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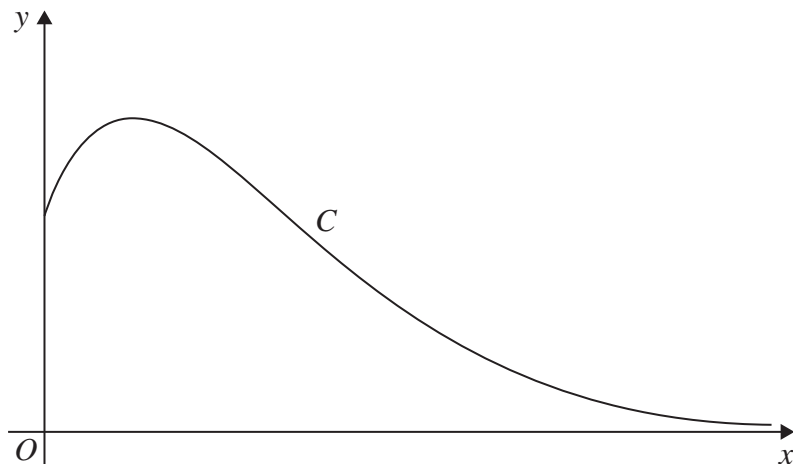


Figure 3

**In this question you must show all stages of your working.
Solutions relying entirely on calculator technology are not acceptable.**

Figure 3 shows the curve C with equation

$$y = \frac{1}{x^x} \quad x > 0$$

(a) Show that the equation of C can be written as

$$\ln y = -x \ln x \quad (2)$$

(b) Hence show that

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = -x^{-x} (\ln x + 1) \quad (3)$$

(c) Find the exact coordinates of the stationary point of C (3)

The function g is defined by

$$g(x) = \frac{1}{x^x} \quad x > 0$$

(d) Deduce the range of g (2)