

Question 3

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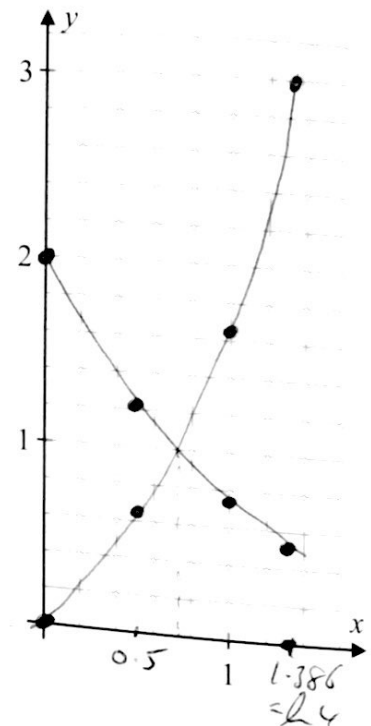
(25 marks)

- (a) (i) $f(x) = \frac{2}{e^x}$ and $g(x) = e^x - 1$, where $x \in \mathbb{R}$.

Complete the table below. Write your values correct to two decimal places where necessary.

x	0	0.5	1	$\ln(4)$
$f(x) = \frac{2}{e^x}$	2	1.21	0.74	0.5
$g(x) = e^x - 1$	0	0.65	1.72	3

- (ii) In the grid on the right, use the table to draw the graphs of $f(x)$ and $g(x)$ in the domain $0 \leq x \leq \ln(4)$. Label each graph clearly.



- (iii) Use your graphs to estimate the value of x for which $f(x) = g(x)$.

$x = 0.75$

- (b) Solve $f(x) = g(x)$ using algebra.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{2}{e^x} &= e^x - 1 \\ 2 &= e^{2x} - e^x \\ \therefore 0 &= (e^x)^2 - e^x - 2 \\ \therefore 0 &= (e^x - 2)(e^x + 1) \\ \therefore e^x - 2 &= 0 & \text{ or } & e^x = -1 \\ e^x &= 2 & & x = \ln(-1) \\ x &= \ln 2 \\ &= 0.693 \end{aligned}$$