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Let $f(x) = \frac{2e^{2x}}{e^{2x} - 3e^x + 2}$

- (a) Find $f'(x)$ and hence find the exact coordinates of the stationary point of the curve with equation $y = f(x)$
- (b) Use the substitution $u = e^x$ and partial fractions to find the exact value of $\int_{\ln 3}^{\ln 5} f(x) dx$.
Give your answer in the form $\ln a$, where a is a rational number in its simplest form.

Solution:

$f(x) = \frac{2e^{2x}}{e^{2x} - 3e^x + 2}$

Formula

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{u}{v} \right) = \frac{v \frac{du}{dx} - u \frac{dv}{dx}}{v^2}$$

$$f'(x) = \frac{(e^{2x} - 3e^x + 2) \frac{d}{dx}(2e^{2x}) - 2e^{2x} \frac{d}{dx}(e^{2x} - 3e^x + 2)}{(e^{2x} - 3e^x + 2)^2}$$

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$$= \frac{(e^{2x} - 3e^x + 2)(4e^{2x}) - 2e^{2x}(2e^{2x} - 3e^x + 0)}{(e^{2x} - 3e^x + 2)^2}$$

$$= \frac{2e^{2x} [2(e^{2x} - 3e^x + 2) - (2e^{2x} - 3e^x)]}{(e^{2x} - 3e^x + 2)^2}$$

For the stationary point $f'(x) = 0$

$$2e^{2x} - 6e^x + 4 - 2e^{2x} + 3e^x = 0$$

$$-3e^x + 4 = 0$$

$$-3e^x = -4$$

$$e^x = 4/3$$

$$\ln e^x = \ln(4/3)$$

$$x \ln e = \ln(4/3)$$

$$x = \ln(4/3)$$

$$\therefore \ln e = 1$$

As $y = f(x)$

$$y = \frac{2e^{2x}}{e^{2x} - 3e^x + 2}$$

$$\therefore f(x) = \frac{2e^{2x}}{e^{2x} - 3e^x + 2}$$

put value of $x = \ln(4/3)$

$$y = \frac{2e^{2(\ln 4/3)}}{e^{2(\ln 4/3)} - 3e^{\ln 4/3} + 2}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{2 \left(\frac{4}{3}\right)^2}{\left(\frac{4}{3}\right)^2 - 3\left(\frac{4}{3}\right) + 2} \quad \ln x = e^x = x \\
 &= \frac{2 \left(\frac{16}{9}\right)}{\frac{16}{9} - \frac{12}{3} + 2} \\
 &= \frac{32/9}{16 - 36 + 8} \\
 &= \frac{32}{-2}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$y = -16$$

So the stationary point is

$$\left(\ln \frac{4}{3}, -16\right)$$

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use the substitution $u = e^x$ and partial fractions to find the exact value of $\int_{\ln 3}^{\ln 5} f(x) dx$

Give your answer in the form $\ln a$, where a is a rational number in its simplest form.

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Solution

$$\int_{\ln 3}^{\ln 5} f(x) dx = \int_{\ln 3}^{\ln 5} \frac{2e^{2x}}{e^{2x} - 3e^x + 2} dx \rightarrow \textcircled{1}$$

According to given condition put

$$u = e^x$$

$$\frac{du}{dx} = e^x$$

$$\frac{du}{dx} = e^x$$

$$\frac{du}{e^x} = dx$$

$$\frac{du}{u} = dx$$

Now for limit according to variable u

$$\text{As } u = e^x$$

$$u = e$$

$$u = 5$$

Similarly

$$u = e^x$$

$$= e^{\ln 3}$$

$$u = 3$$

 $\therefore x = e^x$
upper limit

lower limit

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Now equation ① becomes

$$= \int_3^5 \frac{2u^2}{u^2 - 3u + 2} \left(\frac{du}{u} \right)$$

$$= \int_3^5 \frac{2u \, du}{u^2 - 3u + 2}$$

$$= \int_3^5 \frac{2u}{u^2 - 2u - u + 2} \, du \quad \text{by factorization}$$

$$= \int_3^5 \frac{2u}{u(u-2) - 1(u-2)} \, du$$

$$= \int_3^5 \frac{2u}{(u-2)(u-1)} \, du \rightarrow \textcircled{2}$$

$$\frac{2u}{(u-2)(u-1)} = \frac{A}{u-2} + \frac{B}{u-1} \rightarrow \textcircled{3} \quad \text{By partial fraction}$$

$$2u = A(u-1) + B(u-2) \rightarrow \textcircled{4}$$

put $u-2=0$
 $u=2$ in equation (4)

$$A = 4$$

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put $u-1=0 \Rightarrow u=1$ in equation (4)

$$2(1) = -B$$

$$B = -2$$

now Equation (3) after putting values of A and B

$$\frac{2u}{(u-2)(u-1)} = \frac{4}{u-2} - \frac{2}{u-1}$$

put $\frac{2u}{(u-2)(u-1)}$ value in equation (2)

$$= \int_3^5 \left(\frac{4}{u-2} - \frac{2}{u-1} \right) du$$

$$= \left[4 \ln(u-2) - 2 \ln(u-1) \right]_3^5$$

$$= [4 \ln(5-2) - 2 \ln(5-1)] - [4 \ln(3-2) - 2 \ln(3-1)]$$

$$= 4 \ln 3 - 2 \ln 4 - [4 \ln 1 - 2 \ln 2]$$

$$= \ln 3^4 - \ln 4^2 - 0 + 2 \ln 2$$

$$= \ln 81 - \ln 16 + \ln 2^2$$

$$= \ln 81 - \ln 16 + \ln 4$$

$$= \ln \left(\frac{81 \times 4}{16} \right)$$

$$= \ln \left(\frac{81}{4} \right)$$

$\because \ln 1 = 0$
 $\ln$ property
 $n \ln x = \ln x^n$

$$\therefore \ln \left(\frac{xy}{z} \right)$$

$$= \ln(xy) - \ln z$$