

7 The curve $y = (x^2 - 2)\ln x$ has one stationary point which is close to $x = 1$.

(a) Show that the x -coordinate of this stationary point satisfies the equation $2x^2 \ln x + x^2 - 2 = 0$.
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(b) Show that the Newton-Raphson iterative formula for finding the root of the equation in part (a) can be written in the form $x_{n+1} = \frac{2x_n^2 \ln x_n + 3x_n^2 + 2}{4x_n (\ln x_n + 1)}$.
[4]

(c) Apply the Newton-Raphson formula with initial value $x_1 = 1$ to find x_2 and x_3 .
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(d) Find the coordinates of this stationary point, giving each coordinate correct to 3 decimal places.
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