

15 Functions $f(x)$ and $g(x)$ are defined as follows.

$$f(x) = \sqrt{x} \text{ for } x > 0 \text{ and } g(x) = x^3 - x - 6 \text{ for } x > 2.$$

The function $h(x)$ is defined as

$$h(x) = fg(x).$$

(a) Find $h(x)$ in terms of x and state its domain. [2]

(b) Find $h(3)$. [1]

Fig. 15 shows $h(x)$ and $h^{-1}(x)$, together with the straight line $y = x$.

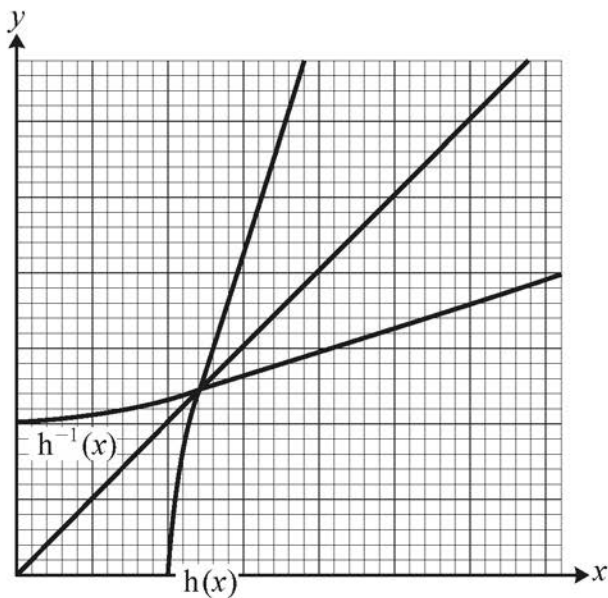


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(c) Determine the gradient of $y = h^{-1}(x)$ at the point where $y = 3$. [4]