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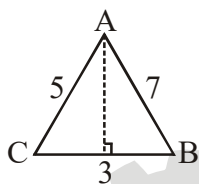
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SECTION - A

1. In a triangle ABC, if $|\overrightarrow{BC}| = 3$, $|\overrightarrow{CA}| = 5$ and $|\overrightarrow{BA}| = 7$, then the projection of the vector \overrightarrow{BA} on \overrightarrow{BC} is equal to

- (1) $\frac{11}{2}$
 (2) $\frac{19}{2}$
 (3) $\frac{13}{2}$
 (4) $\frac{15}{2}$

Ans. Official Answer NTA (1)

Sol. $|\overrightarrow{BC}| = 3$, $|\overrightarrow{CA}| = 5$, $|\overrightarrow{BA}| = 7$



Projection of \overrightarrow{BA} on $\overrightarrow{BC} = |\overrightarrow{BA}| \cos \angle ABC$

$$= 7 \left(\frac{3^2 + 7^2 - 5^2}{2 \times 3 \times 7} \right) = \frac{11}{2}$$

2. If $[x]$ denotes the greatest integer less than or equal to x , then the value of the integral $\int_{-\pi/2}^{\pi/2} [[x] - \sin x] dx$ is equal to :

- (1) 0
 (2) π
 (3) $-\pi$
 (4) 1

Ans. Official Answer NTA(3)

Sol. $I = \int_{-\pi/2}^{\pi/2} ([x] + [-\sin x]) dx \left\{ \because [x + I] = [x] + I \right\}$

Using property $\int_{-a}^a f(x) dx = \int_0^a f(x) dx + \int_0^a f(-x) dx$

$$I = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} ([x] + [-\sin x]) dx + \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} ([-x] + [-\sin x]) dx$$

$$I = \int_0^{\pi/2} ([x] + [-x]) dx + \int_0^{\pi/2} ([\sin x] + [-\sin x]) dx$$

$$I = - \int_0^{\pi/2} dx - \int_0^{\pi/2} dx$$

$$I = -\pi$$

3. Let r_1 and r_2 be the radii of the largest and smallest circles respectively, which pass through the point $(-4, 1)$ and having their centres on the circumference of the circle $x^2 + y^2 + 2x + 4y - 4 = 0$. If

$$\frac{r_1}{r_2} = a + b\sqrt{2}, \text{ then } a + b \text{ is equal to :}$$

(1) 11

(2) 7

(3) 5

(4) 3

Ans. Official Answer NTA (3)

Sol. $(x+1)^2 + (y+1)^2 = 9$

Let centre of circles is $(-1 + 3 \cos \theta, -2 + 3 \sin \theta)$

r = distance between centre and point $(-4, 1)$

$$r = \sqrt{(3 + 3 \cos \theta)^2 + (-3 + 3 \sin \theta)^2}$$

$$r = 3\sqrt{3 + 2(\cos \theta - \sin \theta)}$$

$$r_1 = r_{\max} = 3\sqrt{3 + 2\sqrt{2}}$$

$$r_2 = r_{\min} = 3\sqrt{3 - 2\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\frac{r_1}{r_2} = \frac{3\sqrt{3 + 2\sqrt{2}}}{3\sqrt{3 - 2\sqrt{2}}} = 3 + 2\sqrt{2}$$

$$a = 3, b = 2$$

$$a + b = 5$$

4. Let P be a variable point on the parabola $y = 4x^2 + 1$. Then the locus of the mid-point of the point P and the foot of the perpendicular drawn from the point P to the line $y = x$ is:

(1) $2(3x - y)^2 + (x - 3y) + 2 = 0$

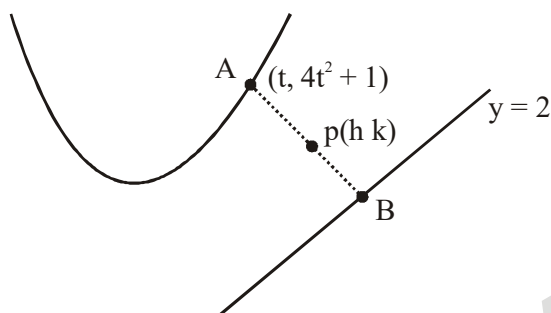
(2) $(3x - y)^2 + 2(x - 3y) + 2 = 0$

(3) $(3x - y)^2 + (x - 3y) + 2 = 0$

(4) $2(x - 3y)^2 + (3x - y) + 2 = 0$

Ans. Official Answer NTA (1)

Sol.



equation of AB

$$y - (4t^2 + 1) = -1(x - t)$$

$$B\left(\frac{4t^2 + t + 1}{2}, \frac{4t^2 + t + 1}{2}\right)$$

$$h = \frac{\frac{4t^2 + t + 1}{2} + t}{2}, \quad k = \frac{\frac{4t^2 + t + 1}{2} + 4t^2 + 1}{2},$$

$$4h = 4t^2 + 3t + 1 \quad \dots\dots\dots(1)$$

$$4k = 12t^2 + t + 3 \quad \dots\dots\dots(2)$$

subtract both equation

$$t = \frac{k - 3h}{2} \quad \text{put in (1)}$$

we get $2(3h - k)^2 + (h - 3k) + 2 = 0$

Replace h by x and k by y

$$2(3x - y)^2 + (x - 3y) + 2 = 0$$

5. The value of $k \in \mathbb{R}$, for which the following system of linear equations

$$3x - y + 4z = 3,$$

$$x + 2y - 3z = -2,$$

$$6x + 5y + kz = -3,$$

has infinitely many solutions, is :

(1) 3

(2) -5

(3) -3

(4) 5

Ans. Official Answer NTA (2)

Sol. For infinitely many solutions

$$\Delta = \Delta_x = \Delta_y = \Delta_z = 0$$

$$\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} 3 & -1 & 4 \\ 1 & 2 & -3 \\ 6 & 5 & k \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$3(2k + 15) + 1(k + 18) + 4(5 - 12) = 0$$

$$6k + 45 + k + 18 - 28 = 0$$

$$7k = -35$$

$$k = -5$$

$$\text{at } k = -5$$

$$\Delta_x = \Delta_y = \Delta_z = 0$$

6. If sum of the first 21 terms of the series $\log_{\frac{1}{9^2}} x + \log_{\frac{1}{9^3}} x + \log_{\frac{1}{9^4}} x + \dots$, where $x > 0$ is 504, then x is equal to :

(1) 243

(2) 7

(3) 9

(4) 81

Ans. Official Answer NTA (4)

Sol. $2 \log_9^x + 3 \log_9^x + 4 \log_9^x + \dots$ 21 terms

$$2 \log_9^x (2 + 3 + 4 + \dots + 22) = 504$$

$$252 \log_9^x = 504$$

$$\log_9^x = 2$$

$$x = 81$$

7. Let $f : \mathbb{R} - \left\{ \frac{\alpha}{6} \right\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be defined by $f(x) = \frac{5x+3}{6x-\alpha}$. Then the value of α for which $(f \circ f)(x) = x$, for all

$x \in \mathbb{R} - \left\{ \frac{\alpha}{6} \right\}$, is :

- (1) 8
- (2) 5
- (3) 6
- (4) No such α exists

Ans. Official Answer NTA (2)

Sol. $f(f(x)) = x$

$$\frac{5f(x)+3}{6f(x)-2} = x$$

$$5f(x) + 3 = 6x f(x) - x\alpha$$

$$f(x) = \frac{-3 - x\alpha}{5 - 6x} = \frac{x\alpha + 3}{6x - 5}$$

$$\frac{5x+3}{6x-\alpha} = \frac{x\alpha+3}{6x-5}$$

$$30x^2 - 25x + 18x - 15 = 18x + 6\alpha x^2 - 3\alpha - x\alpha^2$$

$$6\alpha = 30$$

$$\alpha = 5$$

8. Consider the following three statements :

(A) If $3 + 3 = 7$ then $4 + 3 = 8$.

(B) If $5 + 3 = 8$ then earth is flat.

(C) If both (A) and (B) are true then $5 + 6 = 17$.

Then, which of the following statements is correct ?

- (1) (A) is false, but (B) and (C) are true
- (2) (A) is true while (B) and (C) are false
- (3) (A) and (C) are true while (B) is false
- (4) (A) and (B) are false while (C) is true

Ans. Official Answer NTA (3)

Sol. Truth table $p \rightarrow q$

p	q	$p \rightarrow q$
T	T	T
T	F	F
F	T	F
F	F	T

A is true, B is false, C is true

9. Let $g(t) = \int_{-\pi/2}^{\pi/2} \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{4}t + f(x)\right) dx$, where $f(x) = \log_e(x + \sqrt{x^2 + 1})$, $x \in \mathbb{R}$. Then which one of the following is correct ?

- (1) $g(1) = g(0)$
- (2) $\sqrt{2}g(1) = g(0)$
- (3) $g(1) + g(0) = 0$
- (4) $g(1) = \sqrt{2}g(0)$

Ans. Official Answer NTA (2)

Sol.

$$g(1) = \int_{-\pi/2}^{\pi/2} \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{4} + f(x)\right) dx$$

$$g(1) = \int_{-\pi/2}^{\pi/2} \cos\frac{\pi}{4} \cos(f(x)) dx - \int_{-\pi/2}^{\pi/2} \sin\frac{\pi}{4} \sin(f(x)) dx$$

$$g(1) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \int_{-\pi/4}^{\pi/4} \cos(f(x)) dx - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \int_{-\pi/2}^{\pi/2} \sin\left(\log\left(n + \sqrt{x^2 + 1}\right)\right) dx$$

$\left\{ \text{we know that } \sin\left(\log_e\left(4 + \sqrt{x^2 + 1}\right)\right) \text{ is a odd function} \right\}$

$$g(1) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \int_{-\pi/4}^{\pi/4} \cos(f(x)) dx + 0$$

$$\sqrt{2}g(1) = g(0)$$



10. The sum of all the local minimum values of the twice differentiable function $f : R \rightarrow R$ defined by

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

- (1) -27
- (2) 0
- (3) 5
- (4) -22

Ans. Official Answer NTA (1)

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

$$f'(x) = 3x^2 - 6x - \frac{3}{2}f''(2)$$

$$f''(x) = 6x - 6$$

$$f''(1) = 0, \quad f''(2) = 6$$

$$f(x) = x^3 - 3x^2 - 9x$$

$$f'(x) = 0$$

$$3x^2 - 6x - 9 = 0$$

$$x = -1 \text{ and } x = 3$$



Local minima at $x = 3$

$$f(3) = 27 - 27 - 27 = -27$$

11. Let in a right angled triangle, the smallest angle be θ . If a triangle formed by taking the reciprocal of its sides is also a right angled triangle, then $\sin \theta$ is equal to :

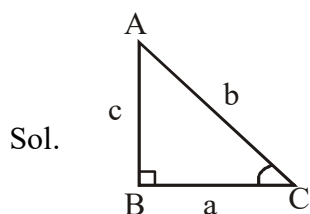
(1) $\frac{\sqrt{2}-1}{2}$

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

$$(3) \frac{\sqrt{5}+1}{4}$$

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

Ans. Official Answer NTA (4)



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

$$\sin \theta = \frac{c}{b}$$

smallest angle is ' θ '

so smallest side is ' c '

$$b > a > c$$

$$\frac{1}{b} < \frac{1}{a} < \frac{1}{c}$$

$$\frac{1}{c^2} = \frac{1}{a^2} + \frac{1}{b^2}$$

$$\frac{b^2}{c^2} = \frac{b^2}{a^2} + 1 \quad \dots\dots\dots(2)$$

$$\text{from } \frac{a^2}{b^2} + \frac{c^2}{b^2} = 1 \quad \dots\dots\dots(3)$$

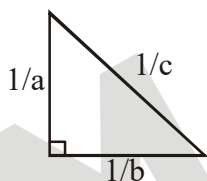
from (2) and (3)

$$\frac{a^2}{b^2} = 1 - \frac{c^2}{b^2} = \frac{1}{\frac{b^2}{c^2} - 1}$$

$$\text{put } \frac{c^2}{b^2} = t$$

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

$$(1 - t)^2 = t$$



$$t^2 - 3t + 1 = 0$$

$$t = \frac{3 \pm \sqrt{5}}{2}$$

$$\frac{c^2}{b^2} = t = \frac{3 + \sqrt{5}}{2}$$

$$\sin^2 \theta = \frac{3 + \sqrt{5}}{2}$$

$$\sin \theta = \sqrt{\frac{3 + \sqrt{5}}{2}}$$

$$\sin \theta = \sqrt{\frac{6 - 2\sqrt{5}}{4}}$$

$$\sin \theta = \frac{\sqrt{5} - 1}{2}$$

12. Let A, B and C be three events such that the probability that exactly one of A and B occurs is $(1 - k)$, the probability that exactly one of B and C occurs is $(1 - 2k)$, the probability that exactly one of C and A occurs is $(1 - k)$ and the probability of all A, B and C occur simultaneously is k^2 , where $0 < k < 1$. Then the probability that at least one of A, B and C occur is :

(1) greater than $\frac{1}{2}$

(2) greater than $\frac{1}{8}$ but less than $\frac{1}{4}$

(3) exactly equal to $\frac{1}{2}$

(4) greater than $\frac{1}{4}$ but less than $\frac{1}{2}$

Ans. Official Answer NTA (1)

Sol. Probability of exactly one of

$$A \text{ and } B \text{ occurs} = P(A) + P(B) - 2P(A \cap B)$$

$$P(A) + P(B) - 2P(A \cap B) = 1 - K$$

$$P(B) + P(C) - 2P(B \cap C) = 1 - 2K$$

$$P(C) + P(A) - 2P(A \cap C) = 1 - K$$

$$2(P(A) + P(B) + P(C) - P(A \cap B) - P(B \cap C) - P(A \cap C)) = 3 - 4K \text{ and } P(A \cap B \cap C) = K^2$$

.....(1)

Probability of at least one of A, B or C occur = $P(A \cup B \cup C)$

$$P(A \cup B \cup C) = P(A) + P(B) + P(C) - P(A \cap B) - P(B \cap C) - P(A \cap C) + P(A \cap B \cap C)$$

$$P(A \cup B \cup C) = \frac{3-4k}{2} + k^2 = k^2 - 2k + \frac{3}{2}$$

$$= (k-1)^2 + \frac{1}{2}$$

$$P(A \cup B \cup C) \geq \frac{1}{2}$$

13. Let $y = y(x)$ satisfies the equation $\frac{dy}{dx} - |A| = 0$, for all $x > 0$, where $A = \begin{bmatrix} y & \sin x & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 & \frac{1}{x} \end{bmatrix}$.

If $y(\pi) = \pi + 2$, then the value of $y\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right)$ is :

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

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

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

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

Ans. Official Answer NTA (1)

Sol. $\frac{dy}{dx} = |A| = \begin{vmatrix} y & \sin x & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 & \frac{1}{x} \end{vmatrix}$

expand along R_3

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 2(\sin x + 1) + \frac{1}{x}(-y)$$

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$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 2(\sin x + 1) - \frac{y}{x}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \left(\frac{1}{x}\right)y = 2(\sin x + 1)$$

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

$$x \frac{dy}{dx} + y = 2x(\sin x + 1)$$

$$d(xy) = \int 2x(\sin x + 1) dx$$

$$\frac{xy}{2} = -x \cos x - \int (-\cos x) dx + \frac{x^2}{2} + C$$

$$\frac{xy}{2} = -x \cos x + \sin x + \frac{x^2}{2} + C$$

$$\frac{\pi(\pi + 2)}{2} = -\pi(-1) + 0 + \frac{\pi^2}{2} + C$$

$$C = 0$$

$$\frac{\pi}{2} y \left(\frac{\pi}{2} \right) = 0 + 1 + \frac{\pi^2}{8} \Rightarrow y$$

$$y \left(\frac{\pi}{2} \right) = \frac{4}{\pi} + \frac{\pi}{2}$$

14. The lines $x = ay - 1 = z - 2$ and $x = 3y - 2 = bz - 2$, ($ab \neq 0$) are coplanar, if :

(1) $b = 1, a \in \mathbb{R} - \{0\}$

(2) $a = 2, b = 2$

(3) $a = 2, b = 3$

(4) $a = 1, b \in \mathbb{R} - \{0\}$

Ans. Official Answer NTA (1)

Sol. $\frac{x-0}{1} = \frac{y-\frac{1}{a}}{1/a} = \frac{z-2}{1}$

$$\frac{x}{1} = \frac{y-\frac{2}{3}}{\frac{1}{3}} = \frac{z-\frac{2}{b}}{\frac{1}{b}}$$

if lines are coplaner then

$$\begin{vmatrix} 0 & \frac{2}{3} - \frac{1}{a} & \frac{2}{b} - 2 \\ 1 & \frac{1}{a} & 1 \\ 1 & \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{b} \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$3b - 4a + 4ab = 3$$

from option (1)

$$b = 1 \quad a \in \mathbb{R} - \{0\}$$

15. The value of $\tan \left(2 \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{3}{5} \right) + \sin^{-1} \left(\frac{5}{13} \right) \right)$ is equal to :

(1) $\frac{151}{63}$

(2) $\frac{-291}{76}$

(3) $\frac{-181}{69}$

(4) $\frac{220}{21}$

Ans. Official Answer NTA (4)

Sol. $2 \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{3}{5} \right) = \tan^{-1} \frac{\frac{3}{5} + \frac{3}{5}}{1 - \frac{9}{25}}$

$$= \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{15}{8} \right)$$

$$= \tan \left(\tan^{-1} \frac{15}{8} + \tan^{-1} \frac{5}{12} \right)$$

$$= \tan \left(\frac{\tan^{-1} \frac{15}{8} + \tan^{-1} \frac{5}{12}}{1 - \frac{75}{96}} \right)$$

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$$= \frac{220}{21}$$

16. If the real part of the complex number $(1 - \cos \theta + 2i \sin \theta)^{-1}$ is $\frac{1}{5}$ for $\theta \in (0, \pi)$, then the value of the

integral $\int_0^\theta \sin x \, dx$ is equal to :

- (1) 1
- (2) 0
- (3) -1
- (4) 2

Ans. Official Answer NTA (1)

Sol.
$$\frac{1}{2 \sin^2 \frac{\theta}{2} + 4i \sin \frac{\theta}{2} \cos \frac{\theta}{2}} = \frac{1}{2 \sin \frac{\theta}{2}} \left(\frac{\sin \frac{\theta}{2} - 2i \cos \frac{\theta}{2}}{\sin^2 \frac{\theta}{2} + 4 \cos^2 \frac{\theta}{2}} \right)$$

$$\text{Real part} = \frac{1}{2 \left(\frac{1 + 3 \cos^2 \frac{\theta}{2}}{2} \right)} = \frac{1}{5}$$

$$\cos \theta = 0$$

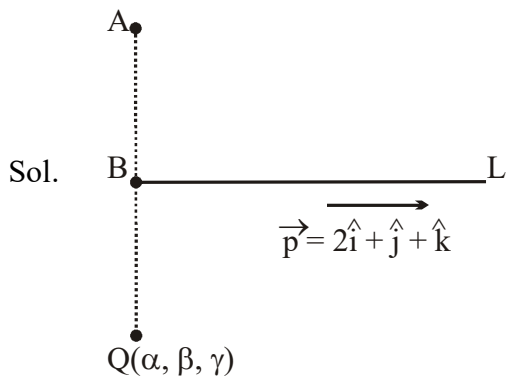
$$\theta = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sin x \, dx = 1$$

17. Consider the line L given by the equation $\frac{x-3}{2} = \frac{y-1}{1} = \frac{z-2}{1}$. Let Q be the mirror image of the point $(2, 3, -1)$ with respect to L. Let a plane P be such that it passes through Q, and the line L is perpendicular to P. Then which of the following points is on the plane P?

- (1) (1, 1, 2)
- (2) (1, 2, 2)
- (3) (1, 1, 2)
- (4) (-1, 1, 2)

Ans. Official Answer NTA (2)



$$B(2\lambda + 3, \lambda + 1, \lambda + 2)$$

$$\overrightarrow{AB} = (2\lambda + 1)\hat{i} + (\lambda - 2)\hat{j} + (\lambda + 3)\hat{k}$$

$$\overrightarrow{AB} \cdot \vec{P} = 0$$

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

$$6\lambda = -3$$

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

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

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

$$\alpha = 2, \quad \beta = 2, \quad \gamma = 2$$

equation of plane $2x + y + z =$ of passing through $(2, -2, 4)$

$$d = 6$$

$$2x + y + z = 6$$

18. If the mean and variance of six observations 7, 10, 11, 15, a, b are 10 and $\frac{20}{3}$, respectively, then the value of $|a - b|$ is equal to :
- (1) 11
 - (2) 1
 - (3) 7
 - (4) 9



Ans. Official Answer NTA (2)

Sol. $\text{mean} = \frac{7+10+11+15+a+b}{6} = 10$

$$4+b=17$$

$$\text{variance} = \frac{7^2+10^2+11^2+15^2+a^2+b^2}{6} - 100 = \frac{20}{3}$$

$$a^2+b^2=145$$

$$(a+b)^2 - 2ab = 145$$

$$ab = 72$$

$$(a-b)^2 = (a+b)^2 - 4ab$$

$$|a-b|=1$$

19. For the natural numbers m, n , if $(1-y)^m(1+y)^n = 1 + a_1y + a_2y^2 + \dots + a_{m+n}y^{m+n}$ and $a_1 = a_2 = 10$, then the value of $(m+n)$ is equal to :

(1) 64

(2) 100

(3) 88

(4) 80

Ans. Official Answer NTA (4)

Sol. coeff. of $y = a_1 = {}^mC_0 {}^nC_1 - {}^mC_1 {}^nC_0 = 10$

$$n-m=10 \quad \dots\dots(1)$$

coeff. of $y^2 = a_2 = {}^mC_0 {}^nC_2 + {}^mC_2 {}^nC_0 - {}^mC_1 {}^nC_1 = 10$

$$\frac{n(n-1)}{2} + \frac{m(m-1)}{2} - mn = 10$$

$$n^2 + m^2 - 2mn - n - m = 20$$

$$(m-n)^2 - n - m = 20$$

$$n+m=80$$

20. If $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is given by $f(x) = x + I$, then the value of

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \left[f(0) + f\left(\frac{5}{n}\right) + f\left(\frac{10}{n}\right) + \dots + f\left(\frac{5(n-1)}{n}\right) \right], \text{ is :}$$

(1) $\frac{3}{2}$

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

(3) $\frac{7}{2}$

(4) $\frac{5}{2}$

Ans. Official Answer NTA (3)

Sol.
$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \left[f\left(\frac{0}{n}\right) + f\left(\frac{5}{n}\right) + f\left(\frac{10}{n}\right) + \dots + f\left(\frac{5(n-1)}{n}\right) \right]$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{r=0}^{n-1} f\left(\frac{5r}{n}\right)$$

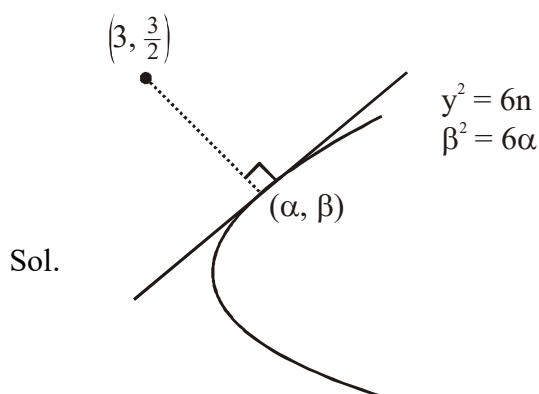
$$= \int_0^1 f(5x) dx = \int_0^1 (5x+1) dx$$

$$= \left[5 \frac{x^2}{2} + x \right]_0^1 = \frac{7}{2}$$

SECTION - B

1. If the point on the curve $y^2 = 6x$, nearest to the point $\left(3, \frac{3}{2}\right)$ is (α, β) , then $2(\alpha + \beta)$ is equal to _____.

Ans. Official Answer NTA (9)



$$y^2 = 6n$$

$$2y \frac{dy}{dx} = 6$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{3}{y} = \frac{3}{\beta}$$

$$\frac{\beta - \frac{3}{2}}{\alpha - 3} = \frac{-\beta}{3}$$

$$3\beta - \frac{9}{2} = -\alpha\beta + 3\beta$$

$$\alpha\beta = \frac{9}{2}$$

$$\beta^2 = 6\alpha$$

$$\beta = \frac{9}{2\alpha}$$

$$6\alpha = \frac{81}{4\alpha^2}$$

$$\alpha^3 = \frac{27}{8} \Rightarrow \alpha = \frac{3}{2}$$

$$\beta = \pm 3$$

$$\alpha = \frac{3}{2} \quad \beta = 3$$

$$2(\alpha + \beta) = 9$$

2. For $k \in \mathbb{N}$, let $\frac{1}{\alpha(\alpha+1)(\alpha+2)\dots(\alpha+20)} = \sum_{k=0}^{20} \frac{A_k}{\alpha+k}$, where $\alpha > 0$. Then the value of

$$100 \left(\frac{A_{14} + A_{15}}{A_{13}} \right)^2 \text{ is equal to } \underline{\hspace{2cm}}.$$

Ans. Official Answer NTA (9)

Sol. by partial fraction

$$\text{for } A_{14} \text{ put } \alpha = -14 \text{ in } \frac{1}{\alpha(\alpha+1)(\alpha+2)\dots(2+20)}$$



$$A_{14} = \frac{1}{(-14)(-13) \dots (-1)(1)(2) \dots (6)}$$

$$A_{15} = \frac{1}{(-15)(-14) \dots (-1)(1)(2) \dots (5)}$$

$$A_{13} = \frac{1}{(-13)(-12) \dots (-1)(1)(2) \dots (7)}$$

$$100 \left(\frac{A_{14} + A_{15}}{A_{13}} \right)^2 = 100 \left\{ \frac{\frac{-15+6}{(-15)(-14) \dots (-1)(1)(2) \dots (6)}}{\frac{1}{(-13)(-12) \dots (-1)(1)(2) \dots (7)}} \right\}^2$$

$$= 100 \left(\frac{\frac{-9}{(-15)(-14)}}{\frac{1}{7}} \right)^2$$

$$= 100 \left(\frac{-3}{10} \right)^2 = 9$$

3. The number of solutions of the equation $\log_{(x+1)}(2x^2 + 7x + 5) + \log_{(2x+5)}(x+1)^2 - 4 = 0, x > 0$, is

_____.

Ans. Official Answer NTA (1)

Sol. $\log_{(x+1)}(2x+5)(x+1) + 2\log_{(2x+5)}(x+1) = 4$

$$1 + \log_{(x+1)}(2x+5) + 2\log_{(x+1)}(2x+5) = 4$$

put $\log_{(x+1)}(2x+5) = t$

$$t + \frac{2}{t} = 3$$

$$t^2 - 3t + 2 = 0$$

$$t = 1 \quad \text{or} \quad t = 2$$

$$\log_{(x+1)}(2x+5) = 1 \quad \text{or} \quad \log_{(x+1)}(2x+5) = 2$$

$$2x+5 = x+1 \quad \text{or} \quad 2x+5 = x^2+2x+1$$

$$x = -4 \quad \quad \quad x^2 = 4$$

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$$x = 2 \quad \quad \quad \text{or} \quad x = -2$$



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4. If $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\alpha x e^x - \beta \log_e(1+x) + \gamma x^2 e^{-x}}{x \sin^2 x} = 10$, $\alpha, \beta, \gamma \in \mathbb{R}$, then the value of $\alpha + \beta + \gamma$ is _____.

Ans. Official Answer NTA (3)

Sol.
$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\alpha x \left(1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \dots\right) - \beta \left(x + \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{3} + \dots\right) - \gamma x^2 \left(1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} - \dots\right)}{x^3}$$

$$\alpha - \beta = 0 \Rightarrow \alpha = \beta$$

$$\alpha + \frac{\beta}{2} + \gamma = 0 \Rightarrow \gamma = \frac{-3\beta}{2}$$

$$\frac{\alpha}{2} - \frac{\beta}{3} - \gamma = 10$$

$$\beta - 6, \alpha = 6, \gamma = -9$$

$$\alpha + \beta + \gamma = 3\alpha$$

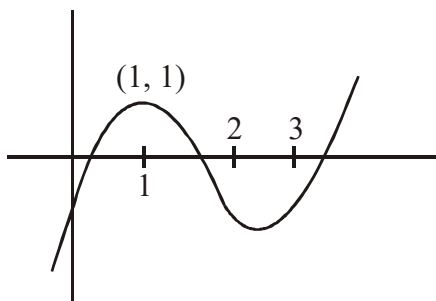
5. Let a function $g : [0, 4] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be defined as $g(x) = \begin{cases} \max\{t^3 - 6t^2 + 9t - 3\}, 0 \leq x \leq 3 \\ 0 \leq t \leq x \\ 4 - x, 3 < x \leq 4 \end{cases}$, then the number of points in the interval $(0, 4)$ where $g(x)$ is NOT differentiable, is _____.

Ans. Official Answer NTA (1)

Sol. $y = t^3 - 6t^2 + 9t - 3$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 3t^2 - 12t + 9 = 0$$

$$t = 1 \quad t = 3$$





$$g(x) \begin{cases} \rightarrow x^3 - 6x^2 + 9x - 3 & 0 \leq x \leq 1 \\ \rightarrow 1 & 1 < x \leq 3 \\ \rightarrow 4 - x & 3 < x \leq 4 \end{cases}$$

$$g'(x) \begin{cases} \rightarrow 3x^2 - 12x + 9 & 0 \leq x \leq 1 \\ \rightarrow 0 & 1 < x \leq 3 \\ \rightarrow 4 & 3 < x \leq 4 \end{cases}$$

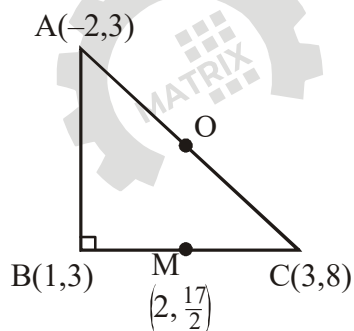
$$g'(1^-) = g'(1^+) \quad \text{but} \quad g'(3^-) \neq g'(3^+)$$

nondifferentiable at one point

6. Consider a triangle having vertices $A(-2, 3)$, $B(1, 9)$ and $C(3, 8)$. If a line L passing through the circumcenter of triangle ABC , bisects line BC , and intersects y -axis at point $\left(0, \frac{\alpha}{2}\right)$, then the value of real number α is _____.

Ans. Official Answer NTA (9)

Sol.



$$AC = 5\sqrt{2}$$

$$AB = \sqrt{45}$$

$$BC = \sqrt{5}$$

Circumcentre is $\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{11}{2}\right)$

$$M_{OM} = \frac{\frac{17}{2} - \frac{11}{2}}{2 - \frac{1}{2}}$$

equation of OM

$$y - \frac{17}{2} = 2(x - 2)$$

$$2y - 17 = 4x - 8$$

$$4y - 2y + 9 = 0$$

$$\text{put } \left(0, \frac{\alpha}{2}\right)$$

$$-\alpha + 9 = 0$$

$$\alpha = 9$$

7. Let $A = \{a_{ij}\}$ be a 3×3 matrix, where $a_{ij} = \begin{cases} (-1)^{j-i} & \text{if } i < j, \\ 2 & \text{if } i = j, \\ (-1)^{i+j} & \text{if } i > j, \end{cases}$ then $\det(3 \text{ Adj}(2A^{-1}))$ is equal to _____.

Ans. Official Answer NTA (108)

Sol. $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 1 \\ -1 & 2 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$

$$|A| = 4$$

$$\begin{aligned} |3 \text{adj}(2A^{-1})| &= 3^3 |\text{Adj}(2A^{-1})| \\ &= 3^3 |2A^{-1}|^2 \\ &= 3^3 \times 2^6 \times |A^{-1}|^2 \\ &= 3^3 \times 2^6 \times \frac{1}{|A|^2} = 108 \end{aligned}$$

8. Let $\{a_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ be a sequence such that $a_1 = 1, a_2 = 1$ and $a_{n+2} = 2a_{n+1} + a_n$ for all $n > 1$. Then the value of

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_n}{2^{3n}} \text{ is equal to } \underline{\hspace{2cm}}.$$

Ans. Official Answer NTA (7)

Sol. $a_{n+2} = 2a_{n+1} + a_n$

$$\frac{a_{n+2}}{8^n} = 2 \frac{a_{n+1}}{8^n} + \frac{a_n}{8^n}$$

$$64 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{a_{n+2}}{8^{n+2}} \right) = 16 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{a_{n+1}}{8^{n+1}} \right) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_n}{8^n}$$



$$\text{Let } \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{a_n}{8^n} \right) = p$$

$$64 \left(p - \frac{a_1}{8} - \frac{a_2}{8^2} \right) = 16 \left(p - \frac{a_1}{8} \right) + p$$

$$p = \frac{7}{47}$$

$$47p = 7$$

9. For $p > 0$, a vector $\vec{v}_2 = 2\hat{i} + (p+1)\hat{j}$ is obtained by rotating the vector $\vec{v}_1 = \sqrt{3}p\hat{i} + \hat{j}$ by an angle θ about origin in counter clockwise direction. If $\tan \theta = \frac{(\alpha\sqrt{3}-2)}{4\sqrt{3}+3}$, then the value of α is equal to _____.

Ans. Official Answer NTA (6)

$$\text{Sol. } |\vec{V}_1| = |\vec{V}_2|$$

$$3p^2 + 1 = 4 + (p+1)^2$$

$$p = 2 \quad \text{or} \quad p = -1$$

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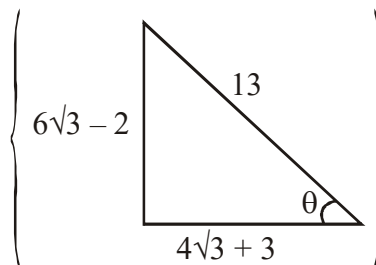
$$\vec{V}_1 = 2\sqrt{3}\hat{i} + \hat{j}$$

$$\vec{V}_2 = 2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j}$$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{\vec{V}_1 \cdot \vec{V}_2}{|\vec{V}_1| |\vec{V}_2|} = \frac{4\sqrt{3} + 3}{13}$$

$$\tan \theta = \frac{6\sqrt{3} - 2}{4\sqrt{3} + 3}$$

$$\alpha = 6$$



10. Let a curve $y = y(x)$ be given by the solution of the differential equation

$$\cos \left(\frac{1}{2} \cos^{-1}(e^{-x}) \right) dx = \sqrt{e^{2x} - 1} dy$$

If it intersects y-axis at $y = -1$, and the intersection point of the curve with x-axis is $(\alpha, 0)$, then e^α is equal to _____.

Ans. Official Answer NTA (2)

Sol. $\cos\left(\frac{1}{2}\cos^{-1}(e^{-x})\right)dx = \sqrt{e^{2x}-1} dy$

Let $\cos^{-1}e^{-x} = \theta$

$\cos \theta = e^{-x}$

$$\cos \frac{\theta}{2} = \sqrt{\frac{e^{-x}+1}{2}}$$

$$\sqrt{\frac{e^{-x}+1}{2}} dx = \sqrt{e^x+1} \sqrt{e^x-1} dy$$

$$\sqrt{\frac{1+e^x}{2e^x}} dx = \sqrt{e^x+1} \sqrt{e^x-1} dy$$

$$\int \frac{dx}{\sqrt{2e^x} \sqrt{e^x-1}} = \int dy$$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \int \frac{e^{-x} dx}{1-e^{-x}} = y + c$$

$$1-e^{-x} = t^2$$

$$e^{-x} dx = 2t dt$$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \int \frac{2t dt}{t} = y + c$$

$$\sqrt{2} \sqrt{1-e^{-x}} = y + c$$

$$\sqrt{2} \sqrt{1-e^{-x}} = y + 1$$

$$y = 0$$

$$e^x = 2$$

$$c = 1$$