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The equation investigated was

$$y'' + ay' + 100y = cy^2$$

the parameters  $a$  and  $c$  being varied. The boundary conditions imposed upon the equation were

$$y(0) = 0, \quad y(t_m) = 1$$

where  $t_m$  was the position of the first maximum after the origin. It was most fully investigated for  $a = 20$ , this being the region in which the solutions were exponentially decaying.

Although no analytic solution was discovered for the full equation, solutions were found when  $a = 0$ . By suitable transformations the solution for  $c > 0$  was

$$y = (1-q) \operatorname{sn}^2 (M(t-t_0), k) + q$$

where  $M$ ,  $t_0$ ,  $k$  and  $q$  were constants. For  $c < 0$  the solution was

$$y = 1 - (1-q) \operatorname{sn}^2 (M(t-t_0), k)$$

These, as might be expected were periodic solutions. The four numerical methods used were

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|-----------------------|------------------|
| (1) Finite Difference | (2) Step-by-Step |
| (3) Picards           | (4) Perturbation |

The first two were purely numeric and the second two, semi-analytic.

The Finite Difference technique was used to find the solution between the boundary values, and the Step-by-Step method then was used to integrate along the

curve until the value of  $y$  dropped to 0.01. The initial conditions for this latter method were found from the Finite Difference solution. Picard's Method and Perturbation which were used over the whole region both gave solutions in terms of exponential series. This series was of the form

$$y = \sum_{r=0}^n \sum_{s=0}^r A_{rs} \exp(-(s\alpha + (r-s)\beta)t)$$

where the  $A_{rs}$ 's were constant coefficients and  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  were the exponents of the linear solution  $y = A_{10} e^{-\alpha t} + A_{01} e^{-\beta t}$ .

In all the methods except the Step-by-Step, the maximum had to be iterated onto by some means or another. In the Finite Difference method the second point was adjusted until this condition had been satisfied. In the two semi-analytic approaches, the coefficients were in effect, altered to suit the condition.

There was good agreement in results between the boundary conditions for all methods, but as might be expected for large values of  $c$ , the accuracy outside this region was not good, when the numerical methods were compared with the semi-analytic. This was due to the fact that the semi-analytic solutions were essentially solutions expanded about a point. In comparing the two numerical solutions when the Finite Difference method was used over the whole region, there was good agreement.

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THE INVESTIGATION OF A NON-LINEAR DIFFERENTIAL  
EQUATION USING NUMERICAL METHODS

Chapter 1 - Initial Investigation

1.1. Introduction

Problems involving non-linear differential equations have been studied for over 200 years now, principally in connection with astronomy. Over the last few decades, however, interest in these equations has increased rapidly due to the fact that problems arising from, for example, hydrodynamics, elasticity and mechanics often involve non-linear equations. The field has also gained impetus since the war from the building of high-speed computers which are able to solve numerically all classes of differential equations. It was using the KDF 9, an English Electric-Leo-Marconi computer with 16,000 words of storage, that the equation below was investigated. The equation was

$$\frac{d^2y}{dt^2} + a \frac{dy}{dt} + 100y = cy^2 \quad (1)$$

the parameters  $a$  and  $c$  being varied. The boundary conditions were :

$$y(0) = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad y(t_m) = 1 \quad (2)$$

$t_m$  being the value of the abscissa at the first maximum after the origin. For values of  $a$  greater than 20, there was only one maximum and for  $0 < a < 20$  the solution was sinusoidal. No analytic solution was found for the complete non-linear equation, but when  $a$  was zero, an analytic solution

was obtained. This was expressed, as in the solution of many non-linear equations, in terms of elliptic functions.

The methods of finding solutions for the complete equation were as follows :

- (a) Finite Difference
- (b) Step by Step
- (c) Perturbation
- (d) Picard's

All four methods used the computer to a greater or lesser extent. The first two methods were purely numerical while the latter two were semi-analytic and produced a series approximation to the true solution.

### 1.2. The Linear Equation $y'' + ay' + 100y = 0$

For values of  $g$  which make the equation highly non-linear, the solutions do not differ radically in shape from the solution of the linear equation ( $g = 0$ ). It is therefore instructive to have a look at this equation. We have

$$\frac{d^2 y}{dt^2} + a \frac{dy}{dt} + 100y = 0 \quad (3)$$

For  $a > 20$ , the solution has the form

$$y = A_1 e^{-\alpha t} + B_1 e^{-\beta t} \quad (4)$$

where  $-\alpha$  and  $-\beta$  are the roots of the equation

$$x^2 + ax + 100 = 0 \quad (5)$$

For values of  $a$  between zero and twenty the solution has the form

$$y = e^{-\gamma t} (A_2 \sin \zeta t + B_2 \cos \eta t) \quad (6)$$

where  $\zeta$  and  $\eta$  are the imaginary parts of the solution of (5) and  $-\gamma$  is the real (negative) part.

Combining (4) with the first condition of (2) gives that

$$y(0) = A_1 + B_1 = 0 \quad \text{i.e.} \quad B_1 = -A_1$$

From the second condition of (2) we have, since  $t_m$  is the position of a turning point,  $y'(t_m) = 0$

$$\therefore y'(t_m) = \left[ \frac{d}{dt} A_1 (\bar{e}^{-\alpha t} - \bar{e}^{\beta t}) \right]_{t=t_m} = -A_1 (\alpha \bar{e}^{-\alpha t_m} - \beta \bar{e}^{\beta t_m}) = 0$$

$$\therefore \alpha / \beta = \exp[(\alpha - \beta)t_m]$$

$$\therefore t_m = \frac{1}{\alpha - \beta} \ln(\alpha / \beta) \quad (7)$$

Substituting this value back into the equation  $y(t_m) = 1$  will give

$$A_1 \left\{ \exp\left[\frac{-\alpha}{\alpha - \beta} \ln(\alpha / \beta)\right] - \exp\left[\frac{-\beta}{\alpha - \beta} \ln(\alpha / \beta)\right] \right\} = 1$$

After some algebra this gives

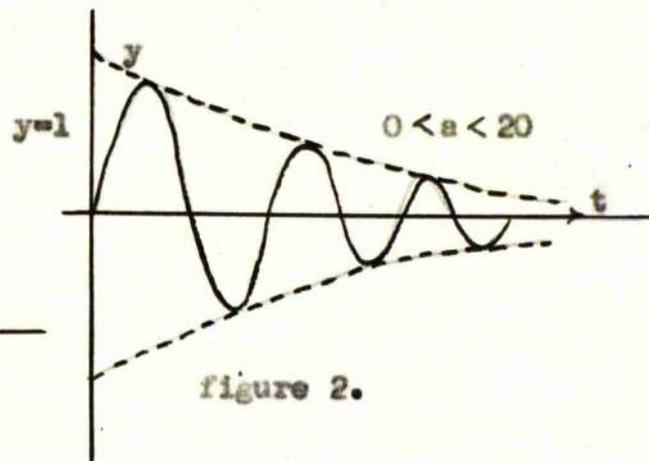
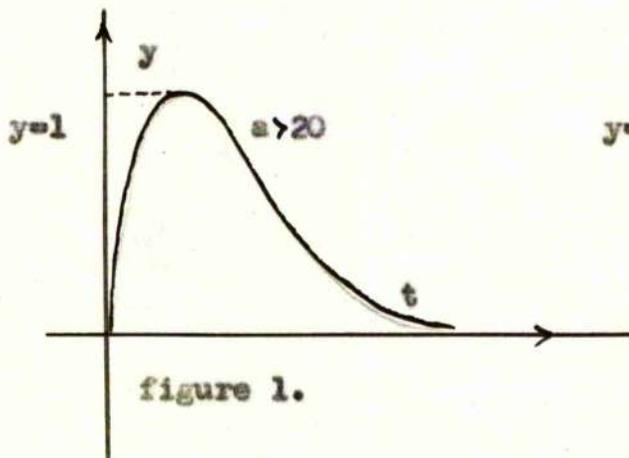
$$A_1 = 1 / \left\{ k^{k/(k-1)} - k^{1/(k-1)} \right\} \quad \text{where } k = \alpha / \beta \quad (8)$$

In a similar way it can be shown that with the same boundary conditions, the sinusoidal case ( $0 < a < 20$ ) has the solution

$$y = A_2 \bar{e}^{-\gamma t} \sin \omega t \quad \text{where} \quad (9)$$

$$A_2 = \exp(\tan^{-1}(k)/k) / \sin(\tan^{-1} k), \quad k = \gamma / \omega = \gamma / \zeta$$

The solutions of the two cases are therefore similar to figures 1 and 2.



If  $-20 < \underline{a} < 0$ , then  $-\gamma$  would be positive, and if  $\underline{a} \leq -20$ , then  $-\alpha$  and  $-\beta$  would be positive. Therefore for all cases  $\underline{a} < 0$  there are positive exponentials and as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ , so will  $y$ . Therefore the cases  $\underline{a} < 0$  were not investigated. The coefficient of  $y$  was given the value 100 so that for large  $\underline{a}$  i.e. of the order 100, the initial gradient would be substantial (approximately 100 for  $\underline{a} = 100$ ) and interesting questions of accuracy would arise. For small values of  $\underline{a}$  i.e.  $0 < \underline{a} < 20$ , a rapidly varying function of the type in figure 2 would result, and similar questions of accuracy would have to be investigated.

Of the methods used, only the numerical methods were applicable for all values of  $\underline{a}$ , the semi-analytic methods only being used for values of  $\underline{a} > 20$  but because they involved considerably more algebra for their solution, it was decided only to touch on them.

### 1.3. An Analytic Solution to $y'' + 100y = cy^2$

In order to obtain some idea of the solution to the non-linear equation it was decided to investigate, analytically, as much as possible of it, and find out something of its nature. Although little was found analytically about the full equation, by making  $\underline{a}$  zero it was found to have, at least for some values of  $c$ , an analytic solution. For  $\underline{a}=0$  in the linear case the solution did not die away i.e. there was no 'frictional' term in the equation, and by investigating the non-linear equation with  $\underline{a}=0$ , it looked as though this was also the case. This can be seen by an investigation of the phase curves i.e. a graph of  $y$  against  $dy/dt$ .

If we let  $v = dy/dt$  then we have

$$\frac{d^2 y}{dt^2} = \frac{d}{dt} v = \frac{d}{dy} (v) \frac{dy}{dt} = v \frac{dv}{dy} = \frac{d}{dy} \left( \frac{1}{2} v^2 \right)$$

$$\frac{d^2 y}{dt^2} + 100y = \frac{d}{dy} \left( \frac{1}{2} v^2 \right) + 100y = cy^2$$

$$\frac{1}{2} v^2 + \frac{100}{2} y^2 = \frac{c}{3} y^3 + \text{constant}$$

or

$$v^2 = \frac{2c}{3} y^3 - 100y^2 + \text{constant}$$

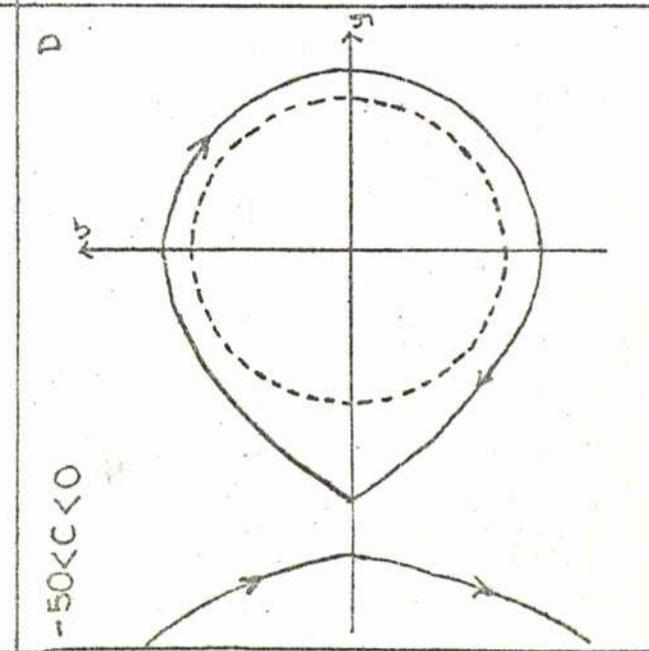
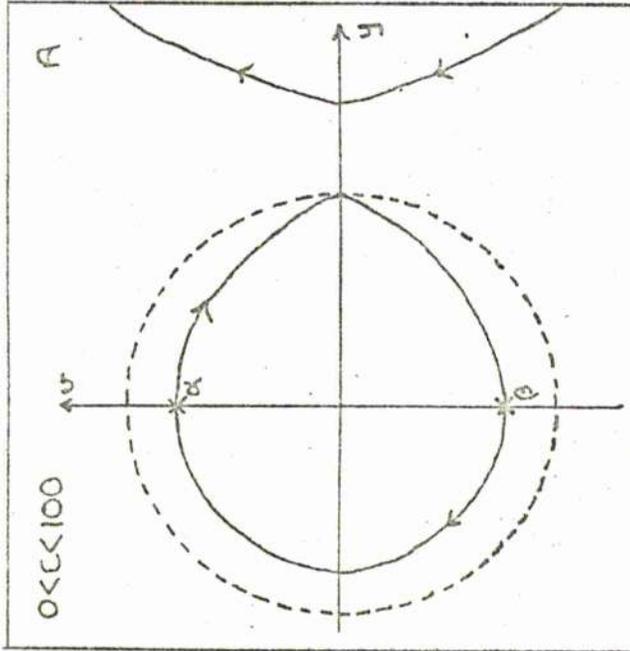
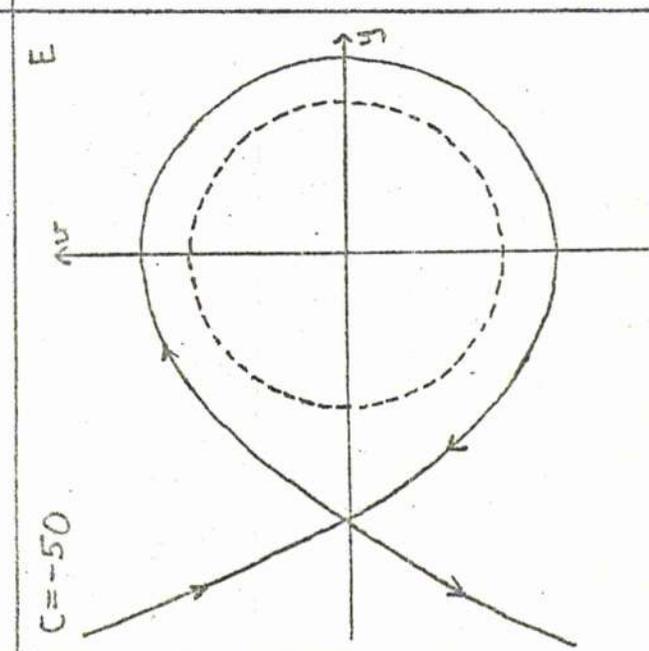
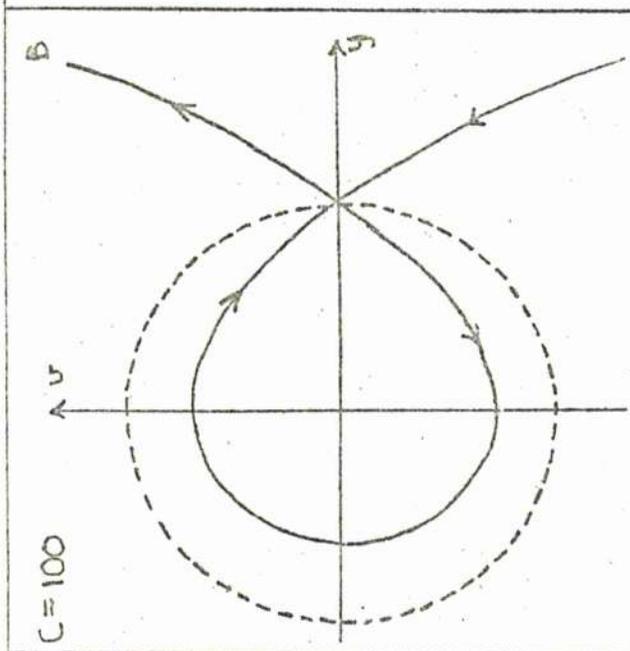
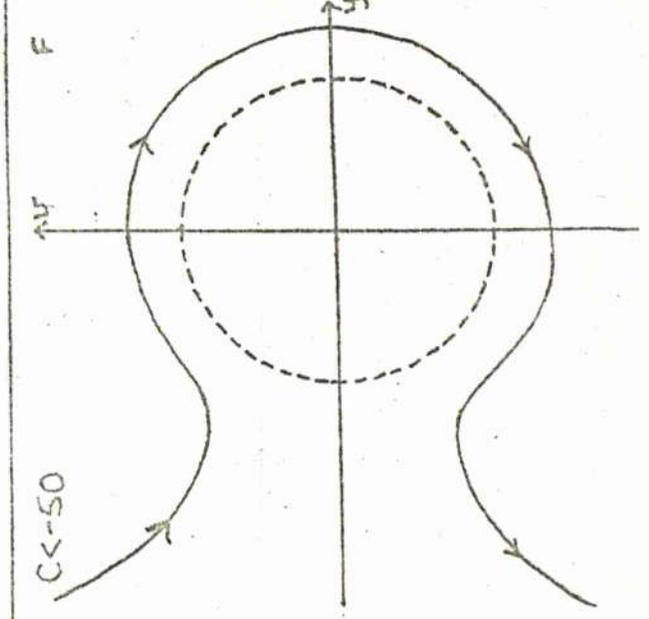
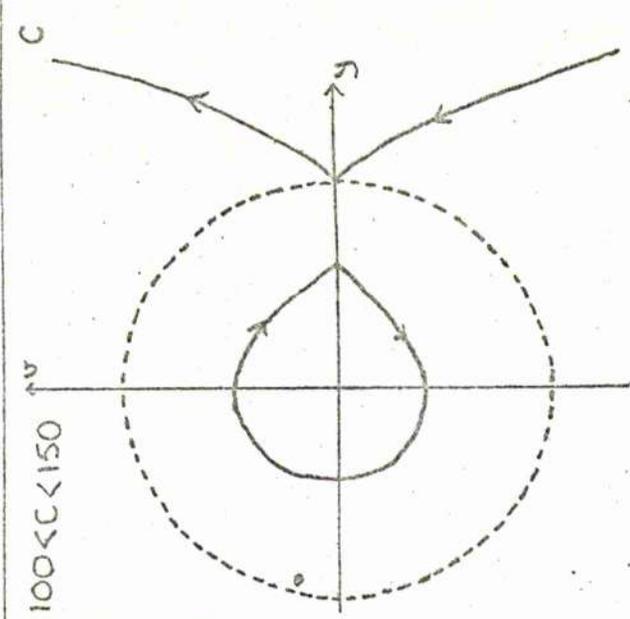
Since  $v = dy/dt = 0$  when  $y=1$ , we have

$$\text{constant} = 100 - 2c/3$$

$$v^2 = \frac{2c}{3} (y^3 - 1) - 100(y^2 - 1) \quad (10)$$

An insight can be gained into the solutions by plotting the phase curves for different values of  $c$ . Figure 3 shows these curves. In all cases the dotted circles represent the linear case. In actual fact, these are ellipses but the scales have been altered for convenience.

Figure 4 shows the curve for  $0 < c < 100$ . As  $c$  gets larger, the stable part of the curve, which starts off as an ellipse at  $c=0$ , becomes distorted, and the unstable part of the curve (on the right hand side) approaches the value  $y=1$  on the  $y$ -axis. The values of the function lying between  $y=1$  and the unstable curve were found to be complex and hence there was real solution in this region. On integrating the function to give the full solution, the stable curves were found to be functions of the elliptic sin. No solutions, neither analytic nor numerical, were found for the unstab



regions due to the lack of knowledge about their boundary conditions. For these curves, we know their minimum  $y$  values but we require another boundary condition to define them uniquely. As this was not forthcoming from the elliptic sin solution, there is a good chance that these unstable curves do not have any real existence in the fully integrated equation.

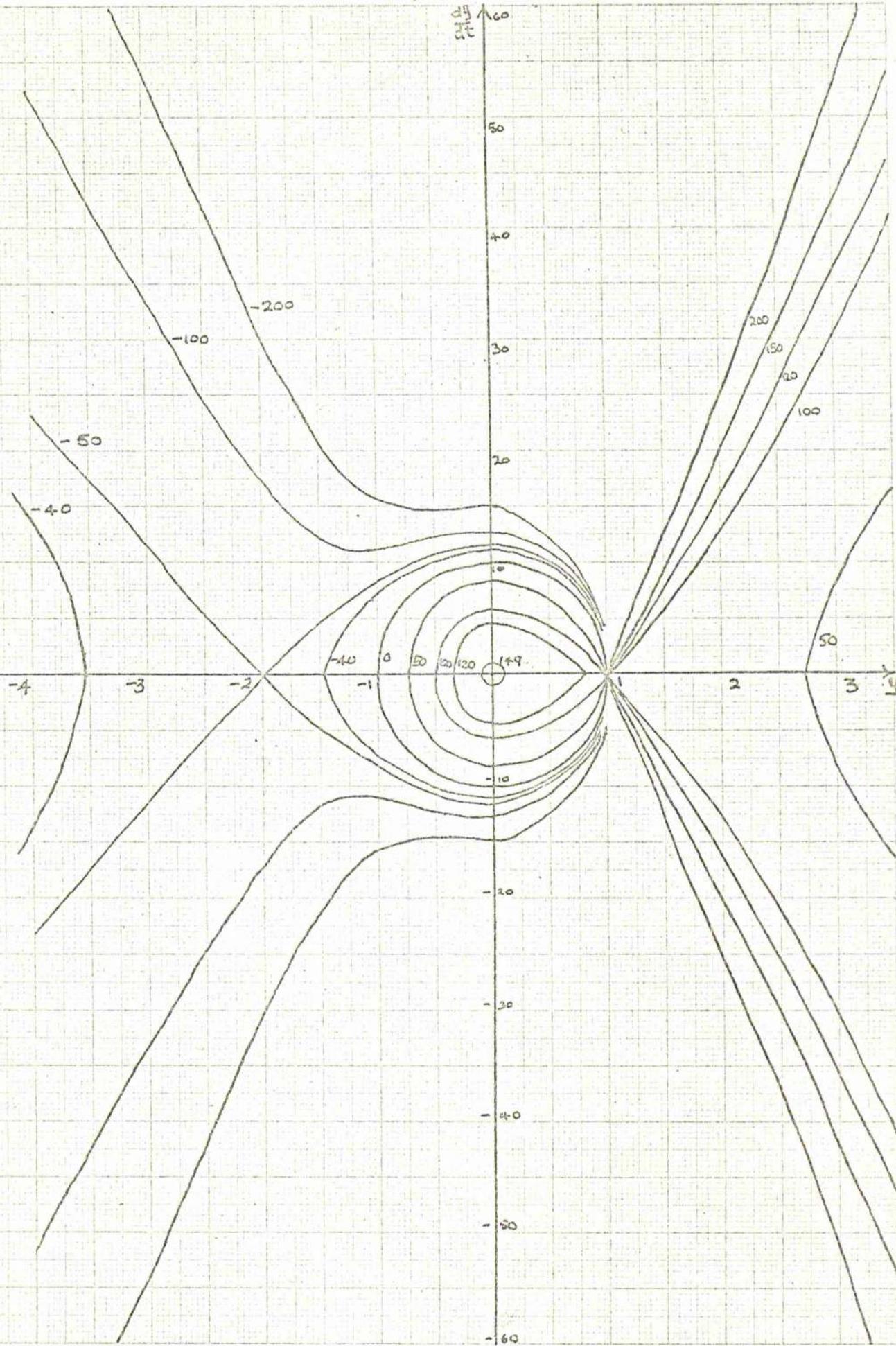
Figure B shows the intermediate case of  $c=100$ . This is the only case for  $c > 0$  where the two curves join. Since when the gradient is positive i.e.  $dy/dt > 0$ ,  $y$  must be increasing, the directions of this curve, as with the others, can only be as shown.

For values of  $c$  between 100 and 150, the stable loop contracts until at the value of 150, it disappears at the origin. The unstable part, however, for  $c > 100$ , remains and always goes through the point (1,0). For  $c > 150$ , the total integral curve consists solely of this line.

For negative values of  $c$ , phase curves similar to those for  $c > 0$ , emerge except that they are in the reverse direction and the stable loops enclose the ellipse rather than being enclosed by it. As can be seen, for  $c = -50$ , the two distinct curves join, but unlike the case for  $c > 100$ , they do not separate again, but open out to form an unstable path. The total phase diagram is shown in graph 1.

From equation (10) we have

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\frac{dy}{dt}\right)^2 &= \frac{2c}{3} (y^3-1) - 100(y^2-1) \\ &= (y-1) \left[ \frac{2c}{3} y^2 + \left(\frac{2c}{3} - 100\right)y + \left(\frac{2c}{3} - 100\right) \right] \\ &= \frac{2c}{3} (y-1)(y-p)(y-q) \end{aligned} \tag{11}$$



Graph 1

where  $p$  and  $q$  are the roots of the above quadratic i.e.

$$p, q = \frac{1}{2} \left[ \left( \frac{150}{c} - 1 \right) \pm \frac{3}{c} \sqrt{(50+c)(50-c/3)} \right] \quad (12)$$

Thus  $t$  is given by

$$t = \sqrt{\frac{3}{2c}} \int \frac{dy}{[(y-1)(y-p)(y-q)]^{\frac{1}{2}}} + \text{constant} \quad (13)$$

This integral can only be evaluated using elliptic functions except for two special cases when  $c$  takes the values 100 and -50. In order to integrate the above, some properties of elliptic functions have to be known. The elliptic integral of the first kind is defined as

$$F(x, k) = \int_0^x \frac{dx}{[(1-x^2)(1-k^2x^2)]^{\frac{1}{2}}}, \quad k^2 < 1 \quad (14)$$

This is the only kind of elliptic integral involved in this problem.

It is obvious that  $F(x, -k) = F(-x, k) = F(x, k)$ .

If  $k = 0$  then from the above integral

$$F(x, 0) = F(x, 0) = \sin^{-1} x$$

Generalising we have that

$$F(x, k) = \text{sn}^{-1}(x, k) = u(\text{say}).$$

Thus  $x = \text{sn}(u, k)$ .

If we make the substitution  $x = \sin \phi$  then (14) above becomes

$$F(\phi, k) = \int_0^\phi \frac{d\phi}{(1 - k^2 \sin^2 \phi)^{\frac{1}{2}}} \quad (15)$$

From this we can define the other elliptic functions using their trigonometric counterparts

$$\text{sn}(u, k) = \sin \phi, \quad \text{cn}(u, k) = \cos \phi,$$

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{dn}(u, k) &= (1-k^2 \sin^2 \phi)^{\frac{1}{2}}, \quad \operatorname{sn}(u, k) = \phi, \\ \operatorname{tn}(u, k) &= \operatorname{sn}(u, k) / \operatorname{cn}(u, k) = \tan \phi. \end{aligned} \quad (16)$$

Using suitable transformations, equation (13) can be transformed into equation (14) and hence the elliptic type solution.

For  $c > 0$ , we use the transformations

$$\left. \begin{aligned} z^2 &= (y-q)/(1-q) \\ k^2 &= (1-q)/(p-q) \\ M^2 &= c(p-q)/6 \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (17)$$

From the above we have that  $2z \cdot dz = y/(1-q)$ . Substituting (17) into (13) gives

$$t = \pm \frac{1}{M} \int \frac{dz}{[(1-z^2)(1-k^2z^2)]^{1/2}} + t_0$$

where  $t_0 = \text{constant}$ .

$$\therefore (t - t_0)M = \pm \int \frac{dz}{[(1-z^2)(1-k^2z^2)]^{1/2}} \quad (18)$$

From (14) and (16) it can be seen that the solution is therefore

$$z = \operatorname{sn} \left( \pm M(t-t_0), k \right) \quad (19)$$

Substituting  $y$  into this equation gives

$$\begin{aligned} y &= (1-q) \operatorname{sn}^2(\pm M(t-t_0), k) + q \\ &= (1-q) \operatorname{sn}^2(M(t-t_0), k) + q \end{aligned} \quad (20)$$

since  $\operatorname{sn}(-x, k) = -\operatorname{sn}(x, k)$ .

To find the value of  $t_0$  we have that  $y(0) = 0$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore 0 &= (1-q) \operatorname{sn}^2(Mt_0, k) + q \\ \therefore \operatorname{sn}(Mt_0, k) &= \pm \sqrt{\frac{-q}{1-q}} = \pm x \text{ (say)} \end{aligned} \quad (21)$$

From the fact that  $F(x,k) = \operatorname{sn}^{-1}(x,k)$ , we have

$$Mt_0 = \frac{1}{c} F(x,k) \quad (22)$$

The ambiguity in sign can be explained from diagram A of figure 3. The initial conditions stipulate that  $y(0) = 0$  but they do not say if the gradient at  $y(0)$  is positive or negative i.e. if the curve starts from the point  $\alpha$  or  $\beta$ . If  $t_0$  is given a negative value then the curve starts at  $\alpha$  and vice versa. Therefore  $t$  was given the negative value.

Since the transformation (17) is only applicable for positive  $c$  we must find the equivalent for  $c < 0$ . For this case

$$\left(\frac{dy}{dt}\right)^2 = \frac{-2c}{3} (1-y)(y-p)(y-q) \quad (23)$$

and the transformation becomes

$$\left. \begin{aligned} z^2 &= (1-y)/(1-q) \\ k^2 &= (1-q)/(1-p) \\ M^2 &= 6/c (1-p) \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (24)$$

In a similar way to  $c > 0$  we find that on substituting (24) into (23) gives the solution

$$y = 1 - (1-q)\operatorname{sn}^2(M(t-t_0),k) \quad (25)$$

where

$$Mt_0 = \frac{1}{c} F(x,k), \quad x = \sqrt{\frac{1}{1-q}} \quad (26)$$

If we desire the gradient at the origin to be positive in this

case we must take the positive value of  $t_0$ . The solutions for  $c = -40$ , 0 and +75 are shown in graph 2.

The solutions for  $c = 100$  and  $-50$  were found analytically without using elliptic integrals and it was found, surprisingly, that in these cases, the function took values greater than 1. These values correspond to the unstable arms of the phase diagram (graph 1) for the respective values of  $c$ . For  $c = 100$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\frac{dy}{dt}\right)^2 &= (y-1) \left[ \frac{2c}{3} y^2 + \left(\frac{2c}{3} - 100\right)y - \left(\frac{2c}{3} - 100\right) \right] \\ &= \frac{100}{3}(y-1)^2(2y-1) \end{aligned} \quad (27)$$

$$t = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{10} \int \frac{dy}{(y-1)(2y-1)} + \text{constant} \quad (28)$$

Integrating with the boundary condition  $y(0) = 0$  gives

$$t = \pm \frac{1}{10} \ln \left\{ \frac{\sqrt{2y+1} - \sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{2y+1} + \sqrt{3}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{3}+1}{\sqrt{3}-1} \right\} \quad (29)$$

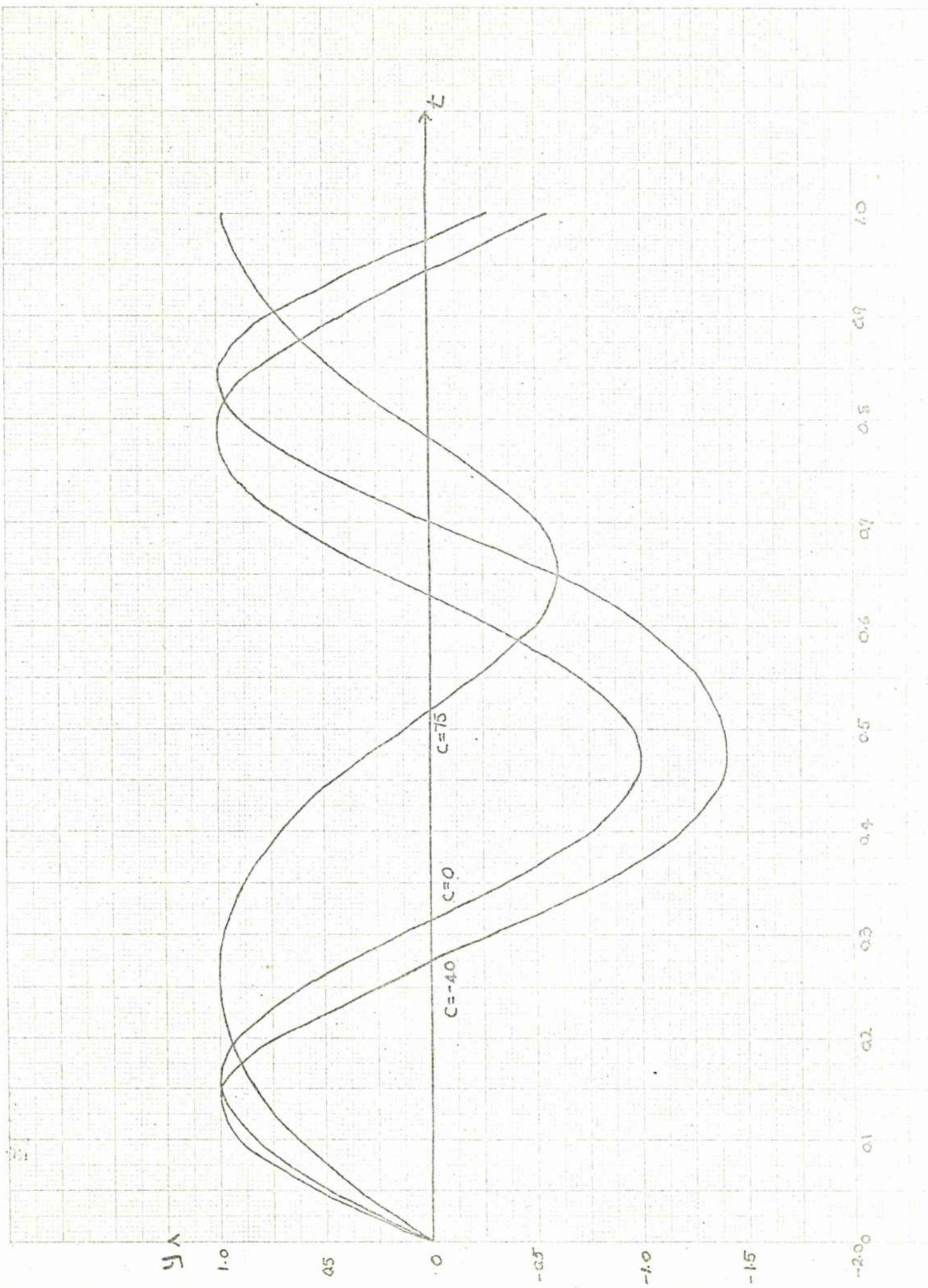
For  $c = -50$  we have

$$\left(\frac{dy}{dt}\right)^2 = \frac{-100}{3} (y-1)(y+2)^2 \quad (30)$$

If we substitute  $z = -2y$ , then the above equation becomes the same as for  $c = 100$ . Thus the solution of (27) is

$$t = \pm \frac{1}{10} \ln \left\{ \frac{\sqrt{1-z} - \sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{1-z} + \sqrt{3}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{3}+1}{\sqrt{3}-1} \right\} \quad (31)$$

Equation (29) is shown in graph (4). The shape of equation (31) can be



Graph 2

seen by substituting  $-2t$  for  $t$  in graph (4)

1.4. Nature of Solutions for Different Values of  $c$

It is not possible to find solutions for all the integral curves in graph 1. If  $p$  and  $q$  are plotted against  $c$ , (graph 3), it can be seen that for  $-50 < c < 150$   $p$  and  $q$  have real values but otherwise they are complex.

As  $c$  tends to zero,  $p$  tends to plus or minus infinity depending upon the sign of  $c$  and  $q$  tends to  $-1$ . In this case  $k$  tends to zero and, as would be expected from the linear equation, a sinusoidal solution results. Since  $0 < k^2 < 1$  we have from (17)

$$0 < (1-q)/(p-q) < 1$$

$$\text{i.e. } (1-q) < (p-q) \text{ or } p > 1$$

$$\text{Since } P = \frac{1}{2} \left[ \left( \frac{150}{c} - 1 \right) + \frac{3}{c} \sqrt{(50+c)(50-\frac{c}{3})} \right] > 1$$

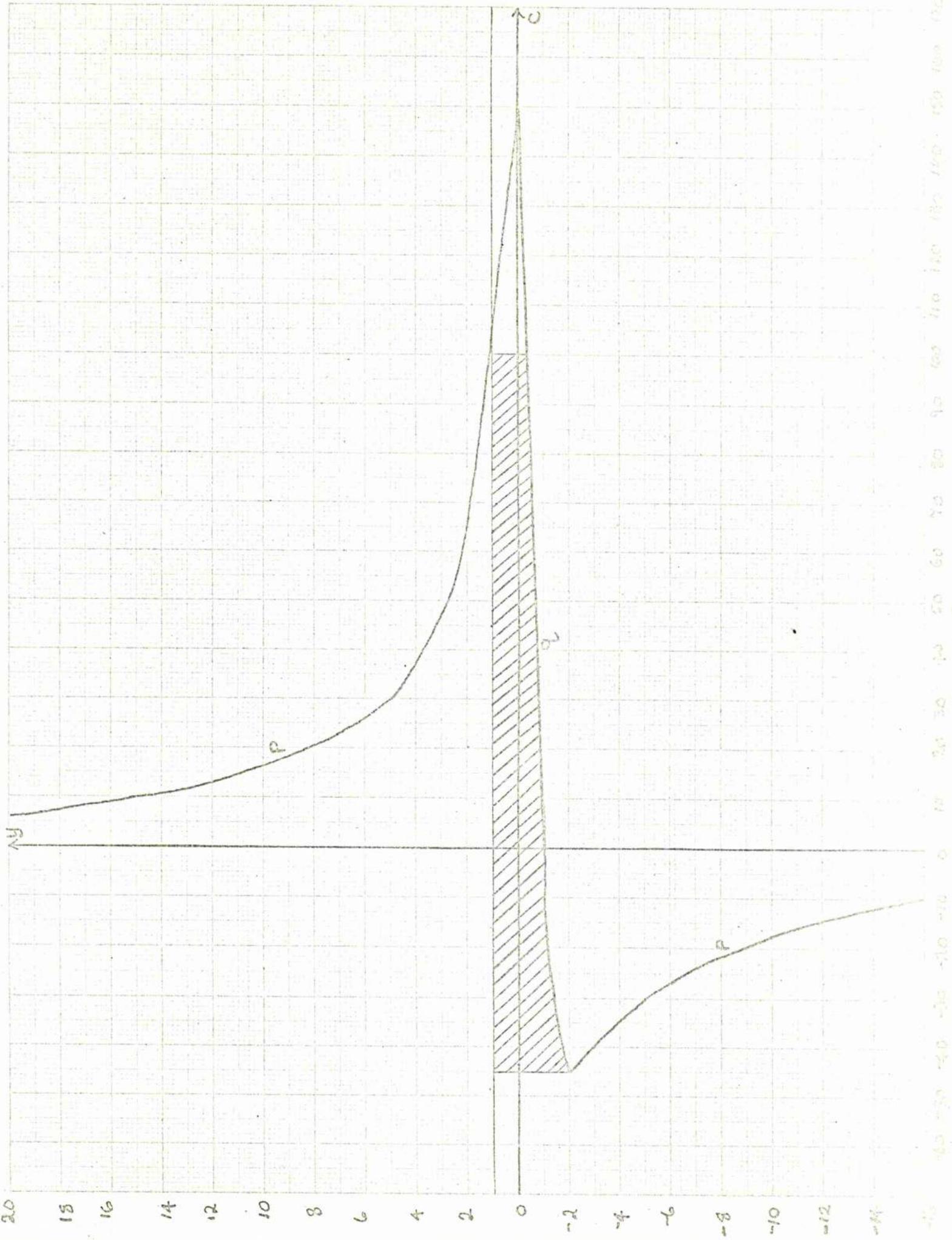
$$\text{we have } \frac{3}{c} \sqrt{(50+c)(50-\frac{c}{3})} > 3 - \frac{150}{c} = \frac{3}{c} (c - 50)$$

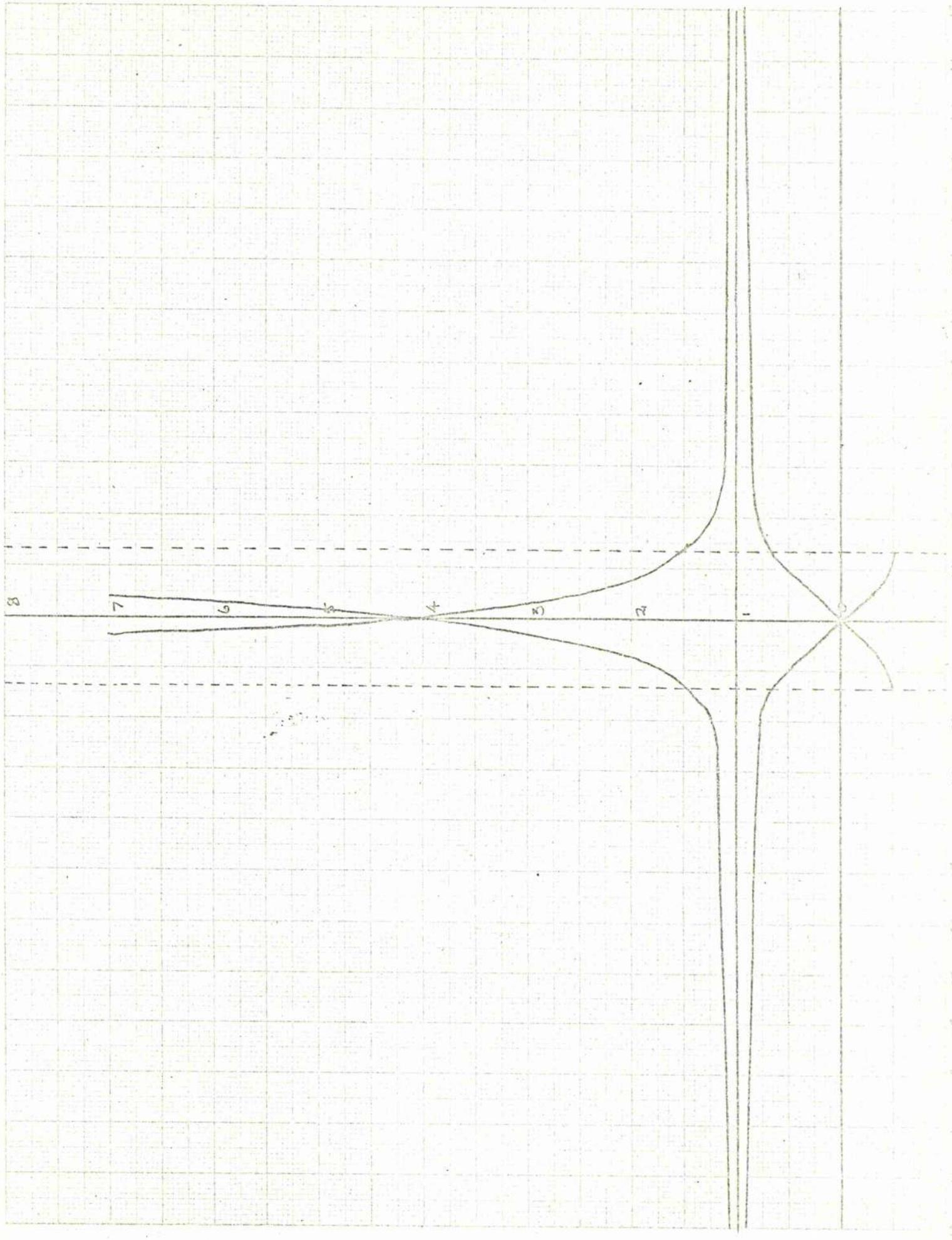
for  $c > 50$ , we have after squaring both sides

$$(50 + c)(50 - \frac{c}{3}) > (c - 50)^2$$

$$\frac{40}{3} (c - 100) < 0 \quad \text{i.e. } c < 100 \quad (32)$$

It turned out that no solution for  $c > 100$  was found. From the nature of the solution no values of  $y$  above 1 or below  $q$  were found





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except for the exceptional cases  $c = -50, 100$ . The shaded area of graph 3 shows the region investigated most fully. It was found, however, when the coefficient of  $y'$  was not zero but relatively large that the equation

$$y'' + 101y' + 100y = -100y^2 \quad (33)$$

yielded a numerical solution. As might be expected from the parameters on the left hand side of the equation, the solution was exponential in form and the large decay factor probably changed the nature of the solution sufficiently to make it real.

For  $c = 150$ , a solution which turned out to be complex, was found.

We have

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\frac{dy}{dt}\right)^2 &= (y-1) \left[ \frac{2 \cdot 150}{3} y^2 + \left(\frac{2 \cdot 150}{3} - 100\right)y + \left(\frac{2 \cdot 150}{3} - 100\right) \right] \\ &= 100y^2 (y-1) \end{aligned}$$

The solution to this is

$$t = \pm 2 \tan^{-1}(y-1)^{\frac{1}{2}} + \text{constant} \quad (34)$$

Since the condition  $y(0) = 0$  cannot be satisfied in the real plane, it would look as though this is not a real solution for the boundary conditions being used.

The question of solution for the unstable arms in the phase diagram was briefly discussed earlier on and on what evidence there was, there seemed to be not complete solution for these curves.

CHAPTER 2 - NUMERICAL METHODS

2.1. Some Preliminary Methods Investigated

In the initial analysis of the problem, several attempts at a series solution were tried. Attempts at substituting various forms of infinite series with unknown coefficients were investigated but, as shown below, these ran into difficulties due mainly to the boundary conditions imposed upon the equation

(1) The simplest form of solution tried was

$$y = \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} a_r t^r \quad (35)$$

Differentiating gives

$$y' = \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} a_r r t^{r-1}$$

The first condition  $y(0) = 0$  is easily satisfied by equation (35), but the second condition namely  $y(t_m) = 1$  where  $t_m$  is the position of the first maximum is very awkward. For the maximum we have that  $y'(t_m) = 0$ .

$$y(t_m) = \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} a_r t_m^r = 1$$

$$y'(t_m) = \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} a_r r t_m^{r-1} = 0$$

Squaring  $y$  gives

$$y^2 = \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} a_r t^r \sum_{s=0}^{\infty} a_s t^s = \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \sum_{s=0}^r a_s a_{r-s} t^r$$

Differentiating  $y$  gives

$$y' = \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} a_r r t^{r-1}$$

$$y'' = \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} a_r r(r-1) t^{r-2}$$

Substituting these into the equation gives

$$\sum_{r=0}^{\infty} a_r \cdot r(r-1)t^{r-2} + a \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} a_r \cdot r \cdot t^{r-1} + b \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} a_r t^r = \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \sum_{s=0}^r a_s a_{r-s} t^r$$

$$\therefore \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} [a_{r+2}(r+2)(r+1) + a a_{r+1} + b a_r] t^r = \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \sum_{s=0}^r a_s a_{r-s} t^r$$

Equating powers of  $t$  gives

$$a_{r+2}(r+2)(r+1) + a a_{r+1} + b a_r = \sum_{s=0}^r a_s a_{r-s}$$

$$\therefore a_{r+2} = \frac{\sum_{s=0}^r a_s a_{r-s} - a a_{r+1} - b a_r}{(r+2)(r+1)} \quad (36)$$

Since  $y(0) = 0$ ,  $a_0 = 0$ . From the above we therefore have

$$a_2 = \frac{a_0^2 - 2a a_1 + b a_0}{2 \cdot 1} = -a \cdot a_1$$

It can be seen that since each coefficient is dependent on the two coefficients below it, all the coefficients can eventually be expressed in terms of  $a_1$ . Since we have another two equations from the initial conditions involving  $t_m$  and the coefficients, we can in theory find  $a_1$ . Analytically, this would be very involved, but using numerical techniques, the value of  $a_1$  could be found by iteration.

It was subsequently decided not to elaborate on this method, due to the fact that for large values of  $t$ , the error introduced into the corresponding  $y$  value would probably be considerable. For the exponentially decaying solution this would be especially noticeable since the function

tends asymptotically to the t-axis.

(2) For the cases with the parameter  $a > 20$ , the linear equation has an exponentially decaying solution (see figure 1). Due to this fact, a solution of the form

$$y = \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} a_r e^{-rt} \quad (37)$$

was attempted. Difficulties with the boundary conditions again arose.

We have

$$y(0) = \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} a_r = 0$$

and

$$y(t_m) = \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} a_r e^{-rt_m} = 1, \quad y'(t_m) = -\sum_{r=0}^{\infty} r a_r e^{-rt_m} = 0$$

Differentiating equation (37) twice, we get, equating coefficients of  $e^{-rt}$

$$(r^2 - ar + b)a_r = \sum_{s=0}^r a_s a_{r-s} \quad (38)$$

For  $r = 0$ .

$$b a_0 = a_0^2 \quad a_0 = b \text{ or } 0$$

Since  $y$  tends to zero as  $t$  tends to infinity, the coefficient  $a_0$  must be zero.

For  $r = 1$

$$(1 - a + b)a_1 = 2a_0 a_1$$

$$\therefore a_0 = (1 - a + b)/2 \text{ or } a_1 = 0$$

In the first case  $a_0$  is non-zero and since  $a$  and  $b$  are arbitrary, this is incompatible with the fact that  $a_0 = 0$ . If  $a_1$  is zero, the rest of

the coefficients in turn become zero and the solution  $y = 0$  is incompatible with the non-homogeneous boundary conditions.

A generalisation of the above might be tried i.e.

$$y = \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} a_r e^{-\alpha_r t} \quad (39)$$

This would in theory work, but because of the number of unknowns to be evaluated and the difficulty of fitting the boundary conditions namely,

$$\sum_{r=0}^{\infty} a_r = 0, \quad \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} a_r \alpha_r e^{-\alpha_r t_m} = 0, \quad \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} a_r e^{-\alpha_r t_m} = 1 \quad (40)$$

this method was abandoned.

The solution, as it was actually found, took the form

$$y = \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \sum_{s=0}^r a_{rs} \exp [-(s\alpha + (r-s)\beta)t] \quad (41)$$

where  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  were the roots of the equivalent linear equation. The methods used, however, did not tackle the problem by straight forward substitution as above but were derived from Picard's Method and Perturbation. In the above, apart from the fact that  $y$  would be a quadruple summation, the boundary conditions again present difficulties.

## 2.2. The Madelung Transformation

Using the Madelung transformation, an attempt was made to isolate the exponentially decaying part of the sinusoidally varying solution. For

this the function

$$y = F(t) \exp \left[ i \int g(t) dt \right] \quad (42)$$

is substituted into the equation, the real and imaginary parts being equated. Thus

$$y' = (F' + ig) \exp \left[ i \int g(t) dt \right]$$

$$y'' = (F'' - g^2 + i(g' + F'g)) \exp \left[ i \int g(t) dt \right]$$

Substituting these into the equation gives

$$(F'' - g) + i(g' + F'g) + a(F' + ig) + bF = cF^2 \exp \left[ i \int g(t) dt \right]$$

iee.  $(F'' - g + aF' + bF) + i(F'g + g' + ag) = cF^2 \exp \left[ i \int g(t) dt \right] \quad (43)$

In the linear equations, the exponential can be eliminated throughout and two simultaneous equations explicit in F and g obtained. In this case, however, on the right hand side, the exponential cannot be eliminated although it could be expanded in the form

$$\exp \left[ i \int g(t) dt \right] = \frac{1}{2} \left[ \sin \left\{ \int g(t) dt \right\} - i \cos \left\{ \int g(t) dt \right\} \right]$$

Equating real and imaginary part of this would yield equations which are probably harder to solve than the original equation and therefore this idea was abandoned.

### 2.3. Methods Used for Solution

Of the four methods tried, two were numerical and two were semi-analytic. The numerical treatment involved a finite difference method

and a step-by-step method. The first was used in order to fix the solution at the boundary points, and the step-by-step method, being quicker was then applied, using as its initial conditions two points found from the finite difference method. In figure (4) points A and B represent two points produced from the finite difference method to be used by the step-by-step method.

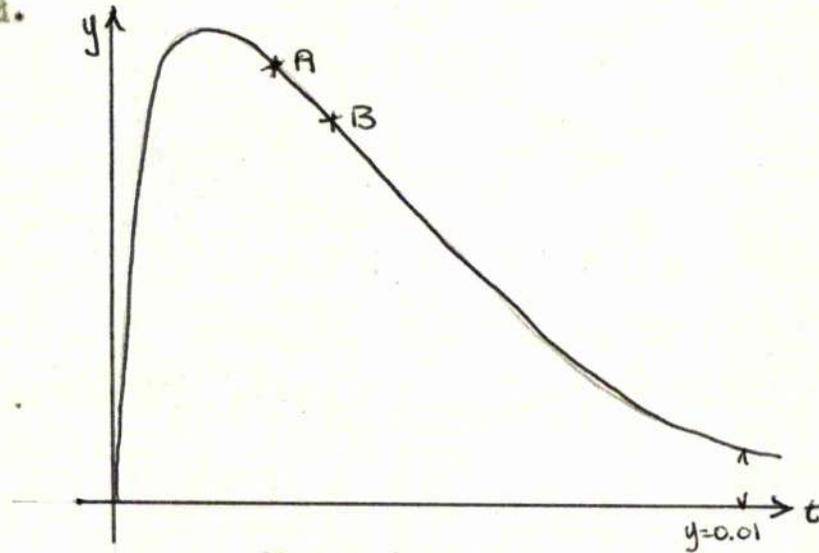


figure 4.

It was decided that a suitable place to stop the integration would be when  $y$  was 1% of its maximum value i.e. 0.01. If the finite difference method had been used to integrate the whole curve, a great deal of machine store would have been used. This is due to the fact that great accuracy in the region from zero to B was required because of the considerable gradient at this part of the curve. This accuracy necessitated many points in the section. On the other hand, in the region from A onwards, the gradient was in comparison increasingly gentle, and for the same accuracy, the number of points required per unit length was much less. This difficulty could perhaps

have been overcome by varying the interval between points, the interval becoming larger for increasing  $y$ . Alternatively, the numerical method could have been modified to suit the initial conditions of A and B. This was thought of, but it soon became evident that without too much work, the process could be speeded up considerably by changing it to a non-iterative step-by-step process. It not only has the advantage of speed, but it takes considerably less storage. Because the finite difference method represents the differential equation as a set of simultaneous difference equations, the number of points must be known before the programme is run. In this way, it would be difficult and certainly very inefficient to use this method in evaluating exactly up to  $y = 0.01$ . On the other hand, it is extremely easy to do this using the step-by-step process, since each point, as it is evaluated, is tested for the condition  $y = 0.01$ .

The two semi-analytic methods, based on Picard's Method and Perturbation, were methods in which solutions in terms of a series of exponentials for values of  $a > 20$  and in terms of exponentials and trigonometric functions for  $a < 20$ , could be obtained. In both methods, the initial approximation taken was the solution for the linear case. The first non-linear approximation in both methods was found without much calculation, but as might be expected, each succeeding new approximation demanded an increase in work and gave a diminishing return.

In the two methods, the higher coefficients were calculated from lower coefficients. In Perturbation this calculation was done by hand, but in Picard's method this was automated and theoretically the solution could

be given in terms of any number of exponentials. In the former case, the accuracy was only that of the second non-linear approximation.

#### 2.4. Finite Difference Method

In this method, the differential equation is represented as a finite difference equation. For a second order differential equation there will be two less difference equations than points being calculated, the rest of the information about the solution being given by the boundary conditions. For the equation  $y'' + ay + by = 0$ , the finite difference equation was derived as follows

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = \frac{\Delta y}{\Delta t} = \frac{y_{r+\frac{1}{2}} - y_{r-\frac{1}{2}}}{h} \quad (44)$$

where  $y_{r+\frac{1}{2}}$  and  $y_{r-\frac{1}{2}}$  are two consecutive values of the function separated by an interval  $\Delta t = h$ .

$$\frac{d^2y}{dt^2} = \frac{\Delta}{\Delta t} (y_{r+\frac{1}{2}} - y_{r-\frac{1}{2}}) \times \frac{1}{h} = \frac{(y_{r+1} - 2y_r + y_{r-1}))}{h^2} \quad (45)$$

$$\therefore \frac{(y_{r+1} - 2y_r + y_{r-1}))}{h^2} + a \frac{(y_{r+1} - y_{r-1}))}{2h} + by_r = 0$$

$$\therefore (1 - \frac{h}{2} a) y_{r-1} + (bh^2 - 2) y_r + (1 + \frac{h}{2} a) y_{r+1} = 0 \quad (46)$$

$$\therefore a_1 y_{r-1} + a_2 y_r + a_3 y_{r+1} = 0 \quad (47)$$

where  $a_1, a_2, a_3$  are given from the equation above. For the non-linear equation, the finite difference equation therefore becomes

$$a_1 y_{r-1} + a_2 y_r + a_3 y_{r+1} = c y_r^2 h^2 \quad (48)$$

As in most methods of solving non-linear equations, the non-linear element must be linearised. This can be done in several ways. For example, if the non-linear term was  $u.v$  where  $u$  and  $v$  alone are linear functions, this could be linearised by writing

$$u.v = \frac{1}{2}(u \bar{v} + \bar{u} v)$$

where  $\bar{u}$  and  $\bar{v}$  are the previous approximations found from the equation.

Similarly  $y^2$  can be linearised by making  $y^2 = y \times \bar{y}$  where the same convention holds. Although this is probably faster than letting the approximation be  $y^2 = \bar{y} \times \bar{y}$ , it was not thought of at the time the programme was written, and the latter approximation was used.

Initially a value of  $\bar{y}$  must be guessed. This was not too difficult to do as the non-linear solutions were similar to the linear ones. In actual fact, because it was straightforward and iteration onto the final solution was generally good, a straight line was used as a first approximation to the purely exponential case. However, although this approximation was initially used for the sinusoidal cases, due to instabilities in certain of the equations, the solutions of the equivalent linear equations were subsequently used. Now that we know an approximation to  $y$  whether it be a straight line or otherwise, we substitute it into the right hand side of



at two points say, in the above example  $y_1$  and  $y_7$ . Eliminating these from the simultaneous equations results in five equations in five unknowns. There is therefore a unique value for each point. Since the boundary conditions were not so simple, another method of tackling the problem had to be found. In essence, the second point  $y_2$  was varied until the first peak hit the value 1. If we let the point  $y_2$  be  $x$ , then since we know that  $y_1 = 0$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 a_3 y_3 &= c \bar{y}_2^{-2} h^2 - a_2 x \\
 a_2 y_3 + a_3 y_4 &= c \bar{y}_3^{-2} h^2 - a_1 x \\
 a_1 y_3 + a_2 y_4 + a_3 y_5 &= c \bar{y}_4^{-2} h^2 \\
 a_1 y_4 + a_2 y_5 + a_3 y_6 &= c \bar{y}_5^{-2} h^2 \\
 a_1 y_5 + a_2 y_6 + a_3 y_7 &= c \bar{y}_6^{-2} h^2
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$\begin{bmatrix}
 a_3 & & & & & & \\
 a_2 & a_3 & & & & & \\
 a_1 & a_2 & a_3 & & & & \\
 & a_1 & a_2 & a_3 & & & \\
 & & a_1 & a_2 & a_3 & & \\
 & & & & & & 
 \end{bmatrix}
 \begin{bmatrix}
 y_3 \\
 y_4 \\
 y_5 \\
 y_6 \\
 y_7
 \end{bmatrix}
 =
 \begin{bmatrix}
 c \bar{y}_2^{-2} h^2 - a_2 x \\
 c \bar{y}_3^{-2} h^2 - a_1 x \\
 c \bar{y}_4^{-2} h^2 \\
 c \bar{y}_5^{-2} h^2 \\
 c \bar{y}_6^{-2} h^2
 \end{bmatrix}
 \quad (50)$$

Inverting the matrix A will give the new values of  $y$  in terms of the old values which are known, and  $x$  which has to be found. We thus obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 y_3 &= A_3 - B_3 x \\
 y_4 &= A_4 - B_4 x \\
 y_5 &= A_5 - B_5 x \\
 y_6 &= A_6 - B_6 x \\
 y_7 &= A_7 - B_7 x
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{51}$$

where the A's are the elements of the inverse of A times the  $cy^{-2}h^2$ 's. The particular y which fitted the maximum could be found iteratively, but for reasons of speed a different method was used. Each  $y_r$  in turn was given the value one until one such y was found say  $y_p$  such that when  $y_p = 1$ , all other y's were less than one. The rest of the y's were of course calculated from the value of x derived from  $y_p$ . We have

$$y_r = A_r - B_r x = A_r - \frac{B_r}{B_p} (1 - A_p)
 \tag{52}$$

for all  $y_r$ 's.

To find the values of the A's and B's, it was not, in practice, necessary to invert the matrix A. As can be seen from equations (50) and (51) we can derive the following :

$$\begin{aligned}
 y_3 &= (c\bar{y}_2^2 h^2 - a_2 x) / a_3 = A_3 - B_3 x \\
 y_4 &= (c\bar{y}_3 h^2 - a_1 x) / a_3 - a_2 y_3 / a_3 \\
 &= (c\bar{y}_3^2 h^2 - a_1 x) / a_3 - a_2 (c\bar{y}_2^2 h^2 - a_2 x) / a_3^2 \\
 &= c \left( \bar{y}_3^2 - \frac{a_2}{a_3} \bar{y}_2^2 \right) \frac{h^2}{a_3} - \left( \frac{a_1}{a_3} - \frac{a_2^2}{a_3^2} \right) x \\
 &= A_4 - B_4 x
 \end{aligned}$$

For the  $r^{\text{th}}$  equation

$$\begin{aligned}
 a_1 y_{r-1} + a_2 y_r + a_3 y_{r+1} &= c \bar{y}_r h \\
 \therefore y_{r+1} &= (c \bar{y}_r h^2 - a_1 y_{r-1} - a_2 y_r) / a_3 \\
 &= [(c \bar{y}_r h^2 - a_1 (A_{r-1} - B_{r-1} x) - a_2 (A_r - B_r x))] / a_3 \\
 &= (c \bar{y}_r h^2 - a_1 A_{r-1} - a_2 A_r) / a_3 + x (a_1 B_{r-1} + a_2 B_r) / a_3 \\
 &= A_{r+1} - B_{r+1} x. \tag{53}
 \end{aligned}$$

$A_5$  and  $B_5$  can be found now in terms of  $A_4, B_4$  and  $A_3, B_3$ . Similarly, each new constant can be found in terms of the two preceding ones.

Once the solution has been found to the required degree of accuracy in terms of previous approximations, a still more accurate result can be achieved by means of a difference correction. Using operators we have :

$$\begin{aligned}
 h^2 y_r'' &= (hD)^2 y_r = (\delta^2 - \frac{1}{12} \delta^4 - \frac{1}{90} \delta^6 - \dots) y_r \\
 h y_r' &= (hD) y_r = (\mu \delta - \frac{1}{6} \mu \delta^3 + \frac{1}{30} \mu \delta^5 - \dots) y_r \tag{54}
 \end{aligned}$$

where  $\delta y_r = (y_{r+1/2} - y_{r-1/2}) / h$  and  $\mu y_r = \frac{1}{2} (y_{r-1/2} + y_{r+1/2})$

The first term in each expansion gives respectively

$$\begin{aligned}
 \delta^2 y_r &= (y_{r-1} - 2y_r + y_{r+1}) / 2h \\
 \mu \delta y_r &= \mu (y_{r+1/2} - y_{r-1/2}) / h = (y_{r+1} - y_{r-1}) / 2h \tag{55}
 \end{aligned}$$

and these are the terms which have previously been used to find the appropriate solution. A better solution is therefore given by the equation

$$a_1 y_{r+1} + a_2 y_r + a_3 y_{r-1} = c \bar{y}_r h^2 + \frac{1}{6} (\mu \delta^3 + \frac{1}{2} \delta^4 - \frac{1}{6} \mu \delta^5 - \frac{1}{15} \delta^6 + \dots) \bar{y}_r \tag{56}$$

The tabulated values of  $y$  are therefore differenced six times, the difference correction calculated from the above, and then added to the

previous approximation of the right hand side.

In the program, it was found that for certain values of the interval,  $a_1$  or  $a_2$  might become zero, in which case the program would fail. In this case, the interval was altered and the calculation restarted.

The flow diagram, figure (5), shows how the programme for the finite difference method works. The figure  $n$  represents the number of different equations to be solved by varying the parameters  $a$  and  $c$ . The diagram follows more or less the theory which has just been explained. Initially  $q = 0$ , but when a sufficient degree of accuracy has been attained, the difference correction is calculated, and  $q$  becomes 1. With the new values of the right hand side of the difference equations, the final  $y$  values are calculated and the values of  $y$  output. The test for  $x > 1$  was inserted because it was found that for values of  $a$  close to zero, the solution diverged. More will be said about this in the final chapter.

## 2.5. Step-by-Step Method

Once the solution between the boundary conditions had been found the rest of the  $y$  values were calculated numerically to  $y = 0.1$  using the step-by-step process. The problem was now essentially one of the initial value type, the two initial values being taken from the solution of the boundary type problem. If the equation is

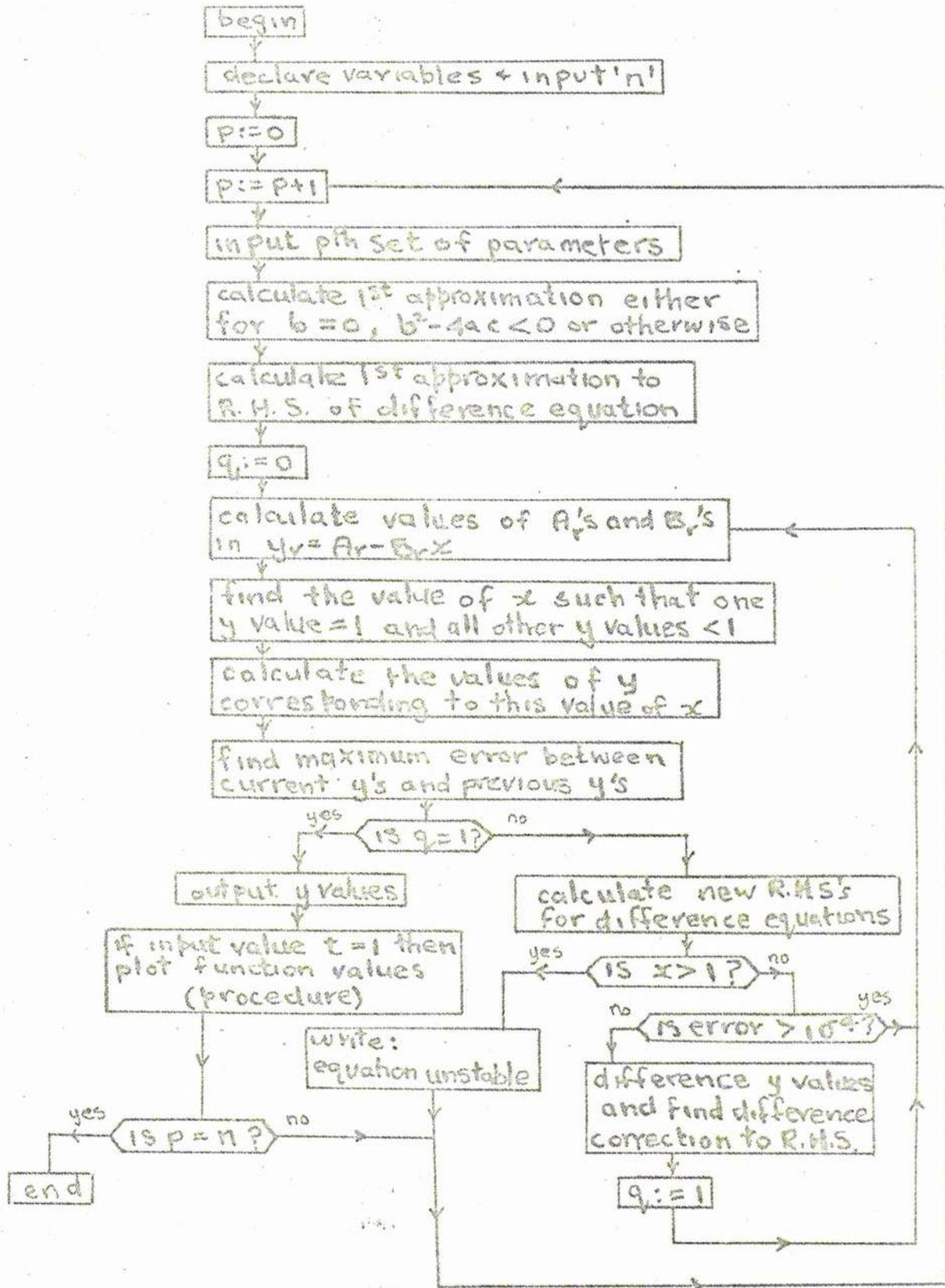
$$y'' + ay' + by = cy^2$$

then as before, the corresponding difference equation is

$$a_1 y_{r-1} + a_2 y_r + a_3 y_{r+1} = c y_r^2 h^2$$

# Flow Diagram for Finite Difference Method.

Figure 5



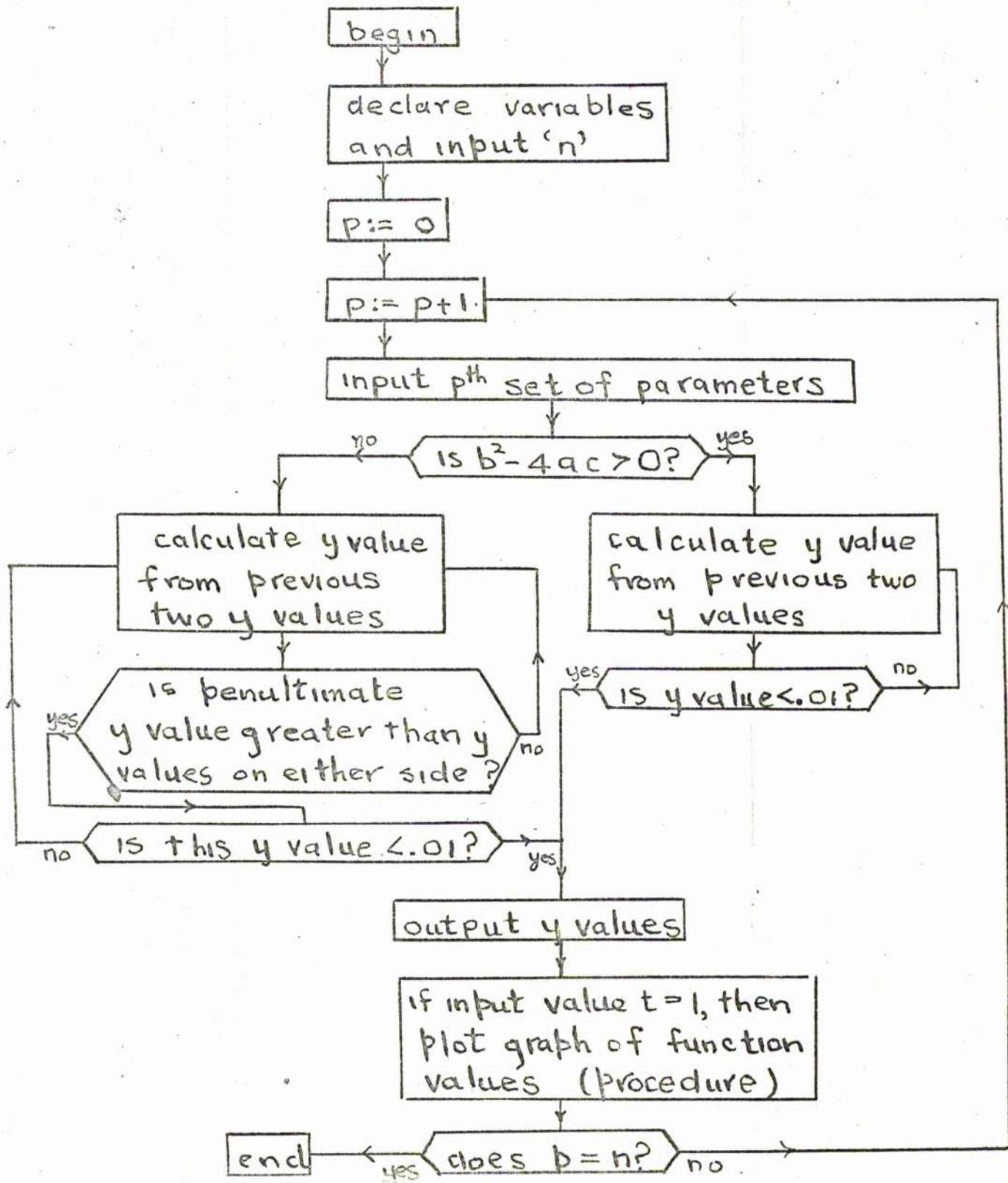
Knowing  $y_1$  and  $y_2$ , we can calculate  $y_3$  and by resubstitution of each successive point and the one previous into the equation, the next point in turn can be found. For the exponential-type solution, each new value was tested until  $y = 0.01$  was found. For the sinusoidal solution, each maximum was found and the function value at these points was tested for 0.01. Once found, the values of  $y$  were output. The flow diagram for the calculation is shown in figure (6).

As in the previous flow diagram,  $n$  represents the number of sets of parameters input. In the actual programme, the amount of storage used was much more than was absolutely essential. The reason for this was that both in this programme and the finite difference programme, an optional graph plotter in the form of a procedure was used. This meant that  $y$  and  $t$  values had to be stored in two vectors and could not be output immediately after the  $y$  values had been calculated. For the most economical use of storage, only the two previous values of  $y$  need be kept. The graph plotter is described below.

## 2.6. The Graph Plotter

This graph plotter gave a scaled digitalised form of graph suitable for output on a line printer or flexewriter. It plotted out points, but because these could only be printed at integer places, it was not particularly accurate. The points were scaled so that the difference between the maximum and minimum point across the page was 100 spaces. The length of

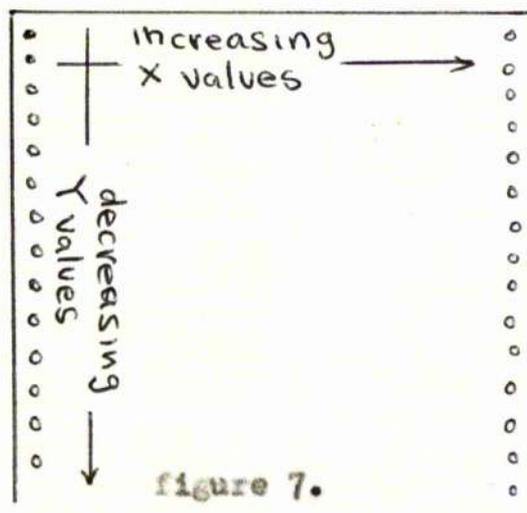
Figure 6



the graph down the page was left to be scaled by the user. The method was as follows.

If the coordinates are represented by an X vector across the page and Y vector down the page, then the maximum and minimum values in the X array are found and the X values are all scaled by 100 over the difference of these two. This, in effect, brought all the X values within the breadth of the page. A similar technique scaled the Y array down the page by inputting the number of carriage returns desired. In order to make all the X values positive, the lowest number in the X array was subtracted from all other X values. This prevented meaningless negative spaces from being calculated.

Since there can only be an integer number of spaces across the page and carriage returns down the page, the values of the adjusted points had to be rounded off to the nearest whole number. The elements of the Y array then had to be arranged in decreasing order of magnitude so that as the page moved up, the highest values in Y were at the top of the page (see figure (7)). The corresponding X values were at the same time arranged in the same order as the new Y array.



If it happened that two or more 'integrated' Y values were the same, then the corresponding X values had to be rearranged in increasing order of magnitude. If it also happened that two of these newly rearranged X values were the same, then obviously one had to be eliminated. For this case, a counter was set up which, after the graph had been drawn, output the number of points ignored.

In the initial version of the programme, the appropriate coordinates for X and Y were output across and down the page respectively, but since the graph was only rough, and the accurate points were being output before the curve, it was decided to eliminate them. The flow diagram for the programme is shown in figure (8) and an example of the output is shown in graphs (21) at the end of the book.

## 2.7. Perturbation Method

For this method, a general solution in the form of a series of real or complex exponentials with real or complex coefficients, was found. However for  $a < 20$ , the region in which complex constants arise, it would be a long and arduous task to extract the real sinusoidal solution. It was therefore decided to investigate the two cases,  $a < 20$  and  $a > 20$ , separately.

For the equation  $y'' + ay' + by = cy^2$ , we assume that we can find a series expansion of the form

$$y = y_0 + cy_1 + c^2y_2 + \dots \quad (57)$$

where  $y_0, y_1, y_2$ , etc. are twice differential functions of  $t$  to be determined

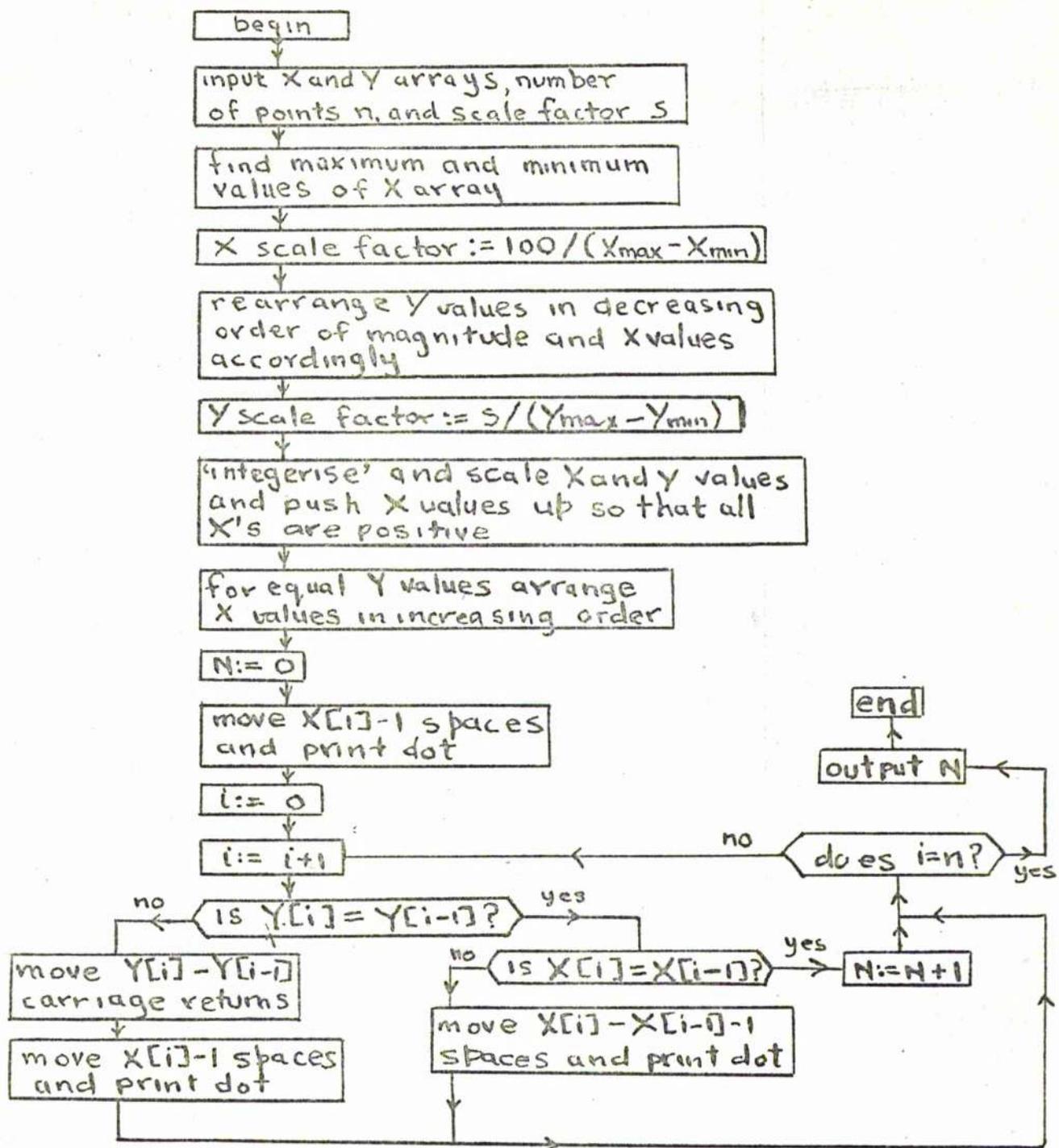


Figure 8

Initially it was thought that the method would only apply for small values of  $c$  [ i.e.  $c$  less than unity ], but it was found in comparing the results of this method with the numerical methods, that to the degree of accuracy the solution was taken, reasonably satisfactory results were obtained at least between the boundary conditions, for larger values of  $c$ . This suggests that the values of higher order  $y$  terms fall off quicker than the coefficients in  $c$  increase.

We also let

$$b = b_0 + cb_1 + c^2b_2 + \dots \quad (58)$$

where  $b_0, b_1, b_2$  etc. are also to be determined. Since  $y(0) = 0$  we let

$$y_0(0) = y_1(0) = y_2(0) = 0 \quad (59)$$

For the second boundary condition we have  $y(t_m) = 1$ . As it stands, this condition could not easily be incorporated into the calculation. We therefore have to convert the problem into an initial value one by adjusting the gradient by iterative means until  $y(t_m)$  hits the value 1. For this condition we take

$$y'_0(0) = y'(0), \quad y'_1(0) = y'_2(0) = \dots = 0 \quad (60)$$

By squaring  $y$ , we have

$$y^2 = (y_0 + cy_1 + c^2y_2 + \dots)^2 = y_0^2 + c(2y_0y_1) + c^2(2y_0y_2 + y_1^2) + \dots$$

Differentiating and substituting into equation (1) we have

$$\begin{aligned} & (y_0'' + cy_1'' + c^2y_2'' + \dots) + a(y_0' + cy_1' + c^2y_2' + \dots) \\ & + (b_0 + cb_1 + c^2b_2 + \dots)(y_0 + cy_1 + c^2y_2 + \dots) \quad (61) \\ & = cy_0^2 + c^2(2y_0y_1) + c^3(2y_0y_2 + y_1^2) + \dots \end{aligned}$$

We then equate powers of  $c$ . This gives the first approximation

$$y_0'' + ay_0' + b_0 y_0 = 0$$

This is just the linear equation, the solution of which is known i.e.

$$y_0 = A e^{-\alpha t} + B e^{-\beta t} = A (e^{-\alpha t} - e^{-\beta t}) \quad (\text{since } y(0) = 0)$$

where  $\alpha, \beta = (a \pm \sqrt{a^2 - 4b_0})/2$

If we let  $A_0 = A$  then

$$y_0'(0) = A_0(\beta - \alpha)$$

For the second approximation, equating  $c$  we have

$$y_1'' + ay_1' + b_0 y_1 + b_1 y_0 = y_0''$$

$$\therefore y_1'' + ay_1' + b_0 y_1 = y_0'' - b_1 y_0$$

$$= A_0^2 (e^{-2\alpha t} - 2e^{-(\alpha+\beta)t} + e^{-2\beta t}) - b_1 A_0 (e^{-\alpha t} - e^{-\beta t}) \quad (62)$$

Since  $e^{-\alpha t}$  and  $e^{-\beta t}$  are both solutions of the complementary function and this equation is linear, it follows that  $b_1$  must be zero. For the particular integral, we therefore let

$$y_1 = B_0 e^{-2\alpha t} + C_0 e^{-(\alpha+\beta)t} + D_0 e^{-2\beta t} \quad (63)$$

Differentiating this twice, substituting it into the left hand side of (62), and equating coefficients of the exponentials gives

$$B_0 (4\alpha^2 - 2a\alpha + b_0) = A_0^2$$

$$C_0 ((\alpha+\beta)^2 - a(\alpha+\beta) + b_0) = -2A_0^2$$

$$D_0 (4\beta^2 - 2a\beta + b_0) = A_0^2$$

(64)

Thus  $B_0$ ,  $C_0$ , and  $D_0$  can be found in terms of  $A_0$ . The full solution is thus of the form

$$y_1 = A_1 e^{-\alpha t} + B_1 e^{-\beta t} + B_0 e^{-2\alpha t} + C_0 e^{-(\alpha+\beta)t} + D_0 e^{-2\beta t}$$

Since  $y_1(0) = 0$  we have

$$A_1 + B_1 + B_0 + C_0 + D_0 = 0$$

since  $y_1'(0) = 0$  we have

$$-(\alpha A_1 + \beta B_1 + 2\alpha B_0 + (\alpha + \beta)C_0 + 2\beta D_0) = 0$$

The only coefficients not known in terms of  $A_0$  are  $A_1$  and  $B_1$ . From the above equations we therefore obtain

$$\begin{aligned} A_1 &= -[(B_0 + C_0 + D_0)\beta - 2B_0\alpha - C_0(\alpha + \beta) - 2D_0\beta] / (\beta - \alpha) \\ B_1 &= [(B_0 + C_0 + D_0)\alpha - 2B_0\alpha - C_0(\alpha + \beta) - 2D_0\beta] / (\beta - \alpha) \end{aligned} \quad (65)$$

For the third, and in this discussion final, approximation we have by equating the coefficients of  $\sigma^2$

$$y_2'' + ay_2' + (b_0 y_2 + b_1 y_1 + b_2 y_0) = 2y_0 y_1 \quad (66)$$

$$y_2'' + ay_2' + b_0 y_2 = 2y_0 y_1 - b_2 y_0 \quad \text{since } b_1 = 0$$

Using a similar argument, it can be shown that  $b_2$  will be zero. Hence

$$y_2'' + ay_2' + b_0 y_2 = 2A_0(e^{-\alpha t} - e^{-\beta t}) \times (A_1 e^{-\alpha t} + B_1 e^{-\alpha t} + B_0 e^{-2\alpha t} + C_0 e^{-(\alpha + \beta)t} + D_0 e^{-2\beta t})$$

Using the same method as in the second approximation, we find that the values of the coefficients of the exponentials

$$e^{-2\alpha t}, e^{-(\alpha + \beta)t}, e^{-2\beta t}, e^{-3\alpha t}, e^{-(2\alpha + \beta)t}, e^{-(\alpha + 2\beta)t}, e^{-3\beta t}$$

are respectively given by the identities

$$\begin{aligned}
 A_2(4\alpha^2 - 2a\alpha + b_0) &= 2A_0A_1 \\
 B_2(\alpha+\beta)^2 - a(\alpha+\beta) + b_0 &= 2A_0(B_1 - A_1) \\
 C_2(4\beta^2 - 2a\beta + b_0) &= -2A_0B_1 \\
 D_2(9\alpha^2 - 3a\alpha + b_0) &= 2A_0B_0 \\
 E_2((2\alpha+\beta)^2 - a(2\alpha+\beta) + b_0) &= 2A_0(C_0 - B_0) \\
 F_2(\alpha+2\beta)^2 - a(\alpha+2\beta) + b_0 &= 2A_0(D_0 - C_0) \\
 G_2(9\beta^2 - 3a\beta + b_0) &= -2A_0D_0
 \end{aligned} \tag{67}$$

Thus the total solution will be

$$\begin{aligned}
 y_2 = & A_3 e^{-\alpha t} + B_3 e^{-\beta t} + A_2 e^{-2\alpha t} + B_2 e^{-(\alpha+\beta)t} + C_2 e^{-2\beta t} \\
 & + D_2 e^{-3\alpha t} + E_2 e^{-(2\alpha+\beta)t} + F_2 e^{-(\alpha+2\beta)t} + G_2 e^{-3\beta t}
 \end{aligned} \tag{68}$$

Again using the initial conditions  $y_2(0) = 0$  and  $y_2'(0) = 0$  we can find the values of  $A_3$  and  $B_3$  in terms of the other coefficients. These turn out to be

$$\begin{aligned}
 A_3 = & -[\beta(A_2 + B_2 + C_2 + D_2 + E_2 + F_2 + G_2) - 2\alpha A_2 - (\alpha + \beta)B_2 \\
 & - 2\beta C_2 - 3\alpha D_2 - (2\alpha + \beta)E_2 - (\alpha + 2\beta)F_2 - 3\beta G_2] / (\beta - \alpha) \\
 B_3 = & [\alpha(A_2 + B_2 + C_2 + D_2 + E_2 + F_2 + G_2) - 2\alpha A_2 - (\alpha + \beta)B_2 \\
 & - 2\beta C_2 - 3\alpha D_2 - (2\alpha + \beta)E_2 - (\alpha + 2\beta)F_2 - 3\beta G_2] / (\beta - \alpha)
 \end{aligned} \tag{69}$$

For this degree of approximation we find that the total solution is given by

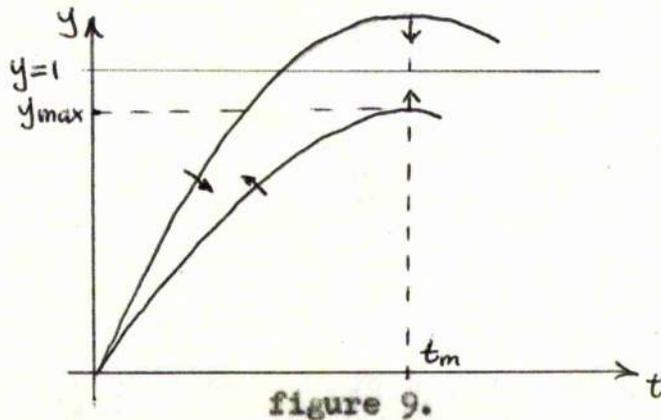
$$\begin{aligned}
 y &= y_0 + c y_1 + c^2 y_2 \\
 &= A_0 (\bar{e}^{-\alpha t} - \bar{e}^{-\beta t}) + c (A_1 \bar{e}^{-\alpha t} + B_1 \bar{e}^{-\beta t} + B_0 \bar{e}^{-2\alpha t} + C_0 \bar{e}^{-(\alpha+\beta)t} \\
 &\quad + D_0 \bar{e}^{-2\beta t} + c^2 (A_3 \bar{e}^{-\alpha t} + B_3 \bar{e}^{-\beta t} + A_2 \bar{e}^{-2\alpha t} + B_2 \bar{e}^{-(\alpha+\beta)t} + C_2 \bar{e}^{-2\beta t} \\
 &\quad + D_2 \bar{e}^{-3\alpha t} + E_2 \bar{e}^{-(2\alpha+\beta)t} + F_2 \bar{e}^{-(\alpha+2\beta)t} + G_2 \bar{e}^{-3\beta t}) \\
 &= (A_0 + c A_1 + c^2 A_3) \bar{e}^{-\alpha t} + (-A_0 + c B_1 + c^2 B_3) \bar{e}^{-\beta t} + c (B_0 + c A_2) \bar{e}^{-2\alpha t} \\
 &\quad + c (C_0 + c B_2) \bar{e}^{-(\alpha+\beta)t} + c (D_0 + c C_2) \bar{e}^{-2\beta t} + c^2 D_2 \bar{e}^{-3\alpha t} \\
 &\quad + c^2 E_2 \bar{e}^{-(2\alpha+\beta)t} + c^2 F_2 \bar{e}^{-(\alpha+2\beta)t} + c^2 G_2 \bar{e}^{-3\beta t} \tag{70}
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus the non-linear equation is each time being reduced to a linear equation with the boundary conditions always being satisfied.

The above solution is the general one discussed previously. For exponential-type solutions, it stands as it is, but for sinusoidal solutions it must be broken down into its real and imaginary parts. For calculating the real parts of the appropriate constants on a computer with complex facility, this might be a reasonable proposition, but by hand the problem would be rather involved. It was also found to be a much more time consuming problem to work out a reasonably accurate solution for the sinusoidal  $y = A e^{-\delta t} \sin \omega t$ . Since this was also the case for the other semi-analytic method investigated, and as in neither method was there a significant difference in the theory it was decided to investigate the purely exponential solutions only, and leave the sinusoidal.

Now that we know the solution in terms of  $A_0$  which is a function of the gradient, we can work out, iteratively, its value. First of all, an initial guess was obtained for  $A_0$  by using its linear value. Using this

the maximum value of  $y$  was found and if this was greater than unity, the gradient was proportionately reduced.



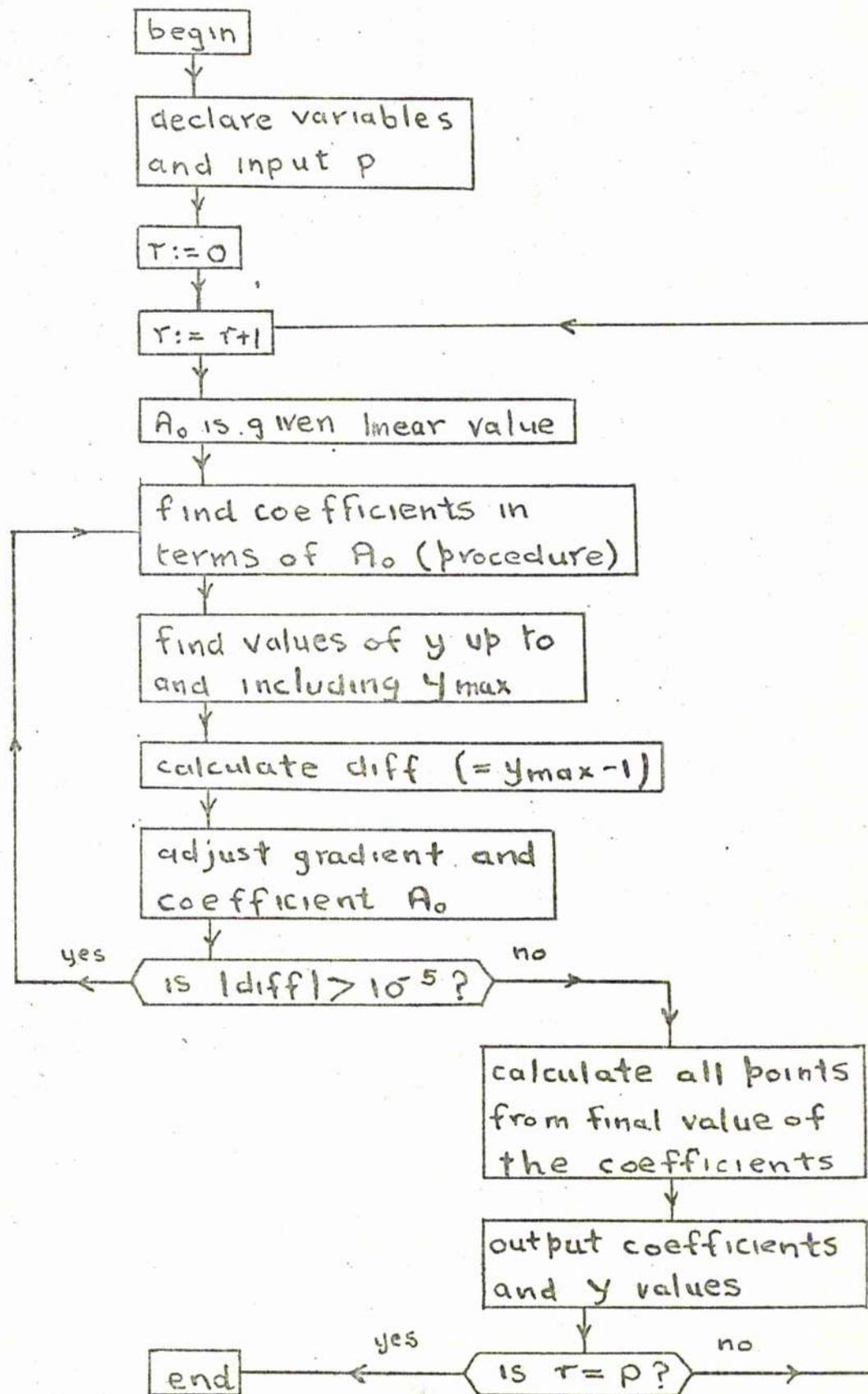
The reverse was done if the maximum was greater. This is shown in figure (9). In effect, the gradient was changed by  $(1 - \text{diff})$  where 'diff' was the difference between the maximum and one.

The programme was such that for each iteration, only those points up to and including the maximum were calculated. This means that all points after the maximum were ignored until the required degree of accuracy had been reached when every point was calculated with the final value of the coefficient. The flow diagram is shown in figure (10).

### 2.8. Picard's Method

This method is similar to Perturbation in that it produces an exponential series, but each successive approximation gives a greater number of terms to the expansion than in Perturbation. Essentially, an approximate solution was found from the linear equation, say  $f_0(t)$ . This solution is substituted into the non-linear part of the equation giving

$$y'' + ay' + by = cf_0^2(t)$$



This equation is a better linear approximation to the non-linear equation being investigated, and we solve it with the boundary conditions to find the new solution  $f_1(t)$ . This is substituted into the equation as before and the process is repeated until the required degree of approximation is reached.

We have that the solution of the linear equation

$$y'' + ay' + by = 0 \quad \text{is} \quad y = A_{10} e^{-\alpha t} + A_{01} e^{-\beta t}$$

Squaring this and substituting it into the right hand side of the equation gives

$$y'' + ay' + by = c(A_{10}^2 e^{-2\alpha t} + 2A_{10}A_{01} e^{-(\alpha+\beta)t} + A_{01}^2 e^{-2\beta t}) \quad (71)$$

For the particular integral, we let the solution be

$$y = A_{20} e^{-2\alpha t} + A_{11} e^{-(\alpha+\beta)t} + A_{02} e^{-2\beta t} \quad (72)$$

where  $A_{20}$ ,  $A_{11}$  and  $A_{02}$  are to be determined. As can be seen, the suffices of the coefficients correspond to the appropriate powers in  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ . Differentiating equation (72) twice and substituting the resultant values of  $y''$  and  $y'$  into the left hand side of equation (71) gives, by equating the coefficients of the exponentials, the values of  $A_{20}$ ,  $A_{11}$  and  $A_{02}$  in terms of  $A_{10}$  and  $A_{01}$ . Once these have been found, we have that the full solution to the first approximate equation is

$$y = A_{10}' e^{-\alpha t} + A_{01}' e^{-\beta t} + A_{20} e^{-2\alpha t} + A_{11} e^{-(\alpha+\beta)t} + A_{02} e^{-2\beta t} \quad (73)$$

$A_{10}' e^{-\alpha t} + A_{01}' e^{-\beta t}$  being the solution of the complementary function.

From the boundary conditions  $A'_{10}$  and  $A'_{01}$  can be found. From the condition  $y(0) = 0$ , we have

$$A'_{10} + A'_{01} + A_{20} + A_{11} + A_{02} = 0 \quad (74)$$

Thus  $A'_{01}$  can be found in terms of  $A'_{10}$ . The other condition,  $y(t_m) = 1$  uniquely determines the value of  $A'_{10}$ , but as in the previous method,  $A_{10}$  can only be found with relative ease using an iterative technique.

Once this approximate solution has been found, we start off again knowing the coefficients from  $A'_{10}$  to  $A_{20}$  and square equation (73). The same process is repeated and the coefficients of the exponentials from  $e^{-\alpha t}$  to  $e^{-2\beta t}$  are re-evaluated and the coefficients of  $e^{-3\alpha t}$  to  $e^{-4\beta t}$  are evaluated.

This can be repeated to give the solution to any number of exponentials. The problem of iteration for the second boundary condition turned out to be more difficult than in Perturbation. Initially, the same method was used, i.e. if the maximum value of  $y$  turned out to be below 1 for a particular set of coefficients, the gradient was increased, the coefficients re-evaluated and the maximum value of  $y$  again found. This was done, as previously, through modifying the gradient by  $(1 - \text{diff})$ , 'diff' being the difference between  $y_{\text{max}}$  and 1. It worked quite satisfactorily for positive values of the non-linear coefficient to the order of 75, but for values about -40, the process did not converge. In general it was found that it took longer to find the solution for negative values of  $c$  than for their equivalent positive values. This maybe due to the following. For the value of  $y$  at  $t_m$ ,  $y' = 0$ , and approximately

$$y'' = -(100 - cy)y \quad (y \approx 1) \quad (75)$$

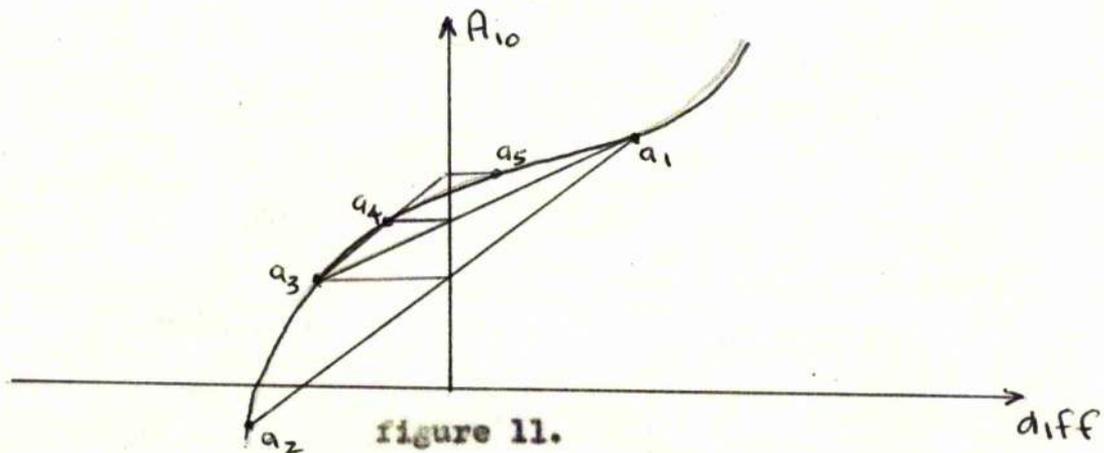
When  $c$  is negative, the coefficient of  $y$  is much larger than when  $c$  has the equivalent positive value. Thus the value of  $y$  at the maximum is much more rapidly varying for this case, and accuracy will consequently be more difficult to achieve. This fact can be seen from the shape of any graph with  $c = -40$ . The peak for this is much sharper than for positive  $c$ . For the cases with negative  $c$  which did work, it was found that it took more iterations than was thought necessary (sometimes more than 20). It was found, for values of  $c$  about  $-40$ , that although the solution did not converge, neither did it diverge rapidly. The maximum value of  $y$  seemed to fluctuate between 0.73 and 1.2 for a large number of iterations. To reduce the amount of 'feedback' from the difference to the gradient, various functions similar to  $\tan^{-1}(\text{diff})$  we tried. This, in effect, would reduce the magnitude of the gradient correcting factor for large values of  $\text{diff}$ , but leave smaller values relatively unchanged ( $\tan^{-1} x \approx x$  for  $x \ll 1$ ).

Ultimately an empirical formula was found which gave the solution for  $c = -40$ , but the number of iterations required made the method very impracticable. Hence another method of iteration was looked for. Using Aitken's inverse interpolation, the process was found to converge much faster.

#### AITKENROOT Procedure

Interpolation was carried out between  $\text{diff}$  and the coefficient of the first exponential  $A_{10}$  and the value of  $A_{10}$  was found such that  $\text{diff}$  was close enough to zero and that the boundary condition  $y(0) = 0$  was satisfied. This

did not involve calculating the gradient for each iteration as was done in Perturbation. When diff was less than zero, the value of the coefficient was increased by as many increments as was necessary to make diff positive. When the sign change occurred, Aitken's interpolation was used to find the value of  $A_{10}$  such that  $\text{diff} \approx 0$ . If diff was originally greater than zero,  $A_{10}$  was decreased. In figure (11)  $a_1$  represents the value of diff for a particular value of  $A_{10}$ . If we decrease the value of  $A_{10}$  enough, eventually diff will go negative



Interpolating linearly between those two points gives a more accurate value to  $A_{10}$ . With this new value,  $A_{01}$  is recalculated and  $A_{01} e^{-\beta t}$ , with the rest of the terms of the series, gives the new value of diff corresponding to the new  $A_{10}$ . This diff now corresponds to the point  $a_3$ . Linearly interpolating between  $a_1$  and  $a_3$  gives  $a_4$ , and applying the same to  $a_3$  and  $a_4$  produces, in stable cases, the most accurate approximation so far -  $a_5$ . Generally, if the interpolation is ill-behaved, any instabilities which occur, will do so when the point  $a_5$  is being calculated. Although in this method, interpolation is always being carried out just between two points, in effect,  $n^{\text{th}}$  order interpolation is achieved by successive interpolation between the correct points.

Thus finding  $a_3$  is equivalent to first degree interpolation and finding  $a_5$  is equivalent to second degree. In figure (12), the logical sequence of events as it is programmed, is shown

Current Value of $A_{10} (\equiv f)$	Derivation
$f_1$	initial value
$f_2, f_2 := f_{12}$	$f_{12}$ from $f_1 + f_2$
$f_3, f_3 := f_{13} := f_{23}$	$f_{13}$ from $f_1 + f_3$ $f_{23}$ from $f_2 + f_3$
$f_4, f_4 := f_{14}$ $f_4 := f_{24}, f_4 := f_{34}$	$f_{14}$ from $f_1 + f_4$ $f_{24}$ from $f_2 + f_4$ $f_{34}$ from $f_3 + f_4$

figure 12

From the two points  $f_1$  and  $f_2 (\equiv a_1$  and  $a_2)$  a third point  $f_{12} (\equiv a_3)$ , is calculated. This is the new  $f_2$  and it replaces the old value of  $f_2$ . It is also the first approximation to the calculation of  $f_3$ . The second approximation to  $f_3$  is calculated from  $f_1$  and  $f_3$ . This new value  $f_{13}$  replaces the old value of  $f_3$  to become the next approximation. Interpolation between this and the point  $f_2$  gives  $f_{23}$  which in turn becomes the final  $f_3$ . Using this as a first approximation to  $f_4$ , the same sequence of events is carried out to find the

the most accurate to 4th degree interpolation. This is continued until two successive approximations  $f_{r-1}$  and  $f_r$  are close enough such that the error between them can be neglected. Thus the final value of  $A_{10}$  is found and the solution to the required degree of accuracy is obtained.

Since only current values of  $f_1$ , onwards are stored, intermediate points being overwritten by new approximations, the amount of storage for this application of Aitken's interpolation is small compared with more conventional approaches.

### Calculation of Coefficients

In Picard's Method, it was decided to calculate the coefficients inside a procedure rather than by hand as is Perturbation. The procedure (CONST) evaluated the coefficients for the new terms and re-calculated the old coefficients from  $A_{20}$  up to the start of the new terms.

For the first non-linear approximation,  $A_{20}$ ,  $A_{11}$  and  $A_{02}$  were calculated from  $A_{10}$  and  $A_{01}$ . Since each new approximation is found by squaring the previous solution, the number of terms rises very rapidly. For the first, second and third approximations we have respectively 5, 14 and 44 terms in the series.

From the first approximation, we have, squaring equation (73)

$$y^2 = (A_{10}' e^{-\alpha t} + A_{10}' e^{-\beta t} + A_{20} e^{-2\alpha t} + A_{11} e^{-(\alpha+\beta)t} + A_{02} e^{-2\beta t})^2 \quad (76)$$

When multiplied out this gives exponential terms from  $e^{-2\alpha t}$  through all variations up to  $e^{-4\beta t}$ . For the right hand side of the equation we substitute

$$y = A'_{20} e^{-2\alpha t} + \dots + A'_{04} e^{-4\beta t} \quad (77)$$

Differentiating twice and substituting the value of  $y''$ ,  $y'$  and  $y$  into the left hand side of the equation will give an exponential series from  $e^{-2\alpha t}$  to  $e^{-4\beta t}$  with respective coefficients from  $A'_{20}$  to  $A'_{04}$ . Equating coefficients will give  $A'_{20}$  to  $A'_{04}$  in terms of  $A'_{10}$  to  $A'_{02}$  and  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ . The main part of the procedure squares the series which was the previous approximation (see equation (76)). If we have that a term of the new series of equation (77) is  $A'_{rs} e^{-(r\alpha + s\beta)t}$  then for this we have that

$$y'' + ay' + by = A'_{rs} ((r\alpha + s\beta)^2 - a(r\alpha + s\beta) + b) e^{-(r\alpha + s\beta)t}$$

Thus to find the new coefficient  $A'_{rs}$ , we must divide the coefficient of  $e^{-(r\alpha + s\beta)t}$  from equation (76) by  $((r\alpha + s\beta)^2 - a(r\alpha + s\beta) + b)/c$ . The latter part of the procedure does this. The diagram below shows how the process was programmed.

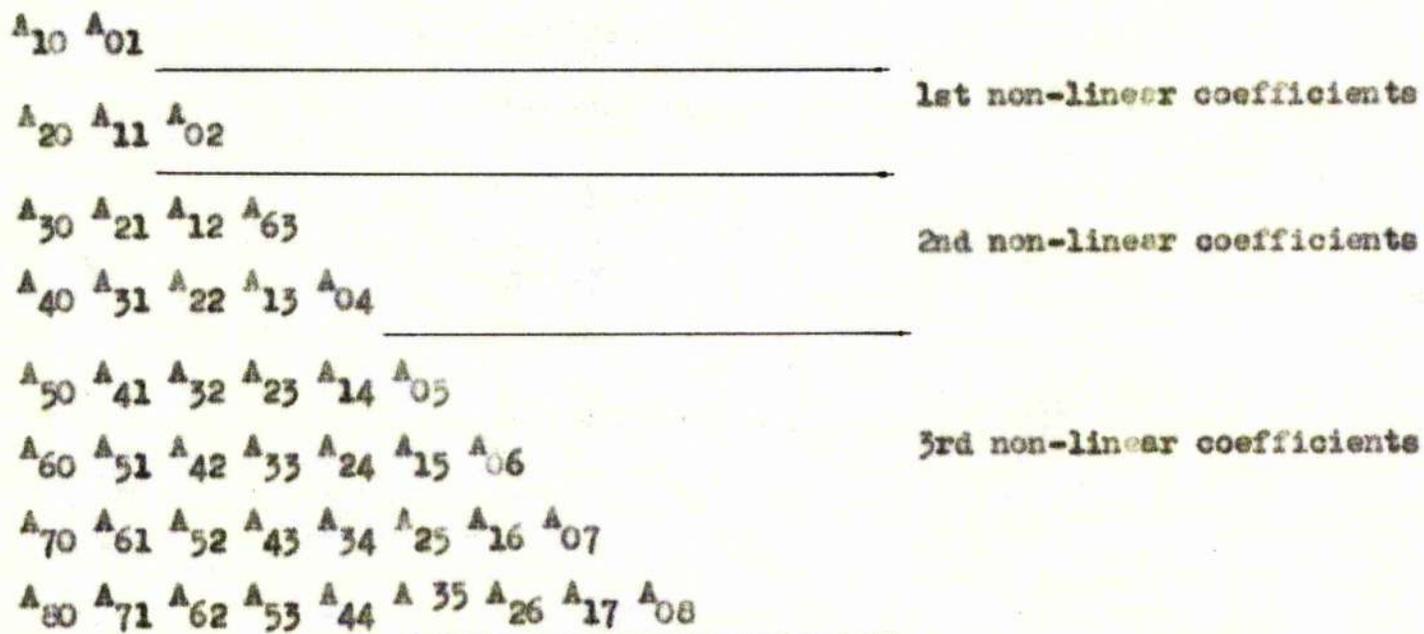


figure (13).

The coefficients in, for example, the third group of the above are calculated solely from the first two groups and the coefficients  $A_{10}$  and  $A_{01}$ .

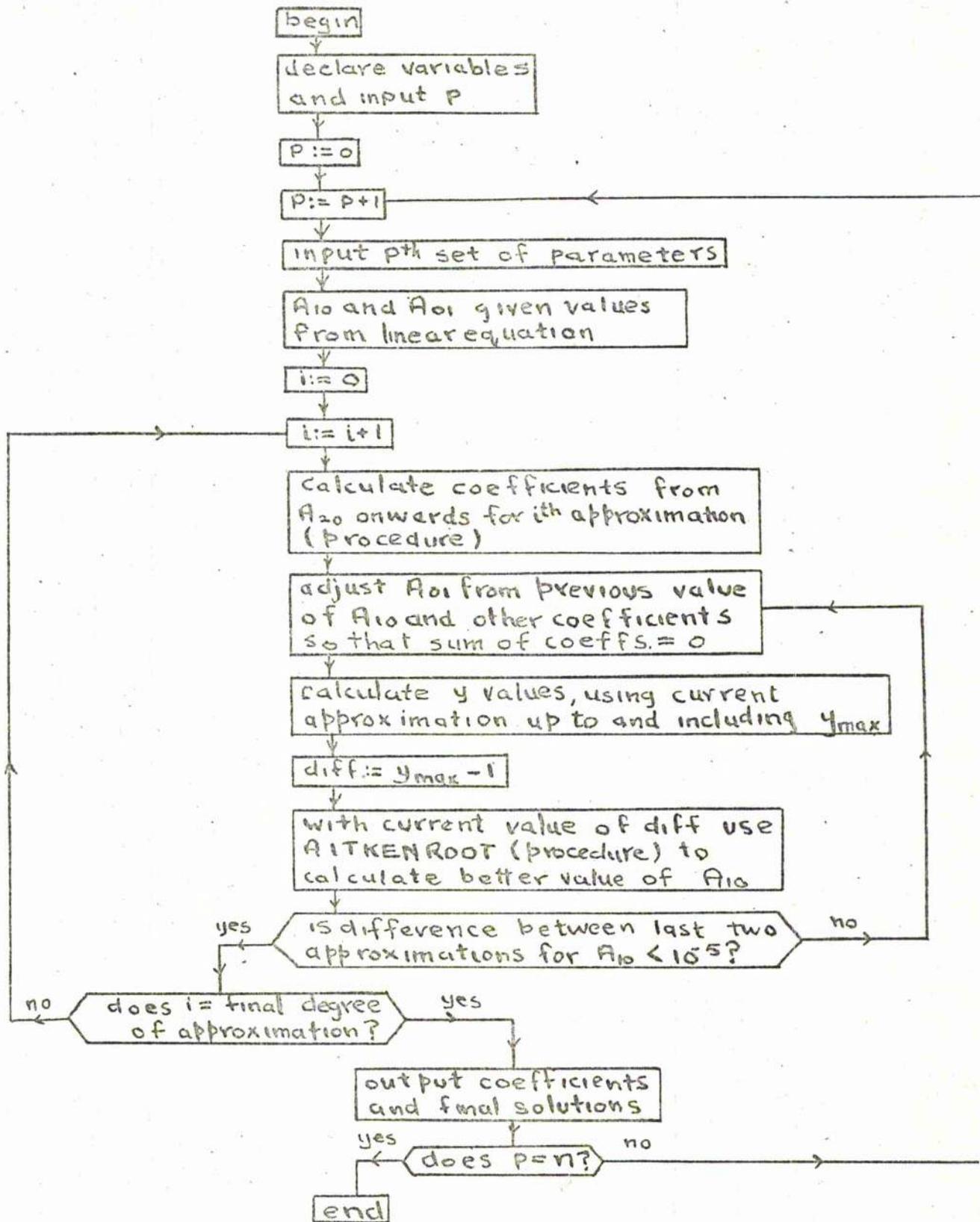
For example  $A_{34}$  is found as below

$$A_{34} = 2A_{30} A_{04} + 2A_{21} A_{13} + 2A_{31} A_{03} + 2A_{12} A_{22}$$

Thus the coefficient  $A_{34}$  is formed from all combinations of coefficients whose suffices add up to 3 and 4 from the two previous groups. This process lends itself quite well to being programmed.

Figure (14) shows the flow diagram for the whole programme.

Figure 14



CHAPTER 3 - ANALYSIS OF RESULTS

3.1. Method of Obtaining Numerical Results

Because of the boundary conditions, and the fact that the integration was to be carried along until  $y$  was less than 0.01, the programmes were used in a definite order. To find the approximate position of the maximum so that the Finite Difference programme could be used, a modification was made in the Perturbation programme such that it output the approximate value of  $t_m$  and nothing else. Once this position had been found, the Finite Difference programme was used to find the solution between the boundary conditions. Next, the Step-by-Step programme, with initial conditions given by the previous programme, found the solution to the point  $y = 0.01$ . Having found the upper limit to the integration, the two semi-analytic methods were used.

Due to the fact that the gradient before the maximum was much greater than that after it, it was decided in Picard's method and Perturbation to output a greater density of points for the first part of the curve than the second part. In both programmes a facility was available for outputting every  $n$ th point (where  $n$  could be varied) after the maximum rather than every point.

In order to compare the results of the numerical methods with these of the semi-analytic, exponential solutions were obtained for variations of the parameters  $a$  and  $c$ . These are as below.

Values of  $a$  : 25, 50, 75, 101

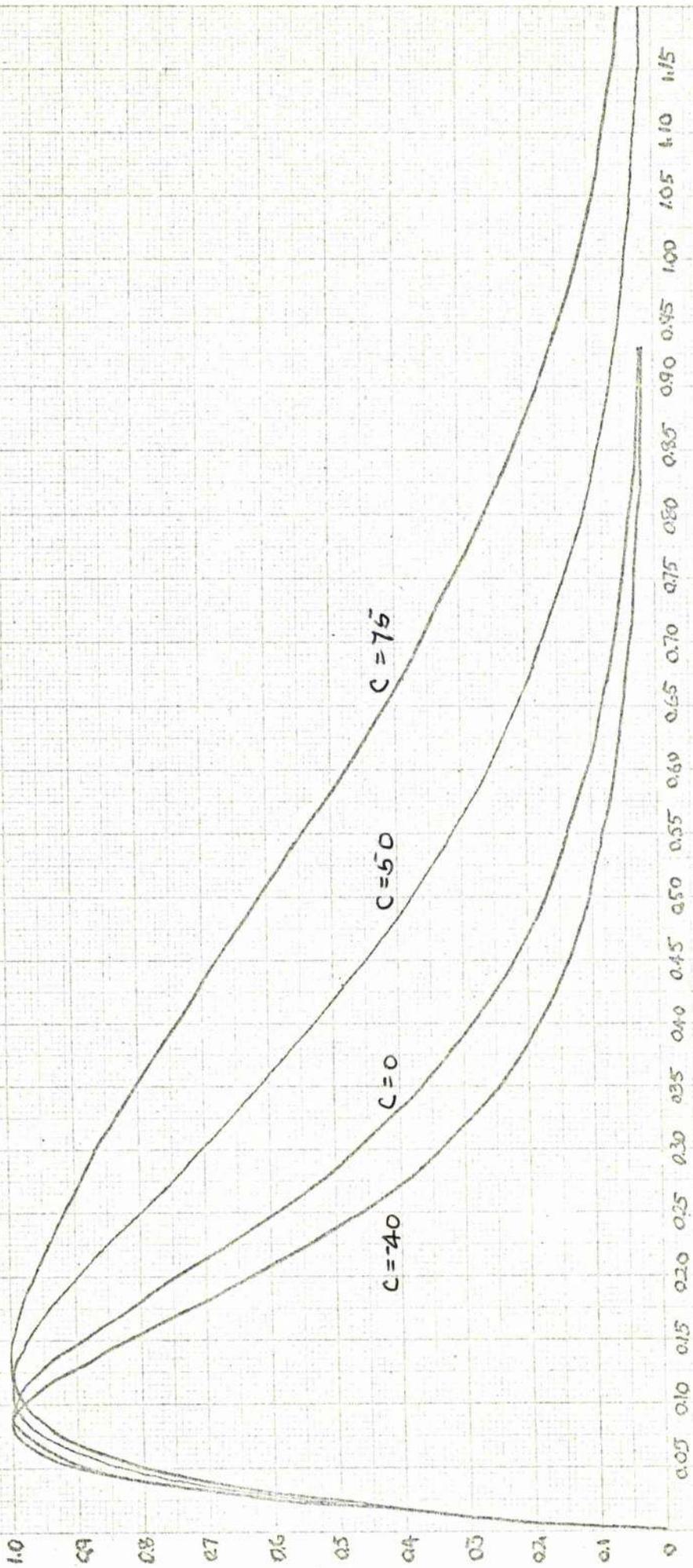
Values of  $c$  : -40, 0, 50, 75

The parameter  $c$  was given the value  $-20$  as well, but because the solution for  $-40$  was relatively close to the linear case, it was not analysed fully.

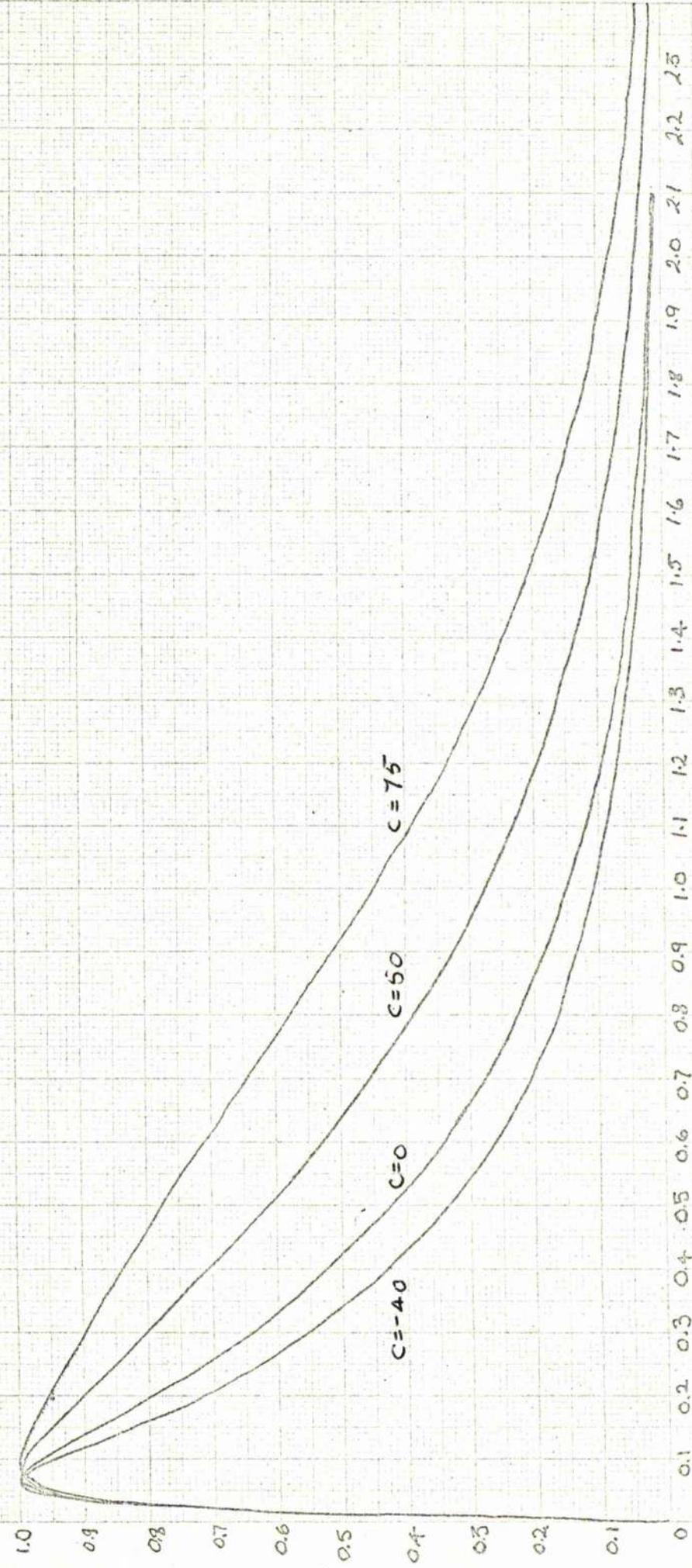
### 3.2. Comparison of Solutions

The results for a combination of the two numerical methods are shown on graphs 5 to 8. They are arranged so that variations in the values of  $c$  appear for constant values of  $a$  on the same graph. For negative values of  $c$ , the function rises quicker and falls quicker than for the linear case, the opposite being true for values of  $c > 0$ . As might be expected from a comparison of the linear solutions in which  $a$  is varied, the larger the value of  $a$ , the steeper the rise and fall of the function. Because of the very fast rise of most of the solutions, any function values taken from the graph would be highly inaccurate.

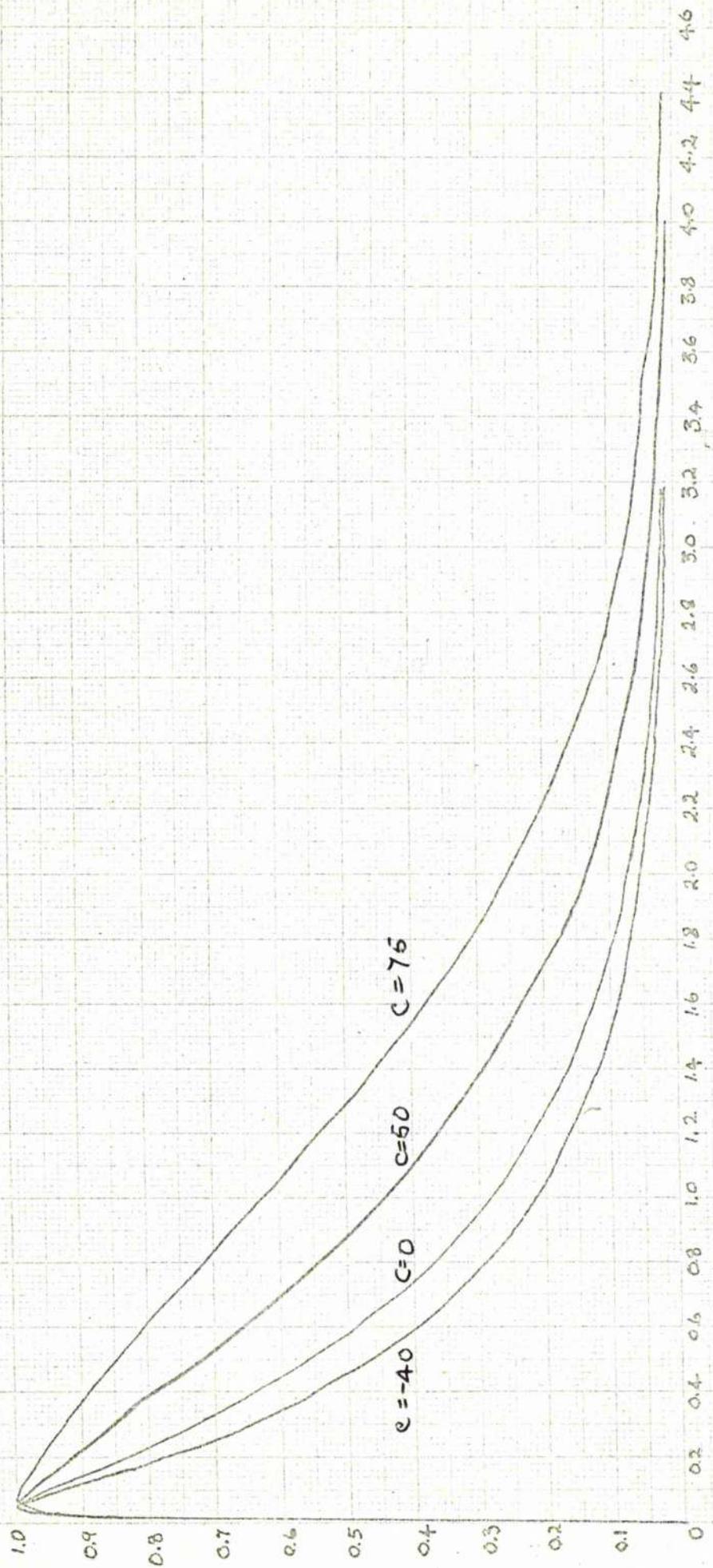
It was found, rather unfortunately, that the Finite Difference method failed for values of  $a$  close to zero. This meant that no direct comparison could be made between the numerical solutions and the analytic. Solutions were found for  $a$  greater than or approximately equal to 5 for some values of  $c$  (as can be seen in the example of the graph plotter procedure, graph (21),  $a = 5$ ,  $c = -40$ ), but with this amount of damping, the solution was altered to such an extent that it was felt that no accurate comparison could be made between this and the equivalent undamped case. However, both in the analytic solutions and the numerical, the order in which the maxima came for increasing  $c$  values was the same.



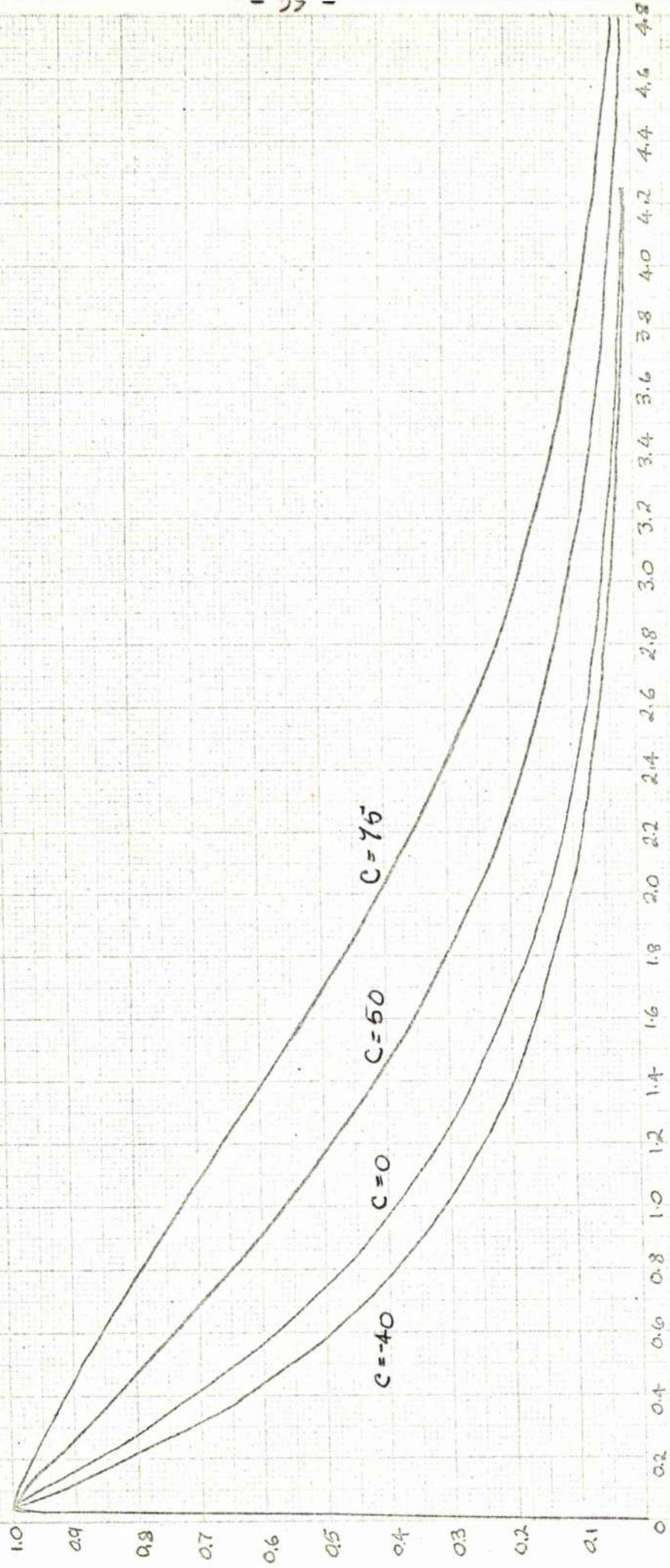
Numerical Solutions for  $\alpha = 25$



Numerical Solutions for  $a=50$



Numerical Solutions for  $a=75$



Numerical Solutions for  $a=101$

The reason for the instability was not found, although one possibility might be that of higher frequency terms dominating the solution. In the reasonably damped solutions these terms would probably be coupled to large exponentials which would effectively eliminate them. For this theory a crude interval was tried but with no success. A very small interval was also attempted, but with the same result.

To test the relative accuracy of the two numerical methods, solutions using the Finite Difference method were found for two sets of parameters for the whole length of the curve. These were compared with the appropriate solutions found from the Step-by-Step programme, and the difference between the two was never greater than one point out in the 4th Decimal place. This could be improved either by using a smaller interval or by adding a difference correction to the Step process.

Because the position of the points after the maxima in the numerical methods, often did not correspond to the position of the points for the other two methods, it was difficult in this region to compare errors. One way of solving the problem would have been to iterate between the values of the semi-analytic methods. However, it was thought faster to write a short programme which evaluated the desired function values by inputting the coefficients of the exponentials. The corresponding function values from the Step-by-Step process were also input and the deviation and percentage deviation between the numerical methods against both Picard's method and Perturbation were worked out.

The deviation and percentage deviation were as below :

$$\text{deviation} = y_{\text{numerical}} - y_{\text{semi-analytic}}$$

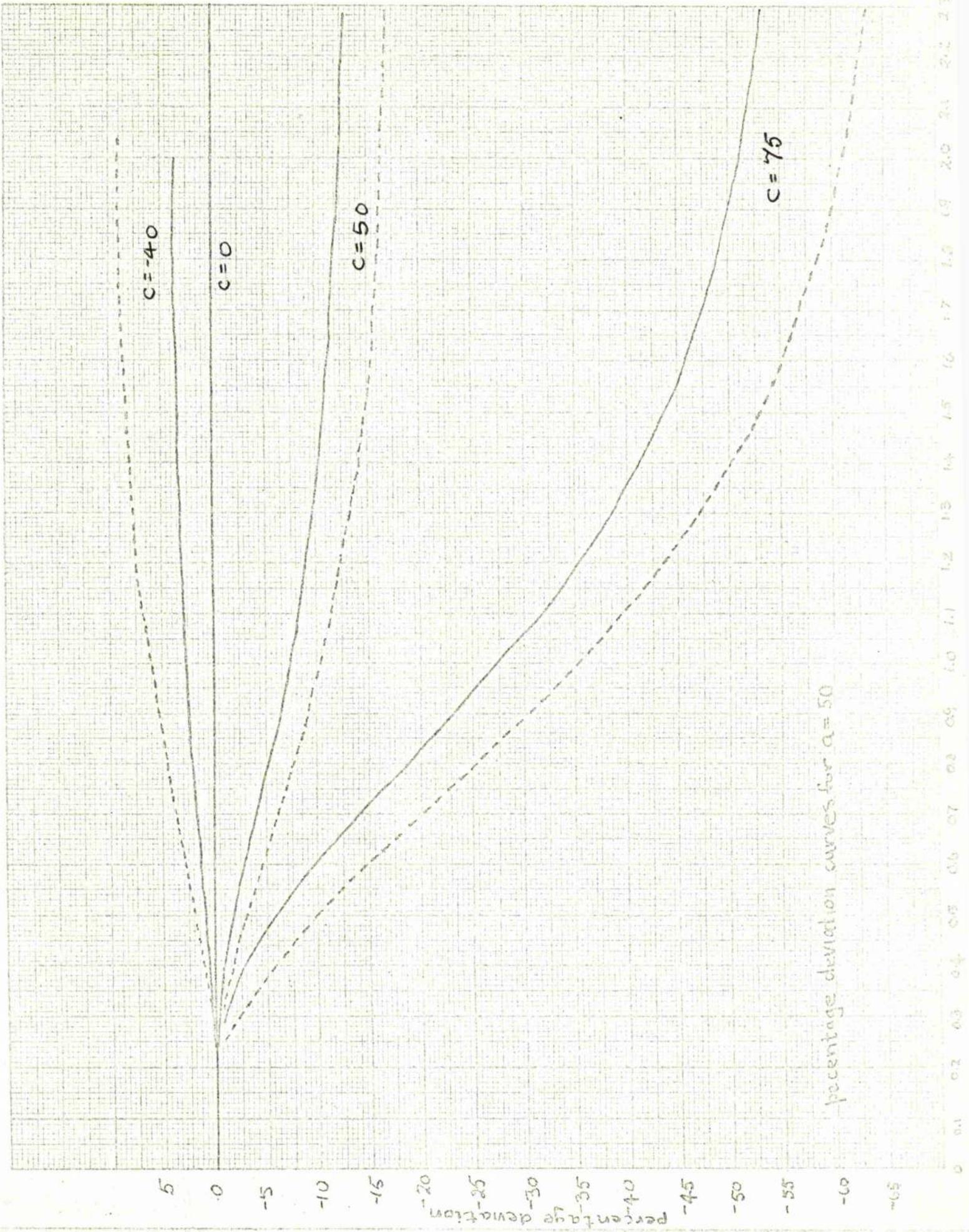
$$\text{percentage deviation} = \left( \frac{y_{\text{numerical}} - y_{\text{semi-analytic}}}{y_{\text{numerical}} + y_{\text{semi-analytic}}} \right) \times 200$$

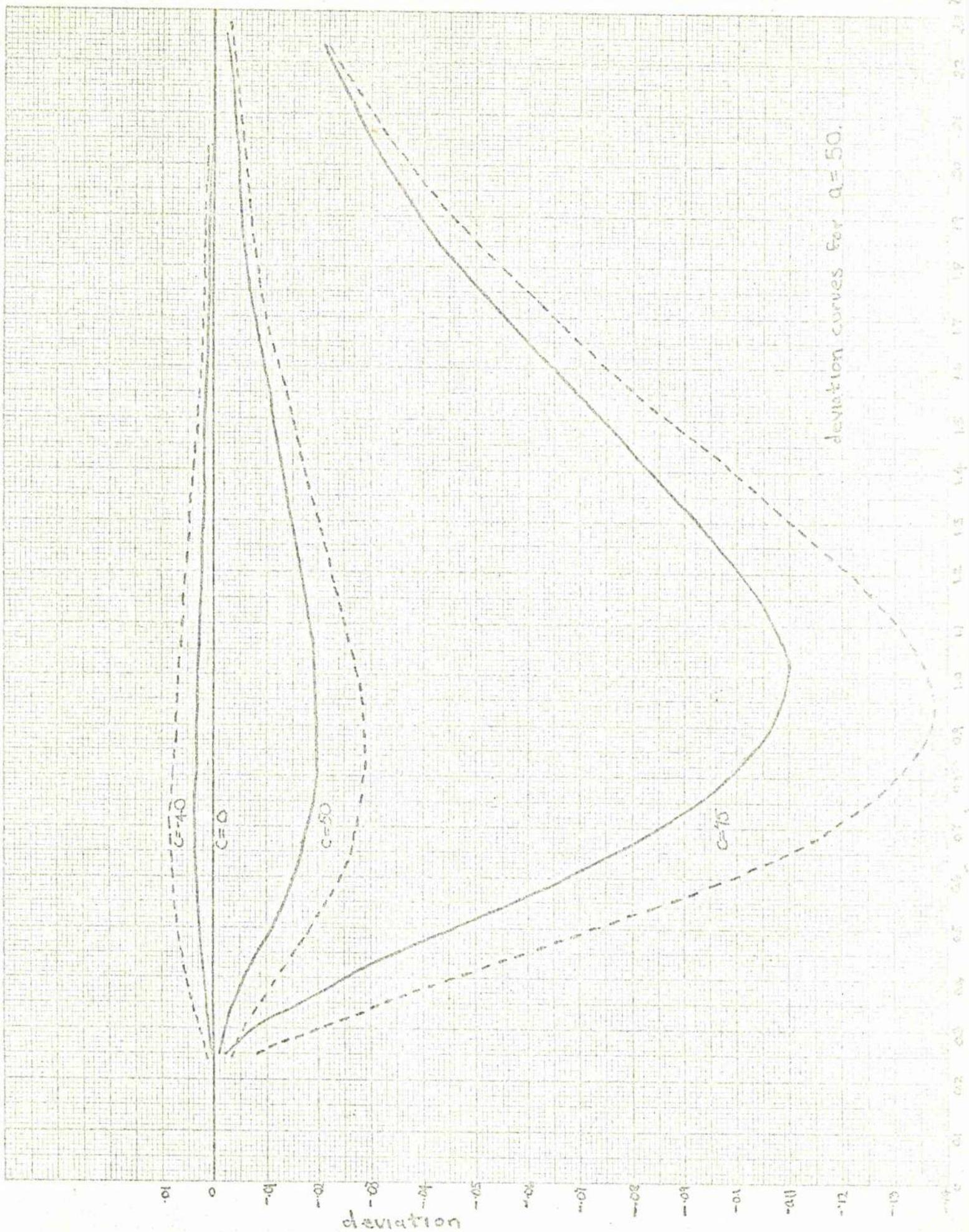
The errors obtained are shown in graphs 9 to 14, the grouping of the parameters being the same as in results graphs. Graphs 9, 11 and 13 show the percentage deviation after the maximum while graphs 10, 12 and 14 show the true deviation. Only the errors for  $a = 50$  were shown for Perturbation (the dotted curves in graphs 9 and 10) but for particular values of  $c$  the deviation and percentage deviation in these cases were the worst found. Because Perturbation and Picard's method produce similar exponential solutions, as can be seen from graphs 9 and 10, were not plotted. Since the Perturbation solutions approximated to the true solution with less exponential it might be expected that its solution is less accurate. Assuming the numerical methods produce the closest approximation, this appeared to be the case for all parameters.

In the curves of the solutions, it will be seen that there are graphs for  $a = 25$  but no error curves. It turned out that in Picard's Method, one of the coefficients became infinite for this value of  $a$  and hence no solution could be found. For this parameter the values of  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are respectively 5 and 20. In the last part of the procedure CONST of the pertinent programme we have that the coefficient

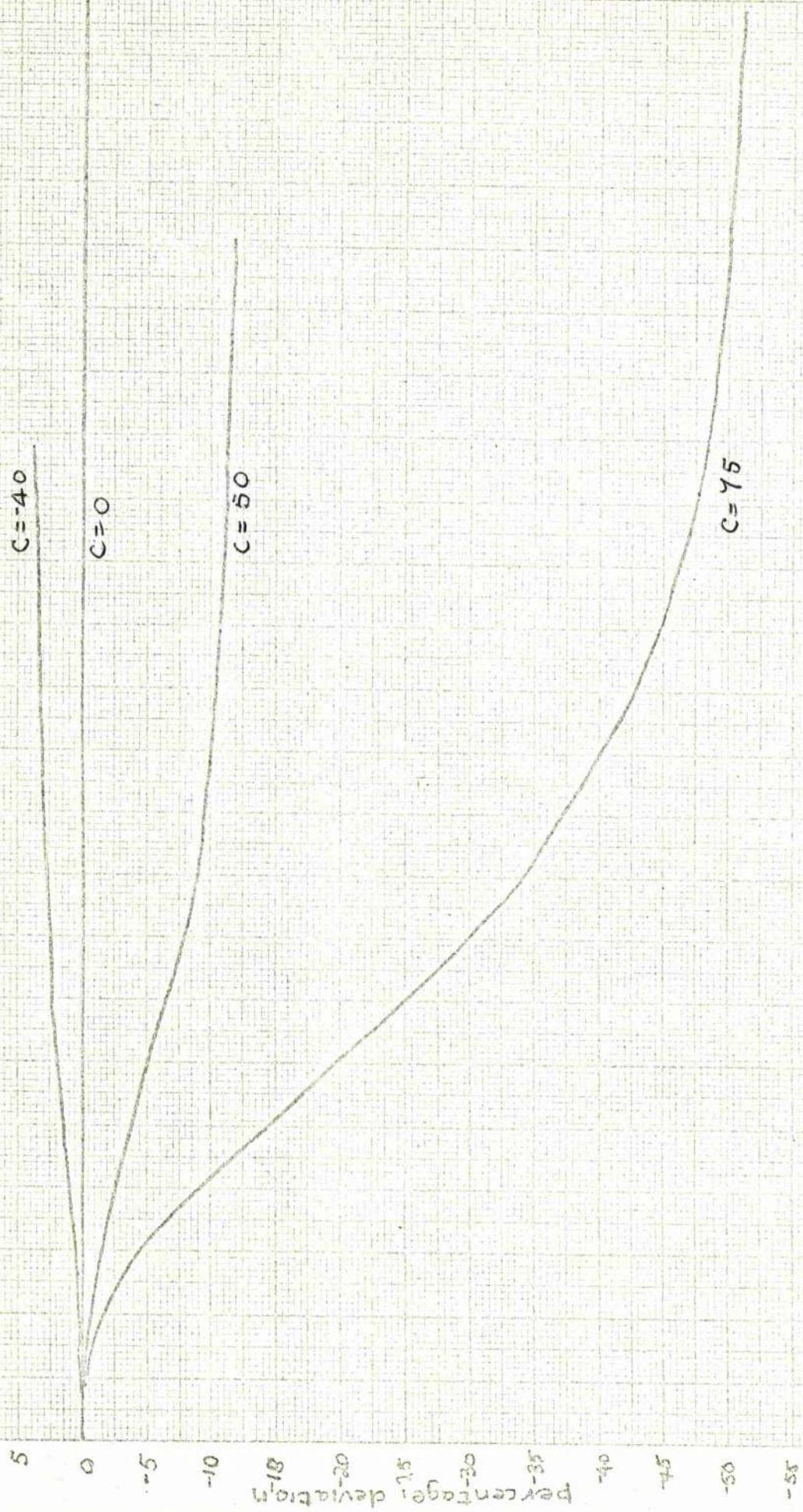
$$A[i,j] = B[i,j] \times d / (a \times ((i-j+1) \times f + (j-1) \times g)^2 - b \times ((i-j+1) \times f + (j-1) \times g) + c) \quad (78)$$

( $f \equiv \alpha$ ,  $g \equiv \beta$ ,  $d \equiv c$ ,  $c \equiv b$ ,  $b \equiv a$ ,  $a = 1$ )



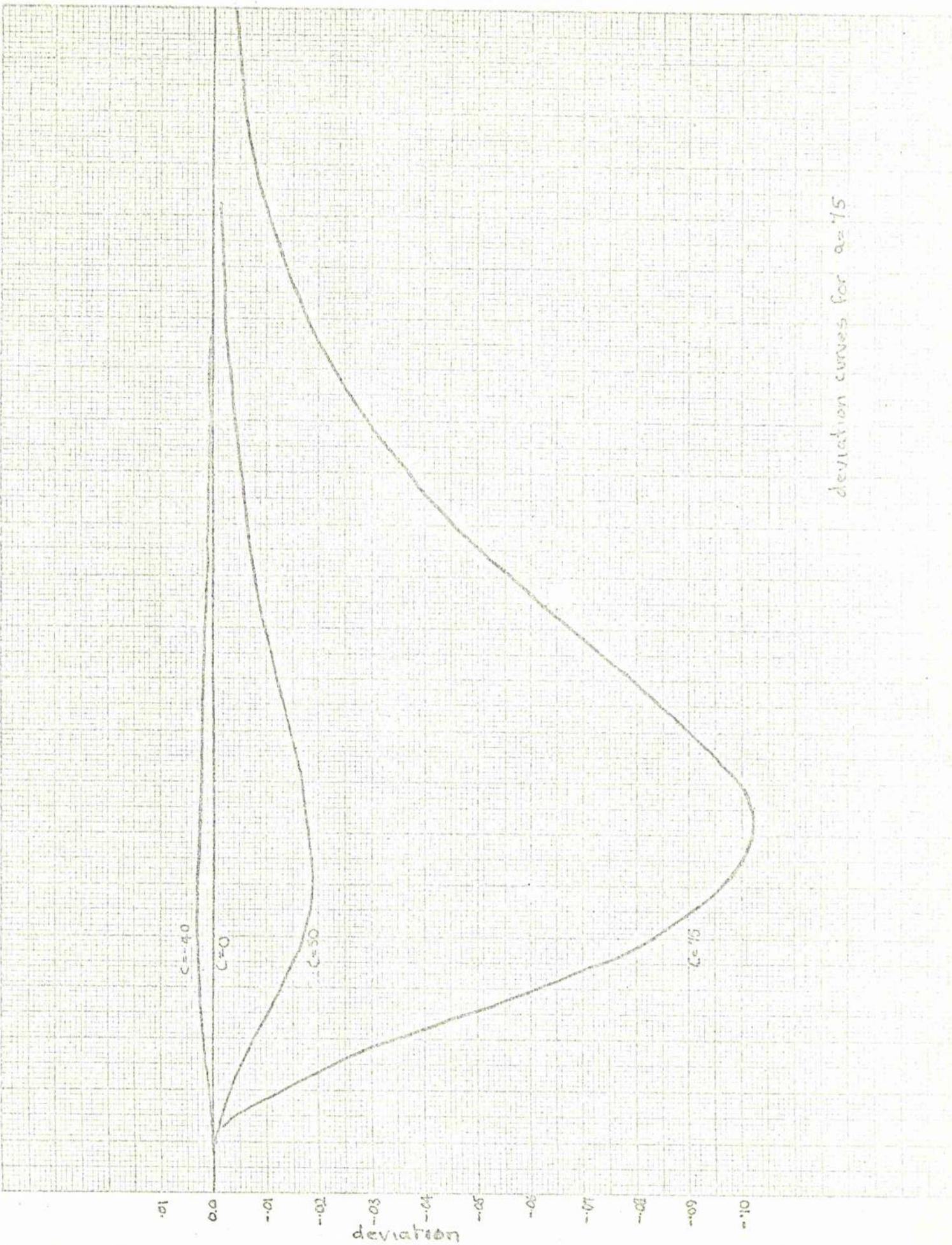


deviation curves for  $q=50$ .

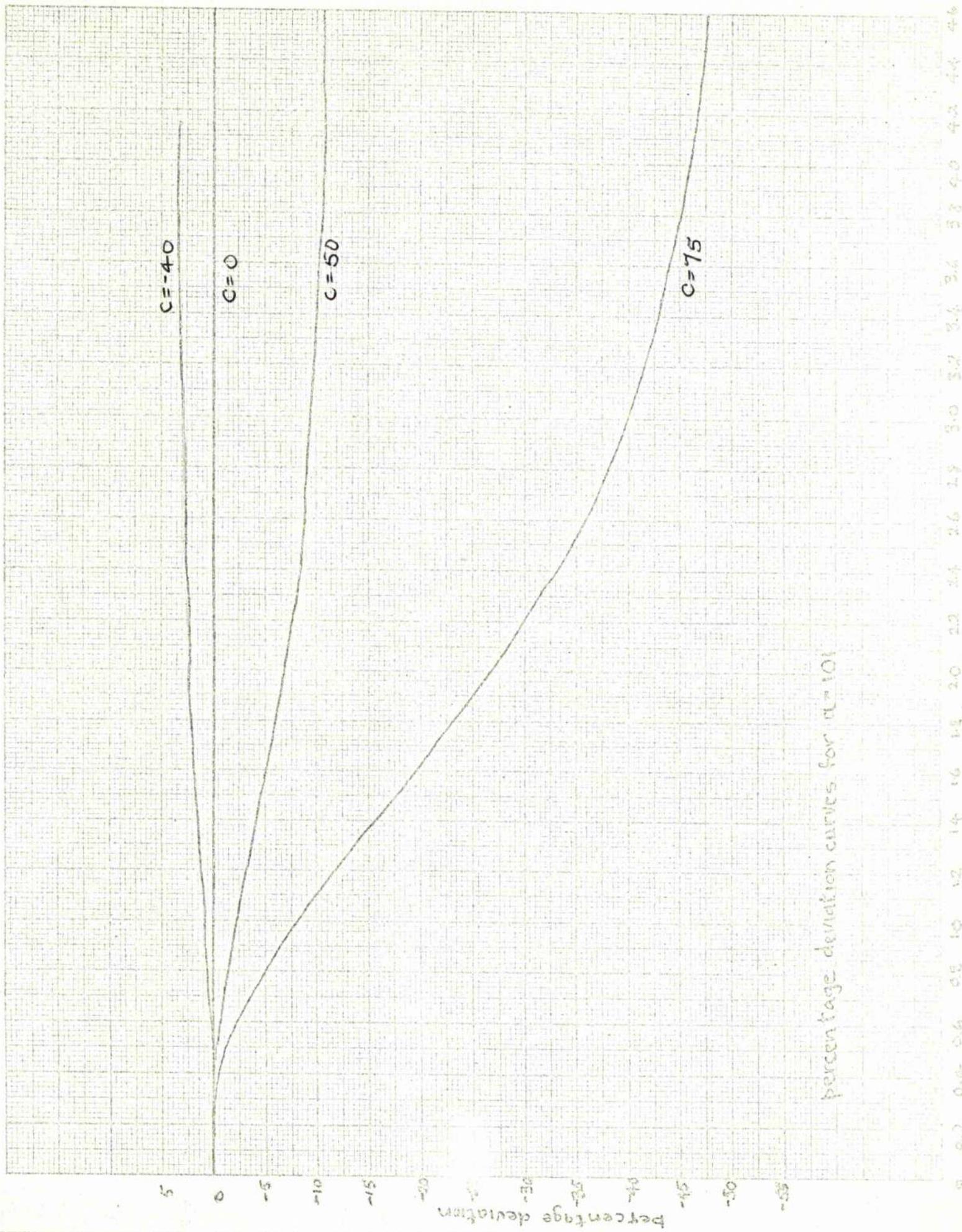


percentage deviation curves for  $\alpha = 15$

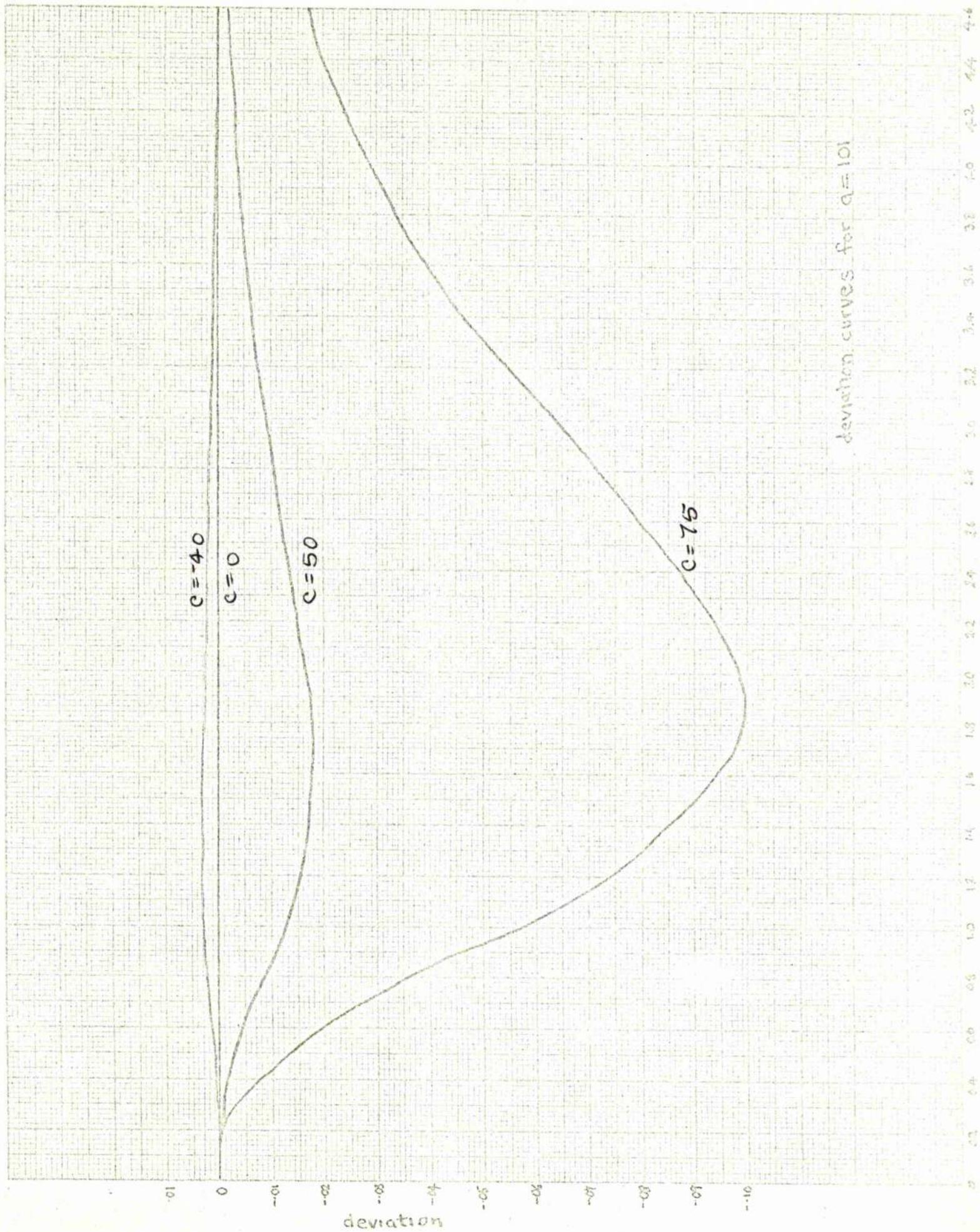
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deviation curves for  $a=15$



percentage deviation curves for  $n=101$



deviation curves for  $q=101$

Graph 15

The denominator of this equation is zero when  $f=5$ ,  $g=20$ ,  $i=4$  and  $j=1$ . Thus, for this particular parameter and using this method, the solution can only be worked out to the first non-linear approximation (i.e. when  $i$  only goes up to the value 2).

By looking at the percentage deviation curves it is obvious that in the region beyond the maximum, the numerical and semi-analytic methods do not agree. This is presumably because, as in all series solutions expanded about a point, the solution will only be accurate within a certain region. Some idea of how the error behaves is found from an approximate analytic solution to the differential equation outside upper boundary value. If we assume that  $y''$  is zero for the exponential decay, we have

$$ay' + by = cy^2$$

$$\text{i.e. } t = a \int \frac{dy}{y(cy-b)} + K' = \frac{a}{b} \ln \frac{cy-b}{Ky} \quad K, K' = \text{constants}$$

$$\therefore y = -\frac{b}{K} e^{-bt/a} / (1 - \frac{c}{K} e^{-bt/a}) \quad (79)$$

Thus if  $y$  is to have a valid exponential expansion

$$\frac{c}{K} e^{-bt/a} < 1 \quad (80)$$

$K$  is a constant which, since we are dealing with a region of the curve outside the boundary conditions, must be found from elsewhere. In an approximate way, the numerical solutions can satisfy this demand. Comparing  $K$  found from various numerical points, it is found that it stays as constant as can be expected since  $y'' = 0$ . See figure (14)

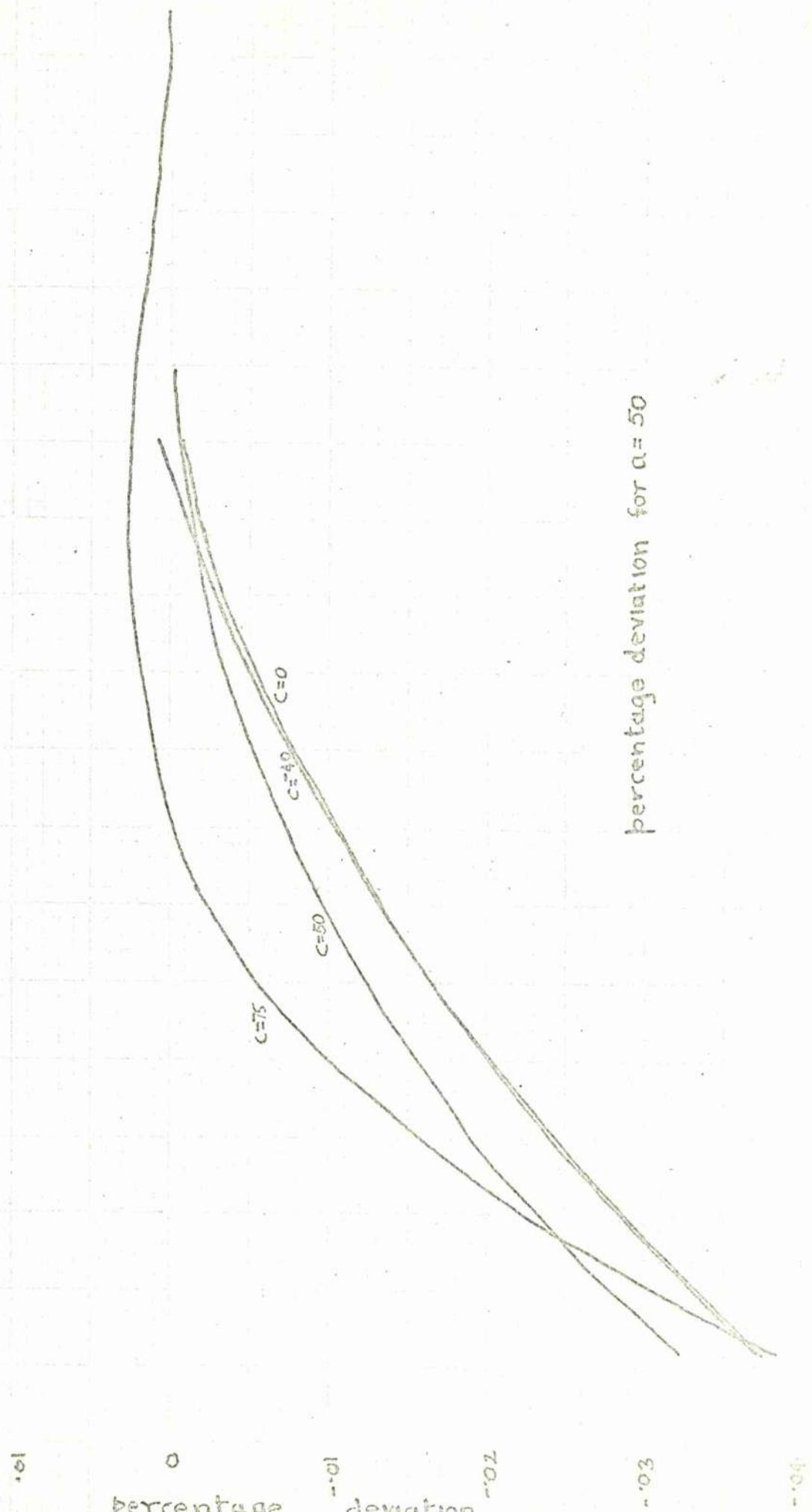
t	1.55	2.75	3.95
K	47.22	47.64	48.14

$$\text{for } \begin{cases} a = 101 \\ c = 50 \end{cases}$$

figure (14)

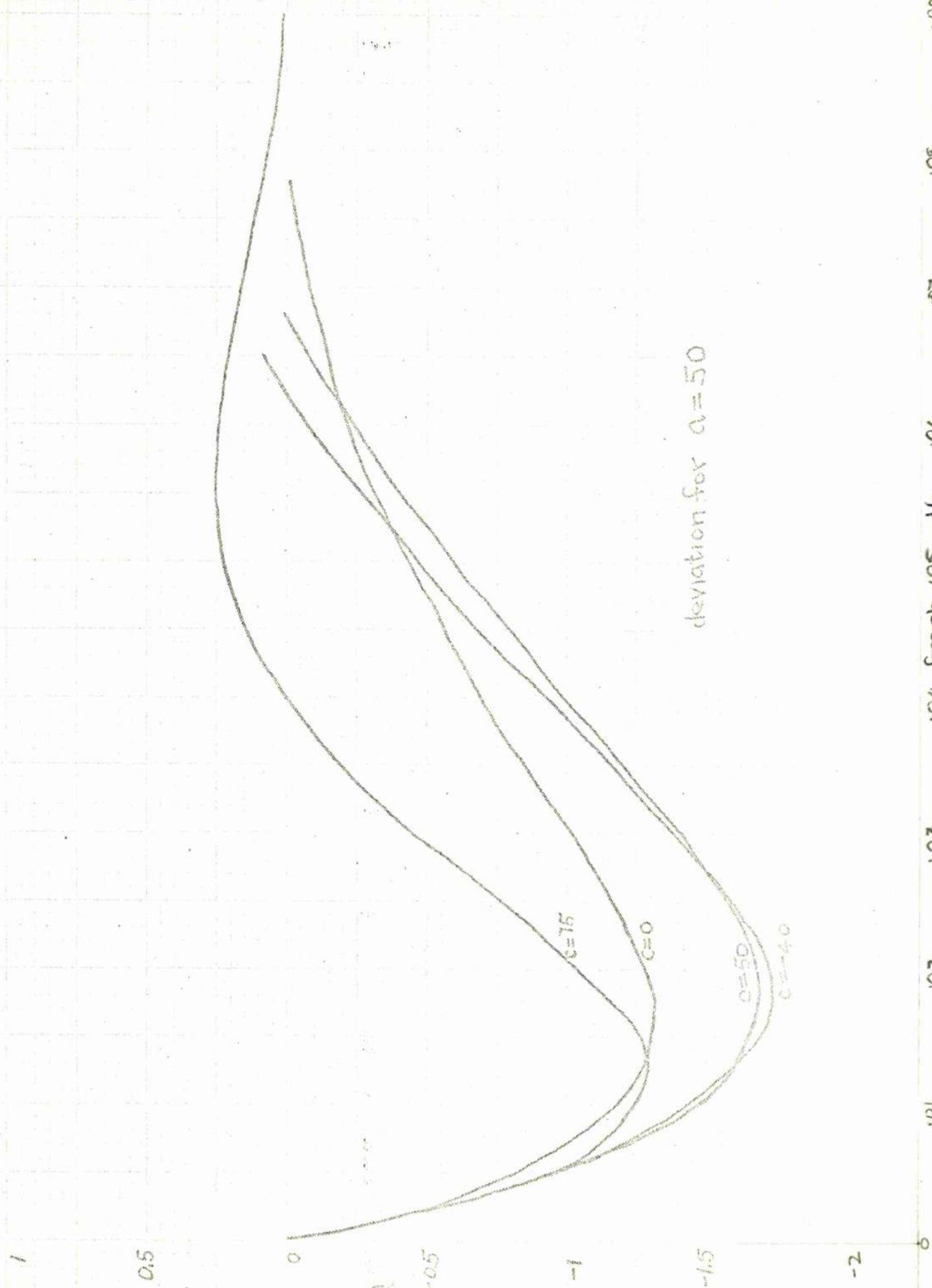
Using an approximate value of  $K$ , the inequality (80) should determine the minimum value of  $t$  such that the expansion is valid. The fact that this is not the case is probably because the expansion, although of exponential form, is not the same as was derived for the solution. There is, however, a qualitative agreement between the error found and size of  $ce^{-bt/a}/K$ . If  $c$  is increased, an increase in the error is found as would be expected in the above. Similarly if  $a$  is decreased, the error increases. This is not at first sight obvious since in decreasing  $a$ , the value of above exponential decreases, but it is found that  $K$  becomes smaller fast enough to swamp this effect.

Because the percentage deviations after the maximum were on average several orders of magnitude greater than the errors between zero and the maximum, the two regions could not be plotted on the same graph. The percentage deviations and deviations for the region between the boundary conditions are therefore shown on graphs (15) - (20). It is obvious comparing the deviation before and after the maximum that in the former case there is quite good agreement between the different techniques but not in the latter. To find if there was analytic basis for the errors found, the test for convergence for Picard's method was investigated. The convergence condition is easily found for the equation  $y'' = f(t,y)$  and it therefore had to be

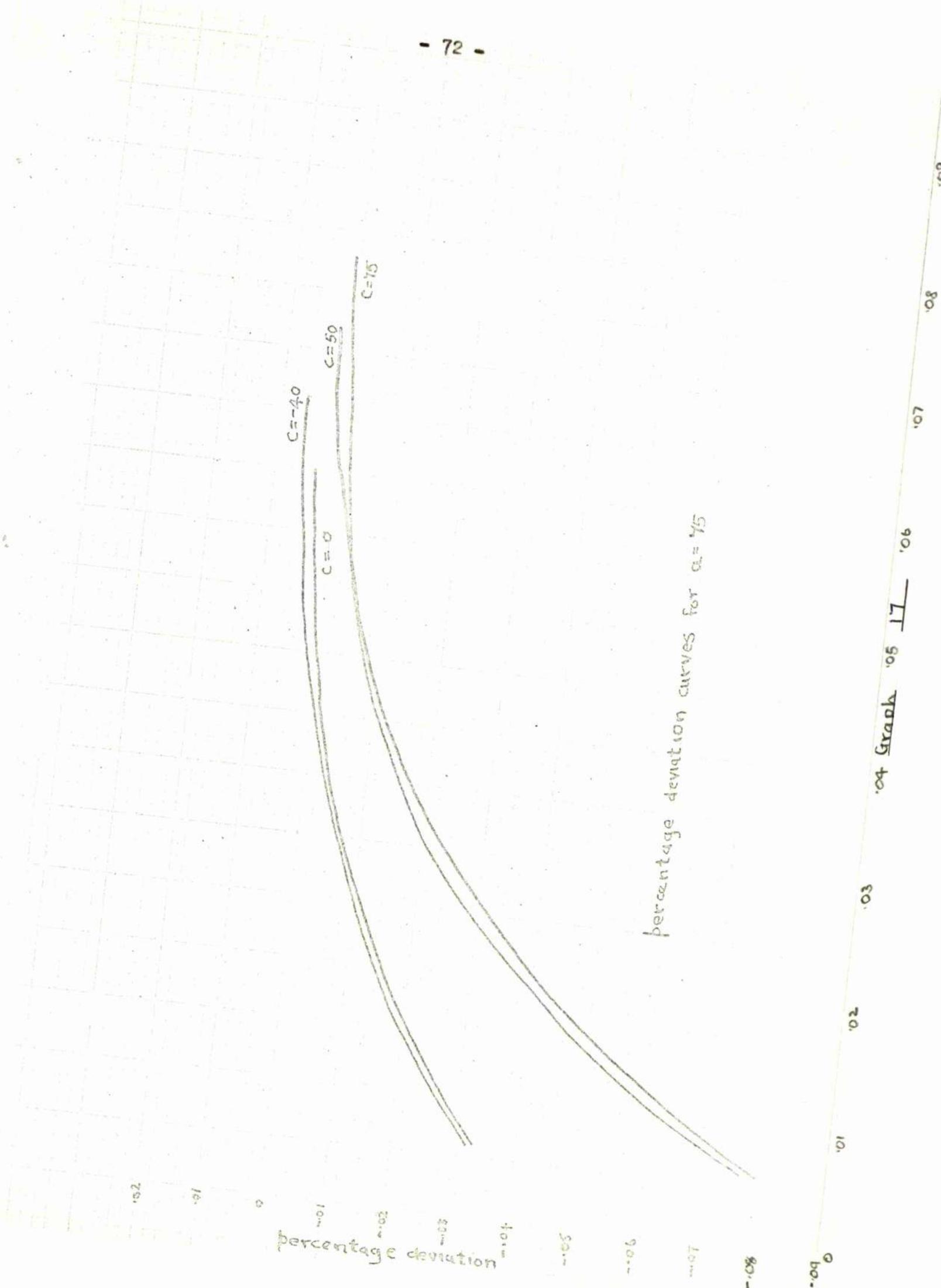


percentage deviation for  $\alpha = 50$

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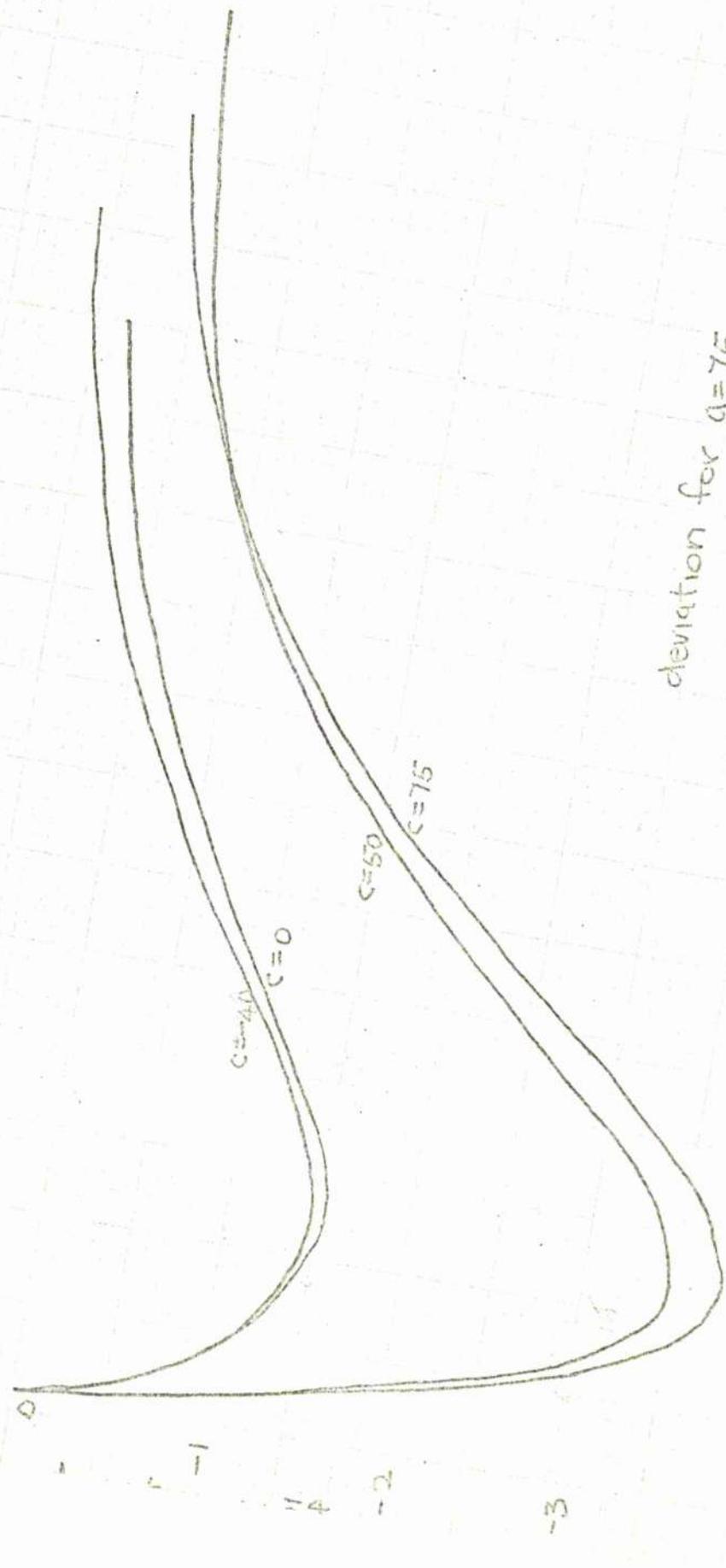


Graph 16  
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0.02  
0.01  
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-2  
0.5  
0  
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-1  
-1.5  
-2  
0  
0.1  
0.2  
0.3  
0.4  
0.5  
0.6  
0.7  
0.8  
0.9



percentage deviation curves for  $\alpha = 75$

04 Graph 05 17



deviation for  $a=75$

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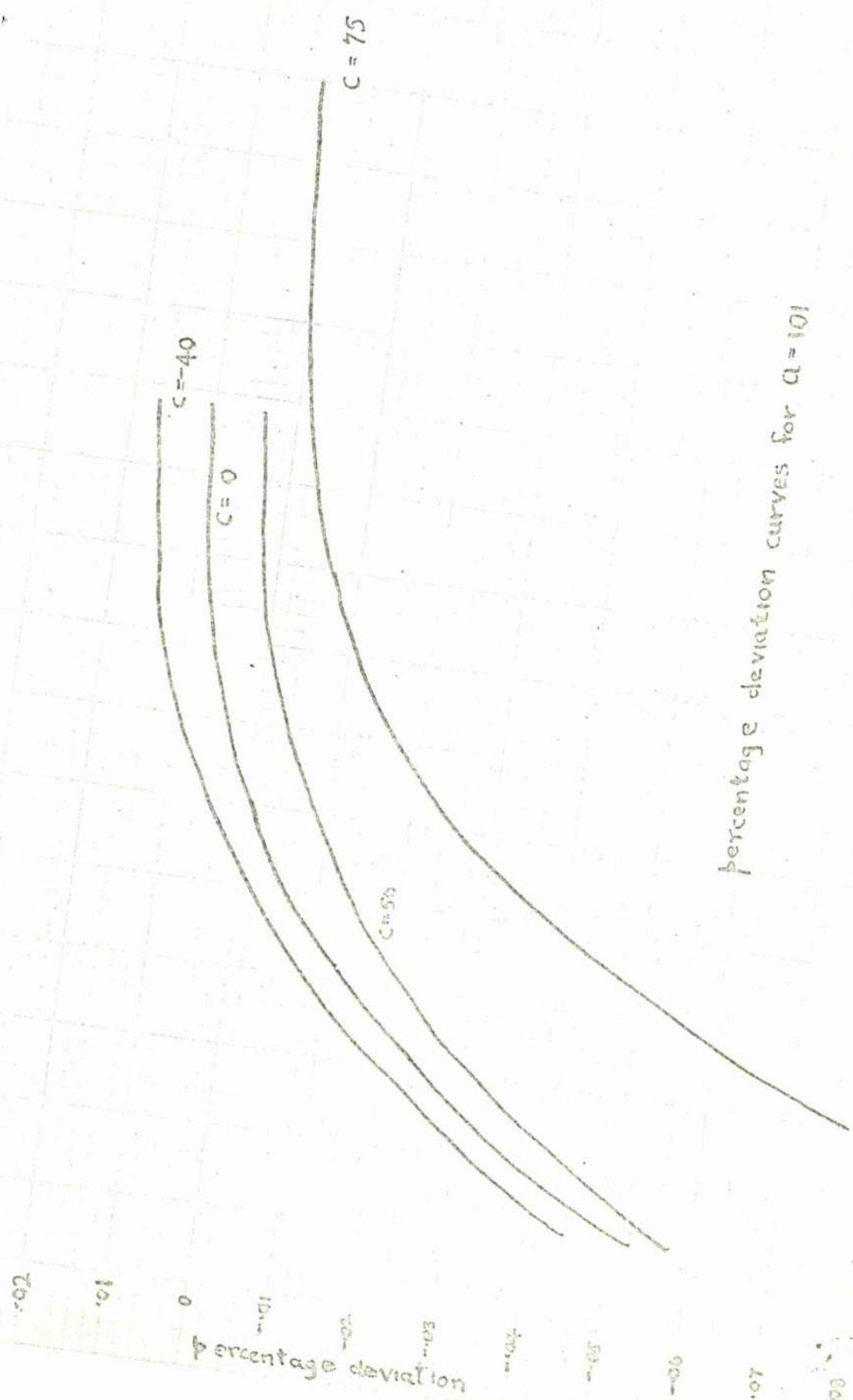
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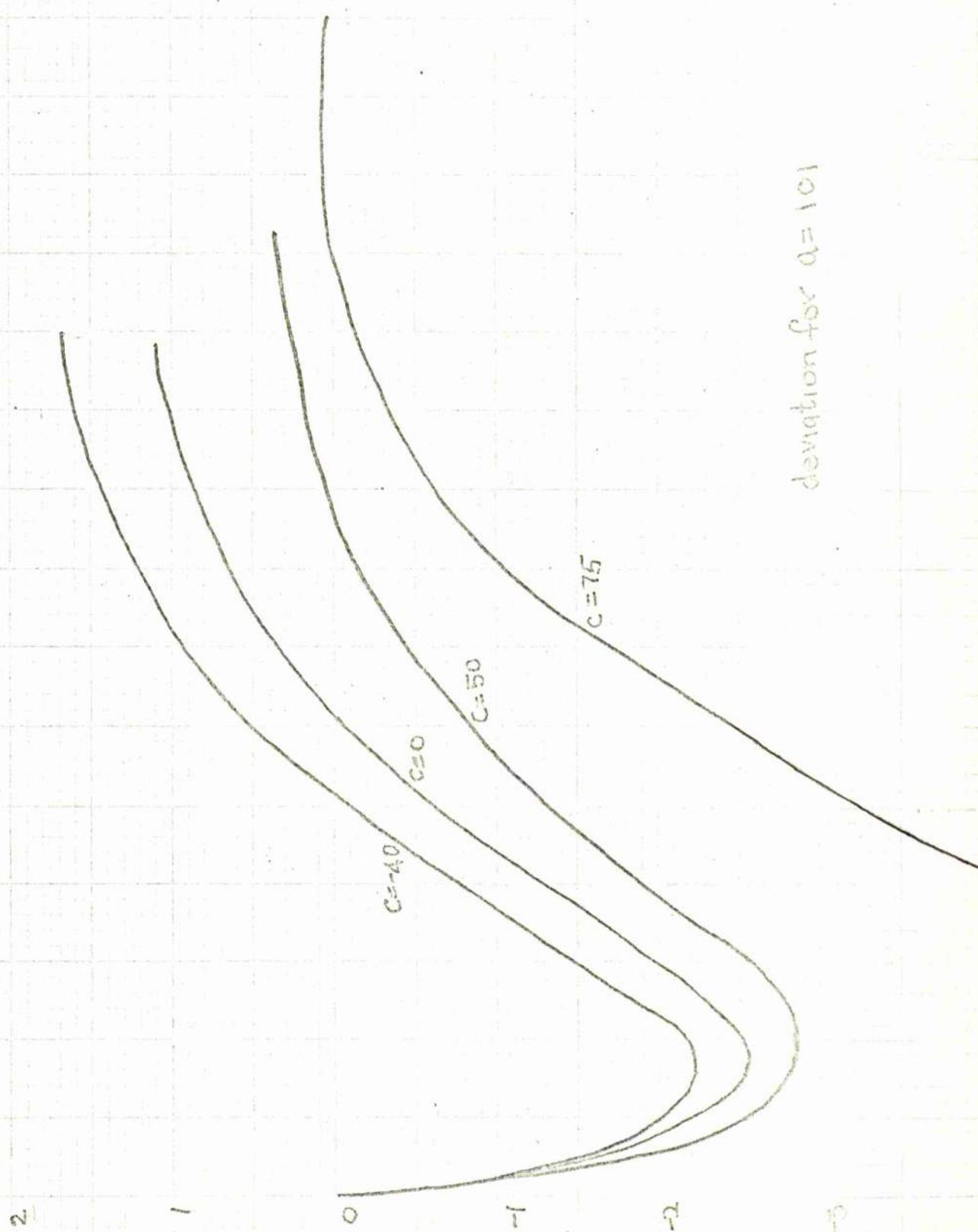
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percentage deviation curves for  $\alpha = 101$



deviation for  $d=101$

generalised for the equation  $y'' = f(t, y, y')$ . The condition turned out to be

$$\left( M + \frac{N}{\sqrt{e_1}} \frac{de_1}{dt} \right) R^2 < 1 \tag{81}$$

where

$$M = \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}$$

$$N = \frac{\partial f}{\partial y'}$$

$$e_1 = y_1 - y$$

$n$  = number of approximations

$y_1$  = first approximation to the solution

$y$  = the analytic solution

$R$  = upper limit - lower limit

When  $y''$  is not a function of  $y'$ , the condition is very easy to apply, but no way was found of deriving any value for the function  $de_1/dt$ . The term  $1/\sqrt{e_1}$  probably could however be ignored if  $n$  was large enough. If the equation being investigated  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y'}$ , has the value  $a$ . Since this must be greater than 20, it is doubtful if the second term of the inequality (81) could be left out.

Since it would have taken up a very large amount of space to include the numerical results for all the parameters, it was decided only to include, for each method, one set of results. For all methods the parameters included are for  $a=50$ ,  $c=-40$ . These are shown in Appendix 1.

### 3.3. Conclusion

In dealing with this problem, it has become obvious that, in

fitting an exponential series, such as taken here, to the differential equation, the solution will only be accurate within the boundary values. Since the solution is still exponential in form it is possible that an adaption of Collocation or Least Squares could give an exponential series solution with different coefficients and exponents. This would probably be much more accurate outside the upper boundary condition.

It is unfortunate that the numerical method was unstable when  $a$  was close to zero, as the two results would have acted as a check on each other. An investigation of the difference between the analytic linear solutions and the programmed methods would, however, give some idea of the absolute error involved in computing those latter results. Although this was not analysed, in calculating a few points analytically, the exponential solutions in the linear cases seemed to be slightly more accurate than the purely numerical solutions (for the region before the maximum).

One of the main difficulties in solving this problem has certainly been fitting the upper boundary condition. Both in the numerical and semi-analytic approaches, the condition  $y(t_m) = 1$  had to be iterated onto and, because of this, the solutions took longer to compute than they would have taken under more normal conditions.



Graph Plot of Equation  
 $y''+5y'+100y=-40y^2$ , from Procedure.

Graph 21

APPENDIX 1

Numerical Results for Equation  $y'' + 50y' + 100y = -40y^2$

for Methods:

- (1) Finite Difference
- (2) Step-by-Step
- (3) Picard
- (4) Perturbation

input parameters dy/dt,xy and interval  
+50.0; -40.0; +0.0015;

X and Y values

+0.0000;	+0.0000	0000;	+0.0015;	+0.0808	6767;	+0.0030;	+0.1571	830;
+0.0045;	+0.2273	1404;	+0.0060;	+0.2923	2158;	+0.0075;	+0.3525	5897
+0.0090;	+0.4083	5462;	+0.0105;	+0.4600	1382;	+0.012;	+0.5078	250
+0.0135;	+0.5520	3877;	+0.0150;	+0.5929	1439;	+0.0165;	+0.6306	7606
+0.0180;	+0.6655	3670;	+0.0195;	+0.6976	9454;	+0.0210;	+0.7273	3418
+0.0225;	+0.7546	2757;	+0.0240;	+0.7797	3489;	+0.0255;	+0.8028	0538
+0.0270;	+0.8239	7811;	+0.0285;	+0.8433	8270;	+0.0300;	+0.8611	3997
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+1.8750;	+0.0166;	+1.8900;	+0.0161;	+1.9050;	+0.0156;
+1.9200;	+0.0151;	+1.9350;	+0.0147;	+1.9500;	+0.0142;
+1.9650;	+0.0138;	+1.9800;	+0.0133;	+1.9950;	+0.0129;
+2.0100;	+0.0125;	+2.0250;	+0.0121;	+2.0400;	+0.0118;
+2.0550;	+0.0114;	+2.0700;	+0.0110;	+2.0850;	+0.0107;
+2.1000;	+0.0104;	+2.1150;	+0.0101;	+2.1300;	+0.0097;

successive number of iterations

4;

10;

input parameters dy/dt, yxy, upper  
+50.0; -40.0; +2.2000;

limit, interval and approximation  
+0.0015; 2;

coefficients

+8.6090<sub>10</sub> -1;  
+1.9174<sub>10</sub> -1;  
+1.9396<sub>10</sub> -1;  
+6.5566<sub>10</sub> -2;

-2.7134<sub>10</sub> +0;  
+1.2961<sub>10</sub> +0;  
+3.0323<sub>10</sub> -1;  
-1.8186<sub>10</sub> -1;

-5.3424<sub>10</sub> -2;  
+4.7721<sub>10</sub> -2;  
-1.0487<sub>10</sub> -2;

-1.8696<sub>10</sub> -4;  
+8.5655<sub>10</sub> -5;  
-2.4627<sub>10</sub> -7;

X and Y values

+0.0000;  
+0.0045;  
+0.0090;  
+0.0135;  
+0.0180;  
+0.0225;  
+0.0270;  
+0.0315;  
+0.0360;  
+0.0405;  
+0.0450;  
+0.0495;  
+0.0540;  
+0.0585;  
+0.0630;  
+0.0675;  
+0.0720;  
+0.0765;

+0.0015;  
+0.0060;  
+0.0105;  
+0.0150;  
+0.0195;  
+0.0240;  
+0.0285;  
+0.0330;  
+0.0375;  
+0.042;  
+0.0465;  
+0.0510;  
+0.0555;  
+0.0600;  
+0.0645;  
+0.0690;  
+0.0735;  
+0.0780;

+0.0815 1365;  
+0.2922 1199;  
+0.4598 6214;  
+0.5927 4391;  
+0.6975 2137;  
+0.7795 6985;  
+0.8432 3271;  
+0.8920 2436;  
+0.9287 9141;  
+0.9558 4151;  
+0.9750 4648;  
+0.9879 2526;  
+0.9957 1074;  
+0.9994 0374;  
+0.9998 1673;  
+0.9976 0916;  
+0.9933 1617;  
+0.9873 7188;

+0.1571 1907;  
+0.3524 3223;  
+0.5076 6036;  
+0.6305 0323;  
+0.7271 6274;  
+0.8026 4475;  
+0.8609 9600;  
+0.9054 9214;  
+0.9387 8724;  
+0.9630 3328;  
+0.9799 7612;  
+0.9910 3260;  
+0.9973 5283;  
+0.9998 7044;  
+0.9993 4331;  
+0.9963 8656;  
+0.9914 9931;

+0.0795;	+0.9850	+0.9220	+0.7577;	+0.1395;	+0.8499	1868;
+0.1695;	+0.7814	+0.7189	7120;	+0.2295;	+0.6625	2449;
+0.2595;	+0.6114	+0.5652	5179;	+0.3195;	+0.5232	4028;
+0.3495;	+0.4849	+0.4500	1978;	+0.4095;	+0.4180	2813;
+0.4395;	+0.3886	+0.3617	0832;	+0.4995;	+0.3368	7154;
+0.5295;	+0.3139	+0.2928	0385;	+0.5895;	+0.2732	3056;
+0.6195;	+0.2551	+0.2382	9251;	+0.6795;	+0.2226	892 ;
+0.7095;	+0.2081	+0.1947	0966;	+0.7695;	+0.1821	6195;
+0.7995;	+0.1704	+0.1595	8310;	+0.8595;	+0.1494	2532;
+0.8895;	+0.1399	+0.1310	9836;	+0.9495;	+0.1228	3350;
+0.9795;	+0.1151	+0.1078	9145;	+1.0395;	+0.1011	4059;
+1.0695;	+0.0948	+0.0889	1657;	+1.1295;	+0.0833	8582;
+1.1595;	+0.0782	+0.0733	5894;	+1.2195;	+0.0688	1725;
+1.2495;	+0.0645	+0.0605	7566;	+1.3095;	+0.0568	3937;
+1.3395;	+0.0533	+0.0500	5424;	+1.3995;	+0.0469	7613;
+1.4295;	+0.0440	+0.0413	8297;	+1.4895;	+0.0388	4422;
+1.5195;	+0.0364	+0.0342	2896;	+1.5795;	+0.0321	3317;
+1.6095;	+0.0301	+0.0283	2175;	+1.6695;	+0.0265	9039;
+1.6995;	+0.0249	+0.0234	4076;	+1.7595;	+0.0220	0962;
+1.7895;	+0.0206	+0.0194	0551;	+1.8495;	+0.0182	2198;
+1.8795;	+0.0171	+0.0160	6799;	+1.9395;	+0.0150	8885;
+1.9695;	+0.0141	+0.0133	0656;	+2.0295;	+0.0124	9627;
+2.0595;	+0.0117	+0.0110	2113;	+2.1195;	+0.0103	5039;
+2.1495;	+0.0097	+0.0091	2918;			

input parameters dy/dt, yxy, upper limit, interval and iterations  
 +50.0; -40.0; +2.2000; 0.0030; 3;

coefficients  
 +9.1167<sub>10</sub> -1;  
 +2.4684<sub>10</sub> -2;  
 +1.8792<sub>10</sub> +0;  
 -9.7899<sub>10</sub> -5;  
 -2.5867<sub>10</sub> -1;  
 -2.9167<sub>10</sub> +0;  
 -4.1340<sub>10</sub> -2;  
 +3.7604<sub>10</sub> -1;  
 +2.5191<sub>10</sub> -2;

X and Y values

+0.0000;	+0.0000	0000;	+0.0030;	+0.1571	2068;	+0.0060;	+0.2922	1496;
+0.0090;	+0.4082	1808;	+0.0120;	+0.5076	6541;	+0.0150;	+0.5927	4965;
+0.0180;	+0.6653	6922;	+0.0210;	+0.7271	6921;	+0.0240;	+0.7795	7636;
+0.0270;	+0.8238	2889;	+0.0300;	+0.8610	0202;	+0.0330;	+0.892	2988;
+0.0360;	+0.9177	2437;	+0.0390;	+0.9387	9141;	+0.0420;	+0.9558	4490;
+0.0450;	+0.9694	1887;	+0.0480;	+0.9799	7792;	+0.0510;	+0.9879	2635;
+0.0540;	+0.9936	1594;	+0.0570;	+0.9973	5284;	+0.0600;	+0.9994	0349;
+0.0630;	+0.9999	9972;	+0.0660;	+0.9993	4328;	+0.0690;	+0.9976	0971;
+0.0720;	+0.9949	5172;	+0.0750;	+0.9915	0214;	+0.0780;	+0.9873	7650;
+0.0810;	+0.9826	7523;	+0.0840;	+0.9774	8564;	+0.0870;	+0.9718	8359;
+0.0900;	+0.9659	3500;	+0.0930;	+0.9596	9708;			
+0.0960;	+0.9532	1950;	+0.1260;	+0.8824	0963;	+0.1560;	+0.8118	1696;
+0.1860;	+0.7468	2295;	+0.2160;	+0.6880	3954;	+0.2460;	+0.6349	9779;
+0.2760;	+0.5870	5322;	+0.3060;	+0.5435	9628;	+0.3360;	+0.5040	9198;
+0.3660;	+0.4680	7910;	+0.3960;	+0.4351	6115;	+0.4260;	+0.4049	9683;
+0.4560;	+0.3772	9154;	+0.4860;	+0.3517	9014;	+0.5160;	+0.3282	7091;
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+0.8160;  
+0.9060;  
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+1.9860;  
+2.0760;  
+2.1660;

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+0.1151 5754;  
+0.0951 9059;  
+0.0787 4251;  
+0.0651 6984;  
+0.0539 5629;  
+0.0446 8384;  
+0.0370 1179;  
+0.0306 6114;  
+0.0254 0267;  
+0.0210 4755;  
+0.0174 4002;  
+0.0144 5140;  
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+2.1060;  
+2.1960;

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+0.1308 1604;  
+0.1080 6483;  
+0.0893 5169;  
+0.0739 2659;  
+0.0611 9230;  
+0.0506 6805;  
+0.0419 6359;  
+0.0347 6033;  
+0.0287 9704;  
+0.0238 5890;  
+0.0197 6884;  
+0.0163 8072;  
+0.0135 7377;  
+0.0112 4812;  
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+1.4160;  
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+1.8660;  
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+2.0460;  
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+0.1227 2959;  
+0.1014 1912;  
+0.0838 7689;  
+0.0694 0870;  
+0.0574 5959;  
+0.0475 8142;  
+0.0394 0967;  
+0.0326 4627;  
+0.0270 4654;  
+0.0224 0911;  
+0.0185 6791;  
+0.0153 8582;  
+0.0127 4948;  
+0.0105 6514;

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### APPENDIX 3 - PROGRAMMES

- (1) Finite Difference
- (2) Step-by-Step
- (3) Perturbation
- (4) Picard

INPUT PARAMETERS FOR FINITE DIFFERENCE PROGRAMME

a,b,c,d: coefficients of  $y''$ ,  $y'$ ,  $y$  and  $y^2$  respectively  
h: interval between points  
m: number of points to be calculated  
t: if graph plot is required then t:=1 else 0  
f: number of carriage returns required for  
graph plotter

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begin library AO,A6,A12;
procedure GP(X,Y,n,s); value X,Y,n,s;
integer n,s;
real array X,Y;
begin real sfX, sfY, XMIN,YMAX,XINC,CX1,CY1,X1,X2,LL,UL;
integer i,j,k,m,N;
XMIN:=X[1];
X1:=X[1]; X2:=X[1];
for i:=2 step 1 until n do
begin if X[i]>X1 then X1:=X[i];
if X[i]<X2 then X2:=X[i];
end;
XMIN:=X2;
XINC:=(X1-X2)/10;
sfX:=100/(X1-X2);
for i:=1 step 1 until n-1 do
for j:=i+1 step 1 until n do
begin if Y[j]>Y[i] then
begin CY1:=Y[i]; Y[i]:=Y[j]; Y[j]:=CY1;
CX1:=X[i]; X[i]:=X[j]; X[j]:=CX1;
end;
end;
end;
sfY:=s/(Y[1]-Y[n]);
YMAX:=Y[1]; YINC:=(Y[1]-Y[n])/s;
for i:=1 step 1 until n do
begin X[i]:=entier(X[i]-XMIN)*sfX+0.5;
Y[i]:=entier(Y[i]*sfY+0.5);
end; i:=0;
D:i:=i+1; if Y[i+1]=Y[i] then
begin LL:=i; j:=i;
if j=n-1 then begin UL:=n; goto F; end;
E:j:=j+1; if Y[j+1]=Y[j] and j<n-1 then goto E else if Y[j+1]=Y[i]
and j=n-1 then UL:=n else UL:=j;
F:for k:=LL step 1 until UL-1 do
for m:=k+1 step 1 until UL do
begin if X[m]<X[k] then
begin CX1:=X[k]; X[k]:=X[m]; X[m]:=CX1;
end;
end; i:=UL;
end; if i<n-1 then goto D;
if X[1]>1 then space(10,X[1]-1);
write text(10, '. ');
N:=0; for i:=2 step 1 until n do
begin m:=Y[1]-Y[i];
if m=0 then
begin if X[i]-X[1-1]=0 then begin N:=N+1; goto A; end else
if X[1]-X[1-1]=1 then goto B else space(10,X[i]-X[1-1]-1);

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INPUT PARAMETERS FOR STEP-BY-STEP PROGRAMME

a,b,c,d: coefficients of  $y''$ ,  $y'$ ,  $y$  and  $y^2$  respectively  
h: interval between points  
t: if graph plot is required then t:=1 else 0  
p1,p2: initial function values from Finite  
Difference results  
f: number of carriage returns required for  
graph plotter  
w: initial t value corresponding to p1

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begin real h,a,b,c,d,f,t,a1,a2,a3,k1,k2,k3,p1,p2,W;
integer i,m,n,p,r;
open(10); open(20); n:=read(20);
for p:=1 step 1 until n do
begin a:=read(20); b:=read(20); c:=read(20); d:=read(20); h:=read(20);
t:=read(20); p1:=read(20); p2:=read(20); f:=read(20); W:=read(20);
begin real array X,Y[1:1000];
Y[1]=p1; Y[2]=p2; r:=0;
a1:=a-bXh/2; a2:=cXh-2Xa; a3:=a+bXh/2;
k1:=a1/a3; k2:=a2/a3; k3:=hXhd/a3;
if bXb-4XaXc>0 then
begin for i:=3,4 until while Y[i-1]>.01 do
Y[i]:=Y[i-1]Xk3-Y[i-1]Xk2-Y[i-2]Xk1; m:=i-2;
end else
begin i:=2;
R:i:=i+1;
Y[1]:=Y[i-1]XY[i-1]Xk3-Y[i-1]Xk2-Y[i-2]Xk1;
if Y[i-1]>Y[i-2] and Y[i-1]>Y[i] then
begin if Y[i-1]>.01 then goto R else goto S;
end else goto R;
S:m:=i-1;
end;
write text(10,[input*parameters*dy/dt,yXy,interval*and*limit[c]]);
write(10,format([+ndd.d;]),b); write(10,format([sss+ndd.d;]),d);
X[1]:=W; for i:=2 step 1 until m+1 do
X[i]:=X[i-1]+h;
write text(10,[X*and*Y*values[c]]);
for i:=1 step 1 until m+1 do
begin write(10,format([6s+ndd.d;]),X[i]);
write(10,format([sss+d.d;]),Y[i]);
r:=r+1; if r/3=entier(r/3) then new line(10,1);
end; new line(10,5);
if t=1 then
begin for i:=1 step 1 until m+1 do X[i]:=-X[i]; GP(Y,X,m+1,f); new line(10,5);
end;
end; close(10); close(20);
end;
end+

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" INPUT PARAMETERS FOR PICARD PROGRAMME

a,b,c,d: coefficients of  $y''$ ,  $y'$ ,  $y$  and  $y^2$  respectively

L1: upper limit of integration

q: interval between points

l: degree of approximation required

sp: the ammount by which the point density  
after the maximum has to be decreased i.e.  
if every 10th point is required then sp=10

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begin Library A0,A6,A12;
procedure ATTKENROOT(r,x,y,eps);
  value eps;
  real array x,y;
  real eps;
  integer r;
  begin integer j;
    x[0]:=1;
    if x[r]=0
      then x[0]:= 0
      else if r=1 then begin y[2]:= y[1]+y[0];
        r:= 2
      end
      else if r=2 and sign(x[2])= sign(x[1]) then begin x[1]:= x[2];
        y[1]:= y[2];
        y[2]:= y[1]+y[0]
      end
      else begin for i:= 1 step 1 until r-1 do
        end
        y[r]:= (y[1]+x[r]-y[r-1])r/x[r-1];
        if abs(y[r]-y[r-1])<eps then x[0]:= 0
          else begin y[r+1]:= y[r];
            r:= r+1
          end
        end
      end
    end ATTKENROOT;
  end;

procedure CONST(const,f,g,n,a,b,c,d,A,B); value f,g,n,a,b,c,d;
  real const,f,g,a,b,c,d; integer n; real array A,B;
  begin integer i,j,p,k,t; real sum;
    for i:=2 step 1 until n do
      begin sum:=0; t:=2*entier(ln(1)/ln(2))-0.0000001);
        for j:=1 step 1 until i-1 do
          begin if i-j<t and j<t then
            sum:=sum+A[j,1]*xi-j,1];
          end; B[i,1]:=sum;
        end;
      end;
    for k:=2 step 1 until n do
      begin t:=2*entier(ln(k)/ln(2))-0.0000001);
        for i:=2 step 2 until k+1 do
          begin sum:=0;
            for j:=1 step 1 until i/2 do
              for p:=1 step 1 until k-1+j do
                begin if k-p<t and p<t then
                  sum:=sum+A[k-p,1-j+1]*xi-p,j]x2;
                end; B[k,1]:=sum;
              end;
            end;
          end;
        end;
      end;
    end;
  end;

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for i:=3 step 2 until k+1 do
  begin sum:=0;
    for j:=1 step 1 until (i-1)/2 do
      for p:=1 step 1 until k-1+j do
        begin if k-p<t and p<t then
          sum:=sum+A[k-p,i-j+1]*XA[p,j]*X2;
        end;
        for p:=(i-1)/2 step 1 until k-(i-1)/2 do
          begin if k-p<t and p<t then
            sum:=sum+A[p,(i+1)/2]*XA[k-p,(i+1)/2];
          end;
        end; B[k,i]:=sum;
      end;
    end; const:=0;
  for i:=2 step 1 until n do
    for j:=1 step 1 until i+1 do
      begin A[i,j]:=dx*B[i,j]/(ax*((i-j+1)*Xf+(j-1)*Xg)^(2-bX*((i-j+1)*Xf+(j-1)*Xg)+c));
      const:=const+A[i,j];
    end;
  end;
end;

begin real a,b,c,d,f,g,q,L1,YM,AD,M,eps,const,k;
  integer m,n,p,r,s,N,l,u,i,j,w,sp,inc,h;
  open('T'); open('20'); p:=read('20');
  for r:=1 step 1 until p do
    begin a:=read('20'); b:=read('20'); c:=read('20'); d:=read('20');
      L1:=read('20'); q:=read('20'); l:=read('20'); sp:=read('20');
      write text('0',['successful number of iterations']);
      P:h:=bXb-4xaxc; n:=entier(L1/q); s:=2000; N:=0;
      f:=(b-sqrt(h))/(2xa); g:=(b+sqrt(h))/(2xa);
      k:=f/g; AO:=1/(k*(1-k))-k*(1/(1-k)); eps:=10^-5; m:=2*1;
      begin real array A,B[1:m,1:m+1],X,Y[1:2000],x,y[0:30];
        A[1,1]:=AO; A[1,2]:=-AO;
        X[1]:=0; for h:=2 step 1 until s do X[h]:=X[h-1]+q;
        for inc:=1 step 1 until 1 do
          begin w:=1; u:=2; Y[1,1]:=A[1,1]; M:=2*inc;
            R:CONST(const,f,g,M,a,b,c,d,A,B);
            Q:A[1,2]:=-A[1,1]-const; N:=N+1;
            for h:=1 step 1 until 3 do
              begin Y[h,1]:=0;
                for i:=1 step 1 until M do
                  for j:=1 step 1 until i+1 do
                    Y[h]:=-Y[h]+A[1,j]*Xexp(-((i-j+1)*Xf+(j-1)*Xg)*X[h]);
                  end;
                for h:=3,h+1 while Y[h-2]<Y[h-1] and Y[h]>Y[h-1] do

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begin Y[h+1]:=0;
  for i:=1 step 1 until M do
    for j:=1 step 1 until 1+T do
      Y[h+1]:=Y[h+1]+A[1,j]Xexp(-(1-j+1)Xf+(j-1)Xg)XX[h+1]);
    end; YM:=Y[h-1]; s:=h;
    X[W]:=YM-1;
    if u=2 then begin if YM-1>0 then y[0]:=-A[1,1]/(5Xinc) else y[0]:=A[1,1]/(5Xinc); u:=1;
      end;
      ATKENROOT(w,x,y,eps); A[1,1]:=-y[W];
      if x[0]≠0 then goto Q;
      write(10,format([sss-ddd;]),N-1);
    end;
    for h:=1 step 1 until n+1 do Y[h]:=0;
    for h:=1 step 1 until n+1 do
      begin
        for i:=1 step 1 until M do
          for j:=1 step 1 until 1+T do
            Y[h]:=Y[h]+A[1,j]Xexp(-((1-j+1)Xf+(j-1)Xg)XX[h]);
          end;
          new line(10,3);
          write text(10,[input*parameters*dy/dt,yXy,upper*limit, interval*and*approximation[c]]);
          write(10,format([+ddd.d;]),b); write(10,format([sss+ddd.d;]),d);
          write(10,format([sss+d.ddd;]),L1); write(10,format([sss+d.ddd;]),q);
          write(10,format([sss-ddd;ccc;]),1); write text(10,[coefficients[c]]);
          for i:=1 step 1 until 2+1 do
            for j:=1 step 1 until 1+1 do
              begin write(10,format([sss+d.ddd;]),A[1,j]);
                if j=1+1 then new line(10,1);
              end; new line(10,3);
              write text(10,[X*and*Y*values[c]]);
              for m:=1 step 1 until s+9 do
                begin write(10,format([s+d.ddd;]),X[m]);
                  write(10,format([s+d.ddd;]),Y[m]);
                  if m/3=entier(m/3) then new line(10,1);
                end;
                new line(10,2); h:=0;
                for m:=s+10 step 1 until n+1 do
                  begin write(10,format([os+d.ddd;]),X[m]);
                    write(10,format([s+d.ddd;]),Y[m]);
                    h:=h+1; if h/3=entier(h/3) then new line(10,1);
                  end; new line(10,3);
                  end; end; close(10); close(20);
                end;
                end+

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INPUT PARAMETERS FOR PERTURBATION PROGRAMME

a,b,c,d: coefficients of  $y''$ ,  $y'$ ,  $y$  and  $y^2$  respectively

L1: upper limit of integration

q: interval between points

sp: the amount by which the point density

after the maximum has to be decreased i.e.

if every 10th point is required then sp=10

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begin Library A0,A6,A12;
procedure CONST(a,b,c,d,f,g,AD,Z); value a,b,c,d,f,g,AD;
real a,b,c,d,f,g,AD; real array Z;
begin
Z[1]:=A0;
Z[5]:=A0t2/(4xaxf12-2xbxf+e);
Z[9]:=A0t2/(4xaxgt2-2xbxg+e);
Z[11]:=-2xA0t2/(ax(f+g)t2-bx(f+g)+e);
Z[2]:=(gx(Z[5]+Z[9]+Z[11]))-2xfxz[5]-2xgxZ[9]-{(f+g)xZ[11]}/(f-g);
Z[6]:=(fx(Z[5]+Z[9]+Z[11]))-2xfxz[5]-2xgxZ[9]-{(f+g)xZ[11]}/(g-f);
Z[3]:=2xA0xz[2]/(4xaxf12-2xbxf+e);
Z[7]:=-2xA0xz[6]/(4xaxgt2-2xbxg+e);
Z[10]:=2xA0x(Z[6]-Z[2])/(ax(f+g)t2-bx(f+g)+e);
Z[12]:=2xA0xz[5]/(9xaxf12-3xbxf+e);
Z[13]:=-2xA0xz[9]/(9xaxgt2-3xbxg+e);
Z[14]:=2xA0x(Z[9]-Z[11])/ax(f+2xg)t2-bx(f+2xg)+e;
Z[15]:=2xA0x(Z[11]-Z[5])/ax(2xf+g)t2-bx(2xf+g)+e;
Z[4]:=(gx(Z[3]+Z[7]+Z[10]+Z[12]+Z[13]+Z[14]+Z[15]))-2xfxz[3]-2xgxZ[7]
-(f+g)xZ[10]-3xfxz[12]-3xz[13]xg-(f+2xg)xZ[14]-2xf+g)xZ[15]}/(f-g);
Z[8]:=(fx(Z[3]+Z[7]+Z[12]+Z[10]+Z[13]+Z[14]+Z[15]))-2xfxz[3]-2xgxZ[7]
-(f+g)xZ[10]-3xfxz[12]-3xz[13]xg-(f+2xg)xZ[14]-2xf+g)xZ[15]}/(g-f);
Z[16]:=Z[11]+dxZ[2]+dxaxZ[4];
Z[17]:=-Z[11]+dxZ[6]+dxaxZ[8];
Z[18]:=dx{Z[5]+dxZ[3]};
Z[19]:=dx{Z[9]+dxZ[7]};
Z[20]:=dx{Z[11]+dxZ[10]};
Z[21]:=dxaxZ[12];
Z[22]:=dxaxZ[13];
Z[23]:=dxaxZ[14];
Z[24]:=dxaxZ[15];
end;

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begin real a,b,c,d,f,g,j,k,q,diff,L1,YM,AD;
integer n,sp,p,r,s,t,h,N;
open(t0); open(20); p:=read(20);
for r:=1 step 1 until p do
begin a:=read(20); b:=read(20); c:=read(20); d:=read(20);
L1:=read(20); q:=read(20); sp:=read(20);
k:=bx0-4xaxc; n:=entier(L1/q); s:=n+1; N:=n-1; t:=0;
begin real array Z[1:25],X,Y[1:2000];
f:=(b-sqrt(k))/(2xa); g:=(b+sqrt(k))/(2xa);
k:=f/g; AD:=1/(kr(k/(1-k))-kr(1/(1-k))); Z[25]:=ADx(g-f);
X[1]:=0; for h:=2 step 1 until s do X[h]:=X[h-1]+q;
R:CONST(a,b,c,d,f,g,AD,Z); N:=N+1;

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for h:=1 step 1 until 3 do
  begin
    j:=X[h];
    Y[h]:=Z[16]Xexp(-fxj)+Z[17]Xexp(-gxj)+Z[18]Xexp(-2xfxj)
    +Z[19]Xexp(-2xgxj)+Z[20]Xexp(-(f+g)xj)+Z[21]Xexp(-3xfxj)
    +Z[22]Xexp(-3xgxj)+Z[23]Xexp(-(f+2xg)xj)+Z[24]Xexp(-(2xf+g)xj);
  end;
  for h:=3,h+1 while Y[h-2]<X[h-1] and Y[h]>Y[h-1] do
    begin
      j:=X[h+1];
      Y[h+1]:=Z[16]Xexp(-fxj)+Z[17]Xexp(-gxj)+Z[18]Xexp(-2xfxj)
      +Z[19]Xexp(-2xgxj)+Z[20]Xexp(-(f+g)xj)+Z[21]Xexp(-3xfxj)
      +Z[22]Xexp(-3xgxj)+Z[23]Xexp(-(f+2xg)xj)+Z[24]Xexp(-(2xf+g)xj);
    end;
    YM:=Y[h-1]; s:=h;
    diff:=YM-1;
    Z[25]:=Z[25]X(1-diff);
    AO:=Z[25]/(g-f);
    if abs(diff)>10-5 then goto R;
    for h:=1 step 1 until n+1 do
      begin
        j:=X[h];
        Y[h]:=Z[16]Xexp(-fxj)+Z[17]Xexp(-gxj)+Z[18]Xexp(-2xfxj)
        +Z[19]Xexp(-2xgxj)+Z[20]Xexp(-(f+g)xj)+Z[21]Xexp(-3xfxj)
        +Z[22]Xexp(-3xgxj)+Z[23]Xexp(-(f+2xg)xj)+Z[24]Xexp(-(2xf+g)xj);
      end;
      write text(10, [input*parameters*dy/dt, yxy, upper*limit, interval*and*iterations [c]]);
      write(10, format([+ddd.d;]), b); write(10, format([sss+ddd.d;]), d);
      write(10, format([sss+d.ddd;]), L1); write(10, format([sssd.ddd;]), q);
      for h:=16 step 1 until 24 do
        begin
          write(10, format([sssd;ccc;], N)); write text(10, [coefficients [c]]);
          if h/2=entier(h/2) then new line(10, 1);
        end;
        new line(10, 3);
        write text(10, [X*and*Y*values [c]]);
        for h:=1 step 1 until s+9 do
          begin
            write(10, format([6s+d.ddd;]), X[h]);
            write(10, format([3s+d.ddd;]), Y[h]);
            if h/3=entier(h/3) then new line(10, 1);
          end;
          new line(10, 2); t:=0;
          for h:=s+10 step 1 until n+1 do
            begin
              write(10, format([6s+d.ddd;]), X[h]);
              write(10, format([3s+d.ddd;]), Y[h]);
              t:=t+1; if t/3=entier(t/3) then new line(10, 1);
            end;
            new line(10, 6);
          end;
        end;
        close(10); close(20);
      end;
    end;
  end;
end;
end;

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