

**STEP/Inequalities Q5 (20/6/23)**

Show that  $e^3 > 4e^{\frac{3}{2}}$

**Solution**

An equivalent result to prove is  $e^{\frac{3}{2}} > 4$  (dividing both sides by  $e^{\frac{3}{2}}$ , which is positive)

$\Leftrightarrow e^3 > 16$  (as the function  $y = x^2$  is increasing for  $x > 0$ )

$$e^3 > (2 + 0.7)^3 > 2^3 + 3(2^2)(0.7) = 8 + 8.4 > 16,$$

so that the original result is also true