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**JEE MAIN JULY 2021 | 25TH JULY SHIFT-2****SECTION - A**

1. The first of the two samples in a group has 100 items with mean 15 and standard deviation 3. If the whole group has 250 items with mean 15.6 and standard deviation $\sqrt{13.44}$, then the standard deviation of the second sample is :

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

Ans. Official Answer NTA (2)

Sol. $15.6 = \frac{100 \times 15 + 150 \times \bar{x}}{250}$

$$\bar{x} = 16$$

$$\text{Combined standard deviation} = \sqrt{13.44}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Combined variance } (\sigma^2) = 13.44$$

$$\sigma^2 = \frac{\sum x_i^2}{n} - (\bar{x})^2$$

$$13.44 = \frac{\sum x_i^2}{250} - 243.36$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum x_i^2 = 64200$$

For 1st sample

$$9 = \frac{\sum x_I^2}{100} - 225$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum x_I^2 = 23400$$

For 2nd sample

$$\sum x_{II}^2 = 64200 - 23400 = 40800$$

standard deviation of IInd sample will be

$$\sqrt{\frac{\sum x_{II}^2}{n} - (\bar{x}_{II})^2} = \sqrt{\frac{40800}{150} - 256} = 4$$



2. If $f(x) = \begin{cases} \int_0^x (5 + |1-t|) dt, & x > 2 \\ 5x + 1 & x \leq 2 \end{cases}$, then

- (1) $f(x)$ is not differentiable at $x = 1$
 (2) $f(x)$ is not continuous at $x = 2$
 (3) $f(x)$ is everywhere differentiable
 (4) $f(x)$ is continuous but not differentiable at $x = 2$

Ans. Official Answer NTA (4)

Sol. $f(x) = \begin{cases} \int_0^x (5 + |1-t|) dt & x > 2 \\ 5x + 1 & x \leq 2 \end{cases}$

$$f(x) = \int_0^1 (5 + 1 - t) dt + \int_1^x (5 + t - 1) dt$$

$$= \int_0^1 (6 - t) dt + \int_1^x (t + 4) dt$$

$$= 6 - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{x^2}{2} + 4x - \frac{1}{2} - 4$$

$$f(x) = \frac{11 + x^2 + 8x - 1 - 8}{2} = \frac{x^2 + 8x + 2}{2}$$

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{x^2 + 8x + 2}{2} & x > 2 \\ 5x + 1 & x \leq 2 \end{cases}$$

$$f(2^+) = \frac{4 + 16 + 2}{2} = 11$$

$$f(2^-) = 11$$

$$f(2) = 11$$

Continuous

$$f'(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{2x + 8}{2} & x > 2 \\ 5 & x < 2 \end{cases}$$



$$f'(x) = \begin{cases} x+4 & x > 2 \\ 5 & x < 2 \end{cases}$$

$$f'(2^+) = 6 \quad f'(2^-) = 2$$

Not differentiable

3. Let a, b and c be distinct positive numbers. If the vectors $a\hat{i} + a\hat{j} + c\hat{k}$, $\hat{i} + \hat{k}$ and $c\hat{i} + c\hat{j} + b\hat{k}$ are coplanar, then c is equal to :

(1) $\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b}$

(2) \sqrt{ab}

(3) $\frac{a+b}{2}$

(4) $\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b}$

Ans. Official Answer NTA (2)

Sol.
$$\begin{vmatrix} a & a & c \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ c & c & b \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$a(-c) - a(b-c) + c(c) = 0$$

$$c^2 = ab$$

$$c = \sqrt{ab}$$

4. Let X be a random variable such that the probability function of a distribution is given by $P(X=0) = \frac{1}{2}$, $P(X=j) = \frac{1}{3^j}$ ($J = 1, 2, 3, \dots, \infty$) Then the mean of the distribution and P(X is positive and even) respectively are :

(1) $\frac{3}{8}$ and $\frac{1}{8}$

(2) $\frac{3}{4}$ and $\frac{1}{9}$

(3) $\frac{3}{4}$ and $\frac{1}{16}$



(4) $\frac{3}{4}$ and $\frac{1}{8}$

Ans. Official Answer NTA (4)

Sol. Mean = $\sum x_i p_i = \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} r \times \frac{1}{3^r} = \frac{3}{4}$

P (x is even) = $\frac{1}{3^2} + \frac{1}{3^4} + \dots + \infty$

$$= \frac{\frac{1}{9}}{1 - \frac{1}{9}} = \frac{\frac{1}{9}}{\frac{8}{9}} = \frac{1}{8}$$

5. If $|\vec{a}| = 2$, $|\vec{b}| = 5$ and $|\vec{a} \times \vec{b}| = 8$, then $|\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}|$ is equal to :

(1) 6

(2) 4

(3) 3

(4) 5

Ans. Official Answer NTA (1)

Sol. $|\vec{a} \times \vec{b}| = |\vec{a}| |\vec{b}| \sin \theta$

$8 = 2 \times 5 \times \sin \theta$

$\sin \theta = \frac{4}{5} = \frac{P}{H} \quad B = 3$

$\cos \theta = \frac{3}{5}$

$|\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}| = |\vec{a}| |\vec{b}| \cos \theta$

$= 2 \times 5 \times \frac{3}{5} = 6$

6. If ${}^n P_r = {}^n P_{r+1}$ and ${}^n C_r = {}^n C_{r-1}$, then the value of r is equal to :

(1) 4

(2) 3

(3) 1

(4) 2



Ans. Official Answer NTA (4)

Sol. $n_{p_r} = n_{p_{r+1}}$

$$\frac{n}{n-r} = \frac{n}{n-r-1}$$

$$\frac{1}{(n-r)(n-r-1)} = \frac{1}{n-r-1}$$

$$n-r=1 \Rightarrow n=1+r$$

$$n_{c_r} = n_{c_{r-1}}$$

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

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

$$\frac{1}{r} = \frac{1}{n-r+1}$$

$$n-r+1=r$$

$$n+1=2r$$

$$1+r+1=2r$$

$$r=2$$

7. The value of $\cot \frac{\pi}{24}$ is :

(1) $\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{3} + 2 + \sqrt{6}$

(2) $\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{3} + 2 - \sqrt{6}$

(3) $\sqrt{2} - \sqrt{3} - 2 + \sqrt{6}$

(4) $3\sqrt{2} - \sqrt{3} - \sqrt{6}$

Ans. Official Answer NTA (1)

Sol. $\cot\left(\frac{\pi}{29}\right) = \cot(7.5^\circ)$

$$\cot(7.5^\circ) = \frac{1 + \cos 15^\circ}{\sin 15^\circ}$$

$$\cos 15^\circ = \cos(45^\circ - 30^\circ) = \cos 45^\circ \cos 30^\circ + \sin 45^\circ \sin 30^\circ$$

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

$$= \frac{\sqrt{3} + 1}{2\sqrt{2}}$$



$$\sin 15^\circ = \sin(45^\circ - 30^\circ) = \sin 45^\circ \cos 30^\circ - \cos 45^\circ \sin 30^\circ$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \times \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \times \frac{1}{2}$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{3}-1}{2\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\cot(7.5^\circ) = \frac{2\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{3} + 1}{\sqrt{3} - 1}$$

$$\cot(7.5^\circ) = \frac{(2\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{3} + 1)(\sqrt{3} + 1)}{2}$$

$$= 2\sqrt{6} + 2\sqrt{2} + 3 + \sqrt{3} + \sqrt{3} + 1$$

$$\frac{2\sqrt{6} + 2\sqrt{3} + 2\sqrt{2} + 4}{2}$$

$$= \sqrt{6} + \sqrt{3} + \sqrt{2} + 2$$

8. The lowest integer which is greater than $\left(1 + \frac{1}{10^{100}}\right)^{10^{100}}$ is _____.

(1) 2

(2) 1

(3) 3

(4) 4

Ans. Official Answer NTA (3)

Sol. $\left(1 + \frac{1}{10^{100}}\right)^{10^{100}}$

$$x = 10^{100}$$

$$P = \left(1 + \frac{1}{x}\right)^x$$

$$\left(1 + \frac{1}{x}\right)^x = 1 + 1 + \frac{x(x-1)}{2x^2} + \frac{x(x-1)(x-2)}{x^3 \cdot 3} + \dots$$

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



$$P = 2 + \left(\text{Positive values less than } \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{4} + \infty \right)$$

$$e = 1 + \frac{1}{1} + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{4} + \dots$$

$$e - 2 = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{4} + \dots$$

$$P = 2 + e - 2$$

$$P = e \quad (e \in (2, 3))$$

Lowest integer greater than $P = 3$

9. The value of the integral $\int_{-1}^1 \log(x + \sqrt{x^2 + 1}) dx$ is :

(1) 0

(2) 2

(3) -1

(4) 1

Ans. Official Answer NTA (1)

Sol.
$$I = \int_{-1}^1 \log(x + \sqrt{x^2 + 1}) dx$$

$$I = \int_0^1 \left(\log(x + \sqrt{x^2 + 1}) + \log(-x + \sqrt{x^2 + 1}) \right) dx$$

$$= \int_0^1 \log(x^2 + 1 - x^2) dx = 0$$

10. If the greatest value of the term independent of 'x' in the expansion of $\left(x \sin \alpha + a \frac{\cos \alpha}{x}\right)^{10}$ is $\frac{10!}{(5!)^2}$,

then the value of 'a' is equal to :

(1) 1

(2) -2

(3) 2

(4) -1

Ans. Official Answer NTA (3)



Sol. $T_{r+1} = {}^{10}C_r (x \sin \alpha)^{10-r} \left(\frac{a \cos \alpha}{x} \right)^r$

$$T_{r+1} = {}^{10}C_r (\sin \alpha)^{10-r} (a \cos \alpha)^r x^{10-r-r}$$

$$10 - 2r = 0 \Rightarrow r = 5$$

$$T_{5+1} = {}^{10}C_5 (\sin \alpha)^5 (a \cos \alpha)^5$$

$$= {}^{10}C_5 (\sin \alpha)^5 a^5 (\cos \alpha)^5$$

$$= {}^{10}C_5 \frac{1}{2^5} \times (\sin 2\alpha)^5 \times a^5$$

$$\left(\frac{a}{2} \right)^5 \times {}^{10}C_5 = \frac{10}{(\underline{5})^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow a = 2$$

11. If a tangent to the ellipse $x^2 + 4y^2 = 4$ meets the tangents at the extremities of its major axis at B and C, then the circle with BC as diameter passes through the point :

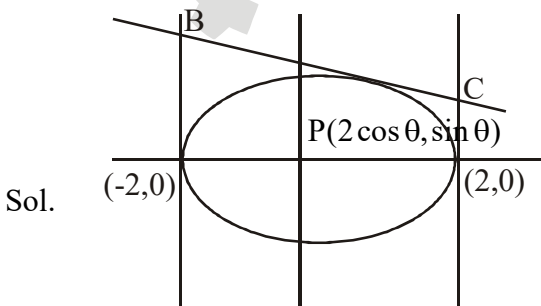
(1) $(\sqrt{3}, 0)$

(2) $(1, 1)$

(3) $(-1, 1)$

(4) $(\sqrt{2}, 0)$

Ans. Official Answer NTA (1)



$$\frac{2 \cos \theta \times x}{4} + y \times \sin \theta = 1$$

$$x \cos \theta + 2y \sin \theta = 2$$

For B

$$x = -2$$



$$-2 \cos \theta + 2 y \sin \theta = 2$$

$$y \sin \theta = 1 + \cos \theta$$

$$y = \frac{1 + \cos \theta}{\sin \theta}$$

For C

$$x = 2$$

$$2 \cos \theta + 2 y \sin \theta = 2$$

$$y \sin \theta = 1 - \cos \theta$$

$$y = \frac{1 - \cos \theta}{\sin \theta}$$

$$B(-2, \cot \frac{\theta}{2}) \quad C(2, \tan \frac{\theta}{2})$$

$$(x+2)(x-2) + (y - \cot \frac{\theta}{2})(y - \tan \frac{\theta}{2}) = 0$$

$$x^2 - 4 + y^2 - y(\tan \frac{\theta}{2} + \cot \frac{\theta}{2}) + 1 = 0$$

$$x^2 + y^2 - y(\tan \frac{\theta}{2} + \cot \frac{\theta}{2}) - 3 = 0$$

$$(\sqrt{3}, 0) = \text{Satisfies}$$

12. If $P = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1/2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$, then P^{50} is :

(1) $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 25 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

(2) $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 50 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

(3) $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 50 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

(4) $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 25 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

Ans. Official Answer NTA (1)



Sol.
$$P = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1/2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$P^3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1/2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 3/2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$P^4 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$P^4 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$P^{50} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 25 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

13. Consider the statement "The match will be played only if the weather is good and ground is not wet".
Select the correct negation from the following :
- (1) The match will not be played or weather is good and ground is not wet.
 - (2) The match will be played and weather is not good or ground is wet.
 - (3) The match will not be played and weather is not good and ground is wet.
 - (4) If the match will not be played, then either weather is not good or ground is wet.

Ans. Official Answer NTA (2)

Sol. P: Weather is good

q: ground is not wet

$$\sim (p \vee q) \equiv \sim p \vee \sim q$$

The match will be played and weather is not good or ground is wet.



14. The number of distinct real roots of $\begin{vmatrix} \sin x & \cos x & \cos x \\ \cos x & \sin x & \cos x \\ \cos x & \cos x & \sin x \end{vmatrix} = 0$ in the interval $-\frac{\pi}{4} \leq x \leq \frac{\pi}{4}$ is :

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

Ans. Official Answer NTA (1)

Sol. $\begin{vmatrix} \sin x & \cos x & \cos x \\ \cos x & \sin x & \cos x \\ \cos x & \cos x & \sin x \end{vmatrix} = 0$

$$C_1 \rightarrow C_1 - C_2 \quad C_2 \rightarrow C_2 - C_3$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} \sin x - \cos x & 0 & \cos x \\ -(\sin x - \cos x) & \sin x - \cos x & \cos x \\ 0 & -(\sin x - \cos x) & \sin x \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

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

$$(\sin x - \cos x)^2 [1(\sin x + \cos x) + \cos x(1)] = 0$$

$$\sin x = \cos x \quad \sin x + 2 \cos x = 0$$

$$\tan x = 1 \quad \tan x = -2$$

$$x = \pi/4$$

15. Let the equation of the pair of lines, $y = px$ and $y = qx$, can be written as $(y - px)(y - qx) = 0$. Then the equation of the pair of the angle bisectors of the lines $x^2 - 4xy - 5y^2 = 0$ is :

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



Ans. Official Answer NTA(2)

Sol. $x^2 - 4xy - 5y^2 = 0$

$$\frac{x^2 - y^2}{1 - (-5)} = \frac{xy}{-2}$$

$$\frac{x^2 - y^2}{6} = \frac{xy}{-2}$$

$$-x^2 + y^2 = 3xy$$

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

16. If $[x]$ be the greatest integer less than or equal to x , then $\sum_{n=8}^{100} \left[\frac{(-1)^n n}{2} \right]$ is equal to :

(1) 0

(2) 4

(3) 2

(4) -2

Ans. Official Answer NTA (2)

Sol. $\sum_{n=8}^{100} \left[\frac{(-1)^n n}{2} \right]$

$$4 - 5 + 5 - 6 + 6 \dots \dots 50 + 50 = 4$$

17. The number of real solutions of the equation, $x^2 - |x| - 12 = 0$ is :

(1) 4

(2) 3

(3) 1

(4) 2

Ans. Official Answer NTA (4)

Sol. $x^2 - |x| - 12 = 0$

$$t^2 - t - 12 = 0$$

$$(t - 4)(t + 3) = 0 = t = 4, -3$$

$$|x| = 4 \quad |x| = -3$$

$$x = \pm 4$$



18. The sum of all those terms which are rational numbers in the expansion of $(2^{1/3} + 3^{1/4})^{12}$ is :

- (1) 43
- (2) 89
- (3) 35
- (4) 27

Ans. Official Answer NTA (1)

Sol. $(2^{1/3} + 3^{1/4})^{12}$

$$T_{r+1} = {}^{12}C_r (2^{1/3})^{12-r} (3^{1/4})^r$$

$$= {}^{12}C_r \times 2^{\frac{12-r}{3}} \times 3^{\frac{r}{4}}$$

$$\frac{12-r}{3} = I \quad \frac{r}{4} = I$$

$$r = 0, 3, 6, 9, 12 \quad r = 0, 4, 8, 12$$

$$r = 0, 12$$

$$T_1 = {}^{12}C_0 2^4 \times 1 = 16$$

$$T_{13} = {}^{12}C_{12} \times 1 \times 3^3 = 27$$

$$\text{Sum} = 16 + 27 = 43$$

19. Let $y = y(x)$ be the solution of the differential equation $xy = (y + x^3 \cos x) dx$ with $y(\pi) = 0$, then

$y\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right)$ is equal to :

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

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

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

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



Ans. Official Answer NTA(3)

Sol. $x dy = y dx + x^3 \cos x dy$

$$\frac{x dy - y dx}{x^2} = x \cos x dx$$

$$\int d(y/x) = \int x \cos x dx$$

$$\frac{y}{x} = x \int \cos x dx - \int (dx \int \cos x dx) dx$$

$$\frac{y}{x} = x \sin x - \int \sin x dx$$

$$\frac{y}{x} = x \sin x + \cos x + C$$

$$\frac{0}{\pi} = \pi \sin \pi + \cos \pi + C$$

$$0 = 0 - 1 + C$$

$$C = 1$$

$$\frac{y}{x} = x \sin x + \cos x + 1$$

$$\frac{y \times 2}{\pi} = \frac{\pi}{2} \sin \frac{\pi}{2} + \cos \frac{\pi}{2} + 1$$

$$y \times \frac{2}{\pi} = \frac{\pi}{2} + 1$$

$$y = \frac{\pi^2}{4} + \frac{\pi}{2}$$

20. Consider functions $f : A \rightarrow B$ and $g : B \rightarrow C$ ($A, B, C \subseteq \mathbb{R}$) such that $(g \circ f)^{-1}$ exists, then :

- (1) f and g both are one-one
- (2) f is onto and g is one-one
- (3) f and g both are onto
- (4) f is one-one and g is onto

Ans. Official Answer NTA(4)

Sol. $(g \circ f)^{-1}$ exists \Rightarrow $g \circ f$ is bijective

$f(x)$ should be one-one

$g(x)$ should be onto

**SECTION - B**

1. If the co-efficients of x^7 and x^8 in the expansion of $\left(2 + \frac{x}{3}\right)^n$ are equal, then the value of n is equal to _____.

Ans. Official Answer NTA (55)

Sol. $\left(2 + \frac{x}{3}\right)^n$

$$T_{r+1} = {}^n C_r (2)^{n-r} \left(\frac{x}{3}\right)^r$$

$$r = 7 \quad r = 8$$

$$T_8 = {}^n C_7 (2)^{n-7} (3)^{-7} (x)^7$$

$$T_9 = {}^n C_8 (2)^{n-8} (3)^{-8} (x)^8$$

$${}^n C_7 (2)^{n-7} (3)^{-7} = {}^n C_8 (2)^{n-8} (3)^{-8}$$

$$\frac{{}^n C_7 \times 2^{n-7}}{3^7} = \frac{{}^n C_8 \times 2^{n-8}}{3^8}$$

$$6 \times \frac{|n|}{|7| |n-7|} = \frac{|n|}{|8| |n-8|}$$

$$\frac{6}{n-7} = \frac{1}{8}$$

$$48 + 7 = n = n = 55$$

2. If the line $\frac{x-k}{1} = \frac{y-2}{2} = \frac{z-3}{3}$ and $\frac{x+1}{3} = \frac{y+2}{2} = \frac{z+3}{1}$ are co-planar, then the value of k is _____.

Ans. Official Answer NTA (1)

Sol. $\vec{r} = (k, 2, 3) + \lambda(1, 2, 3)$

$$\vec{r} = (-1, -2, -3) + \mu(3, 2, 1)$$

$$\vec{d} = (k+1)\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} + 6\hat{k}$$

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



$$1(8) - 2(18 - k - 1) + 3(12 - 2k - 2) = 0$$

$$2k + 10 - 6K - 6 = 0$$

$$4 = 4k$$

$$k = 1$$

3. A fair coin is tossed n -times such that the probability of getting at least one head is at least 0.9. Then the minimum value of n is _____.

Ans. Official Answer NTA (4)

Sol. $P(\text{Head}) = \frac{1}{2}$

$$1 - P(\text{all tail}) \geq 0.9$$

$$1 - \frac{1}{2^n} \geq 0.9$$

$$0.1 \geq \frac{1}{2^n}$$

$$\frac{1}{10} \geq \frac{1}{2^n}$$

$$\frac{1}{2^n} \leq \frac{1}{10}$$

$$2^n \geq 10$$

$$n = 4$$

4. Let a curve $y = f(x)$ pass through the point $(2, (\log_e 2)^2)$ and have slope $\frac{2y}{x \log_e x}$ for all positive real value of x . Then the value of $f(e)$ is equal to _____.

Ans. Official Answer NTA (1)

Sol. $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{2y}{x \ln x}$

$$\frac{dy}{2y} = \frac{dx}{x \ln x}$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \int \frac{dy}{y} = \int \frac{dx}{x \ln x}$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \ln y = \int \frac{dx}{x \ln x}$$

$$\ln x = t$$



$$\frac{dx}{x} = dt$$

$$\frac{\ln y}{2} = \int \frac{dt}{t} \Rightarrow \frac{\ln y}{2} = \ln t + c$$

$$\frac{\ln y}{2} = \ln(\ln x) + c$$

$$\frac{\ln(\ln 2)^2}{2} = \ln(\ln 2) + c$$

$$\frac{2 \ln(\ln 2)}{2} = \ln(\ln 2) + c$$

$$C = 0$$

$$\frac{\ln y}{2} = \ln(\ln x)$$

$$y = e^{2 \ln(\ln x)}$$

$$f(x) = e^{2 \ln(\ln x)}$$

$$f(e) = e^{2 \ln(\ln e)} = 1$$

5. Let $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and $[x]$ denote the greatest integer less than or equal to x . If the sum of $(n+1)$ terms

${}^n C_0, 3 \cdot {}^n C_1, 5 \cdot {}^n C_2, 7 \cdot {}^n C_3, \dots$ is equal to $2^{100} \cdot 101$, then $2 \left[\frac{n-1}{2} \right]$ is equal to _____.

Ans. Official Answer NTA (98)

Sol. $S = {}^n C_0 + 3 \cdot {}^n C_1 + 5 \cdot {}^n C_2 + \dots + (2n+1) \cdot {}^n C_n$

$$S = (2n+1) \cdot {}^n C_n + (2n-1) \cdot {}^n C_{n-1} + \dots + {}^n C_0$$

$$S = (2n+1) \cdot {}^n C_0 + (2n-1) \cdot {}^n C_1 + \dots + {}^n C_n$$

$$2S = (2n+2) \left({}^n C_0 + {}^n C_1 + \dots + {}^n C_n \right)$$

$$2S = 2(n+1) \times 2^n$$

$$S = (n+1)2^n = 2^{100} \times 101$$

$$n = 100$$

$$2 \left[\frac{n-1}{2} \right] = 2 \left[\frac{100-1}{2} \right] = 2 \left[\frac{99}{2} \right] = 98$$



6. If $(\vec{a} + 3\vec{b})$ is perpendicular to $(7\vec{a} - 5\vec{b})$ and $(\vec{a} - 4\vec{b})$ is perpendicular to $(7\vec{a} - 2\vec{b})$, then the angle between \vec{a} and \vec{b} (in degrees) is _____.

Ans. Official Answer NTA (60)

Sol. $(\vec{a} + 3\vec{b}) \cdot (7\vec{a} - 5\vec{b}) = 0$

$$7|\vec{a}|^2 - 5\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} + 21\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} - 15|\vec{b}|^2 = 0$$

$$7|\vec{a}|^2 + 16\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} - 15|\vec{b}|^2 = 0 \quad \dots \{1\}$$

$$(\vec{a} - 4\vec{b}) \cdot (7\vec{a} - 2\vec{b}) = 0$$

$$7|\vec{a}|^2 - 2\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} - 28\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} + 8|\vec{b}|^2 = 0$$

$$7|\vec{a}|^2 - 30\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} + 8|\vec{b}|^2 = 0 \quad \dots \dots (2)$$

$$46\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} - 23|\vec{b}|^2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = \frac{|\vec{b}|^2}{2}$$

$$7|\vec{a}|^2 + 16\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} - 30\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = 0$$

$$7|\vec{a}|^2 = 14\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}$$

$$|\vec{a}|^2 = 2\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} \Rightarrow \vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = \frac{|\vec{a}|^2}{2}$$

$$\frac{|\vec{b}|^2}{2} = \frac{|\vec{a}|^2}{2} \Rightarrow |\vec{a}| = |\vec{b}|$$

$$2\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = |\vec{b}|^2$$

$$2|\vec{a}||\vec{b}|\cos\theta = |\vec{b}|^2$$

$$\cos\theta = 1/2 \Rightarrow \theta = \pi/3$$

7. Consider the function $f(x) = \frac{P(x)}{\sin(x-2)}$, $x \neq 2$
 $= 7$, $x = 2$

where $P(x)$ is a polynomial such that $P''(x)$ is always a constant and $P(3) = 9$. If $f(x)$ is continuous at $x = 2$, then $P(5)$ is equal to _____.

Ans. Official Answer NTA (39)



Sol. $f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{P(x)}{\sin(x-2)} & x \neq 2 \\ 7 & x = 2 \end{cases}$

$P''(x) = \text{constant} \Rightarrow P(x)$ is 2 degree polynomial

$$f(2^+) = f(2^-) = f(2)$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{P(x)}{\sin(x-2)} = 7$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{(x-2)P(x)}{(x-2)\sin(x-2)} = 7$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{P(x)}{(x-2)} = 7$$

$$P(x) = (x-2)(ax+b)$$

$$2a + b = 7$$

$$P(3) = 3a + b = 9$$

$$a = 2$$

$$4 + b = 7 \Rightarrow b = 3$$

$$P(x) = (x-2)(2x+3)$$

$$P(5) = 3(10+3) = 39$$

8. The equation of a circle is $\text{Re}(z^2) + 2(\text{Im}(z))^2 + 2\text{Re}(z) = 0$, where $z = x + iy$. A line which passes through the center of the given circle and the vertex of the parabola, $x^2 - 6x - y + 13 = 0$, has y-intercept equal to _____.

Ans. Official Answer NTA (1)

Sol. $Z = x + iy$

$$Z^2 = (x+iy)^2 = x^2 - y^2 + 2ixy$$

$$\text{Re}(Z^2) = x^2 - y^2 \quad \text{Im}(z) = y$$

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

$$x^2 + y^2 + 2x = 0$$

$$\text{centre } (-1, 0)$$

$$x^2 - 6x = y - 13$$

$$(x-3)^2 - 9 = y - 13$$



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

$$x-3 = X \quad y-4 = Y$$

$$X^2 = Y$$

$$\text{Vertex} = (3, 4)$$

$$\frac{4-0}{4} = \frac{y-0}{x+1}$$

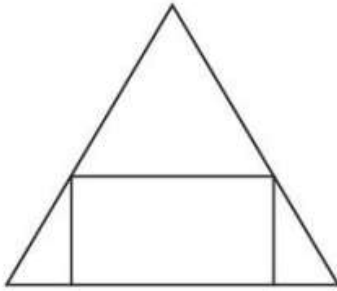
$$1 = \frac{y}{x+1}$$

$$x+1 = y$$

$$\text{Put } x=0$$

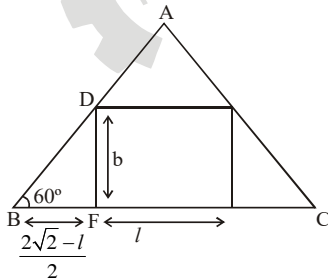
$$y_{\text{int}} = 1$$

9. If a rectangle is inscribed in an equilateral triangle of side length $2\sqrt{2}$ as shown in the figure, then the square of the largest area of such a rectangle is _____.



Ans. Official Answer NTA (3)

Sol.



In $\triangle DBF$

$$\tan 60^\circ = \frac{2b}{2\sqrt{2}-l} \Rightarrow b = \frac{\sqrt{3}(2\sqrt{2}-l)}{2}$$

$$A = l \times b = l \times \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} (2\sqrt{2}-l)$$



$$\frac{dA}{dl} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}(2\sqrt{2} - 2l) = 0$$

$$\sqrt{3}(\sqrt{2} - l) = 0$$

$$l = \sqrt{2}$$

$$A = l \times b = \sqrt{2} \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \right) (2\sqrt{2} - \sqrt{2})$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} (2) = \sqrt{3}$$

$$A^2 = 3$$

10. If $a + b + c = 1$, $ab + bc + ca = 2$ and $abc = 3$, then the value of $a^4 + b^4 + c^4$ is equal to _____.

Ans. Official Answer NTA (13)

Sol. $a + b + c = 1$ $ab + bc + ca = 2$ $abc = 3$

$$(a + b + c)^2 = a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + 2(ab + bc + ca)$$

$$1 = a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + 4$$

$$a^2 + b^2 + c^2 = -3$$

$$(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)^2 = a^4 + b^4 + c^4 + 2(a^2b^2 + b^2c^2 + c^2a^2)$$

$$9 - 2(a^2b^2 + b^2c^2 + c^2a^2) = a^4 + b^4 + c^4$$

$$(ab + bc + ca)^2 = a^2b^2 + b^2c^2 + c^2a^2 + 2(ab^2c + abc^2 + a^2bc)$$

$$4 = a^2b^2 + b^2c^2 + c^2a^2 + 2abc(b + c + a)$$

$$4 = a^2b^2 + b^2c^2 + c^2a^2 + 6$$

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

$$a^4 + b^4 + c^4 = 9 - 2(-2)$$

$$a^4 + b^4 + c^4 = 13$$