_A \setminus e N_A \left( \frac{3}{2} \log_2(N_A) - 1 \right)$  and this divided by  $N_A^2$  is a decreasing function.

Finally, we also give more detailed estimates to deduce that  $\mu(T) - \mu(Te)$  is at least  $\frac{59}{99} - o(1)$

when  $e$  is a non-pendent edge of a series-reduced tree.

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{> } f(R_A, N_A) := 0.3 - \frac{2 \cdot R_A}{N_A^2} - \left( 0.4 + \frac{1}{(N_A + 1)} \right) \cdot \left( \frac{2}{N_A} \right) \\ & \quad f := (R_A, N_A) \mapsto 0.3 - \frac{2 \cdot R_A}{N_A^2} - \frac{2 \cdot \left( 0.4 + \frac{1}{N_A + 1} \right)}{N_A} \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{> } \text{evalf}(f(8 \cdot 64, 64)) \\ & \quad 0.03701923077 \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

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In the remaining, we can assume that  $N_A \ll N_B$ , and the following is a lower bound for the difference of the mean,

which can be estimated for trees with  $N_A \geq 20$ , and the two remaining trees with 4 leaves.

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{> } \text{Low}(R_A, N_A) := 1 - \frac{2}{N_A + 2} - \frac{(R_A - N_A)}{(N_A + 1) \cdot N_A} \\ & \quad \text{Low} := (R_A, N_A) \mapsto 1 - \frac{2}{N_A + 2} - \frac{R_A - N_A}{(N_A + 1) \cdot N_A} \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{> } \text{Low}(6.5 \cdot 32, 32) \\ & \quad 0.7745098039 \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{> } \text{evalf}\left(\text{Low}\left(\left(\frac{3}{2} \cdot \frac{\log(20)}{\log(2)} - 1\right) \cdot 20, 20\right)\right) \\ & \quad 0.6956198544 \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{> } \text{evalf}(\text{Low}(16 \cdot 3, 16)) \\ & \quad 0.7712418301 \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{> } \text{evalf}(\text{Low}(18 \cdot 4, 18)) \\ & \quad 0.7421052632 \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

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The above was a weaker lower bound for the lower bound below, which is complemented with an upper bound.

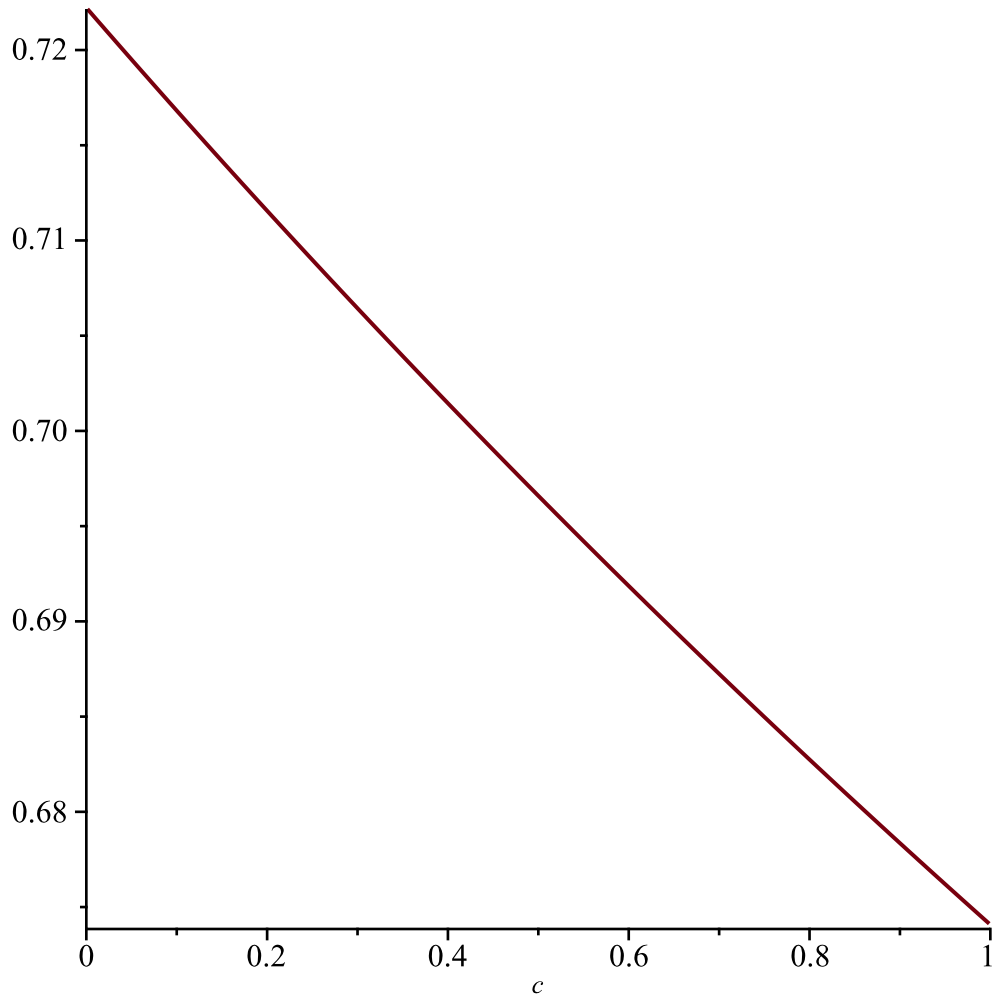
$$\begin{aligned}
& \text{Low}(R\_A, N\_A, c) := 1 - \frac{1+c}{N\_A+1+c} - \frac{\left(R\_A - N\_A - \frac{c \cdot (1+c)}{3}\right)}{(N\_A+1+c) \cdot (N\_A+c)}; \\
& \text{Low} := (R\_A, N\_A, c) \mapsto 1 - \frac{c+1}{N\_A+1+c} - \frac{R\_A - N\_A - \frac{c \cdot (c+1)}{3}}{(N\_A+1+c) \cdot (N\_A+c)} \quad (8) \\
& \text{Upp}(R\_A, N\_A, c) := 1 - \frac{1+c}{N\_A+1+c} - \frac{(R\_A - N\_A - (1+2 \cdot c))}{(N\_A+1+c) \cdot (N\_A+c)} \\
& \text{Upp} := (R\_A, N\_A, c) \mapsto 1 - \frac{c+1}{N\_A+1+c} - \frac{R\_A - N\_A - 1 - 2 \cdot c}{(N\_A+1+c) \cdot (N\_A+c)} \quad (9)
\end{aligned}$$

Finally, we estimate lower bounds for the 2 trees T\_A with 3 leaves, and an upper bound for S\_3.

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> plot(Low(8.25, 8, c), c=0..1);
Low(20, 8, 1); evalf(Low(20, 8, 1));

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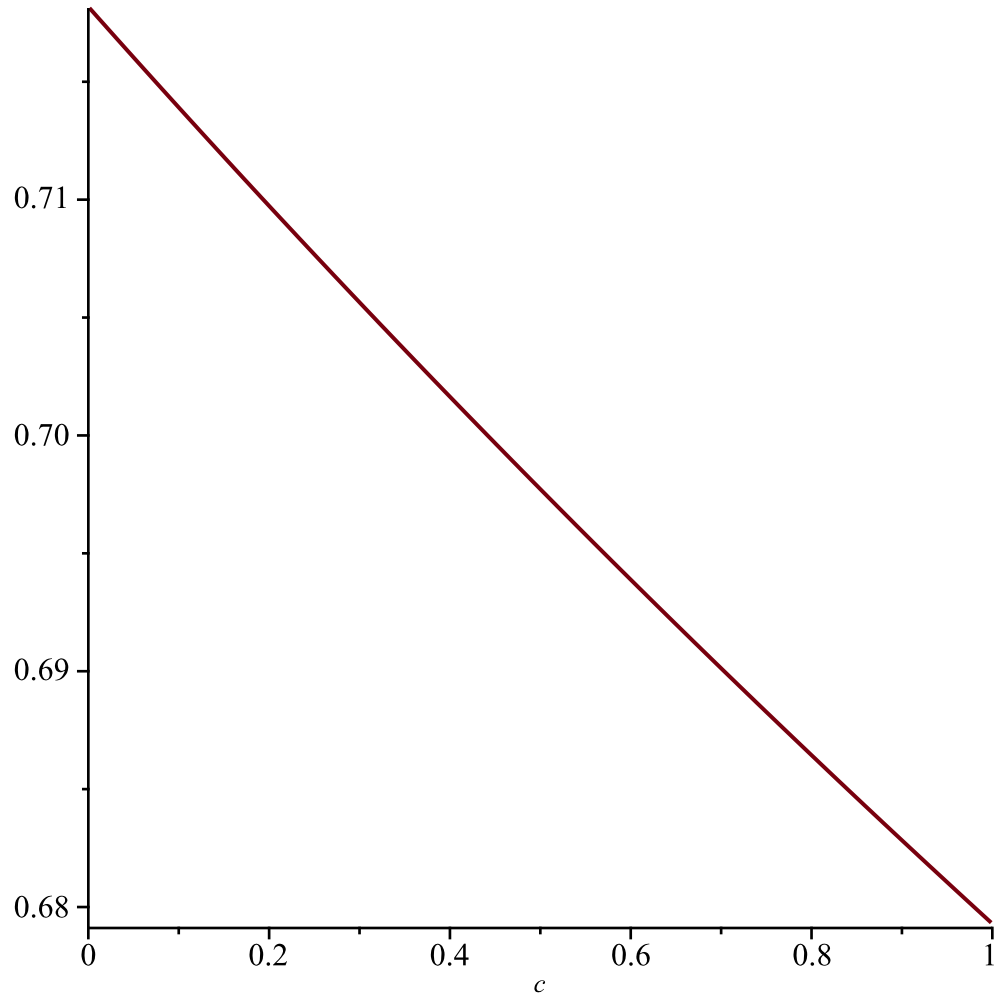


0.6740740741

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> *plot(Low(31, 10, c), c = 0 ..1); Low(31, 10, 1);*  
*evalf(Low(31, 10, 1))*

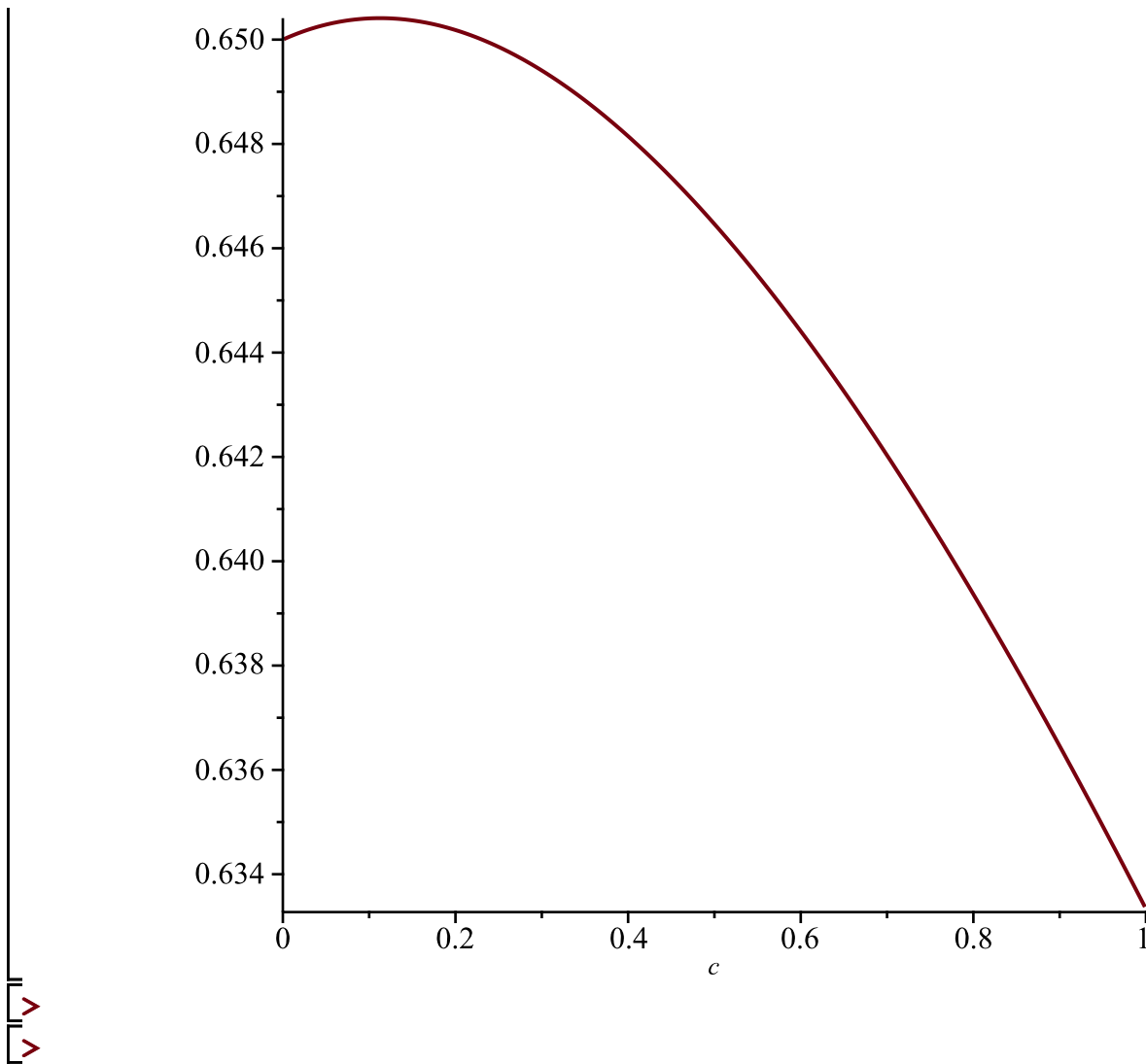


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0.6792929293

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> *plot(Upp(8, 4, c), c = 0 ..1)*



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Using that in  $T_B$ ,  $\deg(B) \geq 2$  and thus  $\mu_B \geq \overline{\mu}_B + 3/2 - o(1)$ , we can write more precise formulas in terms of  $c = \overline{N}_B / N_B$ .

If  $T_B \setminus B$  has more than 2 components, or its smallest component is not a singleton, then  $\mu_B \geq \overline{\mu}_B + 2 - o(1)$ .

In the other case,  $T_B \setminus B$  is partitioned in a singleton and a tree  $T_C$ , whose root  $C$  (neighbour of  $B$ ) has degree at least 2.

Since  $C$  has degree at least 2, we derive that  $\mu_C \geq \overline{\mu}_C + 3/2 - o(1)$ .

Since  $N_B = 2(1 + N_C) \sim 2N_C$  and  $\overline{N}_B = \overline{N}_C + N_C + 1 \sim \overline{N}_C + N_C$ ,

we derive that  $c' = N_C / (\overline{N}_C + N_C) \sim 1/(2*c)$  when  $c > 1/2$ .

In that case  $\overline{\mu}_B \leq \mu(T_C) \leq c' \mu_C + (1-c')(\mu_C - 3/2 + o(1))$ .

Combined with  $\mu_C \leq \mu_B - 3/2 + o(1)$ , this implies that

$\mu_B - \overline{\mu}_B \geq 3 - 3/(4*c)$  when  $c \geq 1/2$ .

Using the above observations, we consider the following 3 lower bounds.

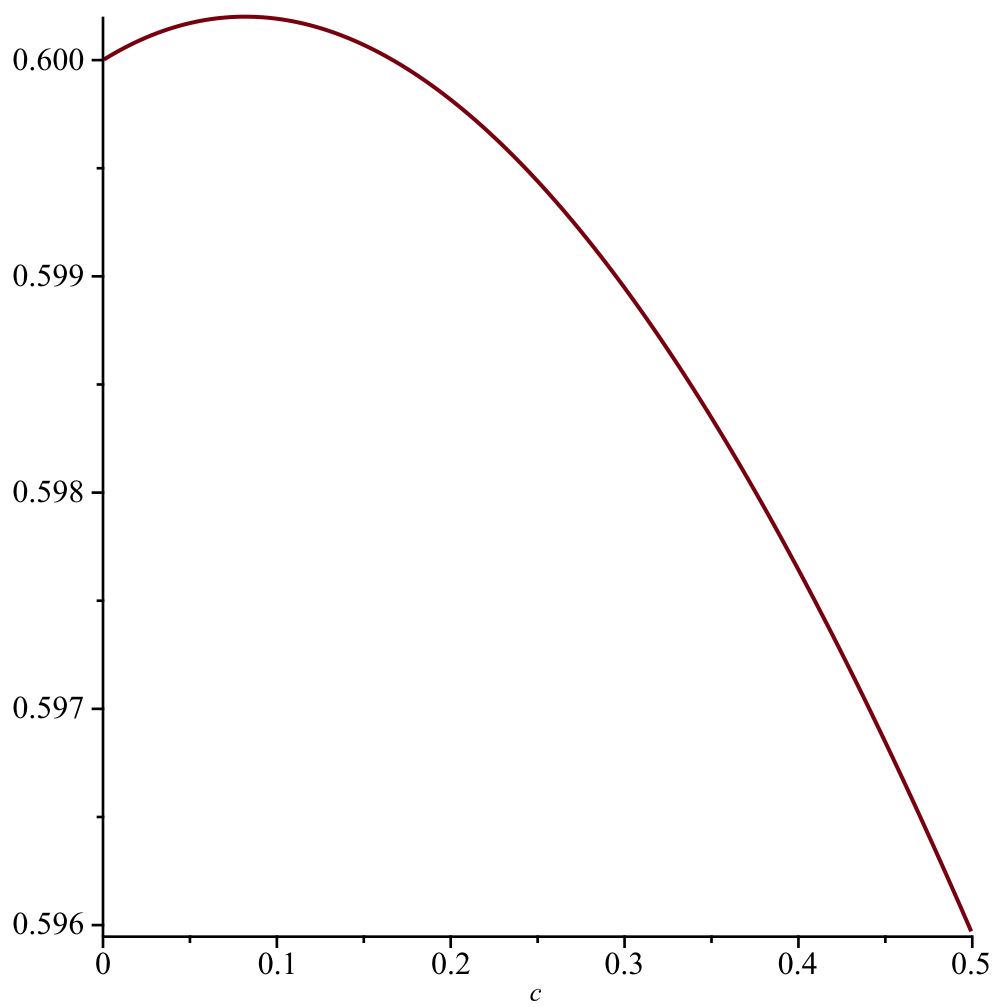
As such, we can also conclude that  $59/99 - o(1)$  is only attained when  $c=1/2$  and  $c' \sim 1$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \text{> } Low(R_A, N_A, c) := 1 - \frac{1+c}{N_A+1+c} - \frac{\left(R_A - N_A - \frac{3}{2} \cdot c\right)}{(N_A+1+c) \cdot (N_A+c)}; \\
 & \quad Low := (R_A, N_A, c) \mapsto 1 - \frac{c+1}{N_A+1+c} - \frac{R_A - N_A - \frac{3 \cdot c}{2}}{(N_A+1+c) \cdot (N_A+c)} \quad (12)
 \end{aligned}$$

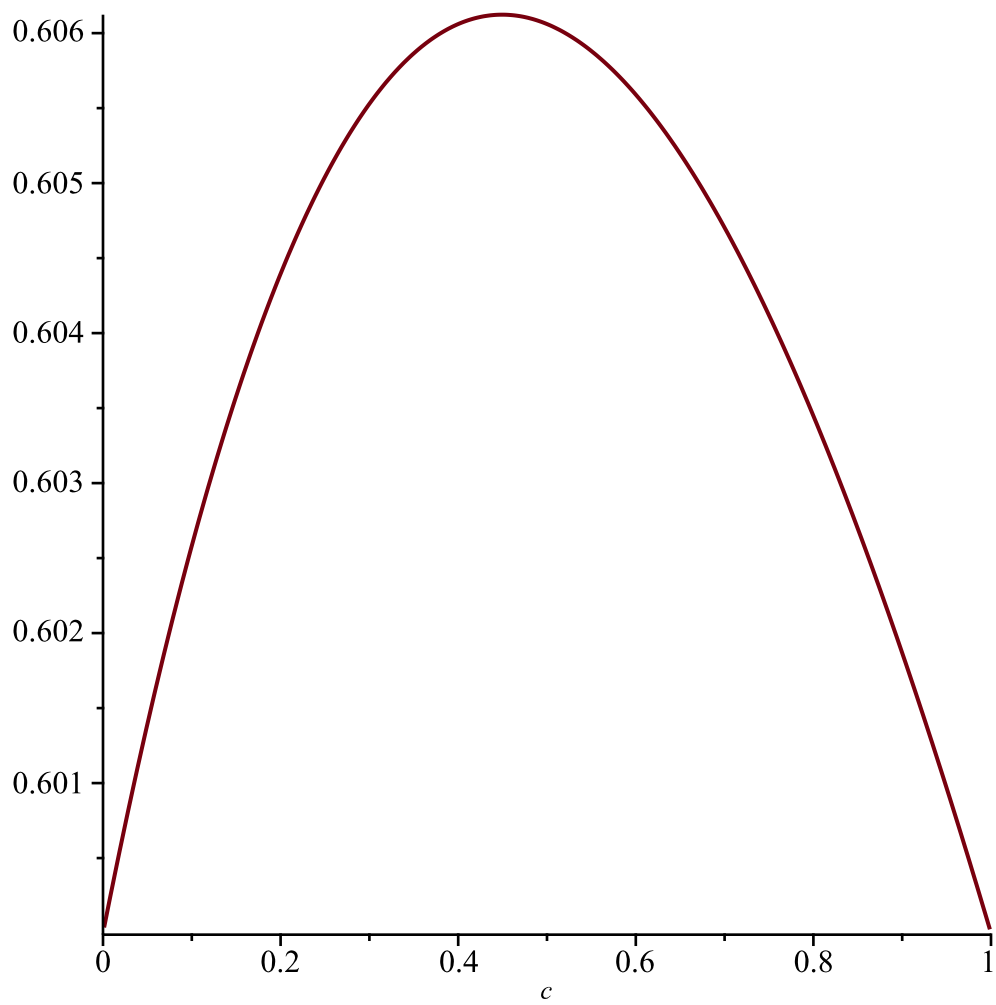
$$\begin{aligned}
 & \text{> } Low1(R_A, N_A, c) := 1 - \frac{1+c}{N_A+1+c} - \frac{(R_A - N_A - c \cdot 2)}{(N_A+1+c) \cdot (N_A+c)}; \\
 & \quad Low1 := (R_A, N_A, c) \mapsto 1 - \frac{c+1}{N_A+1+c} - \frac{R_A - N_A - 2 \cdot c}{(N_A+1+c) \cdot (N_A+c)} \quad (13)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \text{> } Low2(R_A, N_A, c) := 1 - \frac{1+c}{N_A+1+c} - \frac{\left(R_A - N_A - \left(3 - \frac{3}{4 \cdot c}\right) \cdot c\right)}{(N_A+1+c) \cdot (N_A+c)}; \\
 & \quad Low2 := (R_A, N_A, c) \mapsto 1 - \frac{c+1}{N_A+1+c} - \frac{R_A - N_A - \left(3 - \frac{3}{4 \cdot c}\right) \cdot c}{(N_A+1+c) \cdot (N_A+c)} \quad (14)
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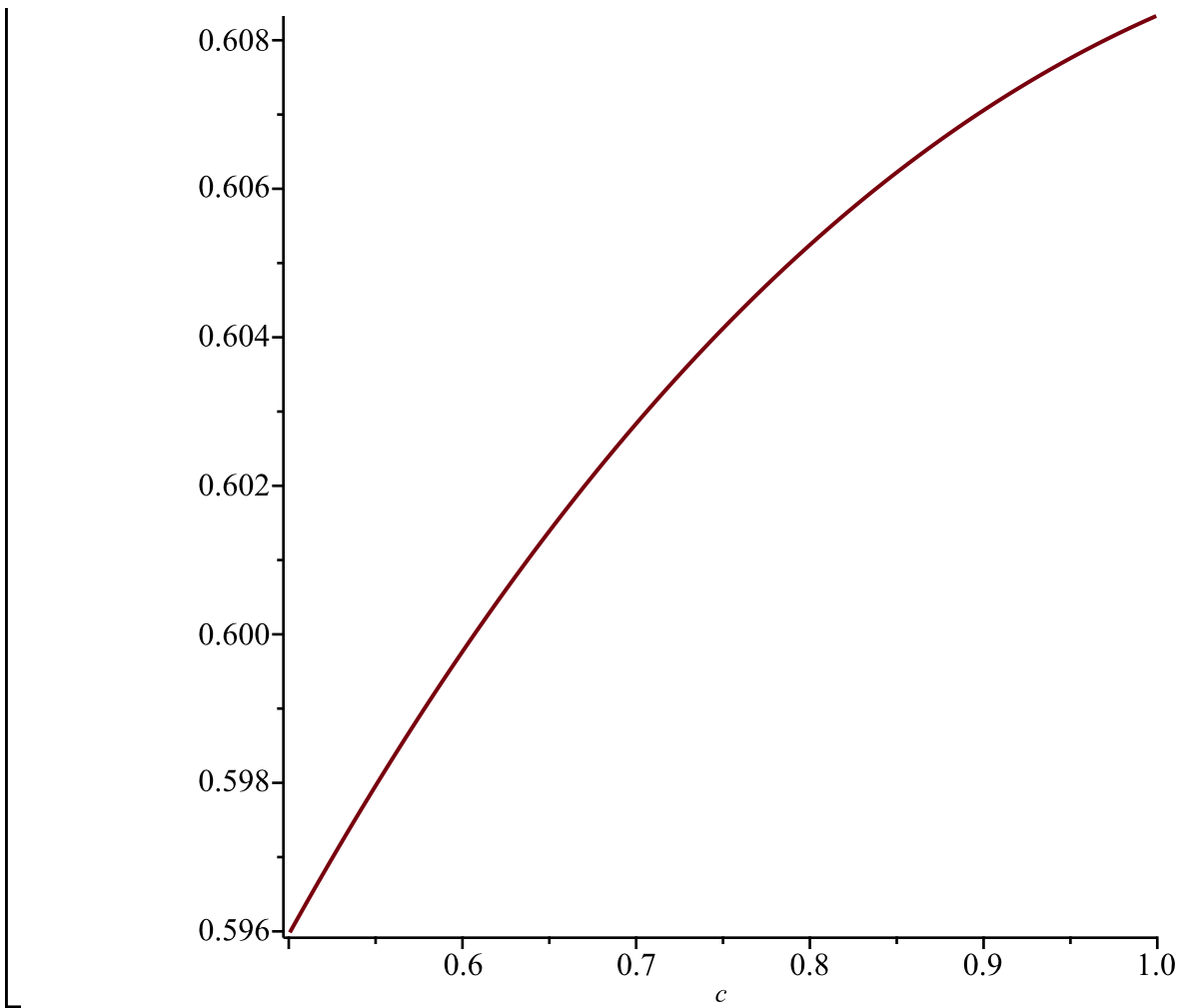
$$\text{> } plot(Low(8, 4, c), c=0..0.5)$$



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> plot(LowI(8, 4, c), c=0..1)
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> plot(Low2(8, 4, c), c = 0.5..1)
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$$> Low\left(8, 4, \frac{1}{2}\right);$$

$$Low2\left(8, 4, \frac{1}{2}\right)$$

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