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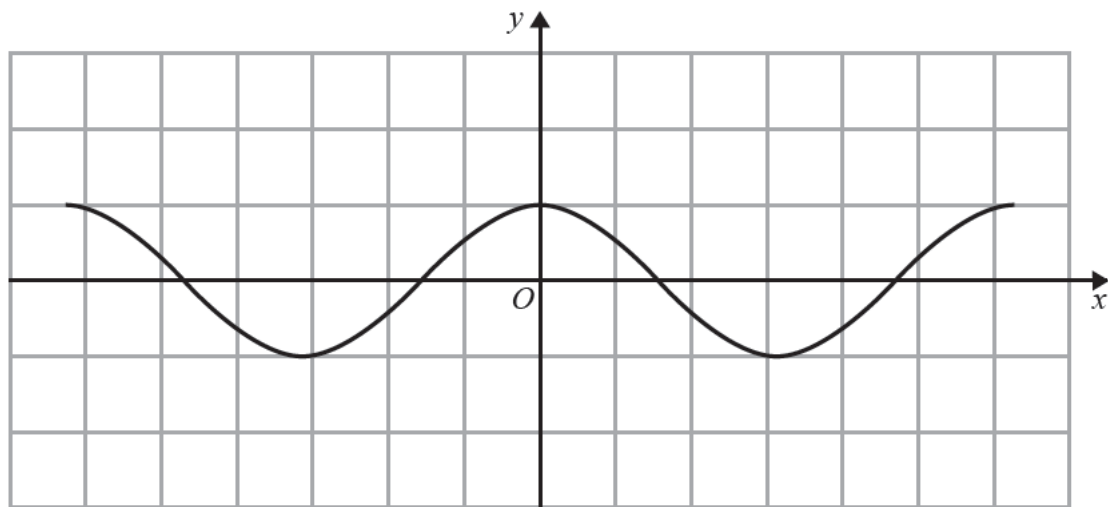


Figure 1

Figure 1 shows a plot of part of the curve with equation $y = \cos x$ where x is measured in radians. Diagram 1, on the opposite page, is a copy of Figure 1.

(a) Use Diagram 1 to show why the equation

$$\cos x - 2x - \frac{1}{2} = 0$$

has only one real root, giving a reason for your answer.

(2)

Given that the root of the equation is α , and that α is small,

(b) use the small angle approximation for $\cos x$ to estimate the value of α to 3 decimal places.

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