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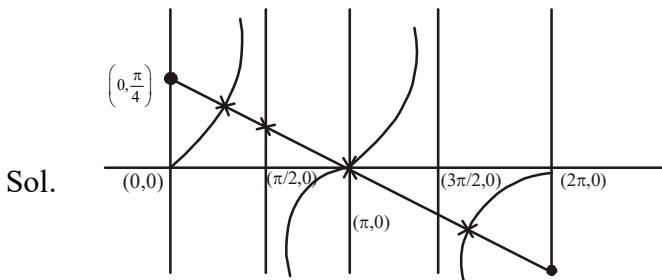
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1. The number of solutions of the equation $x + 2 \tan x = \frac{\pi}{2}$ in the interval $[0, 2\pi]$ is :

- (1) 4 (2) 5 (3) 2 (4) 3

Ans. Official Answer NTA (4)



$$x + 2 \tan x = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$2 \tan x = \frac{\pi}{2} - x$$

$$\tan x = \frac{\pi}{4} - \frac{x}{2}$$

If $y = \tan x$

$$y = \frac{\pi}{4} - \frac{x}{2}$$

Clearly both graphs are intersecting at three distinct points, hence number of solutions are 3.

2. Let S_1 , S_2 and S_3 be three sets defined as

$$S_1 = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z-1| \leq \sqrt{2}\}$$

$$S_2 = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : (\operatorname{Re}(1-i)z) \geq 1\}$$

$$S_3 = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : \operatorname{Im}(z) \leq 1\}$$

Then the set $S_1 \cap S_2 \cap S_3$:

- (1) has infinitely many elements (2) has exactly two elements
 (3) has exactly three elements (4) is a singleton



Ans. Official Answer NTA (1)

Sol.

For S_1

$$|z-1| \leq \sqrt{2}$$

$$|x+iy-1| \leq \sqrt{2}$$

$$(x-1)^2 + y^2 \leq 2$$

For S_2

$$\operatorname{Re}(1-i)Z \geq 1$$

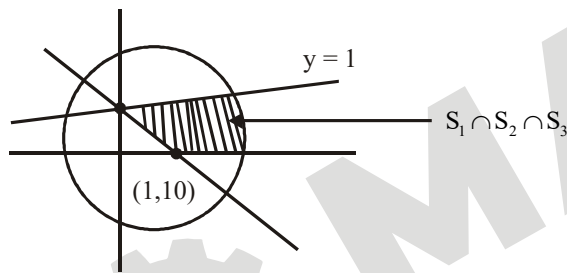
$$\operatorname{Re}((x+iy)(1-i)) \geq 1$$

$$x+y \geq 1$$

For S_3

$$\operatorname{Im}(z) \leq 1$$

$$y \leq 1$$



Hence no. of solution are infinite

3. If the integral $\int_0^{10} \frac{[\sin 2\pi x]}{e^{x-[x]}} dx = \alpha e^{-1} + \beta e^{-\frac{1}{2}} + \gamma$, where α, β, γ are integers and $[x]$ denotes the greatest integer less than or equal to x , then the value of $\alpha + \beta + \gamma$ is equal :

(1) 0

(2) 20

(3) 25

(4) 10

Ans. Official Answer NTA (1)

Sol.
$$I = \int_0^{10} \frac{[\sin 2\pi x]}{e^{x-[x]}} dx$$

$$I = \int_0^{10 \times 1} [\sin 2\pi x] e^{-\{x\}} dx$$

$$I = 10 \int_0^1 [\sin 2\pi x] e^{-\{x\}} dx$$

$$I = 10 \int_0^1 e^{-x} [\sin 2\pi x] dx$$

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$$I = 10 \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} e^{-x} \times 0 \, dx + 10 \int_{\frac{1}{2}}^1 e^{-x} (-1) \, dx$$

$$I = -10 \left(\frac{e^{-x}}{-1} \right) \Big|_{\frac{1}{2}}^1$$

$$I = 10 \left(e^{-1} - e^{-\frac{1}{2}} \right) = \alpha e^{-1} + \beta e^{-\frac{1}{2}} + \gamma$$

$$\alpha = 10$$

$$\beta = -10$$

$$\gamma = 0$$

$$\alpha + \beta + \gamma = 0$$

4. Let a computer program generate only the digit 0 and 1 to form a string of binary numbers with probability of occurrence of 0 at even places be $\frac{1}{2}$ and probability of occurrence of 0 at the odd place be $\frac{1}{3}$.

Then the probability that '10' is followed '01' is equal to:

- (1) $\frac{1}{9}$ (2) $\frac{1}{6}$ (3) $\frac{1}{3}$ (4) $\frac{1}{18}$

Ans. Official Answer NTA (1)

Sol. O E O E

0 1 1 0

or

E O E O

0 1 1 0

$$p = \frac{1}{3} \times \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{2}{3} \times \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{2}{3} \times \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{3}$$

$$p = \frac{1}{9}$$

5. The value of $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{[r] + [2r] + \dots + [nr]}{n^2}$, where r is non-zero real number and $[r]$ denotes the greatest integer less than or equal to r , is equal to:

- (1) $2r$ (2) 0 (3) r (4) $\frac{r}{2}$



Ans. Official Answer NTA (4)

Sol. By sandwich concept

$$x - 1 < [x] \leq x$$

$$1. r - 1 < [1. r] \leq 1. r$$

$$2. r - 1 < [2. r] \leq 2. r$$

$$n. r - 1 < [n. r] \leq n. r$$

By summation

$$r \frac{n(n+1)n}{2} - n < [r] + [2r] + \dots + [nr] \leq r(1 + 2 + \dots + n)$$

$$\frac{r(n+1)n}{2} - n < [r] + [2r] + \dots + [nr] \leq \frac{rn(n+1)}{2} \text{ division by } n^2$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{-n}{n^2} < \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{[r] + [2r] + \dots + [nr]}{n^2} \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{rn(n+1)}{2n^2}$$

$$\frac{r}{2} < \frac{[r] + [2r] + \dots + [nr]}{n^2} \leq \frac{r}{2}$$

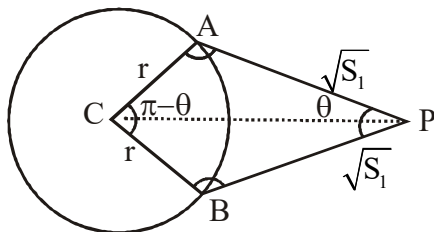
$$= \frac{r}{2}$$

6. Two tangents are drawn from a point P to the circle $x^2 + y^2 - 2x - 4y + 4 = 0$, such that angle between these tangents is $\tan^{-1}\left(\frac{12}{5}\right)$, where $\tan^{-1}\left(\frac{12}{5}\right) \in (0, \pi)$. If the centre of the circle is denoted by C and these tangents touch the circle at points A and B, then the ratio of the areas of ΔPAB and ΔCAB is :

- (1) 11 : 4 (2) 9 : 4 (3) 3 : 1 (4) 2 : 1

Ans. Official Answer NTA (2)

Sol.





$$(x-1)^2 + (y-2)^2 = 1$$

$$\Delta PAB = \frac{1}{2} S_1 \sin \theta$$

$$\Delta CAB = \frac{1}{2} r^2 \sin(\pi - \theta)$$

$$\text{We know } \tan \frac{\theta}{2} = \frac{r}{\sqrt{S_1}}$$

$$\tan \frac{\theta}{2} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{S_1}}$$

$$\tan \theta = \frac{12}{5}$$

$$\frac{2 \tan \frac{\theta}{2}}{1 - \tan^2 \frac{\theta}{2}} = \frac{12}{5}$$

$$\frac{2}{1 - \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{S_1}}\right)^2} = \frac{12}{5}$$

$$\text{hence } \sqrt{S_1} = \frac{3}{2}$$

$$S_1 = \frac{9}{4}$$

$$\text{Now } \frac{\Delta PAB}{\Delta CAB} = \frac{S_1}{r^2} = \frac{9}{4}$$

7. If the curve $y = y(x)$ is the solution of the differential equation $2\left(x^2 + x^{\frac{5}{4}}\right)dy - y\left(x + x^{\frac{1}{4}}\right)dx = 2x^{\frac{9}{4}}dx$,

$x > 0$ which passes through the point $\left(1, 1 - \frac{4}{3} \log_e 2\right)$, then the value of $y(16)$ is equal to:

- (1) $\left(\frac{31}{3} + \frac{8}{3} \log_e 3\right)$ (2) $4\left(\frac{31}{3} + \frac{8}{3} \log_e 3\right)$ (3) $4\left(\frac{31}{3} - \frac{8}{3} \log_e 3\right)$ (4) $\left(\frac{31}{3} - \frac{8}{3} \log_e 3\right)$



Ans. Official Answer NTA (3)

$$\text{Sol. } 2\left(x^2 + x^{\frac{5}{4}}\right) dy - y\left(x + x^{\frac{1}{4}}\right) dx = 2x^{9/4}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} - \frac{y}{2}\left(\frac{x + x^{1/4}}{x^2 + x^{5/4}}\right) = \frac{x^{9/4}}{x^2 + x^{5/4}}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} - \frac{y}{2}\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = \frac{x^{9/4}}{x^2 + x^{5/4}}$$

$$\text{I. F} = e^{\int -\frac{1}{2x} dx}$$

$$= e^{-\frac{1}{2}\ln x} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}}$$

$$y\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{x}}\right) = \int \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} \times \frac{x^{9/4}}{x^2 + x^{5/4}} dx$$

$$\frac{y}{\sqrt{x}} = \int \frac{x^{7/4} dx}{x(x + x^{1/4})}$$

$$\frac{y}{\sqrt{x}} = \int \frac{x^{3/4}}{x + x^{1/4}} dx$$

$$x = y^4$$

$$dx = 4y^3 dy$$

$$\frac{y}{\sqrt{x}} = \int \frac{4y^3 \times y^3}{y^4 + y} dy$$

$$\frac{y}{\sqrt{x}} = 4 \int \frac{y^5}{y^3 + 1} dy$$

$$y^3 = t$$

$$3y^2 dy = dt$$

$$y^2 dy = \frac{1}{3} dt$$

$$\frac{y}{\sqrt{x}} = \frac{4}{3} \int \frac{t}{1+t} dt$$

$$\frac{y}{\sqrt{x}} = \frac{4}{3} (t - \ln(1+t)) + C$$

$$\frac{y}{\sqrt{x}} = \frac{4}{3} (y^3 - \ln(1+y^3)) + C$$

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$$\frac{y}{\sqrt{x}} = \frac{4}{3} \left(x^{\frac{3}{4}} - \ln \left(1 + x^{\frac{3}{4}} \right) \right) + C$$

It passes through $\left(1, 1 - \frac{4}{3} \ln 2 \right)$

$$1 - \frac{4}{3} \ln 2 = \frac{4}{3} (1 - \ln 2) + C$$

$$C = -\frac{1}{3}$$

$$\frac{y}{\sqrt{x}} = \frac{4}{3} \left(x^{3/4} - \ln \left(1 + x^{3/4} \right) \right) - \frac{1}{3}$$

$$x = 16$$

$$\frac{y}{4} = \frac{4}{3} (8 - \ln(9)) - \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\frac{y}{4} = \frac{32}{3} - \frac{8}{3} \ln 3 - \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\frac{y}{4} = \frac{31}{3} - \frac{8}{3} \ln 3$$

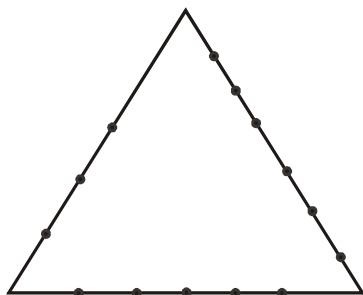
$$y = 4 \left(\frac{31}{3} - \frac{8}{3} \ln 3 \right)$$

8. If the sides AB, BC and CA of a triangle ABC have 3, 5 and 6 interior points respectively, then the total number of triangles that can be constructed using these points as vertices, is equal to :

- (1) 333 (2) 240 (3) 364 (4) 360

Ans. Official Answer NTA (1)

Sol.



$$= {}^{14}C_3 - {}^3C_3 - {}^5C_3 - {}^6C_3$$

$$= 364 - 1 - 10 - 20$$

$$= 333$$

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9. The value of $\sum_{r=0}^6 ({}^6C_r \cdot {}^6C_{6-r})$ is equal to :

- (1) 924 (2) 1324 (3) 1024 (4) 1124

Ans. Official Answer NTA (1)

Sol.
$$\sum_{r=0}^6 {}^6C_r \cdot {}^6C_{6-r}$$

$$= {}^6C_0 \cdot {}^6C_6 + {}^6C_1 \cdot {}^6C_5 + \dots + {}^6C_6 \cdot {}^6C_0$$

$$= {}^{12}C_6$$

$$= 924$$

10. Let $y = y(x)$ be the solution of the differential equation $\cos x(3 \sin x + \cos x + 3) dy = (1 + y \sin x (3 \sin x + \cos x + 3)) dx$, $0 \leq x \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$, $y(0) = 0$. Then, $y\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right)$ is equal to :

- (1) $2 \log_e \left(\frac{2\sqrt{3}+10}{11} \right)$ (2) $2 \log_e \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}+7}{2} \right)$
 (3) $2 \log_e \left(\frac{2\sqrt{3}+9}{6} \right)$ (4) $2 \log_e \left(\frac{3\sqrt{3}-8}{4} \right)$

Ans. Official Answer NTA (1)

Sol. $\cos x (3 \sin x + \cos x + 3) dy = 1 + y \sin x (3 \sin x + \cos x + 3) dx$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} + y(-\tan x) = \frac{1}{\cos x(3 \sin x + \cos x + 3)}$$

$$\int \tan x \, dx$$

$$\text{I.F.} = e^{-\int \tan x \, dx}$$

$$\text{I. F.} = \cos x$$

$$y(\text{I. F.}) = \int (\text{I.F.}) Q \, dx$$

$$y(\cos x) = \int \frac{\cos x \, dx}{\cos x(3 \sin x + \cos x + 3)}$$



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

$$y(\cos x) = \int \frac{\sec^2 \frac{x}{2} dx}{6 \tan \frac{x}{2} + \left(1 - \tan^2 \frac{x}{2} \right) + 3 \left(1 + \tan^2 \frac{x}{2} \right)}$$

$$y(\cos x) = \int \frac{\sec^2 \frac{x}{2} dx}{2 \tan^2 \frac{x}{2} + 6 \tan^2 \frac{x}{2} + 4}$$

$$y(\cos x) = \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{\sec^2 \frac{x}{2} dx}{\tan^2 \frac{x}{2} + 3 \tan \frac{x}{2} + 2}$$

$$\tan \frac{x}{2} = t$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \sec^2 \frac{x}{2} dx = dt$$

$$y(\cos x) = \int \frac{dt}{t^2 + 3t + 2}$$

$$y(\cos x) = \int \frac{dt}{\left(t + \frac{3}{2} \right)^2 - \left(\frac{1}{2} \right)^2}$$

$$y(\cos x) = \frac{1}{2 \times \frac{1}{2}} \ln \left| \frac{2t + 3 - 1}{2t + 3 + 1} \right| + C$$

$$y(\cos x) = \ln \left| \frac{2t + 2}{2t + 4} \right| + C$$

$$y(\cos x) = \ln \left| \frac{t + 1}{t + 2} \right| + C$$



$$y(\cos x) = \ln \left| \frac{\tan \frac{x}{2} + 1}{\tan \frac{x}{2} + 2} \right| + C$$

$$x = 0 \text{ then } y = 0$$

$$0 = \ln \left| \frac{1}{2} \right| + C$$

$$y(\cos x) = \ln \left| \frac{\tan \frac{x}{2} + 1}{\tan \frac{x}{2} + 2} \right| - \ln \frac{1}{2}$$

$$y \times \frac{1}{2} = \ln \left| \frac{\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} + 1}{\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} + 2} \right| - \ln \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\frac{y}{2} = \ln \left| \frac{1 + \sqrt{3}}{1 + 2\sqrt{3}} \right| - \ln \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\frac{y}{2} = \ln \left| \frac{\sqrt{3} + 1}{2\sqrt{3} + 1} \times \frac{2\sqrt{3} - 1}{2\sqrt{3} - 1} \right| - \ln \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\frac{y}{2} = \ln \left| \frac{5 + \sqrt{3}}{11} \right| - \ln \frac{1}{2}$$

$$y = 2 \ln \left| \frac{10 + 2\sqrt{3}}{11} \right|$$

11. If the equation of plane passing through the mirror image of a point (2, 3, 1) with respect to line $\frac{x+1}{2}$

$$= \frac{y-3}{1} = \frac{z+2}{-1} \text{ and containing the line } \frac{x-2}{3} = \frac{1-y}{2} = \frac{z+1}{1} \text{ is } \alpha x + \beta y + \gamma z = 24, \text{ then } \alpha + \beta + \gamma \text{ is}$$

equal to:

(1) 19

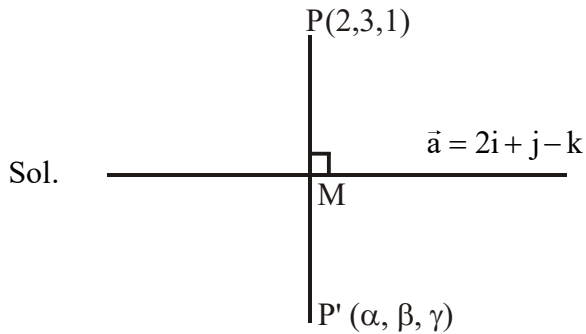
(2) 20

(3) 21

(4) 18



Ans. Official Answer NTA (1)



$$M(2\lambda - 1, \lambda + 3, -\lambda - 2)$$

$$\overrightarrow{PM} = (2\lambda - 3)\mathbf{i} + \lambda\mathbf{j} - (\lambda + 3)\mathbf{k}$$

$$\overrightarrow{PM} \cdot \vec{a} = 0$$

$$2(2\lambda - 3) + \lambda(1) + (\lambda + 3) = 0$$

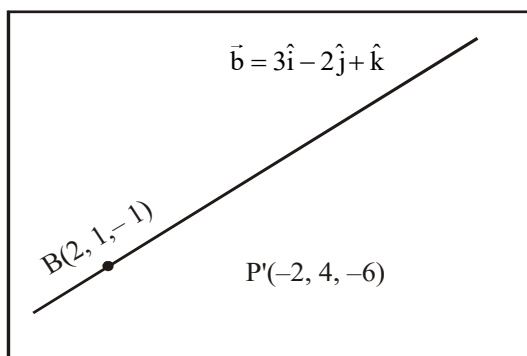
$$6\lambda - 3 = 0$$

$$\lambda = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$M\left(0, \frac{7}{2}, -\frac{5}{2}\right)$$

$$\frac{\alpha + 2}{2} = 0, \quad \frac{\beta + 3}{2} = \frac{7}{2}, \quad \frac{\gamma + 1}{2} = -\frac{5}{2}$$

$$\alpha = -2; \quad \beta = 4 \quad \gamma = -6$$



$$\overrightarrow{BP'} = -4\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} - 5\hat{k}$$



Normal vector to plane $\vec{n} = \overline{BP'} \times \vec{b}$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ -4 & 3 & -5 \\ 3 & -2 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \hat{i}(3 - 10) - \hat{j}(-4 + 15) + \hat{k}(-1)$$

$$= -7\hat{i} - 11\hat{j} - \hat{k}$$

plane

$$\vec{r} \cdot \vec{n} = \vec{a} \cdot \vec{n}$$

$$(x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} + z\hat{k}) \cdot (-7\hat{i} - 11\hat{j} - \hat{k}) = -7 - 11 - 1$$

$$-7x - 11y - z = -24$$

$$7x + 11y + z = 24$$

$$\alpha x + \beta y + \gamma z = \alpha \cdot 4$$

$$\alpha + \beta + \gamma = 7 + 11 + 1 = 19$$

12. The value of the limit $\lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \frac{\tan(\pi \cos^2 \theta)}{\sin(2\pi \sin^2 \theta)}$ is equal to :

- (1) 0 (2) $\frac{1}{4}$ (3) $-\frac{1}{2}$ (4) $-\frac{1}{4}$

Ans. Official Answer NTA (3)

Sol. $\lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \frac{\tan(\pi \cos^2 \theta)}{\sin(2\pi \sin^2 \theta)}$

$$\lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \frac{-\tan(\pi - \pi \cos^2 \theta)}{\sin(2\pi \sin^2 \theta)}$$

$$\lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \frac{-\pi(1 - \cos^2 \theta)}{\sin(2\pi \sin^2 \theta)}$$

$$\lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \frac{-(2\pi \sin^2 \theta)}{\sin(2\pi \sin^2 \theta)} \times \frac{1}{2}$$

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

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13. If the Boolean expression $(p \wedge q) \circledast (p \otimes q)$ and \circledast are \otimes respectively given :

- (1) \rightarrow, \rightarrow (2) \wedge, \vee (3) \wedge, \rightarrow (4) \wedge, \rightarrow

Ans. Official Answer NTA (1)

Sol. $(p \wedge q) \circledast (p \otimes q) \Rightarrow$ is a tautology

by option (A)

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

p	q	$p \wedge q$	$p \rightarrow q$	$(p \wedge q) \rightarrow (p \rightarrow q)$
T	T	T	T	T
T	F	F	F	T
F	T	F	T	T
F	F	F	T	T

14. Let $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be defined as $f(x) = e^{-x} \sin x$. If $F : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is differential function such that $F(x) =$

$\int_0^x f(t) dt$, then the value $\int_0^1 (F'(x) + f(x)) e^x dx$ of of lies in the interval.

- (1) $\left[\frac{330}{360}, \frac{331}{360} \right]$ (2) $\left[\frac{331}{360}, \frac{334}{360} \right]$ (3) $\left[\frac{335}{360}, \frac{336}{360} \right]$ (4) $\left[\frac{327}{360}, \frac{329}{360} \right]$

Ans. Official Answer NTA (1)

Sol. $f(x) = e^{-x} \sin x$

$$F(x) = \int_0^x f(t) dt$$

$$F'(x) = f(x)$$

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

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

$$I = \int_0^1 2(e^{-x} \sin x) e^x dx$$

$$I = 2 \int_0^1 \sin x dx$$

Now by approximation

$$x - \frac{x^3}{3!} \leq \sin x \leq x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!}$$



$$\int_0^1 \left(x - \frac{x^3}{3!} \right) dx \leq \int_0^1 \sin x \, dx \leq \int_0^1 \left(x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} \right) dx$$

$$\frac{11}{24} \leq \int_0^1 \sin x \, dx \leq \frac{331}{720}$$

$$\frac{11}{12} \leq 2 \int_0^1 \sin x \, dx \leq \frac{331}{360}$$

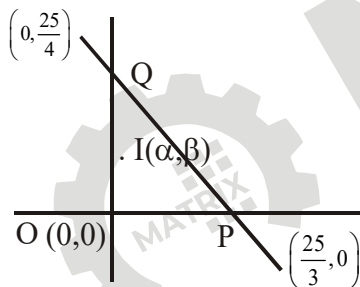
$$\frac{331}{360} \leq 2 \int_0^1 \sin x \, dx \leq \frac{331}{360}$$

15. Let the tangent to the circle $x^2 + y^2 = 25$ at the point $R(3, 4)$ meet x-axis and y-axis at points P and Q, respectively. If r is the radius of the circle passing through the origin O and having centre at the incentre of the triangle OPQ, then r^2 is equal to :

- (1) $\frac{585}{66}$ (2) $\frac{625}{72}$ (3) $\frac{125}{72}$ (4) $\frac{529}{64}$

Ans. Official Answer NTA (2)

Sol.



tangent $T = 0$

$$3x + 4y = 25$$

$$P \left(\frac{25}{3}, 0 \right)$$

$$Q \left(0, \frac{25}{4} \right)$$

$$\alpha = \frac{25}{12}$$



$$\beta = \frac{25}{12}$$

$$r = IO$$

$$r = \sqrt{\frac{625}{144} + \frac{625}{144}}$$

$$r^2 = \frac{625}{72}$$

16. Consider the function $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ defined by $f(x) = \begin{cases} \left(2 \sin\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)\right) |x|, & x \neq 0 \\ 0, & x = 0 \end{cases}$. Then f is:

- (1) monotonic on $(-\infty, 0)$ only
- (2) monotonic on $(0, \infty)$ only
- (3) not monotonic on $(-\infty, 0)$ and $(0, \infty)$
- (4) monotonic on $(-\infty, 0) \cup (0, \infty)$

Ans. Official Answer NTA (3)

Sol. $f(x) = \begin{cases} \left(2 - \sin \frac{1}{x}\right)x & ; x > 0 \\ -\left(2 - \sin \frac{1}{x}\right)x & ; x < 0 \\ 0 & ; x = 0 \end{cases}$

$$f'(x) = \begin{cases} \left(2 - \sin x \frac{1}{x}\right) + \frac{1}{x} \cos \frac{1}{x^2} & ; x > 0 \\ -\left(2 + \sin \frac{1}{x}\right) - \frac{1}{x} \cos \frac{1}{x^2} & ; x < 0 \\ 0 & ; x = 0 \end{cases}$$



$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 2 - \sin x \frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{x} \cos \frac{1}{x^2} & ; x > 0 \\ -2 + \sin \frac{1}{x} - \frac{1}{x} \cos \frac{1}{x^2} & ; x < 0 \\ 0 & ; x = 0 \end{cases}$$

Clearly here $f(x)$ is an oscillating function which is not monotonic in $(-\infty, 0) \cup (0, \infty)$.

17. Let O be the origin, Let $\vec{OP} = x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} - \hat{k}$ and $\vec{OQ} = -\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 3x\hat{k}$, $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$, $x > 0$, be such that $|\vec{PQ}| = \sqrt{20}$ and the vector \vec{OP} is perpendicular to \vec{OQ} . If $\vec{OR} = 3\hat{i} + z\hat{j} - 7\hat{k}$, $z \in \mathbb{R}$, is coplanar with \vec{OP} and \vec{OQ} , then the value of $x^2 + y^2 + z^2$ is equal to :

- (1) 9 (2) 1 (3) 7 (4) 2

Ans. Official Answer NTA (1)

Sol. $\vec{OP} = x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} - \hat{k}$

$\vec{OQ} = -\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 3x\hat{k}$

$\vec{PQ} = \vec{OP} - \vec{OQ}$

$\vec{PQ} = (x+1)\hat{i} + (y-2)\hat{j} - (1+3x)\hat{k}$

$|\vec{PQ}| = \sqrt{20}$

$(x+1)^2 + (y-2)^2 + (3x+1)^2 = 20$ (1)

$\vec{OP} \cdot \vec{OQ} = 0$

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

$-4x + 2y = 0$

$y = 2x$ (2)

by (1) & (2)

$(x+1)^2 + (2x-2)^2 + (3x+1)^2 = 20$

$x = 1$ $x \neq -1$

$y = 2$



$$\text{also } \begin{vmatrix} 3 & z & -7 \\ 1 & 2 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 & 3 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$z = -2$$

$$x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 1 + 4 + 4 = 9$$

18. The number of solutions of the equation $\sin^{-1} \left[x^2 + \frac{1}{3} \right] + \cos^{-1} \left[x^2 - \frac{2}{3} \right] = x^2$, for $x \in [-1, 1]$ and $[x]$

denotes the greatest integer less than or equal to x , is :

(1) 4

(2) 2

(3) 0

(4) Infinite

Ans. Official Answer NTA (3)

Sol. $\sin^{-1} \left[x^2 + \frac{1}{3} \right] + \cos^{-1} \left[x^2 - \frac{2}{3} \right] = x^2$

to define $\sin^{-1} \left[x^2 - \frac{1}{3} \right]$

$$-1 \leq x^2 + \frac{1}{3} \leq 2$$

$$-\frac{4}{3} \leq x^2 \leq \frac{5}{3}$$

$$0 \leq x^2 \leq \frac{5}{3} \dots\dots\dots(1)$$

to define $\cos^{-1} \left[x^2 - \frac{2}{3} \right]$

$$-1 \leq x^2 - \frac{2}{3} < 2$$

$$0 \leq x^2 < \frac{8}{3} \dots\dots\dots(2)$$

by (1) & (2)

$$0 \leq x^2 \leq \frac{5}{3}$$



C - I If $0 \leq x^2 < \frac{2}{3}$

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

$$x^2 = \pi$$

which is not possible

C - II

$$\frac{2}{3} \leq x^2 \leq \frac{5}{3}$$

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

$$\frac{\pi}{2} + \frac{\pi}{2} = x^2$$

$$x = \pi$$

Which is also not possible hence no values of 'x' are possible.

19. If x, y, z are in arithmetic progression with common difference d, $x \neq 3d$, and the determinant of the

matrix $\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 4\sqrt{2} & x \\ 4 & 5\sqrt{2} & y \\ 5 & k & z \end{bmatrix}$ is zero, then the value of k^2 is :

(1) 36

(2) 12

(3) 72

(4) 6

Ans. Official Answer NTA (3)

Sol. $\begin{vmatrix} 3 & 4\sqrt{2} & x \\ 4 & 5\sqrt{2} & y \\ 5 & k & z \end{vmatrix} = 0$

$$R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - \left(\frac{R_1 + R_3}{2} \right)$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} 3 & 4\sqrt{2} & x \\ 0 & 5\sqrt{2} - \frac{(4\sqrt{2} + k)}{2} & 0 \\ 5 & k & z \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

Expansion by R_2



$$\left(5\sqrt{2} - \frac{4\sqrt{2} + 16}{2}\right)(3z - 5x) = 0$$

$$3z - 5x = 0$$

$$3(x + 2\lambda) - 5x = 0$$

$$x \neq 3d$$

$$5\sqrt{2} - \frac{4\sqrt{2} + k}{2} = 0$$

$$10\sqrt{2} = 4\sqrt{2} + k$$

$$k = 6\sqrt{2}$$

$$k = 72$$

20. Let L be a tangent line to the parabola $y^2 = 4x - 20$ at (6, 2). If L is also a tangent to the ellipse

$$\frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{y^2}{b} = 1, \text{ then the value of } b \text{ is equal to:}$$

(1) 16

(2) 11

(3) 20

(4) 14

Ans. Official Answer NTA (4)

Sol. $y^2 = 4x - 20$

P (6, 2)

tangent at P'

$$y = x - 4$$

which is also tangent of ellipse

$$\frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{y^2}{b} = 1$$

then by condition of tangency

$$c^2 = a^2m^2 + b^2$$

$$16 = 2 \times 1 + b$$

$$b = 14$$



1. Let the coefficients of third, fourth and fifth terms in the expansion of $\left(x + \frac{a}{x^2}\right)^n$, $x \neq 0$, be in the ratio 12 : 8 : 3. Then the terms independent of x in the expansion, is equal to _____.

Ans. Official Answer NTA (4)

Sol. $T_{r+1} = n C_r x^{n-r} \left(\frac{a}{x^2}\right)^r$

$$T_{r+1} = n C_r x^{n-3r} a^r$$

$$T_3 : T_4 : T_5$$

$$n C_2 a^2 : n C_3 a^3 : n C_4 a^4 = 12 : 8 : 3$$

here by solving type we get

$$n = 6$$

$$a = \frac{1}{2}$$

Now term independent of x

$$n - 3r = 0$$

$$r = 2$$

$$T_{2+1} = 6 C_2 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2$$

$$= \frac{15}{4}$$

So nearest integer is 4.

2. Let $I_n = \int_1^e x^{19} (\log |x|)^n dx$, where $n \in \mathbb{N}$. If $(20)I_{10} = \alpha I_9 + \beta I_8$, for natural numbers α and β , then $\alpha - \beta$ equals to _____.

Ans. Official Answer NTA (1)

Sol. $I_n = \int_1^e x^{19} (\log x)^n dx$

$$I_n = \int_1^e (\log x)^n x^{19} dx$$

$$I_n = \left. \frac{(\log x)^n x^{20}}{20} \right|_1^e - \int_1^e \frac{n(\log x)^{n-1}}{x} \cdot \frac{x^{20}}{20} dx$$

$$I_n = \frac{e^{20}}{20} - \frac{n}{20} \int_1^e (\log x)^{n-1} x^{19} dx$$

$$20 I_n = e^{20} - n I_{n-1}$$



$$20 I_n + n I_{n-1} = e^{20}$$

$$n = 10$$

$$20 I_{10} + 10 I_9 = e^{20} \dots\dots\dots(1)$$

$$n = 9$$

$$20 I_9 + 9 I_8 = e^{20} \dots\dots\dots(2)$$

By (1) & (2)

$$20 I_{10} + 10 I_9 = 20 I_9 + 9 I_8$$

$$20 I_{10} = 10 I_9 + 9 I_8$$

By Comparision

$$\alpha = 10$$

$$\beta = 9$$

$$\alpha - \beta = 1$$

3. If $1, \log_{10}(4^x - 2)$ and $\log_{10}\left(4^x + \frac{18}{5}\right)$ are in arithmetic progression for a real number x , then the value

of the determinant $\begin{vmatrix} 2\left(x - \frac{1}{2}\right) & x-1 & x^2 \\ 1 & 0 & x \\ x & 1 & 0 \end{vmatrix}$ is equal to :

Ans. Official Answer NTA (2)

Sol. $2 \log_{10}(4^x - 2) = 1 + \log_{10}\left(4^x + \frac{18}{5}\right)$

$$\log_{10}(4^x - 2)^2 = \log_{10}\left(10\left(4^x + \frac{18}{5}\right)\right)$$

$$(4x - 2)^2 = 10.4^x + 36 \qquad 4^x = y$$

$$(y - 2)^2 = 10y + 36$$

$$y^2 - 4y + 4 = 10y + 36$$

$$y^2 - 14y - 32 = 0$$

$$(y - 16)(y + 2) = 0$$

$$y = 16$$



$y = -2$, which is not possible

$$4^x = 16$$

$$x = 2$$

Now, value of determinant

$$\begin{vmatrix} 3 & 1 & 4 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= 3(-2) - 1(0 - 4) + 4(1)$$

$$= -6 + 4 + 4$$

$$= 2$$

4. Let $\tan \alpha$, $\tan \beta$ and $\tan \gamma$; $\alpha, \beta, \gamma \neq \frac{(2n-1)\pi}{2}$, $n \in \mathbb{N}$ be the slopes three line segments OA, OB and OC, respectively, where O is origin. If circumcentre of ΔABC coincides with origin and its orthocentre lies on y-axis, then the value of $\left(\frac{\cos 3\alpha + \cos 3\beta + \cos 3\gamma}{\cos \alpha \cos \beta \cos \gamma} \right)^2$ is equal to _____.

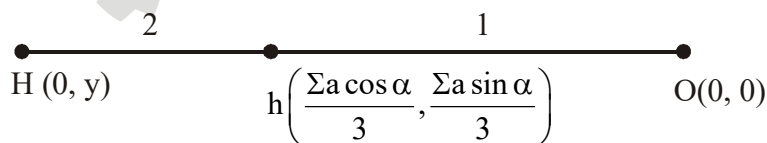
Ans. Official Answer NTA (144)

Sol. Let,

$$A (a \cos \alpha, a \sin \alpha)$$

$$B (a \cos \beta, a \sin \beta)$$

$$C (a \cos \gamma, a \sin \gamma)$$



$$\frac{2 \times 0 + 1 \times 0}{2 + 1} = \frac{\sum a \cos \alpha}{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum \cos \alpha = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos \alpha + \cos \beta + \cos \gamma = 0$$

$$\text{then, } \cos^3 \alpha + \cos^3 \beta + \cos^3 \gamma = 3 \cos \alpha \cos \beta \cos \gamma$$

$$\text{Now, } \left(\frac{\cos 3\alpha + \cos 3\beta + \cos 3\gamma}{\cos \alpha \cos \beta \cos \gamma} \right)^2$$



$$\left(\frac{4(\cos^3 \alpha + \cos^3 \beta + \cos^3 \gamma) - 3(\cos \alpha + \cos \beta + \cos \gamma)}{\cos \alpha \cos \beta \cos \gamma} \right)^2$$

$$= \left(\frac{12 \cos \alpha \cos \beta \cos \gamma}{\cos \alpha \cos \beta \cos \gamma} \right)^2$$

$$= 144$$

5. Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$ and $B = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{bmatrix} \neq \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ such that $AB = B$ and $a + d = 2021$, then the value of $ad - bc$ is equal to _____.

Ans. Official Answer NTA (2020)

Sol. $AB = B$

$$\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} a\alpha + b\beta \\ c\alpha + d\beta \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{bmatrix}$$

$$a\alpha + b\beta = \alpha$$

$$c\alpha + d\beta = \beta$$

$$(a-1)\alpha + b\beta = 0$$

$$c\alpha + (d-1)\beta = 0$$

$$\text{here } \alpha = \beta \neq 0$$

$$\text{then } \begin{vmatrix} a-1 & b \\ c & d-1 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$(a-1)(d-1) - bc = 0$$

$$ad - a - d + 1 - bc = 0$$

$$ad - bc = (a+d) - 1$$

$$ad - bc = 2021 - 1$$

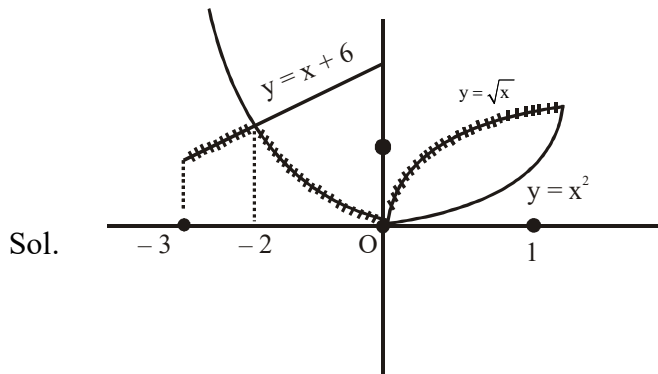
$$= 2020$$



6. Let $f : [-3, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be given as $f(x) = \begin{cases} \min\{(x+6), x^2\} & , -3 \leq x \leq 0 \\ \max\{\sqrt{x}, x^2\} & , 0 \leq x \leq 1 \end{cases}$. If the area bounded by $y = f(x)$

and x-axis is A, then the value of 6A is equal to _____.

Ans. Official Answer NTA (41)



$$\int_{-3}^{-2} (x+6) dx + \int_{-2}^0 x^2 dx + \int_0^1 \sqrt{x} dx$$

$$A = \frac{41}{6}$$

7. Let $f : [-1, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be defined as $f(x) = ax^2 + bx + c$ for all $x \in [-1, 1]$, where $a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $f(-1) = 2$, $f'(1) = 1$ and for $x \in (-1, 1)$ the maximum value of $f''(x)$ is $\frac{1}{2}$. If $f(x) \leq \alpha$, $x \in [-1, 1]$, then the least value of α is equal to _____.

Ans. Official Answer NTA (5)

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

$$f(-1) = a - b + c = 2 \quad \dots\dots\dots(1)$$

$$f'(x) = 2ax + b$$

$$f'(-1) = -2a + b = 1 \quad \dots\dots\dots(2)$$

$$f''(x) = 2a$$

$$(f''(x))_{\text{Max}} = 2a = \frac{1}{2}$$



$$a = \frac{1}{4}$$

they by (2) $b = 1 + 2a$

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

$$b = \frac{3}{2}$$

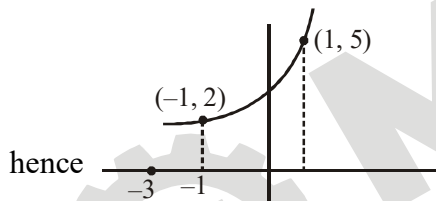
by (1) $c = 2 + b - b$

$$c = 2 + -a$$

$$c = \frac{3}{2} - \frac{1}{4}$$

$$c = \frac{8+6-1}{4} = \frac{13}{4}$$

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{4}x^2 + \frac{3}{2}x + \frac{13}{4}$$



$$f(x) \leq \alpha$$

$$\alpha_{\min} = 5$$

8. Consider a set of $3n$ numbers having variance 4. In this set, the mean of first $2n$ numbers is 6 and the mean of the remaining n numbers is 3. A new set is constructed by adding 1 into each of first $2n$ numbers, and subtracting 1 from each of the remaining n numbers. If the variance of the new set is k , then $9k$ is equal to _____.

Ans. Official Answer NTA (68)

Sol. First αn number $\rightarrow a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots, a_{2n}$

Last n number $\rightarrow b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n$



$$\sigma^2 = \frac{\sum a^2 + \sum b^2}{3n} - (\bar{x})$$

$$\bar{x} = \frac{2n \times 6 + n \times 3}{3n}$$

$$\sigma^2 = \frac{\sum a^2 + \sum b^2}{3n} - 5^2$$

$$\bar{x} = 5$$

$$\mu = \frac{\sum a^2 + \sum b^2}{3n} - 25$$

$$\sum a^2 + \sum b^2 = 87n$$

Now first $2n$ numbers $\rightarrow a_1 + 1, a_2 + 1, \dots, a_{2n} + 1$

Last n numbers $\rightarrow b_1 - 1, b_2 - 1, \dots, b_n - 1$

$$\sigma^2 = \frac{\sum (a+1)^2 + \sum (b-1)^2}{3n} - (\bar{x})^2$$

$$\sigma^2 = \sum a^2 + 2n + 2\sum a^2 +$$

$$\sigma^2 = \frac{(\sum a^2 + 2n + 2\sum a) + (\sum b^2 + n - 2\sum b)}{3n} - \left(\frac{16}{3}\right)^2$$

$$\sigma^2 = \frac{87n + 3n + 2(12n) - 2(3n)}{3n} - \left(\frac{16}{3}\right)^2$$

$$\sigma^2 = \left(\frac{108}{3}\right) - \left(\frac{16}{3}\right)^2$$

$$\sigma^2 = \frac{68}{9}$$

$$\text{then Ans. } 9k = 9 \left(\frac{68}{9}\right) = 68$$

9. Let P be an arbitrary point having sum of the squares of the distances from the planes $x + y + z = 0$, $lx - nz = 0$ and $x - 2y + z = 0$, equal to 9. If the locus of the point P is $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 9$, then the value of $l - n$ is equal to _____.

Ans. Official Answer NTA (0)

Sol. Let $P(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$

$$d_1 + d_2 + d_3 = 9$$



$$\left(\frac{\alpha + \beta + \gamma}{\sqrt{3}}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\ell\alpha - n\gamma}{\sqrt{\ell^2 + n^2}}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\alpha - 2\beta + \gamma}{\sqrt{1+4+1}}\right)^2 = 9$$

Now Locus is

$$\left(\frac{x + y + z}{\sqrt{3}}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\ell x - n z}{\sqrt{\ell^2 + n^2}}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{x - 2y + z}{\sqrt{6}}\right)^2 = 9$$

$$\left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{\ell^2}{\ell^2 + n^2}\right) + y^2 \left(\frac{1}{3} + \frac{4}{6}\right) + z^2 \left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{\ell^2}{\ell^2 + n^2}\right) + \alpha z x \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{\ell n}{\ell^2 + n^2}\right) = 9$$

but Locus is $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 9$

By comparison

$$\frac{1}{2} + \frac{\ell^2}{\ell^2 + n^2} = 1 \quad \dots\dots\dots(1)$$

$$\frac{1}{2} - \frac{\ell n}{\ell^2 + n^2} = 0 \quad \dots\dots\dots(2)$$

by (1) & (2)

$$\frac{\ell^2}{\ell^2 + n^2} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\frac{\ell n}{\ell^2 + n^2} = \frac{1}{2}$$

we get $\ell = n$ hence $\ell - n = 0$

10. Let \vec{x} be a vector in the plane containing vectors $\vec{a} = 2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k}$ and $\vec{b} = \hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - \hat{k}$. If the vector is \vec{x} perpendicular to $(3\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - \hat{k})$ and its projection on \vec{a} is $\frac{17\sqrt{6}}{2}$, then value of $|\vec{x}|^2$ is equal to _____.

Ans. Official Answer NTA (486)

Sol. $\vec{x} = \lambda(\vec{a}) + \mu(\vec{b})$

$$\vec{x} = \lambda(2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k}) + \mu(1 + 2\hat{j} - \hat{k})$$

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

Now

$$\vec{x} \cdot (3\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - \hat{k}) = 0$$



$$\text{Projection of } \vec{x} \text{ on } \vec{a} = \frac{17\sqrt{6}}{2}$$

$$\frac{\vec{x} \cdot \vec{a}}{|\vec{a}|} = \frac{17\sqrt{6}}{2}$$

$$6\lambda - \mu = 51 \quad \dots\dots\dots(2)$$

from (1) & (2)

$$\lambda = 8 \text{ \& } \mu = -3$$

$$\vec{x} = 13\hat{i} - 14\hat{j} + 11\hat{k}$$

$$|\vec{x}|^2 = (\sqrt{169+196+121})^2$$

$$|\vec{x}| = 486$$

