

JEE (Mains) Mathematics Solution

24.2.2021 (Shift-2)

Section-I

Multiple Choice Questions: This section contains 20 multiple choice questions.

Each question has 4 choices (a), (b), (c) and (d), out of which ONLY ONE is correct.

1. The angle of elevation of a jet plane from a point A on the ground is 60° . After a flight of 20 seconds at the speed of 432 km/hour, the angle of elevation changes to 30° . If the jet plane is flying at a constant height, then its height is:

(a) $3600\sqrt{3}$ m (b) $2400\sqrt{3}$ m (c) $1800\sqrt{3}$ m (d) $1200\sqrt{3}$ m

Ans. (d)

Solution:

$$\text{Given } \tan 30^\circ = \frac{h}{x+d} \text{ and } \tan 60^\circ = \frac{h}{x}$$

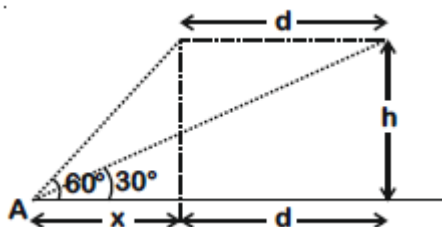
$$\Rightarrow x+d = \sqrt{3}h \text{ and } x = \frac{h}{\sqrt{3}}$$

$$\Rightarrow d = \left(\sqrt{3} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \right) h = \frac{2h}{\sqrt{3}}$$

$$\text{Given } \frac{d}{20} = \frac{432 \times 1000}{3600}$$

$$\Rightarrow d = 2400 \text{ m}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2400 = \frac{2h}{\sqrt{3}} \Rightarrow h = 1200\sqrt{3} \text{ m}$$



2. The probability that two randomly selected subsets of the set $\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$ have exactly two elements in their intersection, is:

(a) $\frac{65}{2^7}$ (b) $\frac{135}{2^9}$ (c) $\frac{65}{2^8}$ (d) $\frac{35}{2^7}$

Ans. (b)

Solution:

Number of ways of selecting elements common to both A and B = 5C_2

$$\therefore \text{Required probability} = \frac{{}^5C_2 \cdot 3^3}{4^5} = \frac{135}{2^9}$$

3. If P is a point on the parabola $y = x^2 + 4$ which is closest to the straight line $y = 4x - 1$, then the co-ordinates of P are:

(a) $(-2, 8)$ (b) $(1, 5)$ (c) $(3, 13)$ (d) $(2, 8)$

Ans. (d)

Solution:

Closest point will be point on tangency of tangent of same slope i.e. 4

Let equation of tangent $y = 4x + c$

$$\Rightarrow 4x + c = x^2 + 4 \text{ have } D = 0$$

$$\text{i.e. } x^2 - 4x + (4 - c) = 0$$

$$D = 0 \Rightarrow 16 - 4(4 - c) = 0 \Rightarrow c = 0$$

Tangent is $y = 4x$ gives $x = 2$ and $y = 8$ as point of tangency

\therefore Nearest point $(2, 8)$

4. If $n \geq 2$ is a positive integer, then the sum of the series

${}^{n+1}C_2 + 2({}^2C_2 + {}^3C_2 + {}^4C_2 + \dots + {}^nC_2)$ is:

(a) $\frac{n(2n+1)(3n+1)}{6}$ (b) $\frac{n(n-1)(2n+1)}{6}$ (c) $\frac{n(n+1)^2(n+2)}{12}$ (d) $\frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6}$

Ans. (d)

Solution:

Sum of ${}^2C_2 + {}^3C_2 + \dots + {}^nC_2$ is coefficient of x^2 in $(1+x)^2 + (1+x)^3 + \dots + x(1+x)^n$
i.e. coefficient of x^2 in

$$(1+x)^2 \frac{((1+x)^{n-1} - 1)}{(1+x-1)} = {}^{n+1}C_3$$

Hence required sum = ${}^{n+1}C_2 + 2 \cdot {}^{n+1}C_3$

$$= \frac{(n+1)(n)}{2} + \frac{2(n+1)n(n-1)}{6}$$

$$= \frac{n(n+1)(3+2n-2)}{2 \cdot 3} = \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6}$$

5. Let $f(x)$ be a differentiable function defined on $[0, 2]$ such that $f'(x) = f'(2-x)$ for all $x \in (0, 2)$,

$f(0) = 1$ and $f(2) = e^2$. Then the value of $\int_0^2 f(x) dx$ is:

(a) $2(1+e^2)$ (b) $1+e^2$ (c) $2(1-e^2)$ (d) $1-e^2$

Ans. (b)

Solution:

Given $f'(x) = f'(2-x)$

$$f'(x) - f'(2-x) = 0$$

Integrating both sides, we get

$$f(x) + f(2-x) = c \quad \dots(i)$$

Put $x = 0$, we get

$$c = f(0) + f(2) = 1 + e^2$$

Integrating 0 to 2 equation (i) both sides, we get

$$\int_0^2 f(x) dx + \int_0^2 f(2-x) dx = (1+e^2) \times 8 \Big|_0^2$$

$$\text{Also } \int_0^2 f(x) dx = \int_0^2 f(2-x) dx$$

$$\text{Hence } 2 \int_0^2 f(x) dx = 1 + e^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_0^2 f(x) dx = 1 + e^2$$

6. For the statements p and q, consider the following compound statements:

(a) $(\sim q \wedge (p \rightarrow q)) \rightarrow \sim p$

(b) $((p \vee q) \wedge \sim p) \rightarrow q$

Then which of the following statements is correct?

(a) (a) and (b) both are tautologies.

(b) (a) is a tautology but not (b).

(c) (b) is a tautology but not (a).

(d) (a) and (b) both are tautologies.

Ans. (a)

Solution:

Truth table for required statements

p	q	$\sim p$	$\sim q$	$p \rightarrow q$	$(\sim q) \wedge (p \rightarrow q)$	$(\sim q \wedge (p \rightarrow q)) \rightarrow \sim p$	$p \vee q$	$(p \vee q) \wedge \sim p$	$((p \vee q) \wedge \sim p) \rightarrow q$
T	T	F	F	T	F	T	T	F	T
T	F	F	T	F	F	T	T	F	T
F	T	T	F	T	F	T	T	T	T
F	F	T	T	T	T	T(a) is tautology	F	F	T(b) is tautology

7. For the system of linear equations:

$x - 2y = 1, x - y + kz = -2, ky + 4z = 6, k \in \mathbb{R}$, consider the following statements:

(a) The system has unique solution if $k \neq 2, k \neq -2$.

(b) The system has unique solution if $k = -2$.

(c) The system has no solution if $k = 2$.

(d) The system has no solution if $k = 2$.

(e) The system has finite number of solutions if $k \neq -2$.

Which of the following statements are correct?

(a) (a) and (E) only

(b) (a) and (d) only

(c) (b) and (e) only

(d) (c) and (d) only

Ans. (b)

Solution:

Using Cramer's Rule, we have

$$\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -2 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & k \\ 0 & k & 4 \end{vmatrix} = 1(4 - k^2) + 2(4) = 4 - k^2$$

$$\Delta_x = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -2 & 0 \\ -2 & -1 & k \\ 6 & k & 4 \end{vmatrix} = 1(4 - k^2) + 2(-2k + 6) = 8 - 4k - k^2$$

Now, $\Delta = 0$ if $k = \pm 2$

if $k = -2$, $\Delta = 0$ and $\Delta_x \neq 0$

Hence no solution

Also if $k = 2$, $\Delta = 0$ and $\Delta_x = 0$

Now

$$\Delta_y = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & -2 & k \\ 0 & 6 & 4 \end{vmatrix} = 1(-8 - 6k) - 1(4) = -6k - 12 \neq 0$$

Hence, the system has no solution if $k = \pm 2$ and unique solution if $k \neq \pm 2$

8. Let a, b, c be in arithmetic progression. Let the centroid of the triangle with vertices (a, c), (2, b) and (a, b) be $\left(\frac{10}{3}, \frac{7}{3}\right)$. If α, β are the roots of the equation $ax^2 + bx + 1 = 0$, then the value of $\alpha^2 + \beta^2 - \alpha\beta$ is:
- (a) $\frac{69}{256}$ (b) $-\frac{71}{256}$ (c) $-\frac{69}{256}$ (d) $\frac{71}{256}$

Ans. (b)

Solution:

Here, $2b = a + c$... (i)

and centroid of Δ is $\left(\frac{10}{3}, \frac{7}{3}\right)$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{a+2+a}{3} = \frac{10}{3} \Rightarrow a = 4$$

$$\text{and } \frac{c+b+b}{3} = \frac{7}{3} \Rightarrow \frac{c+(a+c)}{3} = \frac{7}{3} \Rightarrow 2c+a=7$$

$$\Rightarrow 2c+4=7$$

$$\Rightarrow c = \frac{3}{2}$$

So from (i) $2b = \frac{11}{2} \Rightarrow \boxed{b = \frac{11}{4}}$

So the Q.E. if $4x^2 + \frac{11}{4}x + 1 = 0$

$$\Rightarrow 16x^2 + 11x + 4 = 0 \Rightarrow \alpha + \beta = \frac{-11}{16}, \alpha\beta = \frac{1}{4}$$

Now, $\alpha^2 + \beta^2 - \alpha\beta = \alpha^2 + \beta^2 + 2\alpha\beta - 3\alpha\beta$

$$= (\alpha + \beta)^2 - 3\alpha\beta$$

$$= \left(\frac{-11}{16}\right)^2 - \frac{3}{4}$$

$$= \frac{121}{256} - \frac{3}{4} = -\frac{71}{256}$$

9. A possible value of $\tan\left(\frac{1}{4}\sin^{-1}\frac{\sqrt{63}}{8}\right)$ is:

- (a) $2\sqrt{2} - 1$ (b) $\sqrt{7} - 1$ (c) $\frac{1}{\sqrt{7}}$ (d) $\frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}}$

Ans. (c)

Solution:

$$\tan\left(\frac{1}{4}\sin^{-1}\frac{\sqrt{63}}{8}\right) \Rightarrow \tan\left(\frac{\theta}{4}\right) = ?$$

Let

$$\sin^{-1}\frac{\sqrt{63}}{8} = \theta \text{ and } \cos \theta = \frac{1}{8} \Rightarrow \sin \theta = \frac{\sqrt{63}}{8} \Rightarrow \tan \theta = \sqrt{63} \text{ and } 6$$

$$\Rightarrow 2\cos^2\frac{\theta}{2} - 1 = \frac{1}{8} \Rightarrow 2\cos^2\frac{\theta}{2} = \frac{9}{8} \Rightarrow \cos^2\frac{\theta}{2} = \frac{9}{16}$$

Now when $x \in [1, 3]$

we see that $(x-1)^2 \in [0, 4]$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{So, } I &= \int_0^1 0 dx + \int_1^{\sqrt{2}} [(x-1)^2] dx + \int_{\sqrt{2}}^{\sqrt{3}} [(x-1)^2] dx + \int_{\sqrt{3}}^2 [(x-1)^2] dx - \int_1^3 3 dx \\ &= 0 + \int_1^{\sqrt{2}} 1 dx + \int_{\sqrt{2}}^{\sqrt{3}} 2 dx + \int_{\sqrt{3}}^2 3 dx - 6 \\ &= 0 + [x]_1^{\sqrt{2}} + 2[x]_{\sqrt{2}}^{\sqrt{3}} + 3[x]_{\sqrt{3}}^2 - 6 \\ &= \sqrt{2} - 1 + 2\sqrt{3} - 2\sqrt{2} + 6 - 3\sqrt{3} - 6 \\ &= -\sqrt{3} - \sqrt{2} - 1 \\ &= -\sqrt{2} - \sqrt{3} - 1 \end{aligned}$$

12. The negation of the statement $\sim p \wedge (p \vee q)$ is:

- (a) $p \wedge \sim q$ (b) $\sim p \vee q$ (c) $\sim p \wedge q$ (d) $p \vee \sim q$

Ans. (d)

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} \sim(\sim p \wedge (p \vee q)) &= p \vee \sim(p \vee q) \\ &= p \vee (\sim p \wedge \sim q) \\ &= (p \vee \sim p) \wedge (p \vee \sim q) \\ &= p \vee \sim q \end{aligned}$$

13. If the curve $y = ax^2 + bx + c$, $x \in \mathbb{R}$, passes through the point (1, 2) and the tangent line to this curve at origin is $y = x$, then the possible values of a, b, c are:

- (a) $a = \frac{1}{2}, b = \frac{1}{2}, c = 1$ (b) $a = 1, b = 0, c = 1$ (c) $a = 1, b = 1, c = 0$ (d) $a = -1, b = 1, c = 1$

Ans. (c)

Solution:

$y = ax^2 + bx + c$ passes through (1, 2)
 So $a + b + c = 2$... (1)
 also (0, 0) satisfies $\Rightarrow c = 0$... (2)
 also slope of tangent at origin is 1 i.e.
 $y' = 2ax + b \Rightarrow b = 1$ and $a = 1$
 $a = 1 = b, c = 0$

14. For which of the following curves, the line $x + \sqrt{3}y = 2\sqrt{3}$ is the tangent at the point $\left(\frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\right)$?

- (a) $x^2 + 9y^2 = 9$ (b) $y^2 = \frac{1}{6\sqrt{3}}x$ (c) $2x^2 - 18y^2 = 9$ (d) $x^2 + y^2 = 7$

Ans. (a)

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} x + \sqrt{3}y &= 2\sqrt{3} \\ m_t &= \frac{-1}{\sqrt{3}} \text{ and point of tangency } \left(\frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Option (1) } x^2 + 9y^2 = 9 \Rightarrow 2x + 18yy' = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow m_t \left(\frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2}, \frac{1}{2} \right)$$

$$\text{i.e. } y' = \frac{-x}{9y} = \frac{-3\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}}{9\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)} = \frac{-1}{\sqrt{3}}$$

$$\text{Option (2) } y' = \frac{x}{6\sqrt{3}} \Rightarrow y' = \frac{1}{12\sqrt{3}y}$$

$$\text{i.e. } m_t = \frac{1}{6\sqrt{3}}$$

$$\text{Option (3) } 2x^2 - 18y^2 = 9 \Rightarrow 4x - 36yy' = 0$$

$$\text{i.e. } m_t = \frac{x}{9y} = \frac{3\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}}{2 \cdot 9 \cdot \frac{1}{2}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$$

$$\text{Option (4) } x^2y^2 = 7 \Rightarrow y' = -\frac{x}{y}$$

$$\text{i.e. } m_t = -3\sqrt{3}$$

Hence only option (1) is correct.

15. If a curve $y = f(x)$ passes through the point (1, 2) and satisfies $x \frac{dy}{dx} + y = bx^4$,

then for what value of b , $\int_1^2 f(x) dx = \frac{62}{5}$?

(a) $\frac{31}{5}$

(b) $\frac{62}{5}$

(c) 10

(d) 5

Ans. (c)

Solution:

$$x \frac{dy}{dx} + y = bx^4$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} + \frac{y}{x} = bx^3$$

$$\text{I.F} = e^{\int \frac{1}{x} dx} = e^{\ln x} = x$$

$$\Rightarrow yx = \int bx^4 dx$$

$$\Rightarrow xy = \frac{bx^5}{5} + c$$

$$\downarrow (1,2)$$

$$\Rightarrow 2 = \frac{b}{5} + c \Rightarrow c = 2 - \frac{b}{5}$$

$$\therefore y = \frac{bx^4}{5} + \frac{1}{x} \left(2 - \frac{b}{5} \right)$$

$$\int_1^2 f(x)dx = \frac{bx^5}{25} \Big|_1^2 + \left(2 - \frac{b}{5}\right) \ln x \Big|_1^2$$

$$\frac{31b}{25} + \left(2 - \frac{b}{5}\right) \ln 2 = \frac{62}{5}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(2 - \frac{b}{5}\right) \ln 2 = \left(2 - \frac{b}{5}\right) \frac{31}{5}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2 - \frac{b}{5} = 0 \Rightarrow b = 10$$

16. The area of the region: $R = \{(x, y): 5x^2 \leq y \leq 2x^2 + 9\}$ is:

- (a) $6\sqrt{3}$ square units (b) $11\sqrt{3}$ square units (c) $12\sqrt{3}$ square units (d) $9\sqrt{3}$ square units

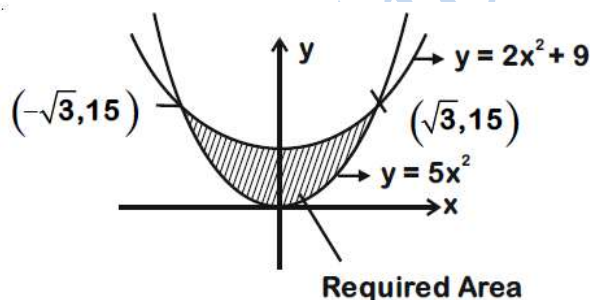
Ans. (c)

Solution:

$$\text{Required Area} = 2 \int_0^{\sqrt{3}} ((2x^2 + 9) - (5x^2)) dx$$

$$= 2 \left(9x - \frac{3x^3}{3} \right) \Big|_0^{\sqrt{3}}$$

$$= 2(9\sqrt{3} - 3\sqrt{3}) = 12\sqrt{3} \text{ sq. units}$$



17. The vector equation of the plane passing through the intersection of the planes

$\vec{r} \cdot (\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}) = 1$ and $\vec{r} \cdot (\hat{i} - 2\hat{j}) = -2$, and the point $(1, 0, 2)$ is:

- (a) $\vec{r} \cdot (\hat{i} + 7\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}) = \frac{7}{3}$ (b) $\vec{r} \cdot (3\hat{i} + 7\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}) = 7$ (c) $\vec{r} \cdot (\hat{i} - 7\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}) = \frac{7}{3}$ (d) $\vec{r} \cdot (\hat{i} + 7\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}) = 7$

Ans. (d)

Solution:

$$P_1 + \lambda P_2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (\vec{r} \cdot (\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}) - 1) + \lambda (\vec{r} \cdot (\hat{i} - 2\hat{j}) + 2) = 0 \quad \dots(1)$$

$$\downarrow (\hat{i} + 2\hat{k})$$

$$\Rightarrow (1 + 2 - 1) + \lambda(1 + 2) = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda = -\frac{2}{3} \quad \dots(2)$$

by (1) and (2)

$$\vec{r} \cdot \left(\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k} - \frac{2}{3} (\hat{i} - 2\hat{j}) \right) - 1 - \frac{4}{3} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{r} \cdot \left(\frac{\hat{i}}{3} + \frac{7\hat{j}}{3} + \hat{k} \right) = \frac{7}{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{r} \cdot (\hat{i} + 7\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}) = 7$$

18. Let A and B be 3×3 real matrices such that A is symmetric matrix and B is skew-symmetric matrix. Then the system of linear equations $(A^2B^2 - B^2A^2) X = O$, where X is a 3×1 column matrix of unknown variables and O is a 3×1 null matrix, has:
- (a) exactly two solutions (b) infinitely many solutions
 (c) no solution (d) a unique solution

Ans. (b)

Solution:

Let $C = A^2B^2 - B^2A^2$

Then $C^T = (A^2B^2 - B^2A^2)^T$

$= (B^T)^2 \cdot (A^T)^2 - (A^T)^2 \cdot (B^T)^2$

$= (-B)^2 A^2 - A^2 \cdot (-B)^2 \quad \{ \because A^T = A \text{ and } B^T = -B \}$

$= (B)^2 A^2 - A^2 B^2$

$\therefore C + C^T = 0$

$\therefore C$ is a skew symmetric odd order matrix

$\therefore |C| = |A^2B^2 - B^2A^2| = 0$

\therefore Equation $(A^2B^2 - B^2A^2) X = 0$ has

Infinite many solution

19. Let a, b $\in \mathbb{R}$. If the mirror image of the point P(a, 6, 9) with respect to the line $\frac{x-3}{7} = \frac{y-2}{5} = \frac{z-1}{-9}$ is (20, b, -a, -9), then $|a + b|$ is equal to:
- (a) 86 (b) 88 (c) 90 (d) 84

Ans. (b)

Solution:

\therefore Mirror image of P(a, 6, 9) is Q(20, b, -a - 9).

So mid-point of PQ $\left(\text{i.e.,} \left(\frac{a}{2} + 10, \frac{b}{2} + 3, -\frac{a}{2} \right) \right)$ lies on the given line

$$\frac{\frac{a}{2} + 7}{7} = \frac{\frac{b}{2} + 1}{5} = \frac{-\frac{a}{2} - 1}{-9} \Rightarrow a = -56 \text{ and } b = -32$$

$a + b = -88$

$|a + b| = 88$

20. Let f be a twice differentiable function defined on \mathbb{R} such that $f(0) = 1, f'(0) = 2$ and $f'(x) \neq 0$ for all $x \in \mathbb{R}$. If $\begin{vmatrix} f(x) & f'(x) \\ f'(x) & f''(x) \end{vmatrix} = 0$, for all $x \in \mathbb{R}$, then the value of f(1) lies in the interval:
- (a) (0, 3) (b) (9, 12) (c) (3, 6) (d) (6, 9)

Ans. (d)

Solution:

$\therefore \begin{vmatrix} f(x) & f'(x) \\ f'(x) & f''(x) \end{vmatrix} = 0,$

$\Rightarrow \frac{f(x) \cdot f''(x) - (f'(x))^2}{(f'(x))^2} = 0 \quad \because f'(x) \neq 0.$

$$\therefore \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{f'(x)}{f(x)} \right) = 0.$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{f'(x)}{f(x)} = c, \quad \because f(0) = 1 \text{ and } f'(0) = 2$$

$$\therefore c = 2$$

$$\therefore f'(x) = 2f(x)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{f'(x)}{f(x)} = 2$$

$$\Rightarrow \ln |f(x)| = 2x + d.$$

$$\Rightarrow |f(x)| = e^{2x}. \quad \because f(0) = 1.$$

$$\therefore f(1) = e^2$$

$$\therefore f(1) \in (6, 9)$$

Section-II

Numerical Value Type Questions: This section contains 10 questions. In section II, attempt any five questions out of 10. The answer to each question is a NUMERICAL VALUE. For each question, enter the correct numerical value (in decimal notation, truncated/.rounded-off to the second decimal place; e.g. 06.25, 07.00, -00.33, -00.30, 30.27, -27.30) using the mouse and the on-screen virtual numeric keypad in the place designated to enter the answer.

1. The sum of first four terms of a geometric progression (G.P) is $\frac{65}{12}$ and the sum of their reciprocals is $\frac{65}{18}$. If the product of first three terms of the G.P. is 1, and the third term is α , then 2α is ____ .

Ans. 3

Solution:

Let the G.P. be $ar^3, ar, \frac{a}{r}, \frac{a}{r^3}, \dots$

$$\therefore a \left(r^3 + r + \frac{1}{r} + \frac{1}{r^3} \right) = \frac{65}{12} \quad \dots(i)$$

$$\frac{1}{a} \left(r^3 + r + \frac{1}{r} + \frac{1}{r^3} \right) = \frac{65}{18} \quad \dots(ii)$$

$$\Rightarrow a^2 = \frac{3}{2}$$

$$\text{Also } a^3 r^3 = 1 \Rightarrow r = \frac{1}{a}$$

$$\text{and } \alpha = \frac{a}{r} = a^2 = \frac{3}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2\alpha = 3$$

2. Let λ be an integer. If the shortest distance between the lines $x - \lambda = 2y - 1 = -2z$ and

$x = y + 2\lambda = z - \lambda$ is $\frac{\sqrt{7}}{2\sqrt{2}}$, then the value of $|\lambda|$ is _____.

Ans. 1

Solution:

$$L_1: \frac{x-\lambda}{1} = \frac{y-\frac{1}{2}}{\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{z}{-\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$L_2: \frac{x}{1} = \frac{y-2\lambda}{1} = \frac{z-\lambda}{1}$$

$$\vec{b}_1 \times \vec{b}_2 = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 1 & 1/2 & -1/2 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = \hat{i} - \frac{3}{2}\hat{j} + \frac{1}{2}\hat{k}$$

$$\vec{a}_1 - \vec{a}_2 = \lambda\hat{i} + \left(\frac{1}{2} + 2\lambda\right)\hat{j} - \lambda\hat{k}$$

$$d = \frac{|(\vec{a}_1 - \vec{a}_2) \cdot (\vec{b}_1 \times \vec{b}_2)|}{|\vec{b}_1 \times \vec{b}_2|} = \frac{\left| \frac{5\lambda}{2} + \frac{3}{4} \right|}{\sqrt{\frac{7}{2}}} = \frac{\sqrt{7}}{2\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left| \frac{5\lambda}{4} + \frac{3}{4} \right| = \frac{7}{4} \Rightarrow \lambda = \frac{2}{5} \text{ or } -1$$

$$\Rightarrow |\lambda| = 1$$

3. Let $i = \sqrt{-1}$. If $\frac{(-1+i\sqrt{3})^{21}}{(1-i)^{24}} + \frac{(1+i\sqrt{3})^{21}}{(1+i)^{24}} = k$, and $n = \llbracket k \rrbracket$ be the greatest integral part of $|k|$.

Then $\sum_{j=0}^{n+5} (j+5)^2 - \sum_{j=0}^{n+5} (j+5)$ is equal to _____.

Ans. 310

Solution:

$$k = \frac{(-1+i\sqrt{3})^{21}}{(1-i)^{24}} + \frac{(1+i\sqrt{3})^{21}}{(1+i)^{24}}$$

$$= \frac{\left(2e^{\frac{2\pi i}{3}}\right)^{21}}{\left(\sqrt{2}e^{-\frac{\pi}{4}}\right)^{24}} + \frac{\left(2e^{\frac{\pi i}{3}}\right)^{21}}{\left(\sqrt{2}e^{\frac{\pi}{4}}\right)^{24}}$$

$$= 2^9 \left[e^{(14\pi+6\pi)i} + e^{(7\pi-6\pi)i} \right]$$

$$= 2^9 [0] = 0$$

$$\text{Now } 2 \sum_{j=0}^5 \frac{1}{3} \{ (j+4)(j+5)(j+6) - (j+3)(j+4)(j+5) \}$$

$$= \frac{1}{3} [9 \times 10 \times 11 - 3 \times 4 \times 5] = 310$$

4. The number of the real roots of the equation $(x+1)^2 + |x-5| = \frac{27}{4}$ is _____.

Ans. 2

Solution:

If $x \geq 5$

$$(x^2 + 2x + 1) + (x - 5) = \frac{27}{4}$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 + 3x - \frac{43}{4} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{-3 \pm \sqrt{52}}{2} \text{ (No value is greater than or equal to 5)}$$

If $x < 5$

$$x^2 + 2x + 1 - x + 5 = \frac{27}{4}$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 + x - \frac{3}{4} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{1}{2}, -\frac{3}{2}$$

So there will be two real roots.

5. The students S_1, S_2, \dots, S_{10} are to be divided into 3 groups A, B and C such that each group has at least one student and the group C has at most 3 students. Then the total number of possibilities of forming such groups is _____.

Ans. 31650

Solution:

Number of possible ways when

(i) There is one student in group C = ${}^{10}C_1 \cdot (2^9 - 2) = 5100$

(ii) There are two students in group C = ${}^{10}C_2 \cdot (2^8 - 2) = 11430$

(iii) There are three students in group C = ${}^{10}C_3 \cdot (2^7 - 2) = 15120$

Total number of ways = 31650

6. Let a point P be such that its distance from the point (5, 0) is thrice the distance of P from the point (-5, 0). If the locus of the point P is a circle of radius r, then $4r^2$ is equal to _____.

Ans. 56.25

Solution:

Let P(x, y)

$$\sqrt{(x-5)^2 + y^2} = 3\sqrt{(x+5)^2 + y^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 + 25 - 10x + y^2 = 9(x^2 + y^2 + 10x + 25)$$

$$\Rightarrow 8x^2 + 8y^2 + 100x + 200 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 + y^2 + \frac{25}{2}x + 25 = 0$$

$$r = \sqrt{\left(\frac{25}{4}\right)^2 - 25} = 5\left(\frac{3}{4}\right) = \frac{15}{4}$$

$$\Rightarrow 4r^2 = 56.25$$

7. For integers n and r , let

$$\binom{n}{r} = \begin{cases} {}^n C_r, & \text{if } n \geq r \geq 0 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

The maximum value of k for which the sum

$$\sum_{i=0}^k \binom{10}{i} \binom{15}{k-i} + \sum_{i=0}^{k+1} \binom{12}{i} \binom{13}{k+i-i}$$
 exists, is equal to _____.

Ans. 12

Solution:

$$\sum_{i=0}^k {}^{10}C_i \cdot {}^{15}C_{k-i} + \sum_{i=0}^{k+1} {}^{12}C_i \cdot {}^{13}C_{k+1-i}$$

$$= {}^{25}C_k + {}^{25}C_{k+1}$$

$$= {}^{26}C_{k+1}$$

$$0 \leq k+1 \leq 25$$

$$-1 \leq k \leq 24$$

But ${}^{13}C_{k+1-i}$ exists for $0 \leq i \leq k+1$

then $0 \leq i \leq k+1$

$$\Rightarrow k \leq 12$$

Hence $k_{\max} = 12$

8. If $a + \alpha = 1$, $b + \beta = 2$ and $af(x) + \alpha f\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = bx + \frac{\beta}{x}$, $x \neq 0$, then the value of the expression

$$\frac{f(x) + f\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)}{x + \frac{1}{x}}$$
 is _____.

Ans. 2

Solution:

$$af(x) + \alpha f\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = bx + \frac{\beta}{x} \quad \dots(i)$$

Replace x by $\frac{1}{x}$

$$af\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) + \alpha f(x) = \frac{b}{x} + \beta x \quad \dots(ii)$$

(i) + (ii)

$$\Rightarrow (a + \alpha) \left(f(x) + f\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) \right) = (b + \beta) \left(x + \frac{1}{x} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{f(x) + f\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)}{x + \frac{1}{x}} = \frac{b + \beta}{a + \alpha} = \frac{2}{1} = 2$$

9. If the area of the triangle formed by the positive x-axis, the normal and the tangent to the circle $(x - 2)^2 + (y - 3)^2 = 25$ at the point $(5, 7)$ is A , then $24A$ is equal to _____ .

Ans. 1225

Solution:

Equation of normal PN

$$Y - 7 = \frac{7 - 3}{5 - 2}(x - 5)$$

$$4x - 3y + 1 = 0 \quad \dots(i)$$

$$N\left(\frac{-1}{4}, 0\right)$$

Equation of Tangent PT

$$3x + 4y = 43 \quad \dots(ii)$$

$$T\left(\frac{43}{3}, 0\right)$$

$$PT = \frac{43}{3} + \frac{1}{4} = \frac{175}{12}$$

$$\text{Area of triangle PNT} = \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{175}{12} \times 7 = A$$

$$24A = 1225$$

10. If the variance of 10 natural numbers $1, 1, 1, \dots, 1, k$ is less than 10, then the maximum possible value of k is _____ .

Ans. 11

Solution:

$$\sigma^2 = \frac{9 + k^2}{10} - \left(\frac{9 + k^2}{10}\right)^2 < 10$$

$$10(k^2 + 9) - (k^2 + 18k + 81) < 1000$$

$$9k^2 - 18k + 9 < 1000$$

$$9(k - 1)^2 < 1000$$

$$|k - 1| < \frac{10\sqrt{10}}{3} = \frac{10 \times 3.162}{3} = 10.54$$

$$-10.54 < k - 1 < 10.54$$

$$-9.54 < k < 11.54$$

$$\text{But } k \in \mathbb{N}, \therefore k_{\max} = 11$$

