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**JEE MAIN FEB 2021 | 26TH FEB SHIFT-2****SECTION - A**

1. The sum of the series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n^2 + 6n + 10}{(2n+1)!}$ is equal to :

(1) $-\frac{41}{8}e + \frac{19}{8}e^{-1} - 10$

(2) $\frac{41}{8}e + \frac{19}{8}e^{-1} + 10$

(3) $\frac{41}{8}e - \frac{19}{8}e^{-1} - 10$

(4) $\frac{41}{8}e + \frac{19}{8}e^{-1} - 10$

Ans. Official Answer NTA : (3)

Sol. $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n^2 + 6n + 10}{(2n+1)!}$

put $2n + 1 = r$

for $n = \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$

$r = \{3, 5, 7, \dots\}$

$$= \sum_{r=3,5,7,\dots} \frac{\left(\frac{r-1}{2}\right)^2 + 6 \cdot \left(\frac{r-1}{2}\right) + 10}{r!}$$

$$= \sum_{r=3,5,7,\dots} \frac{(r-1)^2 + 12(r-1) + 10}{4r!}$$

$$= \sum_{r=3,5,7,\dots} \frac{r^2 + 10r + 29}{4r!}$$

$$= \sum_{r=3,5,7,\dots} \frac{r(r-1) + 11r + 29}{4r!}$$

$$= \sum_{r=3,5,7,\dots} \left(\frac{1}{4(r-2)!} + \frac{11}{4(r-1)!} + \frac{29}{4} \cdot \frac{1}{r!} \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} \left(\frac{1}{1!} + \frac{1}{3!} + \frac{1}{5!} + \dots \right) + \frac{11}{4} \left(\frac{1}{2!} + \frac{1}{4!} + \frac{1}{6!} + \dots \right) + \frac{29}{4} \left(\frac{1}{3!} + \frac{1}{5!} + \frac{1}{7!} + \dots \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} \left(\frac{e - \frac{1}{e}}{2} \right) + \frac{11}{4} \left(\frac{e + \frac{1}{e} - 2}{2} \right) + \frac{29}{4} \left(\frac{e - \frac{1}{e} - 2}{2} \right)$$



$$= \frac{1}{8} \left[e - \frac{1}{e} + 11e + \frac{11}{e} - 22 + 29e - \frac{29}{e} - 58 \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{8} \left[41e - \frac{19}{e} - 80 \right] = \frac{41}{8}e - \frac{19}{8}e^{-1} - 10$$

2. For $x > 0$, if $f(x) = \int_1^x \frac{\log_e t}{(1+t)} dt$, then $f(e) + f\left(\frac{1}{e}\right)$ is equal to :

(1) 1

(2) -1

(3) 0

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

Ans. Official Answer NTA : (4)

Sol. $f(x) = \int_1^x \frac{\ln t}{1+t} dt$ (i)

put $x = \frac{1}{x}$

$$f\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = \int_1^{\frac{1}{x}} \frac{\ln(t)}{1+t} dt$$

put $t = \frac{1}{z}$

$$dt = \frac{-1}{z^2} dz$$

$$f\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = \int_1^x \frac{-\ln z}{1 + \frac{1}{z}} \left(-\frac{1}{z^2}\right) dz$$

$$f\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = \int_1^x \frac{\ln z}{z(1+z)} dz$$

$$f\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = \int_1^x \frac{\ln t}{t(1+t)} dt$$
(ii)

(i) + (ii)

$$f(x) + f\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = \int_1^x \frac{\ln t}{t} dt$$

$$\Rightarrow f(x) + f\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = \left[\frac{(\ln t)^2}{2} \right]_1^x$$



$$\Rightarrow f(x) + f\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = \frac{(\ln x)^2}{2}$$

$$\therefore f(e) + f\left(\frac{1}{e}\right) = \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2}$$

3. Let slope of the tangent line to a curve at any point P(x, y) be given by $\frac{xy^2 + y}{x}$. If the curve intersects the line $x + 2y = 4$ at $x = -2$, then the value of y, for which the point (3, y) lies on the curve, is :

- (1) $-\frac{18}{19}$ (2) $\frac{18}{35}$ (3) $-\frac{18}{11}$ (4) $-\frac{4}{3}$

Ans. Official Answer NTA : (1)

Sol. $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{xy^2 + y}{x}$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = y^2 + \frac{1}{x}y$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{y^2} \frac{dy}{dx} - \frac{1}{y} \cdot \frac{1}{x} = 1$$

put $-\frac{1}{y} = z$

$$\frac{1}{y^2} \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dz}{dx}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dz}{dx} + z \cdot \frac{1}{x} = 1$$

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

$$\Rightarrow z \cdot x = \int x \cdot 1 dx + c$$

$$\Rightarrow z \cdot x = \frac{x^2}{2} + c$$

$$\Rightarrow \therefore z = \frac{x}{2} + \frac{c}{x}$$

$$\therefore -\frac{1}{y} = \frac{x}{2} + \frac{c}{x} = \frac{x^2 + 2c}{2x}$$

$$\therefore y = \frac{-2x}{x^2 + 2c} \quad \dots\dots\dots(i)$$



\therefore Curve intersect the line $x + 2y = 4$ at $x = -2$

$$\text{i.e. } -2 + 2y = 4 \quad \therefore y = 3$$

$\therefore (-2, 3)$ lies on the curve

$$\therefore 3 = \frac{-2 \times (-2)}{4 + 2c}$$

$$\Rightarrow 12 + 6c = 4$$

$$6c = -8 \quad \therefore c = -\frac{4}{3}$$

The equation of the required curve is

$$y = \frac{-2x}{x^2 - \frac{8}{3}}$$

$$\therefore y = \frac{6x}{8 - 3x^2}$$

when $x = 3$

$$y = \frac{18}{8 - 27} \quad \therefore y = -\frac{18}{19}$$

4. Let $f(x)$ be a differentiable function at $x = a$ with $f'(a) = 2$ and $f(a) = 4$. Then $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{xf(a) - af(x)}{x - a}$ equals :
- (1) $2a - 4$ (2) $2a + 4$ (3) $4 - 2a$ (4) $a + 4$

Ans. Official Answer NTA : (3)

Sol. $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{xf(a) - af(x)}{x - a} \quad \left(\frac{0}{0} \right)$

Apply L' Hospital Rule

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(a) - a \cdot f'(x)}{1}$$

$$= f(a) - a \cdot f'(a)$$

$$= 4 - a \cdot 2$$

$$= 4 - 2a$$



5. Let $F_1(A, B, C) = (A \wedge \sim B) \vee [\sim C \wedge (A \vee B)] \vee \sim A$ and $F_2(A, B) = (A \vee B) \vee (B \rightarrow \sim A)$ be two logical expressions. Then :

- (1) F_1 is not a tautology but F_2 is a tautology
- (2) Both F_1 and F_2 are not tautologies
- (3) F_1 and F_2 both are tautologies
- (4) F_1 is a tautology but F_2 is not a tautology

Ans. Official Answer NTA : (1)

Sol.

A	B	C	$\sim B$	$A \wedge \sim B$	$A \vee B$	$\sim C$	$\sim C \wedge (A \vee B)$
T	T	T	F	F	T	F	F
T	F	F	T	T	T	T	T
T	T	F	F	F	T	T	T
T	F	T	T	T	T	F	F
F	T	T	F	F	T	F	F
F	F	F	T	F	F	T	F
F	T	F	F	F	T	T	T
F	F	T	T	F	F	F	F

$(A \wedge \sim B) \vee [\sim C \wedge (A \vee B)]$	$\sim A$	$(A \wedge \sim B) \vee [\sim C \wedge (A \vee B)] \vee \sim A$
F	F	F
T	F	T
T	F	T
T	F	T
F	T	T
F	T	T
T	T	T
F	T	T

F_1 is not a tautology

A	B	$\sim A$	$A \vee B$	$B \rightarrow \sim A$	$(A \vee B) \vee (B \rightarrow \sim A)$
T	F	F	T	T	T
T	T	F	T	F	T
F	T	T	T	T	T
F	F	T	F	T	T

F_2 is a tautology

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6. Let $A = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, 10\}$ and $f : A \rightarrow A$ be defined as

$$f(k) = \begin{cases} k+1 & \text{if } k \text{ is odd} \\ k & \text{if } k \text{ is even} \end{cases}$$

Then the number of possible functions $g : A \rightarrow A$ such that $g \circ f = f$ is :

- (1) ${}^{10}C_5$ (2) 10^5 (3) $5!$ (4) 5^5

Ans. Official Answer NTA : (2)

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

$$\Rightarrow g(x) = x, \text{ when } x \text{ is even}$$

so total number of functions g from A to A

$$= 10^5 \cdot 1$$

$$= 10^5$$

7. A natural number has prime factorization given by $n = 2^x 3^y 5^z$, where y and z are such that $y + z = 5$ and

$y^{-1} + z^{-1} = \frac{5}{6}$, $y > z$. Then the number of odd divisors of n , including 1, is :

- (1) 12 (2) $6x$ (3) 6 (4) 11

Ans. Official Answer NTA : (1)

Sol. $n = 2^x 3^y 5^z$

$$\therefore y + z = 5 \quad \dots\dots\dots(i)$$

$$\frac{1}{y} + \frac{1}{z} = \frac{5}{6} \quad \dots\dots\dots(ii)$$

$$\frac{y+z}{yz} = \frac{5}{6} \quad \therefore yz = 6 \quad \dots\dots\dots(iii)$$

$$\therefore y > z \quad \therefore y = 3, z = 2$$

$$\therefore \text{Number of odd divisors} = 1 \cdot (3 + 1) (2 + 1) = 4 \times 3 = 12$$

8. If $0 < a, b < 1$, and $\tan^{-1} a + \tan^{-1} b = \frac{\pi}{4}$, then the value of $(a+b) - \left(\frac{a^2+b^2}{2}\right) + \left(\frac{a^3+b^3}{3}\right) - \left(\frac{a^4+b^4}{4}\right) + \dots$

is :



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

(2) $e^2 - 1$

(3) $\log_e 2$

(4) e

Ans. Official Answer NTA : (3)

Sol. $\therefore \tan^{-1} a + \tan^{-1} b = \frac{\pi}{4}$

$$\Rightarrow \tan^{-1} a = \frac{\pi}{4} - \tan^{-1} b$$

$$\Rightarrow \tan(\tan^{-1} a) = \tan\left(\frac{\pi}{4} - \tan^{-1} b\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow a = \frac{1-b}{1+b}$$

$$\Rightarrow a + ab = 1 - b$$

$$a + b + ab = 1 \quad \dots\dots\dots(i)$$

$$\therefore (a+b) - \left(\frac{a^2+b^2}{2}\right) + \left(\frac{a^3+b^3}{3}\right) - \left(\frac{a^4+b^4}{4}\right) + \dots\dots$$

$$= \left(a - \frac{a^2}{2} + \frac{a^3}{3} - \frac{a^4}{4} + \dots\dots\right) + \left(b - \frac{b^2}{2} + \frac{b^3}{3} - \frac{b^4}{4} + \dots\dots\right)$$

$$= \ln(1+a) + \ln(1+b)$$

$$= \ln((1+a)(1+b))$$

$$= \ln(a+b+ab+1)$$

$$= \ln(1+1) = \ln 2$$

9. Consider the following system of equations :

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

$$2x + 6y - 11z = b$$

$$x - 2y + 7z = c,$$

where a, b and c are real constants. Then the system of equations :

(1) has no solution for all a, b and c

(2) has infinite number of solutions when $5a = 2b + c$

(3) has a unique solution when $5a = 2b + c$

(4) has a unique solution for all a, b and c



Ans. Official Answer NTA : (2)

$$\text{Sol. } D = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & -3 \\ 2 & 6 & -11 \\ 1 & -2 & 7 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= 1(42 - 22) - 2(14 + 11) - 3(-4 - 6)$$

$$= 20 - 50 + 30 = 0$$

$$D_x = \begin{vmatrix} a & 2 & -3 \\ b & 6 & -11 \\ c & -2 & 7 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= a[42 - 22] - b[14 - 6] + c(-22 + 18)$$

$$= 20a - 8b - 4c$$

$$= 4[5a - 2b - c]$$

$$D_y = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & a & -3 \\ 2 & b & -11 \\ 1 & c & 7 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= -5[5a - 2b - c]$$

$$D_z = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & a \\ 2 & 6 & b \\ 1 & -2 & c \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= -2[5a - 2b - c]$$

$$\text{for } 5a - 2b - c = 0, D_x = D_y = D_z = 0$$

\therefore system has infinite number of solutions

$$\text{when } 5a = 2b + c$$

10. Let A_1 be the area of the region bounded by the curves $y = \sin x$, $y = \cos x$ and y -axis in the first quadrant.

Also, let A_2 be the area of the region bounded by the curves $y = \sin x$, $y = \cos x$, x -axis and $x = \frac{\pi}{2}$ in the

first quadrant. Then,



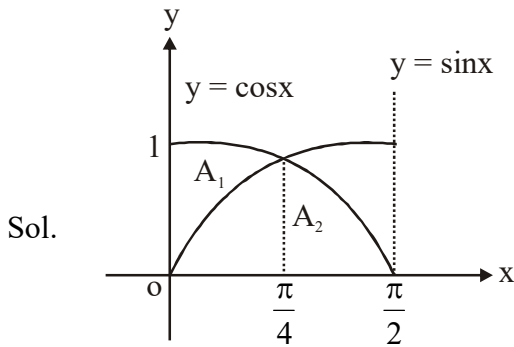
(1) $A_1 = A_2$ and $A_1 + A_2 = \sqrt{2}$

(2) $2A_1 = A_2$ and $A_1 + A_2 = 1 + \sqrt{2}$

(3) $A_1 : A_2 = 1 : \sqrt{2}$ and $A_1 + A_2 = 1$

(4) $A_1 : A_2 = 1 : 2$ and $A_1 + A_2 = 1$

Ans. Official Answer NTA : (3)



$$A_1 = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} (\cos x - \sin x) dx = [\sin x + \cos x]_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} - 1 = \sqrt{2} - 1$$

$$A_2 = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} \sin x dx + \int_{\frac{\pi}{4}}^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \cos x dx$$

$$= [-\cos x]_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} + [\sin x]_{\frac{\pi}{4}}^{\frac{\pi}{2}}$$

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

$$A_1 + A_2 = 1, \quad \frac{A_1}{A_2} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

11. Let $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be defined as :

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 2 \sin\left(-\frac{\pi x}{2}\right), & \text{if } x < -1 \\ |ax^2 + x + b|, & \text{if } -1 \leq x \leq 1 \\ \sin(\pi x), & \text{if } x > 1 \end{cases}$$

If $f(x)$ is continuous on \mathbb{R} , then $a + b$ equals :



(1) 3

(2) 1

(3) -3

(4) -1

Ans. Official Answer NTA : (4)

Sol. Doubtful points : $\{-1, 1\}$

at $x = -1$: $f(-1) = |a + b - 1|$

$$\text{LHL} = 2\sin \frac{\pi}{2} = 2$$

$$\text{RHL} = |a + b - 1|$$

for continuity at $x = -1$

$$|a + b - 1| = 2 \quad \dots\dots\dots(i)$$

at $x = 1$

$$f(1) = |a + b + 1|$$

$$\text{LHL} = |a + b + 1|$$

$$\text{RHL} = \sin \pi = 0$$

for continuity at $x = 1$

$$|a + b + 1| = 0$$

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

$$\therefore a + b = -1 \quad \dots\dots\dots(ii)$$

 \therefore for $a + b = -1$

$$|a + b - 1| = |-1 - 1| = 2$$

 $f(x)$ is continuous at $x = -1$ and $x = 1$ $\Rightarrow f(x)$ is continuous on \mathbb{R} $\therefore a + b = -1$

12. If the locus of the mid-point of the line segment from the point $(3, 2)$ to a point on the circle, $x^2 + y^2 = 1$ is a circle of radius r , then r is equal to :

(1) 1

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



Ans. Official Answer NTA : (3)

Sol. P is the mid-point of AB

$$h = \frac{3 + \cos \theta}{2}$$

$$k = \frac{2 + \sin \theta}{2}$$

$$\cos \theta = 2h - 3$$

$$\sin \theta = 2k - 2$$

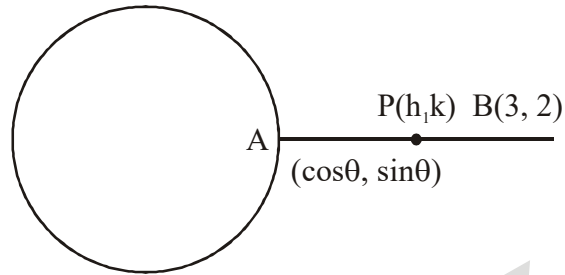
$$\sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow (2k - 2)^2 + (2h - 3)^2 = 1$$

$$\left(h - \frac{3}{2}\right)^2 + (k - 1)^2 = \frac{1}{4}$$

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

$$\therefore r = \frac{1}{2}$$



13. If vectors $\vec{a}_1 = x\hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k}$ and $\vec{a}_2 = \hat{i} + y\hat{j} + z\hat{k}$ are collinear, then a possible unit vector parallel to the vector $x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} + z\hat{k}$ is :

(1) $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(-\hat{j} + \hat{k})$ (2) $\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}(\hat{i} + \hat{j} - \hat{k})$ (3) $\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}(\hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k})$ (4) $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(\hat{i} - \hat{j})$

Ans. Official Answer NTA : (3)

Sol. $\therefore \vec{a}_1$ and \vec{a}_2 are collinear

$$\therefore \vec{a}_1 = \lambda \vec{a}_2$$

$$(x\hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k}) = \lambda(\hat{i} + y\hat{j} + z\hat{k})$$

$$\therefore x = \lambda$$

$$y\lambda = -1$$

$$z\lambda = 1$$

$$\therefore y = -\frac{1}{\lambda}$$



$$\therefore z = \frac{1}{\lambda}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} + z\hat{k} \\ = \lambda\hat{i} - \frac{1}{\lambda}\hat{j} + \frac{1}{\lambda}\hat{k} \\ = \frac{1}{\lambda}(\lambda^2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \text{for } \lambda = 1$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{a vector parallel to } x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} + z\hat{k} \\ = \hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k} \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \text{unit vector} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}(\hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k})$$

14. Let A(1, 4) and B(1, -5) be two points. Let P be a point on the circle $(x - 1)^2 + (y - 1)^2 = 1$ such that $(PA)^2 + (PB)^2$ have maximum value, then the points P, A and B lie on :

- (1) a hyperbola (2) a straight line (3) a parabola (4) an ellipse

Ans. Official Answer NTA : (2)

Sol. General point on the circle P

$$= (1 + \cos \theta, 1 + \sin \theta)$$

$$PA^2 + (PB)^2 = (\cos \theta)^2 + (\sin \theta - 3)^2 + (\cos \theta)^2 + (\sin \theta + 6)^2$$

$$= 2(\cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta) - 6 \sin \theta + 12 \sin \theta$$

$$PA^2 + PB^2 = 2 + 12 \sin \theta$$

$PA^2 + PB^2$ have maximum value

$$\text{when } \sin \theta = 1$$

$$\therefore \cos \theta = 0$$

Required

$$\therefore \text{point P} = (1, 2)$$

\therefore Since x-coordinates of all the three points P, A and B are equal

\therefore P, A and B lie on the straight line $x = 1$.



15. If the mirror image of the point $(1, 3, 5)$ with respect to the plane $4x - 5y + 2z = 8$ is (α, β, γ) , then $5(\alpha + \beta + \gamma)$ equals :
- (1) 41 (2) 43 (3) 47 (4) 39

Ans. Official Answer NTA : (3)

Sol. B is the mirror image of A w.r.t. the plane $4x - 5y + 2z = 8$

M is the mid-point of AB, which lies on the plane.

DR of AB = DR of the normal

$$= \langle 4, -5, 2 \rangle$$

Eqⁿ of the line AB :

$$\frac{x-1}{4} = \frac{y-3}{-5} = \frac{z-5}{2}$$

General point on AB

$$= (1 + 4\lambda, 3 - 5\lambda, 5 + 2\lambda) \text{ (Say M)}$$

For M :

\therefore M lies on the plane

$$4(1 + 4\lambda) - 5(3 - 5\lambda) + 2(5 + 2\lambda) = 8$$

$$\Rightarrow -1 + 45\lambda = 8$$

$$45\lambda = 9$$

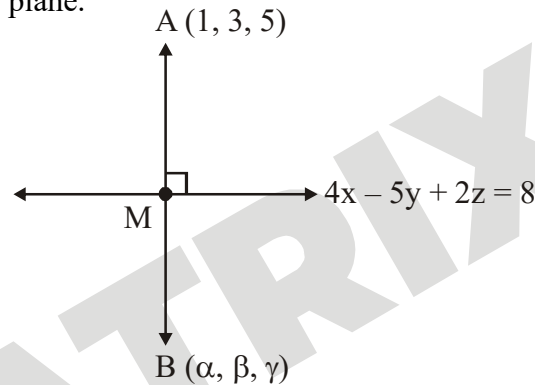
$$\therefore \lambda = \frac{1}{5}$$

$$M = \left(1 + \frac{4}{5}, 3 - \frac{5}{5}, 5 + \frac{2}{5} \right)$$

$$= \left(\frac{9}{5}, \frac{10}{5}, \frac{27}{5} \right)$$

$$\therefore \frac{\alpha + 1}{2} = \frac{9}{5} \qquad \therefore \alpha = \frac{13}{5}$$

$$\frac{\beta + 3}{2} = \frac{10}{5} \qquad \therefore \beta = \frac{5}{5}$$





$$\frac{\gamma + 5}{2} = \frac{27}{5} \quad \therefore \gamma = \frac{29}{5}$$

$$\alpha + \beta + \gamma = \frac{47}{5}$$

$$\Rightarrow 5(\alpha + \beta + \gamma) = 47$$

16. A seven digit number is formed using digits 3, 3, 4, 4, 4, 5, 5. The probability, that number so formed is divisible by 2, is :

- (1) $\frac{6}{7}$ (2) $\frac{3}{7}$ (3) $\frac{4}{7}$ (4) $\frac{1}{7}$

Ans. Official Answer NTA : (2)

Sol. Total number formed using the given digits = $\frac{|7|}{|2| |3| |2|}$

For the number be divisible by 2

$$(\text{-----})^4$$

$$= \frac{|6|}{|2| |2| |2|}$$

$$\therefore \text{Required probability} = \frac{\frac{|6|}{|2| |2| |2|}}{\frac{|7|}{|2| |3| |2|}}$$

$$= \frac{|6|}{|7|} \times \frac{|3|}{|2|} = \frac{3}{7}$$

17. Let $f(x) = \sin^{-1} x$ and $g(x) = \frac{x^2 - x - 2}{2x^2 - x - 6}$. If $g(2) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} g(x)$, then the domain of the function fog is :

- (1) $(-\infty, -1] \cup [2, \infty)$ (2) $(-\infty, -2] \cup [-1, \infty)$
 (3) $(-\infty, -2] \cup \left[-\frac{4}{3}, \infty\right)$ (4) $(-\infty, -2] \cup \left[-\frac{3}{2}, \infty\right)$



Ans. Official Answer NTA : (3)

$$\text{Sol. } g(2) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x^2 - x - 2}{2x^2 - x - 6}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{(x-2)(x+1)}{(x-2)(2x+3)}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{(x+1)}{2x+3} = \frac{3}{7}$$

$$g(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{x+1}{2x+3} & x \neq 2 \\ \frac{3}{7} & x = 2 \end{cases}$$

$$f \circ g(x) = \sin^{-1}(g(x))$$

for $f \circ g$ be defined

$$-1 \leq g(x) \leq 1$$

$$\therefore \text{ for } x = 2 \quad g(2) = \frac{3}{7}$$

$\therefore f \circ g$ is defined when $x = 2$ (i)

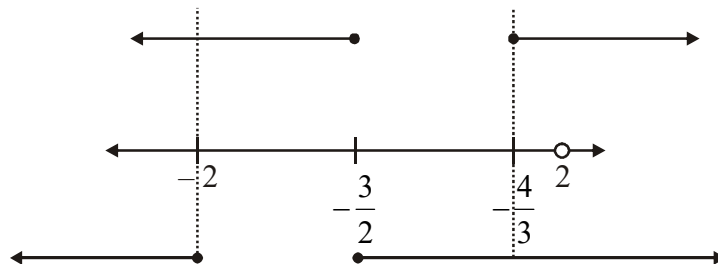
when $x \neq 2$

$$-1 \leq g(x) \leq 1$$

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

$$\frac{x+1}{2x+3} \geq -1 \text{ and } \frac{x+1}{2x+3} \leq 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{3x+4}{2x+3} \geq 0 \text{ and } \frac{x+2}{2x+3} \geq 0$$



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$$\therefore x \in (-\infty, -2] \cup \left[-\frac{4}{3}, \infty\right) - \{2\} \quad \dots\dots\dots(ii)$$

Using (i) and (ii)

Domain of fog is :

$$(-\infty, -2] \cup \left[-\frac{4}{3}, \infty\right)$$

18. Let L be a line obtained from the intersection of two planes $x + 2y + z = 6$ and $y + 2z = 4$. If point $P(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$ is the foot of perpendicular from $(3, 2, 1)$ on L, then the value of $21(\alpha + \beta + \gamma)$ equals :
- (1) 102 (2) 142 (3) 68 (4) 136

Ans. Official Answer NTA : (1)

Sol. Let DR's of LOI are $\langle a, b, c \rangle$

$$a + 2b + c = 0$$

$$0a + b + 2c = 0$$

$$\frac{a}{4-1} = \frac{b}{0-2} = \frac{c}{1-0}$$

$$\therefore \frac{a}{3} = \frac{b}{-2} = \frac{c}{1}$$

$$\therefore \text{DR' of line of intersection (LOI)} = \langle 3, -2, 1 \rangle$$

For a point on the LOI :

$$\text{Let } y = 0$$

$$x + z = 6 \quad \dots\dots\dots(i)$$

$$2z = 4 \quad \dots\dots\dots(ii)$$

on solving (i) and (ii)

$$\therefore x = 4, z = 2$$

$\therefore (4, 0, 2)$ lies on the LOI

General point on the line :

$$(x, y, z) = (4 + 3\lambda, 0 - 2\lambda, 2 + \lambda)$$



$$\text{Let } (\alpha, \beta, \gamma) = (4 + 3\lambda, -2\lambda, 2 + \lambda)$$

$$\therefore \alpha = 4 + 3\lambda$$

$$\beta = -2\lambda$$

$$\gamma = 2 + \lambda$$

$$\text{DR of AP} = \langle 3\lambda + 1, -2\lambda - 2, \lambda + 1 \rangle$$

\therefore AP is \perp to the line

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

$$\Rightarrow 14\lambda + 8 = 0$$

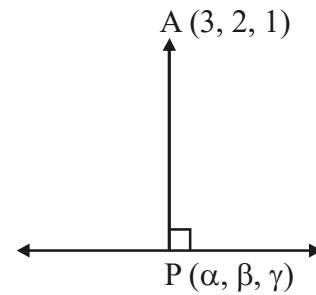
$$\lambda = -\frac{4}{7}$$

$$\alpha + \beta + \gamma = 6 + 2\lambda$$

$$= 6 + 2\left(-\frac{4}{7}\right)$$

$$= \frac{42 - 8}{7} = \frac{34}{7}$$

$$21(\alpha + \beta + \gamma) = 21 \times \frac{34}{7} = 102$$



19. Let $f(x) = \int_0^x e^t f(t) dt + e^x$ be a differentiable function for all $x \in \mathbb{R}$. Then $f(x)$ equals :

- (1) $e^{(e^x - 1)}$ (2) $2e^{(e^x - 1)} - 1$ (3) $e^{e^x} - 1$ (4) $2e^{e^x} - 1$

Ans. Official Answer NTA : (2)

Sol. $f(x) = \int_0^x e^t f(t) dt + e^x$ (i)

Differentiate (i) w.r.t. 'x'

$$f'(x) = e^x f(x) + e^x$$

$$\Rightarrow f'(x) = e^x (f(x) + 1)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{f'(x)}{f(x) + 1} = e^x$$

Integrating both sides



$$\int \frac{f'(x)}{f(x)+1} dx = \int e^x dx$$

$$\Rightarrow \ln(f(x) + 1) = e^x + c$$

$$f(x) + 1 = e^{(e^x+c)}$$

$$f(x) = e^{e^x} \cdot e^c - 1 \quad \dots\dots\dots(ii)$$

Put $x = 0$ in (i)

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

Put $x = 0$ in (ii)

$$f(0) = e \cdot e^c - 1$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 = e \cdot e^c - 1$$

$$\Rightarrow e \cdot e^c = 2$$

$$\therefore e^c = \frac{2}{e}$$

$$f(x) = e^{e^x} \cdot \frac{2}{e} - 1$$

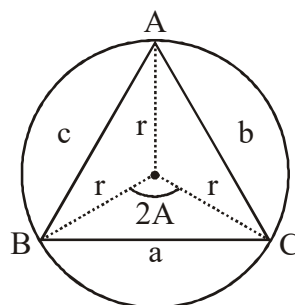
$$= 2(e^{(e^x-1)}) - 1$$

20. The triangle of maximum area that can be inscribed in a given circle of radius 'r' is :

- (1) An equilateral triangle of height $\frac{2r}{3}$.
- (2) A right angle triangle having two of its sides of length $2r$ and r .
- (3) An equilateral triangle having each of its side of length $\sqrt{3} r$.
- (4) An isosceles triangle with base equal to $2r$.

Ans. Official Answer NTA : (3)

Sol. Area of $\triangle ABC$



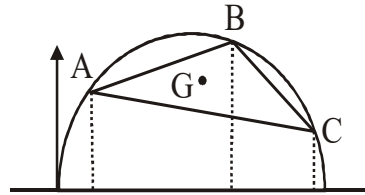
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$$\Delta = \frac{abc}{4r}$$



$$\text{Centroid } G = \left(\frac{A+B+C}{3}, \frac{\sin A + \sin B + \sin C}{3} \right)$$

$$\frac{\sin A + \sin B + \sin C}{3} \leq \sin \left(\frac{A+B+C}{3} \right)$$

$$\sin A + \sin B + \sin C \leq \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

$$\frac{a}{2r} + \frac{b}{2r} + \frac{c}{2r} \leq \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{a+b+c}{3} \leq \sqrt{3}r$$

$$G.M \leq A.M$$

$$(abc)^{\frac{1}{3}} \leq \frac{a+b+c}{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow abc \leq \left(\frac{a+b+c}{3} \right)^3$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{abc}{4r} \leq \frac{1}{4r} \left(\frac{a+b+c}{3} \right)^3$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta \leq \frac{1}{4r} \left(\frac{a+b+c}{3} \right)^3 \leq \frac{1}{4r} (\sqrt{3}r)^3$$

$$\Delta \leq \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{4} r^2$$

$$\Delta_{\max} = \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{4} r^2$$

(Equality holds when $a = b = c$)

Δ is an equilateral Δ

$$a = \sqrt{3}r$$

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**SECTION - B**

1. The total number of 4-digit numbers whose greatest common divisor with 18 is 3, is _____.

Ans. Official Answer NTA : (1000)

Sol. $GCD(N, 18) = 3$

Number must be an odd number and multiple of 3 and not a multiple of 9.

4-digit odd numbers multiple of 3 are :

1005, 1011,, 9999

Total such numbers are = 1500

4-digit odd number multiple of 9 are :

1017, 1035,, 9999

Total such numbers = 500

Required numbers = 1000.

2. Let the normals at all the points on a given curve pass through a fixed point (a, b). If the curve passes through (3, -3) and $(4, -2\sqrt{2})$, and given that $a - 2\sqrt{2}b = 3$, then $(a^2 + b^2 + ab)$ is equal to _____.

Ans. Official Answer NTA : (9)

Sol. Equation of normal at P(x, y)

$$Y - y = \frac{1}{\frac{dy}{dx}} (X - x)$$

It passes through (a, b)

$$\Rightarrow b - y = - \frac{dx}{dy} (a - x)$$

$$\Rightarrow (b - y) dy = (x - a) dx$$

Integrate both sides

$$\int (b - y) dy = \int (x - a) dx$$

$$\Rightarrow by - \frac{y^2}{2} = \frac{x^2}{2} - ax$$



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

passes through $(3, -3)$ and $(4, -2\sqrt{2})$

$$9 + 9 - 6a + 6b = 0$$

$$\therefore a - b = 3 \quad \dots\dots(i)$$

$$16 + 8 - 8a + 4\sqrt{2} b = 0$$

$$2a - \sqrt{2} b = 6 \quad \dots\dots(ii)$$

$$(i) \times (2) - (ii)$$

$$b(\sqrt{2} - 2) = 0$$

$$b = 0$$

$$\therefore a = 3$$

$$\therefore a^2 + b^2 + ab = 3^2 + 0 + 0$$

$$= 9.$$

3. Let X_1, X_2, \dots, X_{18} be eighteen observations such that $\sum_{i=1}^{18} (X_i - \alpha) = 36$ and $\sum_{i=1}^{18} (X_i - \beta)^2 = 90$, where α and β are distinct real numbers. If the standard deviation of these observations is 1, then the value of $|\alpha - \beta|$ is _____.

Ans. Official Answer NTA : (4)

Sol.
$$\sum_{i=1}^{18} (x_i - \alpha) = 36$$

$$\therefore \sum_{i=1}^{18} x_i - 18\alpha = 36$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^{18} x_i = 36 + 18\alpha$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^{18} (x_i - \beta)^2 = 90$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^{18} x_i^2 - 2\beta \sum_{i=1}^{18} x_i + 18\beta^2 = 90$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^{18} x_i^2 = 90 + 2\beta(36 + 18\alpha) - 18\beta^2$$



Variance of these observations

$$6^2 = \frac{1}{18} \sum_{i=1}^{18} x_i^2 - \left(\frac{\sum x_i}{18} \right)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 = \frac{1}{18} (90 + 2\beta (36 + 18\alpha) - 18\beta^2) - (2 + \alpha)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 = 5 + 2\beta (2 + \alpha) - \beta^2 - (\alpha + 2)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow (\alpha + 2)^2 + \beta^2 - 2\beta(\alpha + 2) = 4$$

$$\Rightarrow (\alpha + 2 - \beta)^2 = 4$$

$$\Rightarrow (\alpha - \beta + 2)^2 - 4 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (\alpha - \beta + 4)(\alpha - \beta) = 0$$

$$\therefore \alpha \neq \beta$$

$$\therefore \alpha - \beta + 4 = 0$$

$$\alpha - \beta = -4$$

$$\therefore |\alpha - \beta| = 4$$

4. Let a be an integer such that all the real roots of the polynomial $2x^5 + 5x^4 + 10x^3 + 10x^2 + 10x + 10$ lie in the interval $(a, a + 1)$. Then, $|a|$ is equal to _____.

Ans. Official Answer NTA : (2)

Sol. Let $P(x) = 2x^5 + 5x^4 + 10x^3 + 10x^2 + 10x + 10$

$$P'(x) = 10x^4 + 20x^3 + 30x^2 + 20x + 10$$

$$P'(x) = 10x^2 \left[x^2 + 2x + 3 + \frac{2}{x} + \frac{1}{x^2} \right]$$

$$= 10x^2 \left[x^2 + \frac{1}{x^2} + 2 \left(x + \frac{1}{x} \right) + 1 \right]$$

$$= 10x^2 \left[\left(x + \frac{1}{x} \right)^2 + 2 \left(x + \frac{1}{x} \right) + 1 \right]$$

$$= 10x^2 \left[x + \frac{1}{x} + 1 \right]^2$$

$$P'(x) = 10 [x^2 + x + 1]^2 > 0$$

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$P(x)$ is an odd degree increasing polynomial function

\Rightarrow only one real root

$$P(0) = 10$$

$$P(-1) = -2 + 5 - 10 + 10 - 10 + 10 = 3$$

$$P(-2) = -64 + 80 - 80 + 40 - 20 + 10 = -34$$

$$P(-1) P(-2) < 0$$

Using Intermediate value theorem

$\Rightarrow P(x) = 0$ has at least one root in the $(-2, -1)$

Since $P(x) = 0$ has exactly one real root

\therefore all real roots lie in the interval $(-2, -1)$

$$\therefore a = -2 \quad |a| = 2.$$

5. Let L be a common tangent line to the curves $4x^2 + 9y^2 = 36$ and $(2x)^2 + (2y)^2 = 31$. Then the square of the slope of the line L is _____.

Ans. Official Answer NTA : (3)

Sol. $C_1 : \frac{x^2}{9} + \frac{y^2}{4} = 1$ (i)

$$C_2 : x^2 + y^2 = \frac{31}{4} \quad \text{.....(ii)}$$

Let slope of common tangent be m .

Equation of tangent of slope m to the ellipse (i)

$$y = mx \pm \sqrt{9m^2 + 4} \quad \text{.....(iii)}$$

$$\therefore mx - y \pm \sqrt{9m^2 + 4} = 0$$

this line is also tangent to circle (ii)

$$\frac{|\pm\sqrt{9m^2 + 4}|}{\sqrt{m^2 + 1}} = \sqrt{\frac{31}{4}} \quad \text{[condition of tangency for the circle]}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{9m^2 + 4} = \sqrt{\frac{31}{4}} \cdot \sqrt{m^2 + 1}$$



$$\Rightarrow 9m^2 + 4 = \frac{31}{4}(m^2 + 1)$$

$$\Rightarrow 36m^2 + 16 = 31m^2 + 31$$

$$5m^2 = 15$$

$$m^2 = 3$$

6. If the matrix $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 3 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$ satisfies the equation $A^{20} + \alpha A^{19} + \beta A$ for some real numbers

α and β , then $\beta - \alpha$ is equal to _____.

Ans. Official Answer NTA : (4)

Sol. $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 3 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$

$$A^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 3 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 3 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A^3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2^3 & 0 \\ 3 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A^4 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2^4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

By observing the pattern



$$A^{20} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2^{20} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A^{19} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2^{19} & 0 \\ 3 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A^{20} + 2A^{19} + \beta A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 + \alpha + \beta & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2^{20} + \alpha \cdot 2^{19} + 2\beta & 0 \\ 3\alpha + 3\beta & 0 & 1 - \alpha - \beta \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\alpha + \beta = 0 \text{ and } 2^{20} + \alpha \cdot 2^{19} + 2\beta = 4$$

$$2^{20} + \alpha \cdot 2^{19} - 2\alpha = 4$$

$$\Rightarrow 2^{19}(\alpha + 2) = 2(\alpha + 2)$$

$$(\alpha + 2)(2^{19} - 2) = 0$$

$$\alpha = -2$$

$$\therefore \beta = 2$$

$$\therefore |\alpha - \beta| = |-2 - 2| = |4|$$

$$\beta - \alpha = 2 - (-2) = 4.$$

7. Let z be those complex numbers which satisfy $|z + 5| \leq 4$ and $z(1 + i) + \bar{z}(1 - i) \geq -10$, $i = \sqrt{-1}$. If the maximum value of $|z + 1|^2$ is $\alpha + \beta\sqrt{2}$, then the value of $(\alpha + \beta)$ is _____.

Ans. Official Answer NTA : (48)

Sol. $|z + 5| \leq 4$

$$(x + 5)^2 + y^2 \leq 16 \quad \dots\dots\dots(i)$$

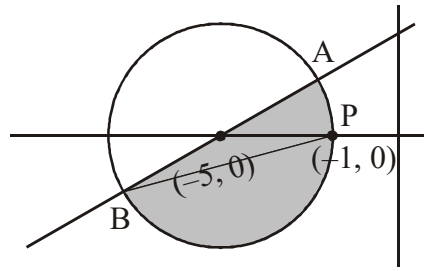
$$z(1 + i) + \bar{z}(1 - i) \geq -10$$

$$(z + \bar{z}) + i(z - \bar{z}) \geq -10$$

$$\Rightarrow 2x + i(2iy) \geq -10$$

$$x - y \geq -5 \quad \dots\dots\dots(ii)$$

$$|z + 1| = \text{Distance of } z \text{ from } (-1, 0)$$



$$|z + 1|_{\max} = PB$$

for B

$$\text{solve } (x + 5)^2 + y^2 = 16 \text{ and } x - y = -5$$

$$x + 5 = y$$

$$y^2 + y^2 = 16$$

$$\therefore y = \pm 2\sqrt{2}$$

$$\text{for B, } y = -2\sqrt{2}$$

$$(-5 - 2\sqrt{2}, -2\sqrt{2})$$

$$PB = \sqrt{(-4 - 2\sqrt{2})^2 + 8}$$

$$|z + 1|_{\max}^2 = PB^2 = 8 + (4 + 2\sqrt{2})^2$$

$$= 32 + 16\sqrt{2}$$

$$\alpha = 32, \beta = 16$$

$$\therefore \alpha + \beta = 48$$

8. Let α and β be two real numbers such that $\alpha + \beta = 1$ and $\alpha\beta = -1$. Let $p_n = (\alpha)^n + (\beta)^n$, $p_{n-1} = 11$ and $p_{n+1} = 29$ for some integer $n \geq 1$. Then, the value of p_n^2 is _____.

Ans. Official Answer NTA : (324)

Sol. $\alpha + \beta = 1$

$$\alpha\beta = -1$$

$$P_n = \alpha^n + \beta^n$$

$$P_{n+1} = \alpha^{n+1} + \beta^{n+1}$$

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$$= \alpha^n \cdot \alpha + \beta^n \cdot (\beta)$$

$$= \alpha^n \cdot (1 - \beta) + \beta^n \cdot (\beta)$$

$$= -\beta \cdot \alpha^n + \alpha^n + \beta^n - \alpha\beta^n$$

$$= -\alpha\beta (\alpha^{n+1} + \beta^{n+1}) (\alpha^n + \beta^n)$$

$$P_{n+1} = P_{n-1} + P_n$$

for some $n \geq 1$

$$29 = 11 + P_n$$

$$P_n = 18$$

$$P_n^2 = 324$$

9. If $I_{m,n} = \int_0^1 x^{m-1} (1-x)^{n-1} dx$, for $m, n \geq 1$, and $\int_0^1 \frac{x^{m-1} + x^{n-1}}{(1+x)^{m+n}} dx = \alpha I_{m,n}$, $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$, then α equals _____.

Ans. Official Answer NTA : (1)

Sol. $I_{m,n} = \int_0^1 x^{m-1} (1-x)^{n-1} dx$

put $x = \frac{1}{1+t} \quad \therefore t = \frac{1}{x} - 1$

$$dx = \frac{-1}{(1+t)^2} dt$$

$$= \int_{\infty}^0 \frac{1}{(1+t)^{m-1}} \left(1 - \frac{1}{1+t}\right)^{n-1} \left(\frac{-1}{(1+t)^2}\right) dt$$

$$= - \int_{\infty}^0 \frac{t^{n-1}}{(1+t)^{m-1} (1+t)^{n-1}} \left(\frac{1}{(1+t)^2}\right) dt$$

$$= \int_0^{\infty} \frac{t^{n-1}}{(1+t)^{m-1} (1+t)^{n-1} (1+t)^2} dt$$

$$= \int_0^{\infty} \frac{t^{n-1}}{(1+t)^{m+n}} dt$$

$$= \int_0^1 \frac{t^{n-1}}{(1+t)^{m+n}} dt + \int_1^{\infty} \frac{t^{n-1}}{(1+t)^{m+n}} dt$$



$$I_1 = \int_1^{\infty} \frac{t^{n-1}}{(1+t)^{m+n}} dt$$

$$\text{put } t = \frac{1}{z} \quad \therefore dt = \frac{-1}{z^2} dz$$

$$= \int_1^0 \frac{1}{z^{n-1} \left(1 + \frac{1}{z}\right)^{m+n}} \cdot \left(\frac{-1}{z^2}\right) dz$$

$$= - \int_1^0 \frac{1}{z^{n-1} \frac{(z+1)^{m+n}}{z^{m+n}} z^2} dz$$

$$I_1 = \int_0^1 \frac{z^{m-1}}{(1+z)^{m+n}} dz$$

$$I_1 = \int_0^1 \frac{t^{m-1}}{(1+t)^{m+n}} dt$$

$$I_{m,n} = \int_0^1 \frac{t^{n-1}}{(1+t)^{m+n}} dt + \int_0^1 \frac{t^{m-1}}{(1+t)^{m+n}} dt$$

$$I_{m,n} = \int_0^1 \frac{t^{n-1} + t^{m-1}}{(1+t)^{m+n}} dt$$

$$I_{m,n} = \int_0^1 \frac{x^{n-1} + x^{m-1}}{(1+x)^{m+n}} dx$$

$$\therefore \alpha = 1$$

10. If the arithmetic mean and geometric mean of the p^{th} and q^{th} terms of the sequence $-16, 8, -4, 2, \dots$ satisfy the equation $4x^2 - 9x + 5 = 0$, then $p + q$ is equal to _____.

Ans. Official Answer NTA : (10)

Sol. $4x^2 - 8x + 5 = 0$

$$x = 1 \text{ or } x = \frac{5}{4}$$

$$\therefore \text{A.M} > \text{G.M}$$

$$\therefore \text{A.M} = \frac{5}{4} \text{ and G.M} = 1$$



Let p^{th} term = a

q^{th} term = b

$$\frac{a+b}{2} = \frac{5}{4} \text{ and } \sqrt{ab} = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow a+b = \frac{5}{2} \text{ and } ab = 1$$

$$\therefore a = (-16) \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{p-1} \text{ and } b = (-16) \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{q-1}$$

$$(-16) \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{p-1} \times (-16) \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{q-1} = 1$$

$$\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)^{p+q-2} = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^8$$

$$p+q-2 = 8$$

$$p+q = 10$$

