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SECTION - A**

1. Let A denote the event that a 6 digit integer formed by 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 without repetitions, be divisible by 3. Then probability of event A is equal to:

(1) $\frac{11}{27}$ (2) $\frac{9}{56}$ (3) $\frac{3}{7}$ (4) $\frac{4}{9}$

Ans. Official Answer NTA (4)

Sol. Case I : 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 Total = 6!

Case II : 0, 1, 2, 4, 5, 6 Total = 5 × 5!

Case III : 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 $\frac{\text{Total} = 5 \times 5!}{16 \times 5!}$

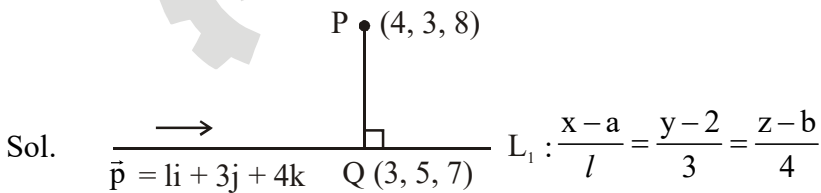
$$P(A) = \frac{16 \times 5!}{6 \times (6 \times 5 \times 4 \times 3 \times 2)} = \frac{4}{9}$$

2. If the foot of the perpendicular from point (4, 3, 8) on the line $L_1 : \frac{x-a}{l} = \frac{y-2}{3} = \frac{z-b}{4}$; $l \neq 0$ is

(3, 5, 7), then the shortest distance between the line L_1 and line $L_2 : \frac{x-2}{3} = \frac{y-4}{4} = \frac{z-5}{5}$ equal to :

(1) $\sqrt{\frac{2}{3}}$ (2) $\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}$ (3) $\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$ (4) $\frac{1}{2}$

Ans. Official Answer NTA (2)



$$\vec{PQ} = -i + 2j - k$$

$$\vec{PQ} \cdot \vec{p} = 0 \Rightarrow l = 2$$

$$\frac{3-a}{2} = \frac{5-2}{3} = \frac{7-b}{4}$$

$$\Rightarrow a = 1, b = 3$$

$$L_1 : \frac{x-1}{2} = \frac{y-2}{3} = \frac{z-3}{4} : A = (1, 2, 3)$$

$$\vec{AB} = i + 2j + 2k$$



$$\vec{p} = 2i + 3j + 4k$$

$$\vec{p} \times \vec{q} = \begin{vmatrix} i & j & k \\ 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 3 & 4 & 5 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$L_2 : \frac{x-2}{3} = \frac{y-4}{4} = \frac{z-5}{5} : B = (2, 4, 5)$$

$$\vec{p} \times \vec{q} = -i + 2j - k$$

$$\vec{q} = 3i + 4j + 5k$$

d = Projection of \overline{AB} on $\vec{p} \times \vec{q}$

$$d = \frac{|\overline{AB} \cdot (\vec{p} \times \vec{q})|}{|\vec{p} \times \vec{q}|}$$

$$d = \frac{|-1 + 4 - 2|}{\sqrt{6}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}$$

3. Consider the integral $I = \int_0^{10} \frac{[x]e^{\{x\}}}{e^{x-1}} dx$ where $[x]$ denotes the greatest integer less than or equal to x .

Then the value of I is equal to:

(1) $45(e-1)$

(2) $45(e+1)$

(3) $9(e+1)$

(4) $9(e-1)$

Ans. Official Answer NTA (1)

Sol. $x \frac{dv}{dx} = \frac{-1-v^2}{2}$

$$I = \left[e \int_0^1 \frac{0}{e^{\{x\}}} dx + \int_1^2 \frac{1}{e^{\{x\}}} dx + \int_2^3 \frac{2}{e^{\{x\}}} dx + \dots + \int_9^{10} \frac{9}{e^{\{x\}}} dx \right]$$

$$I = e(0+1+2+\dots+9) \int_0^1 \frac{dx}{e^x}$$

$$I = 45e \int_0^1 e^{-x} dx$$

$$I = 45e \left[-e^{-x} \right]_0^1$$

$$I = 45e \left[-e^{-1} + 1 \right]$$

$$I = 45(e-1)$$



4. Let C_1 be the curve obtained by the solution of differential equation $2xy \frac{dy}{dx} = y^2 - x^2, x > 0$. Let the curve

C_2 be the solution of $\frac{2xy}{x^2 - y^2} = \frac{dy}{dx}$. If both the curves pass through $(1, 1)$, then the area enclosed by the

curves C_1 and C_2 is equal to :

- (1) $\frac{\pi}{2} - 1$ (2) $\frac{\pi}{4} + 1$ (3) $\pi - 1$ (4) $\pi + 1$

Ans. Official Answer NTA (1)

Sol. $C_1 : \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{\left(\frac{y}{x}\right)^2 - 1}{2(y/x)}$

$y = vx$

$\frac{dy}{dx} = v + x \frac{dv}{dx}$

$v + x \frac{dv}{dx} = \frac{v^2 - 1}{2v} \Rightarrow x \frac{dv}{dx} = \frac{-1 - v^2}{2v}$

$\int \frac{2v}{v^2 + 1} dv = -\int \frac{dx}{x}$

$\ln(v^2 + 1) = -\ln x + \ln c$

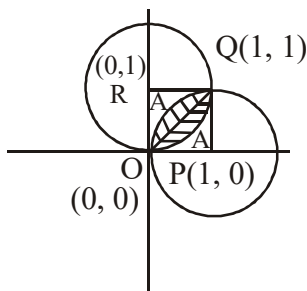
$x \left(\left(\frac{y}{x}\right)^2 + 1 \right) = C$

$x^2 + y^2 = Cx$ passes through $(1, 1)$

$C = 2$

$C_1 : x^2 + y^2 - 2x = 0$

Similarly $C_2 : x^2 + y^2 - 2y = 0$



$A = \text{Area of square} - \text{Area of sector OQR}$

$A = (1 \times 1) - \frac{1}{4} \times \pi \times (1)^2 = 1 - \frac{\pi}{4}$



$$\text{Required area} = (1 \times 1) - 2A$$

$$= \frac{\pi}{2} - 1$$

5. The least value of $|z|$ where z is complex number which satisfies the inequality

$$\exp\left(\frac{(|z|+3)(|z|-1)}{|z|+1} \log_e 2\right) \geq \log_{\sqrt{e}} |5\sqrt{7} + 9i|, i = \sqrt{-1} \text{ is equal to :}$$

- (1) 3 (2) 8 (3) 2 (4) $\sqrt{5}$

Ans. Official Answer NTA (1)

Sol. $(e^{\log_e 2})^{\frac{(|z|+3)(|z|-1)}{|z|+1}} \geq \log_{\sqrt{e}} 2^4$

$$2^{\frac{(|z|+3)(|z|-1)}{|z|+1}} \geq 2^3$$

$$\frac{(|z|+3)(|z|-1)}{|z|+1} \geq 3$$

$$|z|^2 - |z| - 6 \geq 0$$

$$(|z| - 3)(|z| + 2) \geq 0 \Rightarrow |z| \geq 3 \quad (|z| \geq 0)$$

$$|z| \in [3, \infty)$$

$$|z|_{\min} = 3$$

6. Let $A = \{2, 3, 4, 5, \dots, 30\}$ and \simeq be an equivalence relation on $A \times A$, defined by $(a, b) \simeq (c, d)$, if and only if and only if $ad = bc$. Then the number of ordered pairs which satisfy this equivalence relation with ordered pair $(4, 3)$ is equal to :

- (1) 5 (2) 8 (3) 6 (4) 7

Ans. Official Answer NTA (4)

Sol. $(a, b) \simeq (c, d) \Leftrightarrow \frac{a}{b} = \frac{c}{d}$

$$\frac{4}{3} = \frac{8}{6} = \frac{12}{9} = \frac{16}{12} = \frac{20}{15} = \frac{24}{18} = \frac{28}{21}$$

Ordered pairs $(4, 3), (8, 6), (12, 9), (16, 12), (20, 15), (24, 18), (28, 21)$

Total = 7



7. Let f be a real valued function, defined on $\mathbb{R} - \{-1, 1\}$ and given by $f(x) = 3 \log_e \left| \frac{x-1}{x+1} \right| - \frac{2}{x-1}$. Then in which of the following intervals, function $f(x)$ is increasing ?

(1) $(-\infty, \infty) - \{-1, 1\}$

(2) $\left(-\infty, \frac{1}{2}\right] - \{-1\}$

(3) $\left(-1, \frac{1}{2}\right]$

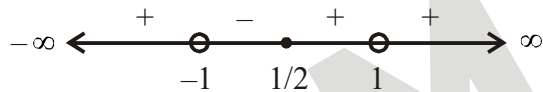
(4) $(-\infty, -1) \cup \left(\left[\frac{1}{2}, \infty\right) - \{1\}\right)$

Ans. Official Answer NTA (4)

Sol. $f(x) = 3 \ln(x-1) - 3 \ln(x+1) - \frac{2}{x-1}$

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

$$f'(x) = \frac{4(2x-1)}{(x-1)^2(x+1)} \geq 0$$



$$x \in (-\infty, -1) \cup \left(\left[\frac{1}{2}, \infty\right) - \{1\}\right)$$

8. The maximum value of $f(x) = \begin{vmatrix} \sin^2 x & 1 + \cos^2 x & \cos 2x \\ 1 + \sin^2 x & \cos^2 x & \cos 2x \\ \sin^2 x & \cos^2 x & \sin 2x \end{vmatrix}$, $x \in \mathbb{R}$ is :

(1) $\frac{3}{4}$

(2) $\sqrt{7}$

(3) $\sqrt{5}$

(4) 5

Ans. Official Answer NTA (3)

Sol. $f(x) = \begin{vmatrix} \sin^2 x & 1 + \cos^2 x & \cos 2x \\ 1 + \sin^2 x & \cos^2 x & \cos 2x \\ \sin^2 x & \cos^2 x & \sin 2x \end{vmatrix}$

$$C_1 \rightarrow C_1 + C_2$$

$$f(x) = \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 1 + \cos^2 x & \cos 2x \\ 2 & \cos^2 x & \cos 2x \\ 1 & \cos^2 x & \sin 2x \end{vmatrix}$$



$$R_1 \rightarrow R_1 - R_2$$

$$f(x) = \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & \cos^2 x & \cos 2x \\ 1 & \cos^2 x & \sin 2x \end{vmatrix}$$

$$f(x) = \cos 2x - 2\sin 2x$$

$$f(x) \in [-\sqrt{5}, \sqrt{5}] \Rightarrow f(x)_{\max} = \sqrt{5}$$

9. Let A(-1, 1), B(3, 4) and C(2, 0) be given three points. A line $y = mx$, $m > 0$, intersects lines AC and BC at point P and Q respectively. Let A_1 and A_2 be the areas of ΔABC and ΔPQC respectively, such that $A_1 = 3A_2$, then the value of m is equal to:

(1) $\frac{4}{15}$

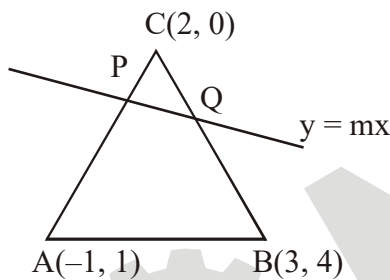
(2) 1

(3) 2

(4) 3

Ans. Official Answer NTA (2)

Sol.



Equation of AC $\Rightarrow x + 3y = 2$

Equation of BC $\Rightarrow 4x - y = 8$

$$P = \left(\frac{2}{3m+1}, \frac{2m}{3m+1} \right); Q = \left(\frac{8}{4-m}, \frac{8m}{4-m} \right)$$

$$A_1 = \frac{1}{2} \begin{vmatrix} -1 & 1 & 1 \\ 3 & 4 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$A_1 = \frac{13}{2}$$

$$A_2 = \frac{A_1}{3} = \frac{13}{6}$$



$$\frac{1}{2} \left| \begin{array}{ccc|c} 2 & 0 & 1 & \\ \hline 2 & 2m & 1 & 13 \\ 3m+1 & 3m+1 & & \\ \hline 8 & 8m & & \\ 4-m & 4-m & & 1 \end{array} \right| = \frac{13}{6}$$

$$\frac{1}{(3m+1)(4-m)} \left| \begin{array}{ccc|c} 2 & 0 & 1 & \\ \hline 2 & 2m & 3m+1 & 13 \\ 8 & 8m & 4-m & \\ \hline & & & 1 \end{array} \right| = \pm \frac{13}{3}$$

$$(+) \Rightarrow m^2 + 11m + 4 = 0 \quad (D < 0)$$

$$(-) \Rightarrow 7m^2 - 11m - 4 = 0 \Rightarrow m = 1 \text{ or } \frac{-4}{7} \quad (m > 0)$$

$$\Rightarrow m = 1$$

10. Let C be the locus of the mirror image of a point on the parabola $y^2 = 4x$ with respect to the line $y = x$.

Then the equation of tangent to C at P(2, 1) is

- (1) $x + 2y = 4$ (2) $2x + y = 4$ (3) $x - y = 1$ (4) $x + 3y = 5$

Ans. Official Answer NTA (3)

Sol. Image of $y^2 = 4x$ in the line $y = x$ is

$$C : x^2 = 4y$$

Equation of tangent at P(2, 1)

$$T = 0 \Rightarrow x \cdot 2 = 4 \left(\frac{y+1}{2} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow x - y = 1$$

11. Let $\vec{a} = \hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 3\hat{k}$ and $\vec{b} = 2\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 5\hat{k}$. If $\vec{r} \times \vec{a} = \vec{b} \times \vec{r}$, $\vec{r} \cdot (\alpha\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}) = 3$ and $\vec{r} \cdot (2\hat{i} + 5\hat{j} - \alpha\hat{k}) = -1$, $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$,

then the value of $\alpha + |\vec{r}|^2$ is equal to :

- (1) 15 (2) 13 (3) 11 (4) 9

Ans. Official Answer NTA (1)

Sol. $\vec{r} \times \vec{a} = \vec{b} \times \vec{r}$

$$\vec{r} \times \vec{a} + \vec{r} \times \vec{b} = \vec{0}$$

$$\vec{r} \times (\vec{a} + \vec{b}) = \vec{0}$$



$$\vec{r} = \lambda(\vec{a} + \vec{b})$$

$$\vec{r} = \lambda(3\vec{i} - \vec{j} + 2\vec{k})$$

$$\vec{r} \cdot (\alpha\vec{i} + 2\vec{j} + \vec{k}) = 3$$

$$\lambda(3\alpha - 2 + 2) = 3 \Rightarrow \lambda(3\alpha) = 3 \Rightarrow \lambda\alpha = 1 \quad \dots (i)$$

$$\vec{r} \cdot (2\vec{i} + 5\vec{j} - \alpha\vec{k}) = -1$$

$$\lambda(6 - 5 - 2\alpha) = -1 \Rightarrow \lambda(1 - 2\alpha) = -1 \quad \dots (ii)$$

From (i) and (ii)

$$\alpha = 1, \lambda = 1$$

$$\vec{r} = 3\vec{i} - \vec{j} + 2\vec{k}$$

$$\alpha + |\vec{r}|^2 = 1 + 14 = 15$$

12. Let $P(x) = x^2 + bx + c$ be a quadratic polynomial with real coefficients such that $\int_0^1 P(x)dx = 1$ and $P(x)$ leaves remainder 5 when it is divided by $(x-2)$. That the value of $9(b+c)$ is equal to :

(1) 7

(2) 9

(3) 11

(4) 15

Ans. Official Answer NTA (1)

Sol. $P(x) = x^2 + bx + c$

$$\int_0^1 (x^2 + bx + c)dx = 1$$

$$\frac{1}{3} + \frac{b}{2} + c = 1$$

$$3b + 6c = 4 \quad \dots (i)$$

$$P(2) = 5$$

$$4 + 2b + c = 5$$

$$2b + c = 1 \quad \dots (ii)$$

From (i) and (ii)

$$b = \frac{2}{9}, c = \frac{5}{9}$$

$$b + c = \frac{7}{9}$$

$$9(b + c) = 7$$



13. Let $f: S \rightarrow S$ where $S = (0, \infty)$ be a twice differentiable function such that $f(x+1) = xf(x)$. If $g: S \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be defined as $g(x) = \log f(x)$, then the value of $|g''(5) - g''(1)|$ is equal to :

- (1) 1 (2) $\frac{205}{144}$ (3) $\frac{197}{144}$ (4) $\frac{187}{144}$

Ans. Official Answer NTA (2)

Sol. $f(x+1) = x f(x)$
 $\ln(x+1) = \ln x + \ln(x)$
 $g(x+1) = \ln x + g(x)$
 $g(x+1) - g(x) = \ln x$
 $g'(x+1) - g'(x) = 1/x$
 $g''(x+1) - g''(x) = -1/x^2$

$$x = 4 \quad g''(5) - g''(4) = \frac{-1}{16}$$

$$x = 3 \quad g''(4) - g''(3) = \frac{-1}{9}$$

$$x = 2 \quad g''(3) - g''(2) = \frac{-1}{4}$$

$$x = 1 \quad g''(2) - g''(1) = \frac{-1}{1}$$

$$g''(5) - g''(1) = -\left(1 + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{9} + \frac{1}{16}\right)$$

$$|g''(5) - g''(1)| = \frac{205}{144}$$

14. Let the lengths of intercepts on x-axis and y-axis made by the circle $x^2 + y^2 + ax + 2ay + c = 0$. ($a < 0$) be $2\sqrt{2}$ be $2\sqrt{5}$, respectively. Then the shortest distance from origin to a tangent to this circle which is perpendicular to the line $x + 2y = 0$, is equal to :

- (1) $\sqrt{6}$ (2) $\sqrt{11}$ (3) $\sqrt{7}$ (4) $\sqrt{10}$

Ans. Official Answer NTA (1)

Sol. $C : x^2 + y^2 + ax + 2ay + c = 0$

$$X\text{-intercept} = 2\sqrt{g^2 - c} = 2\sqrt{2}$$

$$g^2 - c = 2$$



$$\frac{a^2}{4} - c = 2 \quad \dots (i)$$

$$Y - \text{intercept} = 2\sqrt{f^2 - c} = 2\sqrt{5}$$

$$f^2 - c = 5$$

$$a^2 - c = 5 \quad \dots (ii)$$

From (i) and (ii)

$$a = -2 \text{ or } 2 \quad (a < 0)$$

$$a = -2$$

$$c = -1$$

$$c : x^2 + y^2 - 2x - 4y - 1 = 0$$

$$c : (x - 1)^2 + (y - 2)^2 = 6$$

Equation of tangent perpendicular to the line $x + 2y = 0$ is

$$\Rightarrow 2x - y + \lambda = 0$$

By applying condition of tangency

$$\Rightarrow \left| \frac{-2 + 2 + \lambda}{\sqrt{5}} \right| = \sqrt{6}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2x - y \pm \sqrt{30} = 0$$

$$\text{Perpendicular distance from origin} = \left| \frac{0 - 0 \pm \sqrt{30}}{\sqrt{5}} \right| = \sqrt{6}$$

15. Consider a rectangle ABCD having 5, 7, 6, 9 points in the interior of the line segments AB, CD, BC, DA respectively. Let α be the number of triangles having these points from different sides as vertices and β be the number of quadrilaterals having these points from different sides as vertices. Then $(\beta - \alpha)$ is equal to :

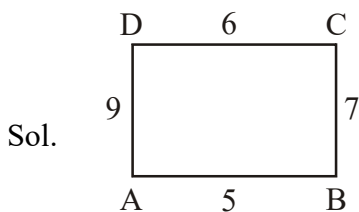
(1) 1890

(2) 717

(3) 1173

(4) 795

Ans. Official Answer NTA (2)



$$\alpha = {}^5C_1 \cdot {}^7C_1 \cdot {}^6C_1 + {}^7C_1 \cdot {}^6C_1 \cdot {}^9C_1 + {}^6C_1 \cdot {}^9C_1 \cdot {}^5C_1 + {}^9C_1 \cdot {}^5C_1 \cdot {}^7C_1$$

$$\alpha = 1173$$



$$\beta = {}^5C_1 \cdot {}^7C_1 \cdot {}^6C_1 \cdot {}^9C_1$$

$$\beta = 1890$$

$$\beta - \alpha = 717$$

16. If (x, y, z) be an arbitrary point lying on a plane P which passes through the points $(42, 0, 0)$, $(0, 42, 0)$ and $(0, 0, 42)$, then the value of the expression

$$3 + \frac{x-11}{(y-19)^2(z-12)^2} + \frac{y-19}{(x-11)^2(z-12)^2} + \frac{z-12}{(x-11)^2(y-19)^2} - \frac{x+y+z}{14(x-11)(y-19)(z-12)}$$
 is equal to :

(1) -45

(2) 39

(3) 3

(4) 0

Ans. Official Answer NTA (3)

Sol. P : $x + y + z = 42$

$$(x-11) + (y-19) + (z-12) = 0$$

Let $x-11 = a$

$$y-19 = b$$

$$z-12 = c$$

$$a + b + c = 0$$

$$3 + \frac{a}{b^2c^2} + \frac{b}{a^2c^2} + \frac{c}{a^2b^2} - \frac{42}{14abc}$$

$$\Rightarrow 3 + \frac{a^3 + b^3 + c^3}{a^2b^2c^2} - \frac{3}{abc}$$

$$\Rightarrow 3 + \frac{3abc}{a^2b^2c^2} - \frac{3}{abc}$$

$$\Rightarrow 3$$

17. If $y = y(x)$ is the solution of the differential equation $\frac{dy}{dx} + (\tan x)y = \sin x, 0 \leq x \leq \frac{\pi}{3}$ with $y(0) = 0$, then

$$y\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right)$$
 equal to :

(1) $\left(\frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}}\right) \log_e 2$

(2) $\frac{1}{4} \log_e 2$

(3) $\log_e 2$

(4) $\frac{1}{2} \log_e 2$

Ans. Official Answer NTA (1)

Sol. $\frac{dy}{dx} + (\tan x)y = \sin x$ (LDE)

$$\text{IF} = e^{\int \tan x \, dx} = \sec x$$



$$y \cdot \sec x = \int \sin x \cdot \sec x \, dx$$

$$y \sec x = \ln(\sec x) + C$$

$$y(0) = 0 \Rightarrow C = 0$$

$$y = \cos x \cdot \ln(\sec x)$$

$$y\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \ln \sqrt{2} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} \ln 2$$

18. Let $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ be such that the function $f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{\cos^{-1}(1-\{x\}^2) \sin^{-1}(1-\{x\})}{\{x\} - \{x\}^3}, & x \neq 0 \\ \alpha, & x = 0 \end{cases}$ is continuous at $x = 0$,

where $\{x\} = x - [x]$, $[x]$ is the greatest integer less than or equal to x . then :

- (1) $\alpha = 0$ (2) $\alpha = \frac{\pi}{4}$ (3) $\alpha = \frac{\pi}{\sqrt{2}}$ (4) No such α exists

Ans. Official Answer NTA (4)

Sol. $f(0^-) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{\cos^{-1}(1-\{x\}^2) \sin^{-1}(1-\{x\})}{\{x\}(1+\{x\})(1-\{x\})}$

$$f(0^-) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{\cos^{-1}(0)}{1 \cdot (1+1)} \cdot \left(\frac{\sin^{-1}(1-\{x\})}{(1-\{x\})} \right)$$

$$f(0^-) = \frac{\pi}{4}$$

$$f(0^+) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\cos^{-1}(1-x^2) \sin^{-1}(1-x)}{x(1-x^2)}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\cos^{-1}(1-x^2)}{x} \cdot \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$\text{Let } \cos^{-1}(1-x^2) = \theta$$

$$1-x^2 = \cos \theta$$

$$x = \sqrt{1-\cos \theta} = \sqrt{2} \sin \frac{\theta}{2}$$

$$f(0^+) = \lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\theta}{\sqrt{2} \sin \frac{\theta}{2}} \cdot \frac{\pi}{2} = \frac{\pi}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$f(0^-) \neq f(0^+)$$

No such α exists

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19. If the points of intersections of the ellipse $\frac{x^2}{16} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1$ and the circle $x^2 + y^2 = 4b$, $b > 4$ lie on the curve $y^2 = 3x^2$, then b is equal to :
- (1) 10 (2) 5 (3) 12 (4) 6

Ans. Official Answer NTA (3)

Sol. $C_1 : \frac{x^2}{16} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1$

$C_2 : x^2 + y^2 = 4b$ ($b > 4$)

$C_3 : y^2 = 3x^2$

From C_2 and C_3

$x^2 = b$

$y^2 = 3b$, putting b in C_1

$\frac{b}{16} + \frac{3b}{b^2} = 1$

$b = 4$ or 12 ($b > 4$)

$b = 12$

20. Given that the inverse trigonometric functions take principal values only. Then, the number of real values of x which satisfy $\sin^{-1}\left(\frac{3x}{5}\right) + \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{4x}{5}\right) = \sin^{-1} x$ is equal to :
- (1) 0 (2) 1 (3) 3 (4) 2

Ans. Official Answer NTA (3)

Sol. $\sin^{-1}\left(\frac{3x}{5}\right) + \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{4x}{5}\right) = \sin^{-1} x$

$\sin\left(\sin^{-1}\left(\frac{3x}{5}\right) + \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{4x}{5}\right)\right) = \sin(\sin^{-1} x)$

$\frac{3x}{5} \sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{4x}{5}\right)^2} + \frac{4x}{5} \sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{3x}{5}\right)^2} = x$

$x = 0$ or

$3\sqrt{25 - 16x^2} + 4\sqrt{25 - 9x^2} = 25$

$x^2 = 1 \Rightarrow x = \pm 1$

We can cross check by putting $x = 0, 1, -1$ in given equation.

Number of values = 3



1. For real numbers α, β, γ and δ if

$$\int \frac{(x^2 - 1) + \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{x^2 + 1}{x}\right)}{(x^4 + 3x^2 + 1) \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{x^2 + 1}{x}\right)} dx$$

$$= \alpha \log_e \left(\tan^{-1}\left(\frac{x^2 + 1}{x}\right) \right) + \beta \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{\gamma(x^2 - 1)}{x}\right) + \delta \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{x^2 + 1}{x}\right) + C$$

where C is an arbitrary constant, then the value of $10(\alpha + \beta\gamma + \delta)$ is equal to _____.

Ans. Official Answer NTA (6)

Sol.

$$I = \int \frac{(x^2 - 1)}{(x^4 + 3x^2 + 1) \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{x^2 + 1}{x}\right)} dx + \int \frac{dx}{(x^4 + 3x^2 + 1)}$$

$$I = \int \frac{\left(1 - \frac{1}{x^2}\right) dx}{\left(x^2 + 3 + \frac{1}{x^2}\right) \tan^{-1}\left(x + \frac{1}{x}\right)} + \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{(x^2 + 1) - (x^2 - 1)}{(x^4 + 3x^2 + 1)} dx$$

$$I = \int \frac{\left(1 - \frac{1}{x^2}\right) dx}{\left(\left(x + \frac{1}{x}\right)^2 + 1\right) \tan^{-1}\left(x + \frac{1}{x}\right)} + \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{x^2 + 1}{(x^4 + 3x^2 + 1)} dx - \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{x^2 - 1}{x^4 + 3x^2 + 1} dx$$

$$I = \ln \left(\tan^{-1}\left(x + \frac{1}{x}\right) \right) + \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{1 + \frac{1}{x^2}}{\left(x - \frac{1}{x}\right)^2 + (\sqrt{5})^2} dx - \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{1 - \frac{1}{x^2}}{\left(x + \frac{1}{x}\right)^2 + 1} dx$$

$$I = \ln \left(\tan^{-1}\left(\frac{x^2 + 1}{x}\right) \right) + \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{x - \frac{1}{x}}{\sqrt{5}}\right) - \frac{1}{2} \tan^{-1}\left(x + \frac{1}{x}\right) + C$$

$$I = \ln \left(\tan^{-1}\left(\frac{x^2 + 1}{x}\right) \right) + \frac{1}{2\sqrt{5}} \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{\frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}(x^2 - 1)}{x}\right) - \frac{1}{2} \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{x^2 + 1}{x}\right) + C$$

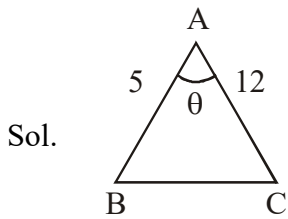


$$\alpha = 1, \beta = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{5}}, \gamma = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}, \delta = \frac{-1}{2}$$

$$10(\alpha + \beta + \gamma + \delta) = 6$$

2. In ΔABC , the lengths of sides AC and AB are 12 cm and 5 cm, respectively. If the area of ΔABC is 30 cm^2 and R and r are respectively the radii of circumcircle and incircle of ΔABC , then the value of $2R + r$ (in cm) is equal to _____.

Ans. Official Answer NTA (15)



$$\Delta = \frac{1}{2} \times 5 \times 12 \times \sin \theta = 30$$

$$\sin \theta = 1 \Rightarrow \theta = \pi/2$$

$$BC = 13$$

$$s = \frac{5+12+13}{2}$$

$$s = 15$$

$$r = \frac{\Delta}{s} = 2$$

$$R = \frac{abc}{4\Delta} = \frac{5 \times 12 \times 13}{4 \times 30} = \frac{13}{2}$$

$$2R + r = 13 + 2 = 15$$

3. Let $\frac{1}{16}$, a and b be in G.P. and $\frac{1}{a}, \frac{1}{b}, 6$ be in A.P. in A.P. where a, b > 0. then $72(a + b)$ is equal to _____.

Ans. Official Answer NTA (14)

Sol. $\frac{1}{16}$, a, b are in G.P.

$$a^2 = \frac{b}{16} \Rightarrow b = 16a^2 \dots (i)$$

$\frac{1}{a}, \frac{1}{b}, 6$ are in A.P.



$$\frac{2}{b} = \frac{1}{a} + 6$$

$$\frac{2}{16a^2} = \frac{1}{a} + 6$$

$$48a^2 + 8a - 1 = 0$$

$$a = \frac{1}{12} \text{ or } \frac{-1}{4} (a > 0)$$

$$a = \frac{1}{12}, b = \frac{1}{9}$$

$$72(a + b) = 14$$

4. Consider the statistics of two sets of observations as follows:

	Size	Mean	Variance
Observation I	10	2	2
Observation II	n	3	1

If the variance of the combined set of these two observations is $\frac{17}{9}$, then the value of n is equal to _____.

Ans. Official Answer NTA (5)

Sol. For observation I :

$$\sum x_i = 10 \times 2 = 20$$

$$\sigma^2 = \frac{\sum x_i^2}{10} - (2)^2 = 2$$

$$\sum x_i^2 = 60$$

For observation II :

$$\sum x_i = n \times 3 = 3n$$

$$\sigma^2 = \frac{\sum x_i^2}{n} - (3)^2 = 1$$

$$\sum x_i^2 = 10n$$

For combined (n + 10) observations

$$\sum x_i = 20 + 3n$$

$$\sum x_i^2 = 60 + 10n$$



$$\sigma^2 = \left(\frac{60+10n}{n+10} \right) - \left(\frac{20+3n}{n+10} \right)^2 = \frac{17}{9}$$

$$n = 5$$

5. Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \end{bmatrix}$ and $B = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \end{bmatrix}$ be two 2×1 matrices with real entries such that $A = XB$, where $X = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & k \end{bmatrix}$ and $k \in \mathbb{R}$. If $a_1^2 + a_2^2 = \frac{2}{3}(b_1^2 + b_2^2)$ and $(k^2 + 1)b_2^2 \neq -2b_1b_2$ then the value of k is _____.

Ans. Official Answer NTA (1)

Sol. $A = XB$

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & k \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$a_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}(b_1 - b_2)$$

$$a_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}(b_1 + kb_2)$$

$$a_1^2 + a_2^2 = \frac{1}{3} \{ (b_1 - b_2)^2 + (b_1 + kb_2)^2 \}$$

$$\frac{2}{3}(b_1^2 + b_2^2) = \frac{1}{3} \{ (b_1 - b_2)^2 + (b_1 + kb_2)^2 \}$$

$$2(b_1^2 + b_2^2) = \{ (b_1 - b_2)^2 + (b_1 + kb_2)^2 \}$$

$$k = 1$$

6. Let $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and $g: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be defined as $f(x) = \begin{cases} x+a, & x < 0 \\ |x-a|, & x \geq 0 \end{cases}$ and $g(x) = \begin{cases} x+1, & x < 0 \\ (x-1)^2 + b, & x \geq 0 \end{cases}$ where

a, b are non-negative real numbers. If $(g \circ f)(x)$ is continuous for all $x \in \mathbb{R}$, then $a + b$ is equal to _____.

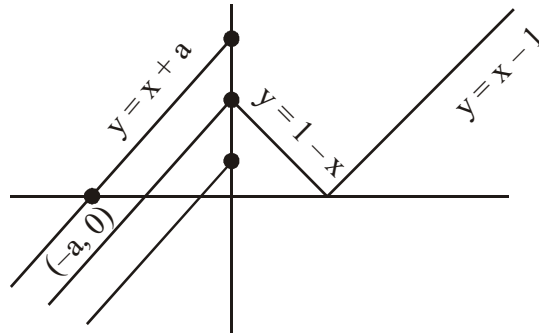
Ans. Official Answer NTA (1)

Sol. $f(x) = \begin{cases} x+a & x < 0 \\ |x-a| & x \geq 0 \end{cases}$

$$g(x) = \begin{cases} x+1 & x < 0 \\ (x-1)^2 + b & x \geq 0 \end{cases}$$



$$g(f(x)) = \begin{cases} f(x)+1 & f(x) < 0 \\ (f(x)-1)^2 + b & f(x) \geq 0 \end{cases}$$



$$g(f(x)) = \begin{cases} (x+a)+1 & x < -a \\ ((x+a)-1)^2 + b & -a \leq x < 0 \\ ((|x-1|)-1)^2 + b & 0 \leq x \end{cases}$$

For $g(f(x))$ to be continuous

$$g(f(-a^-)) = g(f(-a^+)) = g(f(-a))$$

$$\text{and } g(f(0^-)) = g(f(0^+)) = g(f(0))$$

$$1 = 1 + b \Rightarrow b = 0$$

$$(a-1)^2 + b = b \Rightarrow a = 1$$

$$a + b = 1$$

7. Let n be a positive integer. Let $A = \sum_{k=0}^n (-1)^k n C_k \left[\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^k + \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^k + \left(\frac{7}{8}\right)^k + \left(\frac{15}{16}\right)^k + \left(\frac{31}{32}\right)^k \right]$.

If $63A = 1 - \frac{1}{2^{30}}$, then n is equal to :

Ans. Official Answer NTA (6)

Sol. $A = \sum_{k=0}^n (-1)^k n C_k \left[\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^k + \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^k + \left(\frac{7}{8}\right)^k + \left(\frac{15}{16}\right)^k + \left(\frac{31}{32}\right)^k \right]$

$$A = \left(1 - \frac{1}{2}\right)^n + \left(1 - \frac{3}{4}\right)^n + \left(1 - \frac{7}{8}\right)^n + \left(1 - \frac{15}{16}\right)^n + \left(1 - \frac{31}{32}\right)^n$$

$$A = \frac{1}{2^n} + \frac{1}{4^n} + \frac{1}{8^n} + \frac{1}{16^n} + \frac{1}{32^n}$$

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$$A = \frac{1}{2^n} + \frac{1}{2^{2n}} + \frac{1}{2^{3n}} + \frac{1}{2^{4n}} + \frac{1}{2^{5n}}$$

$$A = \frac{\frac{1}{2^n} \left(\left(\frac{1}{2^n} \right)^5 - 1 \right)}{\left(\frac{1}{2^n} - 1 \right)}$$

$$A = \frac{1 - 2^{5n}}{2^{5n}(1 - 2^n)} = \frac{2^{5n} - 1}{2^{5n}(2^n - 1)}$$

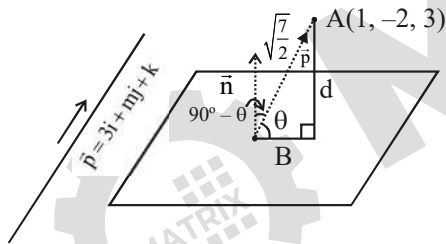
$$63A = \left(\frac{63}{2^n - 1} \right) \left(1 - \frac{1}{2^{5n}} \right) = 1 - \frac{1}{2^{30}}$$

$$n = 6$$

8. If the distance of the point $(1, -2, 3)$ from the plane $x + 2y - 3z + 10 = 0$ measured parallel to the line, $\frac{x-1}{3} = \frac{2-y}{m} = \frac{z+3}{1}$ is $\sqrt{\frac{7}{2}}$, then the value of $|m|$ is equal to _____.

Ans. Official Answer NTA (2)

Sol.



$$L: \frac{x-1}{3} = \frac{2-y}{m} = \frac{z+3}{1}$$

$$\vec{n} = i + 2j - 3k$$

$$x + 2y - 3z + 10 = 0$$

$$d = \left| \frac{1 - 4 - 9 + 10}{\sqrt{14}} \right| = \frac{2}{\sqrt{14}}$$

$$\sin \theta = \frac{d}{\sqrt{\frac{7}{2}}} = \frac{\frac{2}{\sqrt{14}}}{\sqrt{\frac{7}{2}}} = \frac{2}{7}$$

$$\cos(90^\circ - \theta) = \frac{\vec{n} \cdot \vec{p}}{|\vec{n}| |\vec{p}|}$$



$$\sin \theta = \frac{3 + 2m - 3}{\sqrt{14} \cdot \sqrt{10 + m^2}} = \frac{2}{7}$$

$$|m| = 2$$

9. Let $S_n(x) = \log_{a^{1/2}} x + \log_{a^{1/3}} x + \log_{a^{1/6}} x + \log_{a^{1/11}} x + \log_{a^{1/18}} x + \log_{a^{1/27}} x + \dots$ up to n -terms, where $a > 1$. If $S_{24}(x) = 1093$ and $S_{12}(2x) = 265$, then value of a is equal to _____ .

Ans. Official Answer NTA (16)

Sol. $S_n(x) = 2 \log_a x + 3 \log_a x + 6 \log_a x + 11 \log_a x + \dots$ n terms

$$S_n(x) = (2 + 3 + 6 + 11 + \dots + n \text{ terms}) \log_a x$$

$$\text{Let, } S = 2 + 3 + 6 + 11 + \dots + T_n$$

$$S = 2 + 3 + 6 + \dots + T_{n-1} + T_n$$

$$0 = 2 + (1 + 3 + 5 + \dots + (n-1) \text{ terms}) + T_n$$

$$T_n = 2 + (n-1)^2 = n^2 - 2n + 3$$

$$S = \Sigma (n^2 - 2n + 3) = \frac{n}{6} [2n^2 - 3n + 13]$$

$$S_n(x) = \frac{n}{6} (2n^2 - 3n + 13) \log_a x$$

$$S_{24}(x) = 4 \times 1093 \log_a x = 1093$$

$$\log_a x = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$S_{12}(2x) = 2 \times 265 (\log_a 2 + \log_a x) = 265$$

$$2 \left(\log_a 2 + \frac{1}{4} \right) = 1$$

$$\log_a 2 = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$a = 2^4 = 16$$



10. Let \vec{c} be a vector perpendicular to the vectors $\vec{a} = \hat{i} + \hat{j} - \hat{k}$ and $\vec{b} = \hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}$ if $\vec{c} \cdot (\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 3\hat{k}) = 8$ then the value of $\vec{c} \cdot (\vec{a} \times \vec{b})$ is equal to _____.

Ans. Official Answer NTA (28)

Sol. $\vec{c} = \lambda(\vec{a} \times \vec{b})$

$$\vec{a} = \hat{i} + \hat{j} - \hat{k}$$

$$\vec{b} = \hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}$$

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

$$\vec{c} = \lambda(3\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + \hat{k})$$

$$\vec{c} \cdot (\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 3\hat{k}) = 8$$

$$\lambda(3 - 2 + 3) = 8 \Rightarrow \lambda = 2$$

$$\vec{c} = 2(\vec{a} \times \vec{b})$$

$$\vec{c} \cdot (\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) = 2 |\vec{a} \times \vec{b}|^2 = 28$$