

13. The curve C with equation

$$y = \frac{p - 3x}{(2x - q)(x + 3)} \quad x \in \mathbb{R}, x \neq -3, x \neq 2$$

where p and q are constants, passes through the point $\left(3, \frac{1}{2}\right)$ and has two vertical asymptotes with equations $x = 2$ and $x = -3$

(a) (i) Explain why you can deduce that $q = 4$

(ii) Show that $p = 15$

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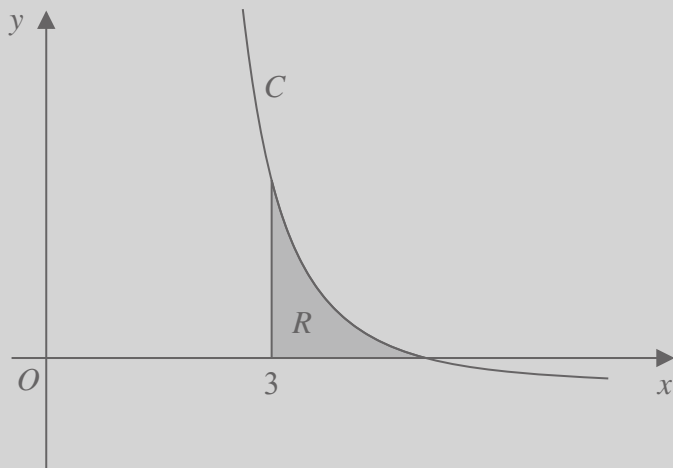


Figure 4

Figure 4 shows a sketch of part of the curve C . The region R , shown shaded in Figure 4, is bounded by the curve C , the x -axis and the line with equation $x = 3$

(b) Show that the exact value of the area of R is $a \ln 2 + b \ln 3$, where a and b are rational constants to be found.

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