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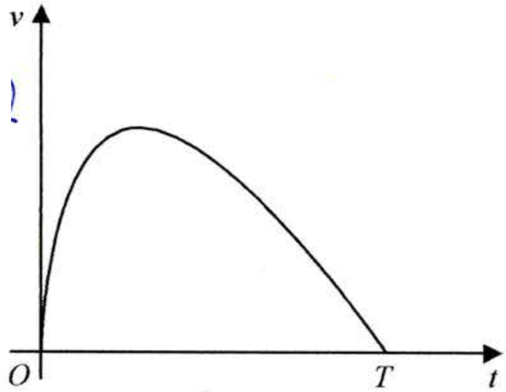

Figure 2

A car stops at two sets of traffic lights.

Figure 2 shows a graph of the speed of the car, $v \text{ ms}^{-1}$, as it travels between the two sets of traffic lights.

The car takes T seconds to travel between the two sets of traffic lights.

The speed of the car is modelled by the equation

$$v = (10 - 0.4t)\ln(t+1) \qquad 0 \leqslant t \leqslant T$$

where t seconds is the time after the car leaves the first set of traffic lights.

According to the model,

(a) find the value of T

(1)

(b) show that the maximum speed of the car occurs when

$$t = \frac{26}{1 + \ln(t+1)} - 1$$

(4)

Using the iteration formula

$$t_{n+1} = \frac{26}{1 + \ln(t_n + 1)} - 1$$

with $t_1 = 7$

(c) (i) find the value of t_3 to 3 decimal places,

(ii) find, by repeated iteration, the time taken for the car to reach maximum speed.