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Mathematics

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I- (2.5 pts) The space is referred to an orthonormal system $(O ; \vec{i} , \vec{j} , \vec{k})$.

Consider in the plane (P) of equation $2x + y - 2z + 3 = 0$, the circle (C) of center $A(1 ; -3 ; 1)$ and radius $\sqrt{3}$; and in the plane (Q) of equation $x - y - z - 3 = 0$, the circle (γ) of center $B(2 ; -1 ; 0)$ and radius 3 .

- 1- Write a system of parametric equations of each of the axis (d) of (C) and the axis (δ) of (γ) .
- 2- Determine the point of intersection I of (d) and (δ) .
- 3- Prove that I is the center of a sphere (S) containing the circles (C) and (γ) . Calculate the volume of (S) .

II- (3.5 pts) Consider the equation $(E) : (\cos^2 \alpha)z^2 + (\sin 2\alpha)z + 1 + \sin^2 \alpha = 0$ where $0 \leq \alpha < \frac{\pi}{2}$.

Let M' and M'' be the images , in the complex plane , of the solutions z' and z'' of (E) .

- 1- Calculate z' and z'' in terms of α and prove that , as α varies , $z'^2 + z''^2$ remains constant .
- 2- Calculate $M'M''$ in terms of α and determine α so that $M'M''$ is minimum .
- 3- Prove that , as α varies , M' and M'' vary on a hyperbola (H) of center O , for which the asymptotes , a focus and the associated directrix are to be determined . Draw (H) .

III- (3.5 pts) Consider the sequences (U_n) , (V_n) and (W_n) defined for all natural numbers $n \geq 1$ by

$$U_n = \frac{1^3}{n^4} + \frac{2^3}{n^4} + \dots + \frac{n^3}{n^4} ; \quad V_n = \frac{1}{n^2} + \frac{2}{n^2} + \dots + \frac{n}{n^2} \quad \text{and} \quad W_n = \sin \frac{1}{n^2} + \sin \frac{2}{n^2} + \dots + \sin \frac{n}{n^2} .$$

1- Prove that (U_n) has 1 as an upper bound and that (V_n) converges to $\frac{1}{2}$.

2- a) Using the inequality (1) : $x - \frac{x^3}{6} \leq \sin x \leq x$ which is true for all x in $[0 ; +\infty[$, prove that :

$$\text{For all } n \geq 1 \text{ and for all natural numbers } k , \quad \frac{k}{n^2} - \frac{1}{6n^2} \times \frac{k^3}{n^4} \leq \sin \frac{k}{n^2} \leq \frac{k}{n^2} .$$

b) Prove that , for all $n \geq 1$, $V_n - \frac{1}{6n^2} \times U_n \leq W_n \leq V_n$ and deduce that $V_n - \frac{1}{6n^2} \leq W_n \leq V_n$.

c) Prove that (W_n) is convergent and determine its limit .

IV- (3.5 pts) Consider an urn containing 10 balls of which n balls are green , m balls are red and the others are white such that $n \geq 2$; $m \geq 2$ and $n + m \leq 8$.



A player pays 5 \$ and draws two balls at random from the urn; he gains 15 \$ for each green ball drawn , 5 \$ for each red ball drawn and loses 5 \$ for each white ball drawn .

Let X be the random variable that represents the total algebraic gain of the player after the game .

- 1- a) Determine the values of X .
b) Calculate $p(X = 25)$ and $p(X = 15)$ in terms of n and m .
c) Knowing that $p(X = 25) = \frac{1}{15}$ and $p(X = 15) = \frac{2}{15}$, determine n and m .
- 2- Suppose in this part that the urn contains 3 green balls , 2 red balls and 5 white balls .
a) Determine the probability distribution of X and calculate its expected value .
b) Calculate the probability that the player has drawn 2 balls of same color knowing that his total algebraic gain was positive .

V- (5 pts) Given in an oriented plane , a circle (C) of center A and radius 3 and a circle (C') of center B and radius 1 such that $AB = 6$.

- 1- Let S be the similitude of angle $\frac{\pi}{3}$ that transforms (C) into (C') .
a) Determine the ratio of S and justify that its center I is such that $IA = 3IB$.
b) Prove that $IA = \frac{18}{\sqrt{7}}$ and $IB = \frac{6}{\sqrt{7}}$. Construct I .
- 2- Let r be the rotation of center A and angle $\frac{2\pi}{3}$ and h the dilation of center A and ratio $\frac{2}{3}$.
a) Construct the points D and E such that $D = r(B)$ and $E = h(B)$.
b) Calculate $\frac{BE}{AD}$ and $(\overrightarrow{AD} ; \overrightarrow{BE})$. Deduce $S(D)$.
c) Prove that I belongs to the circle circumscribed about the triangle ADE .

In what follows , refer the plane to the direct orthonormal system $(A ; \overrightarrow{u} , \overrightarrow{v})$ such that $\overrightarrow{u} = \frac{1}{6} \overrightarrow{AB}$.

- 3- Determine the complex relation of the similitude S . Deduce the affix of I .
- 4- a) Determine the complex relation of each of the rotation r and the dilation h .
b) Determine the affix of each of the points D and E and verify that $S(D) = E$.

VI- (7 pts) Consider the function f defined on the interval $]0 ; +\infty[$ by $f(x) = \ln^2 x - \ln x$.

Let (C) be the representative curve of f in an orthonormal system $(O ; \overrightarrow{i} , \overrightarrow{j})$.

- 1- Determine the points of intersection A and B , $(x_A < x_B)$, of (C) and the axis of abscissas .



- 2- a) Set up the table of variations of f and determine the point S corresponding to the minimum of f .
b) Prove that the restriction of f to the interval $]0 ; 1]$ has an inverse function f^{-1} to be determined .
- 3- a) Study the concavity of (C) and determine its point of inflection I .
b) Verify that the abscissas of the points A , B , S and I are , in a certain order , 4 consecutive terms of an increasing geometric sequence whose common ratio is to be determined .
- 4- Draw (C) . (**Unit : 2 cm**)
- 5- a) Determine , in terms of α , an equation of the tangent (d) to (C) at the point M of abscissa α .
b) Determine the ordinate β of the point of intersection of (d) with the axis of ordinates .
c) Prove that , as α traces $]0 ; +\infty[$, β has a minimum β_0 . Determine β_0 and the corresponding position of M .
- 6- a) Prove that , for all $m > \beta_0$, there exists two points M_1 and M_2 on (C) where the tangent to (C) cuts the axis of ordinates at the point with ordinate m .
b) Prove that the abscissas α_1 and α_2 of M_1 and M_2 are such that $\alpha_1 \alpha_2 = e^3$.
c) Determine the point E of (C) such that the tangents to (C) at E and B intersect on the axis of ordinates .
- 7- Consider the sequence (I_n) defined on \mathbb{N} by $I_n = \int_1^e (\ln x)^n dx$.
a) Using integration by parts , prove that , for all $n \geq 1$, $I_n = e - n I_{n-1}$.
b) Calculate the area of the domain bounded by (C) and the axis of abscissas in cm^2 .



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EXERCISE 1

- 1- The axis (d) of (C) is the perpendicular to (P) at A ; $\vec{u}(2; 1; -2)$ is a direction vector of (d) .
A system of parametric equations of (d) is $(x = 2t + 1 ; y = t - 3 ; z = -2t + 1 ; t \in \mathbb{R})$
The axis (δ) of (γ) is the perpendicular to (Q) at B ; $\vec{v}(1; -1; -1)$ is a direction vector of (δ) .
A system of parametric equations of (δ) is $(x = m + 2 ; y = -m - 1 ; z = -m ; m \in \mathbb{R})$.
- 2- The system $(2t + 1 = m + 2 ; t - 3 = -m - 1 ; -2t + 1 = -m)$ has a unique solution $m = t = 1$.
Therefore , (d) and (δ) intersect at the point $I(3; -2; -1)$.
- 3- I belongs to (d) then I is equidistant from all points of (C) ; For any point M of (C) , the triangle IAM is right at A such that $IA = \sqrt{4+1+4} = 3$ and $AM = r = \sqrt{3}$ then $IM = \sqrt{IA^2 + AM^2} = \sqrt{12} = 2\sqrt{3}$.
 I belongs to (δ) then I is equidistant from all points of (γ) ; For any point M of (γ) , the triangle IBM is right at B such that $IB = \sqrt{1+1+1} = \sqrt{3}$ and $BM = r' = 3$ then $IM = \sqrt{IB^2 + BM^2} = \sqrt{12} = 2\sqrt{3}$.
Therefore I is equidistant from all points of $(C) \cup (\gamma)$. Hence , I is the center of a sphere (S) of radius $R = 2\sqrt{3}$ containing the circles (C) and (γ) .

EXERCISE 2

- 1- $(E) : (\cos^2 \alpha)z^2 + 2(\sin \alpha \cos \alpha)z + 1 + \sin^2 \alpha = 0$; for all $[0; \frac{\pi}{2}[$, the equation (E) is quadratic .
 $\Delta' = \sin^2 \alpha \cos^2 \alpha - \cos^2 \alpha - \sin^2 \alpha \cos^2 \alpha = -\cos^2 \alpha = i^2 \cos^2 \alpha$.
The solutions of (E) are $z' = \frac{-\sin \alpha \cos \alpha + i \cos \alpha}{\cos^2 \alpha} = -\tan \alpha + \frac{1}{\cos \alpha} i$ and $z'' = -\tan \alpha - \frac{1}{\cos \alpha} i$.
 $z'^2 + z''^2 = \left(-\tan \alpha + \frac{1}{\cos \alpha} i\right)^2 + \left(-\tan \alpha - \frac{1}{\cos \alpha} i\right)^2 = 2\left(\tan^2 \alpha - \frac{1}{\cos^2 \alpha}\right) = 2(-1) = -2$.
OR $z'^2 + z''^2 = (z' + z'')^2 - 2z'z'' = (-2 \tan \alpha)^2 - 2\left(\frac{1}{\cos^2 \alpha} - \tan^2 \alpha\right) = -2(1) = -2$.
- 2- $M'M'' = |z' - z''| = \left|\frac{2}{\cos \alpha} i\right| = \frac{2}{\cos \alpha}$ since $0 \leq \alpha < \frac{\pi}{2}$ then $\cos \alpha > 0$.
 $M'M''$ is minimum is equivalent to $\cos \alpha$ is maximum where $0 < \cos \alpha \leq 1$; therefore
 $M'M''$ is minimum when $\cos \alpha = 1$; that is when $\alpha = 0$



3- $M'(-\tan \alpha ; \frac{1}{\cos \alpha})$ and $M''(-\tan \alpha ; \frac{-1}{\cos \alpha})$ are the images of z' and z''

The coordinates x and y of each of M' and M'' are such that $x^2 - y^2 = \tan^2 \alpha - \frac{1}{\cos^2 \alpha} = -1$.

Therefore, as α varies, M' and M'' vary on the hyperbola (H) of equation $y^2 - x^2 = 1$.

The center of (H) is the origin O , the asymptotes are the straight lines of equations $y = x$ and $y = -x$.

The focal axis of (H) is the axis of ordinates.

$a = b = 1$ then $c = \sqrt{2}$; therefore $F(0 \sqrt{2})$ is a focus of (H) and the straight line (d) of equation

$y = \frac{a^2}{c} = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$ is the associated directrix.

Drawing (H) .

EXERCISE 3

1- $U_n = \frac{1}{n^4} + \frac{2^3}{n^4} + \frac{3^3}{n^4} + \dots + \frac{n^3}{n^4}$ then $U_n \leq \underbrace{\frac{n^3}{n^4} + \frac{n^3}{n^4} + \frac{n^3}{n^4} + \dots + \frac{n^3}{n^4}}_{n \text{ times}} = n \left(\frac{n^3}{n^4} \right) = 1$

$V_n = \frac{1+2+3+\dots+n}{n^2} = \frac{n(n+1)}{2n^2}$ then $\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} V_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{n^2}{2n^2} = \frac{1}{2}$ and (V_n) converges to $\frac{1}{2}$.

2- The sequence (W_n) is defined for $n \geq 1$ by $W_n = \sin \frac{1}{n^2} + \sin \frac{2}{n^2} + \sin \frac{3}{n^2} + \dots + \sin \frac{n}{n^2}$.

a) By applying (1) to $\frac{1}{n^2}$ we get $\frac{1}{n^2} - \frac{1^3}{6n^6} \leq \sin \frac{1}{n^2} \leq \frac{1}{n^2}$; that is $\frac{1}{n^2} - \frac{1}{6n^2} \times \frac{1^3}{n^4} \leq \sin \frac{1}{n^2} \leq \frac{1}{n^2}$.

b) By applying (1) to $\frac{k}{n^2}$ for $k \in \{1; 2; 3; \dots; n\}$ and adding the n inequalities we get

$$V_n - \frac{1}{6n^2} \times U_n \leq W_n \leq V_n.$$

For all $n \geq 1$, $U_n \leq 1$ then $V_n - \frac{1}{6n^2} \leq W_n \leq V_n$.

c) (V_n) converges to $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{1}{6n^2} = 0$ then (W_n) is convergent and its limit is equal to $\frac{1}{2}$.



EXERCISE 4

1- The random variable X represents the total algebraic gain of the player after the game .

- a) ▪ If the player draws 2 green balls then , $X = 15 + 15 - 5 = 25$.
- If the player draws a green ball and a red one then , $X = 15 + 5 - 5 = 15$.
- If the player draws a green ball and a white one then , $X = 15 - 5 - 5 = 5$.
- If the player draws 2 red balls then , $X = 5 + 5 - 5 = 5$.
- If the player draws a red ball and a white one then , $X = 5 - 5 - 5 = -5$.
- If the player draws 2 white balls then $X = -5 - 5 - 5 = -15$.

Hence , the set of values of X is $\{-15 ; -5 ; 5 ; 15 ; 25\}$.

b) When 2 balls are randomly drawn from the urn that contains 10 balls , the sample space is equiprobable and consists of ${}_{10}C_2$ possible outcomes .

- ($X = 25$) represents the event " the player draws 2 green balls " ; therefore

$$p(X = 25) = \frac{{}_n C_2}{{}_{10} C_2} = \frac{n(n-1)}{90} .$$

- ($X = 15$) represents the event " the player draws a green ball and a red one " ; therefore

$$p(X = 15) = \frac{n \times m}{{}_{10} C_2} = \frac{n \times m}{45} .$$

c) $p(X = 25) = \frac{1}{15}$ is equivalent to $\frac{n(n-1)}{90} = \frac{1}{15}$; $n(n-1) = 6$ therefore $n = 3$.

$p(X = 15) = \frac{2}{15}$ is equivalent to $\frac{n \times m}{45} = \frac{2}{15}$; $mn = 6$ where $n = 3$; therefore $m = 2$.

2- Suppose in this part that the urn contains 3 green balls , 2 red balls and 5 white balls .

- a) ▪ ($X = -15$) is the event " the player draws 2 white balls " ; therefore $p(X = -15) = \frac{{}_5 C_2}{{}_{10} C_2} = \frac{2}{9}$.
- ($X = -5$) is the event " the player draws 1 red ball and 1 white one " ; $p(X = -5) = \frac{2 \times 5}{{}_{10} C_2} = \frac{2}{9}$.



- $(X = 5)$ is the event " the player draws 1 green ball and 1 white one or 2 red balls " ;

$$p(X = 5) = \frac{3 \times 5}{{}_{10}C_2} + \frac{{}_2C_2}{{}_{10}C_2} = \frac{16}{45}.$$

- $p(X = 15) = \frac{2}{15}$ and $p(X = 25) = \frac{1}{15}$

The expected gain of the player is $\bar{X} = -15 \times \frac{2}{9} - 5 \times \frac{2}{9} + 5 \times \frac{16}{45} + 15 \times \frac{2}{15} + 25 \times \frac{1}{15} = 1 \$$.

- b) Let A : " the player draws 2 balls of same color " and B : " the algebraic gain is positive " .

The required probability is $p(A/B) = \frac{p(A \cap B)}{p(B)}$ where

$A \cap B$: " the player draws 2 green balls or 2 red balls " ;

$$p(A \cap B) = p(X = 25) + \frac{{}_2C_2}{{}_{10}C_2} = \frac{1}{15} + \frac{1}{45} = \frac{4}{45} \text{ and}$$

$$p(B) = p(X = 5) + p(X = 15) + p(X = 25) = \frac{25}{45} = \frac{5}{9}.$$

$$\text{Therefore } p(A/B) = \frac{p(A \cap B)}{p(B)} = \frac{4}{25}.$$

EXERCISE 5

1- S is the similitude of center I angle $\frac{\pi}{3}$ that transforms (C) into (C') .

- a) ▪ The ratio of S is $k = \frac{\text{radius of } (C')}{\text{radius of } (C)} = \frac{1}{3}$.

- The similitude transforms the center A of (C) into the center B of (C') ; therefore $IB = \frac{1}{3}IA$; that is $IA = 3IB$.



b) $S(A) = B$; then $(\overrightarrow{IA} ; \overrightarrow{IB}) = \frac{\pi}{3} \quad (2\pi)$.

- In triangle IAB we can write

$$AB^2 = IA^2 + IB^2 - 2 IA \times IB \times \cos \frac{\pi}{3} ; \text{ that is}$$

$$36 = 9 IB^2 + IB^2 - 3 IB^2 ; IB^2 = \frac{36}{7} .$$

$$\text{Therefore } IB = \frac{6}{\sqrt{7}} \text{ and } IA = \frac{18}{\sqrt{7}} .$$

- The points A and B being given , the point I belongs to the circle (γ) of center A and radius $\frac{18}{\sqrt{7}}$ and the circle (γ') of center B and radius $\frac{6}{\sqrt{7}}$.

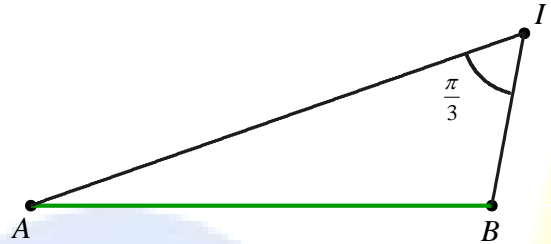
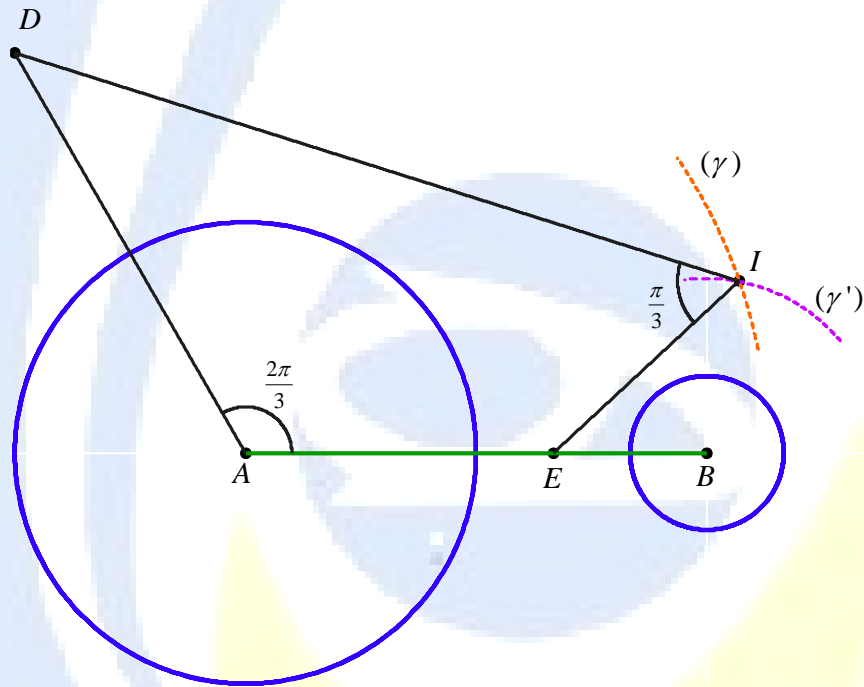


Figure 10



The circles (γ) and (γ') intersect at two points ; I is the point such that $(\overrightarrow{IA} ; \overrightarrow{IB}) = +\frac{\pi}{3} (2\pi)$.



2- Consider the rotation $r = r(A, \frac{2\pi}{3})$ and the dilation $h = h(A, \frac{2}{3})$.

- a) ▪ $D = r(B)$; therefore D is the point such that $AD = AB = 6$ and $(\overrightarrow{AB} ; \overrightarrow{AD}) = \frac{2\pi}{3} (2\pi)$.
- $E = h(B)$; therefore E is the point such that $\overrightarrow{AE} = \frac{2}{3} \overrightarrow{AB}$; therefore E is the point of $[AB]$ such that $AE = 4$ and $BE = 2$.
- b) ▪ $\frac{BE}{AD} = \frac{2}{6} = \frac{1}{3}$.
- $(\overrightarrow{AD} ; \overrightarrow{BE}) = (\overrightarrow{AD} ; \overrightarrow{BA}) = -(\overrightarrow{BA} ; \overrightarrow{AD}) = -(\overrightarrow{AB} ; \overrightarrow{AD}) + \pi = -\frac{2\pi}{3} + \pi = \frac{\pi}{3} (2\pi)$.
- The above relations with $S(A) = B$ show that $S(D) = E$.



c) $S(D) = E$ gives $(\overrightarrow{ID} ; \overrightarrow{IE}) = \frac{\pi}{3} (2\pi)$.

The quadrilateral $AEID$ is cyclic for having two supplementary opposite angles $\hat{E}ID$ and $\hat{E}AD$; therefore I belongs to the circle circumscribed about the triangle ADE .

The plane is referred to the direct orthonormal system $(A ; \overrightarrow{u}, \overrightarrow{v})$ such that $\overrightarrow{u} = \frac{1}{6} \overrightarrow{AB}$.

3- In this system we have $A(0 ; 0)$, $B(6 ; 0)$

The complex relation of the similitude $S(I ; \frac{1}{3} ; \frac{\pi}{3})$ is of the form $z' = az + b$ where

- $a = \frac{1}{3} e^{i\frac{\pi}{3}} = \frac{1}{3} (\frac{1}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} i) = \frac{1}{6} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{6} i$.
- $B = S(A)$; that is $z_B = az_A + b$; $6 = b$.

Therefore the complex relation of S is $z' = (\frac{1}{6} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{6} i)z + 6$.

The affix of the center I of S is $z_I = \frac{b}{1-a} = \frac{6}{\frac{5}{6} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{6} i} = \frac{36}{5 - \sqrt{3}i} = \frac{36(5 + \sqrt{3}i)}{28} = \frac{45}{7} - \frac{9\sqrt{3}}{7} i$.

4- a) The complex relation of the rotation $r(A ; \frac{2\pi}{3})$ is of the form $z' = az + b$ where

- $a = e^{i\frac{2\pi}{3}} = -\frac{1}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} i$.
- $A = r(A)$; that is $b = 0$.

Therefore the complex relation of r is $z' = (-\frac{1}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} i)z$.

The complex relation of the dilation $h(A ; \frac{2}{3})$ is $z' = \frac{2}{3}z$.

b) ▪ $D = r(B)$; therefore $z_D = (-\frac{1}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} i)z_B = 6(-\frac{1}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} i) = -3 + 3\sqrt{3}i$; $D(-3 ; +3\sqrt{3})$.

▪ $E = h(B)$; therefore $z_E = \frac{2}{3}z_B = 4$; $E(4 ; 0)$.

▪ $(\frac{1}{6} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{6} i)z_D + 6 = (\frac{1}{6} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{6} i)(-3 + 3\sqrt{3}i) + 6 = -\frac{1}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} i - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} i - \frac{3}{2} + 6 = 4 = z_E$; therefore $S(D) = E$.



EXERCISE 6

The function f is defined on the interval $]0; +\infty[$ by $f(x) = \ln^2 x - \ln x$.

1- The abscissas of the points of intersection of (C) and the axis of abscissas are the solutions of the equation $f(x) = 0$ which is equivalent to $\ln^2 x - \ln x = 0$; $\ln x = 0$ or $\ln x = 1$ then $x = 1$ or $x = e$.

The points of intersection of (C) and $x'x$ are $A(1; 0)$ and $B(e; 0)$.

2- a) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \ln x = -\infty$ then $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} (\ln^2 x - \ln x) = +\infty$.

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \ln x (\ln x - 1) = +\infty.$$

$$f'(x) = \frac{2\ln x - 1}{x}.$$

Table of variations of f

x	0	\sqrt{e}	$+\infty$
$f'(x)$		- 0 +	
$f(x)$	$+\infty$	$-\frac{1}{4}$	$+\infty$

Figure 18

The point of (C) corresponding to the minimum of f is $S(\sqrt{e}; -\frac{1}{4})$.

b) The restriction of f to the interval $]0; 1]$ is continuous and strictly decreasing then, it has an inverse function f^{-1} defined on $f(]0; 1]) = [0; +\infty[$.

For all x in $[0; +\infty[$, $y = f^{-1}(x)$ is equivalent to $x = f(y) = \ln^2 y - \ln y$; that is $\ln^2 y - \ln y - x = 0$

where $y \in]0; 1]$ then $\ln y \in]-\infty; 0]$; therefore $\ln y = \frac{1 - \sqrt{1 + 4x}}{2}$ and $y = \exp\left(\frac{1 - \sqrt{1 + 4x}}{2}\right)$.

Finally, f^{-1} is defined on $[0; +\infty[$ by $f^{-1}(x) = \exp\left(\frac{1 - \sqrt{1 + 4x}}{2}\right)$.

3- a) $f''(x) = \frac{3 - 2\ln x}{x^2}$.

Table of concavity of (C)

The concavity of (C) changes at the point $I(e\sqrt{e}; \frac{3}{4})$

Which is the point of inflection of (C) .

x	0	$e\sqrt{e}$	$+\infty$
$f''(x)$		+ 0 -	
(C) concaves		upwards	downwards

Figure 19

b) The abscissas of the points A , S , B and I are respectively 1 , \sqrt{e} , e and $e\sqrt{e}$; these numbers are, in this order, 4 consecutive terms of an increasing geometric sequence of common ratio \sqrt{e} .

4- $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x) = +\infty$ then, the axis of ordinates is asymptote to (C) .



For all n in \mathbb{N} , $\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{\ln^n x}{x} = 0$ then, $\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{f(x)}{x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \left(\frac{\ln^2 x}{x} - \frac{\ln x}{x} \right) = 0$; therefore (C) has at $+\infty$ an asymptotic direction parallel to the axis of abscissas .
Drawing (C) .

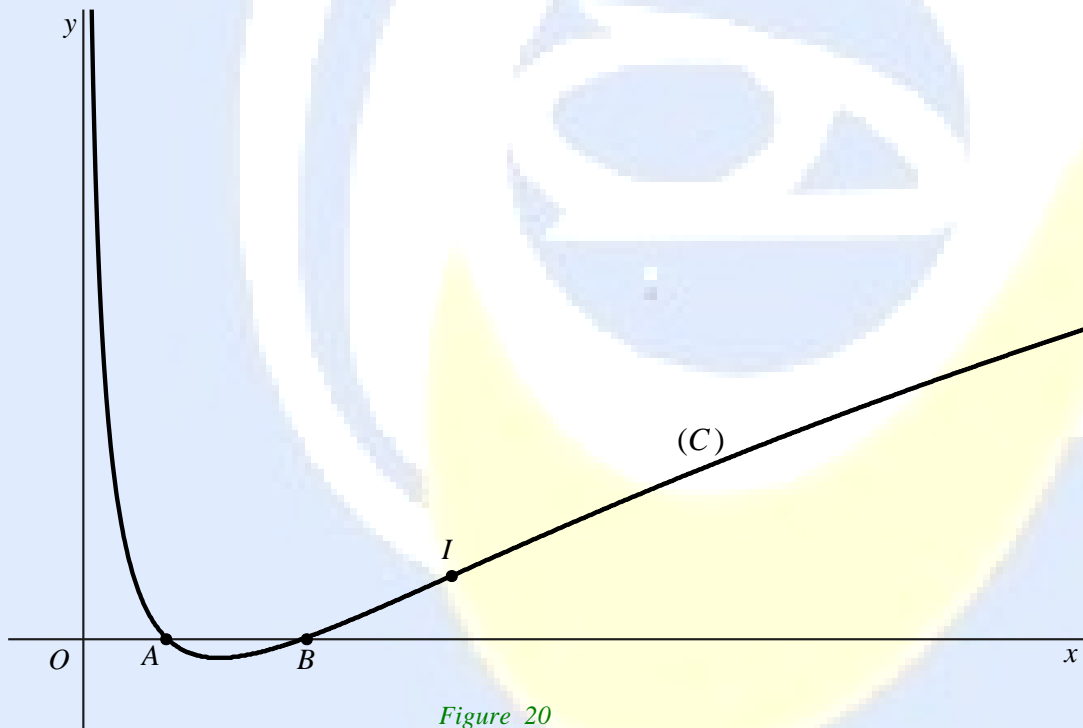


Figure 20

5- a) An equation of the tangent (d) to (C) at the point M of abscissa α is $y = f'(\alpha)(x - \alpha) + f(\alpha)$;

$$(d) : y = \frac{2\ln\alpha - 1}{\alpha}(x - \alpha) + \ln^2\alpha - \ln\alpha .$$

b) (d) cuts $y'y$ at the point of ordinate $\beta = \ln^2\alpha - 3\ln\alpha + 1$.



c) $\beta = \ln^2 \alpha - 3 \ln \alpha + 1 = \left(\ln \alpha - \frac{3}{2} \right)^2 - \frac{5}{4}$ then, as α traces $]0; +\infty[$, β traces $[-\frac{5}{4}; +\infty[$ and takes its minimum value $\beta_0 = -\frac{5}{4}$ when $\ln \alpha = \frac{3}{2}$; $\alpha = e\sqrt{e}$; that is $M = I$.

6- a) $\beta = m$ is equivalent to $\left(\ln \alpha - \frac{3}{2} \right)^2 = m + \frac{5}{4}$.

For all $m > \beta_0$, the equation $\beta = m$ is equivalent to $\ln \alpha - \frac{3}{2} = \sqrt{m + \frac{5}{4}}$ or $\ln \alpha - \frac{3}{2} = -\sqrt{m + \frac{5}{4}}$; then, there exists two points M_1 and M_2 on (C) with abscissas α_1 and α_2 such that $\ln \alpha_1 = \frac{3}{2} + \sqrt{m + \frac{5}{4}}$ and $\ln \alpha_2 = \frac{3}{2} - \sqrt{m + \frac{5}{4}}$ where the tangent to (C) cuts the axis of ordinates at the point with ordinate m .

b) $\ln \alpha_1 + \ln \alpha_2 = 3$ then $\ln(\alpha_1 \alpha_2) = 3$; that is $\alpha_1 \alpha_2 = e^3$.

OR a) $\beta = m$ is equivalent to $\ln^2 \alpha - 3 \ln \alpha + 1 - m = 0$; $(\ln \alpha)^2 - 3 \ln \alpha + 1 - m = 0$.

For the quadratic equation in $\ln \alpha$: $(\ln \alpha)^2 - 3 \ln \alpha + 1 - m = 0$, $\Delta = 4m + 5$ then,

For all $m > \beta = -\frac{5}{4}$, this equation has two solutions in $\ln \alpha$ and, since $\ln \alpha$ can take any real value, therefore there exists two values of α for which $\beta = m$; hence there exists two points M_1 and M_2 on (C) where the tangent to (C) cuts the axis of ordinates at the point with ordinate m .

b) $\ln \alpha_1$ and $\ln \alpha_2$ are the solutions of the quadratic equation in $\ln \alpha$: $(\ln \alpha)^2 - 3 \ln \alpha + 1 - m = 0$; therefore $\ln \alpha_1 + \ln \alpha_2 = 3$ then $\ln(\alpha_1 \alpha_2) = 3$; that is $\alpha_1 \alpha_2 = e^3$.

c) The tangents to (C) at E and B intersect on the axis of ordinates if and only if the abscissa of E is such that $x_B \times x_E = e^3$ where $x_B = e$ then $x_E = e^2$; $E(e^2; 2)$

7- a) Let $u(x) = (\ln x)^n$ and $v'(x) = 1$ then $u'(x) = n \frac{(\ln x)^{n-1}}{x}$ and $v(x) = x$; therefore

$$I_n = \int_1^e (\ln x)^n dx = \left[x (\ln x)^n \right]_1^e - n \int_1^e (\ln x)^{n-1} dx = e - n I_{n-1}.$$



b) For all x in $[1; e]$, $f(x) \leq 0$ then, the required area S is such that $S = -\int_1^e f(x) dx$ units of area.

$$\int_1^e f(x) dx = \int_1^e (\ln^2 x - \ln x) dx = I_2 - I_1.$$

$$I_0 = \int_1^e dx = [x]_1^e = e - 1 \text{ then } I_1 = e - I_0 = 1 \text{ and } I_2 = e - 2I_1 = e - 2; \text{ therefore } \int_1^e f(x) dx = e - 3.$$

Finally, $S = 3 - e$ units of area; that is $S = 12 - 4e \text{ cm}^2$.