

4 A curve has equation $y = 2 \ln(k - 3x) + x^2 - 3x$, where k is a positive constant.

(a) Given that the curve has a point of inflection where $x = 1$, show that $k = 6$. **[5]**

It is also given that the curve intersects the x -axis at exactly one point.

(b) Show by calculation that the x -coordinate of this point lies between 0.5 and 1.5. **[2]**

(c) Use the Newton-Raphson method, with initial value $x_0 = 1$, to find the x -coordinate of the point where the curve intersects the x -axis, giving your answer correct to 5 decimal places. Show the result of each iteration to 6 decimal places. **[3]**

(d) By choosing suitable bounds, verify that your answer to part **(c)** is correct to 5 decimal places. **[1]**