

曲線 $y = \frac{1}{x}$ 上の点 $P(x_0, y_0)$ における法線が直線 $y = x$ と交わる点を Q とするとき, PQ の長さ l を x_0 で表せ. また, $\lim_{x_0 \rightarrow 1} l$ を求めよ. [工学院大]

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{x} \text{ とおくと}$$

$$f'(x) = -\frac{1}{x^2}$$

$$P \text{ における法線は } y = -\frac{1}{f'(x_0)}(x - x_0) + y_0 \text{ である}$$

$$y = x_0^2 x - x_0^3 + \frac{1}{x_0} \quad (\because y_0 = \frac{1}{x_0})$$

\circ と $y = x$ の交点は

$$(1 - x_0^2)x = -x_0^3 + \frac{1}{x_0}$$

$$x_0(1 - x_0^2)x = -x_0^4 + 1$$

$$x_0(1 - x_0^2)x = (1 - x_0^2)(1 + x_0^2) \quad x_0 \neq 1 \text{ と仮定}$$

$$x = \frac{1 + x_0^2}{x_0} = y \quad \therefore Q \left(x_0 + \frac{1}{x_0}, x_0 + \frac{1}{x_0} \right)$$

$$l = \sqrt{\left(x_0 + \frac{1}{x_0} - x_0\right)^2 + \left(x_0 + \frac{1}{x_0} - \frac{1}{x_0}\right)^2}$$

$$l = \sqrt{x_0^2 + \frac{1}{x_0^2}}$$

$$\lim_{x_0 \rightarrow 1} l = \lim_{x_0 \rightarrow 1} \sqrt{x_0^2 + \frac{1}{x_0^2}} = \sqrt{2}$$

$$\left(\frac{1}{x_0}\right) \left\{ \begin{array}{l} l = \sqrt{x_0^2 + \frac{1}{x_0^2}} \\ \lim_{x_0 \rightarrow 1} l = \sqrt{2} \end{array} \right.$$