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1. For which of the following ordered pairs  $(\mu, \delta)$ , the system of linear equations

$$x + 2y + 3z = 1$$

$$3x + 4y + 5z = \mu$$

$$4x + 4y + 4z = \delta$$

is inconsistent?

a. (4, 6)

b. (3, 4)

c. (1, 0)

d. (4, 3)

**Answer:** (d)

**Solution:**

$$D = \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 4 & 4 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - 2R_1 + 2R_2$$

$$D = \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

For inconsistent system, one of  $D_x, D_y, D_z$  should not be equal to 0

$$D_x = \begin{vmatrix} \mu & 4 & 5 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \\ \delta & 4 & 4 \end{vmatrix} \quad D_y = \begin{vmatrix} 3 & \mu & 5 \\ 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 4 & \delta & 4 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$D_z = \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 4 & \mu \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 4 & 4 & \delta \end{vmatrix}$$

For inconsistent system,  $2\mu \neq \delta + 2$

$\therefore$  The system will be inconsistent for  $\mu = 4, \delta = 3$ .

2. Let  $y = y(x)$  be a solution of the differential equation,  $\sqrt{1-x^2} \frac{dy}{dx} + \sqrt{1-y^2} = 0, |x| < 1$ . If

$y\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$ , then  $y\left(\frac{-1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)$  is equal to :

a.  $-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$

b.  $-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$

c.  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$

d.  $\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$

**Answer:** (c)

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**Solution:**

$$\sqrt{1-x^2} \frac{dy}{dx} + \sqrt{1-y^2} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{\sqrt{1-y^2}} + \frac{dx}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin^{-1} y + \sin^{-1} x = c$$

If  $x = \frac{1}{2}, y = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$  then,

$$\sin^{-1} \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} + \sin^{-1} \frac{1}{2} = c$$

$$\therefore \frac{\pi}{3} + \frac{\pi}{6} = c \Rightarrow c = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin^{-1} y = \frac{\pi}{2} - \sin^{-1} x = \cos^{-1} x$$

$$\therefore \sin^{-1} y = \cos^{-1} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin^{-1} y = \frac{\pi}{4}$$

$$\Rightarrow y \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \right) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

3. If  $a, b$  and  $c$  are the greatest values of  ${}^{19}C_p, {}^{20}C_q, {}^{21}C_r$  respectively, then :

a.  $\frac{a}{11} = \frac{b}{22} = \frac{c}{42}$

b.  $\frac{a}{10} = \frac{b}{11} = \frac{c}{42}$

c.  $\frac{a}{11} = \frac{b}{22} = \frac{c}{21}$

d.  $\frac{a}{10} = \frac{b}{11} = \frac{c}{21}$

**Answer:** (a)

**Solution:**

We know that,  ${}^nC_r$  is maximum when  $r = \begin{cases} \frac{n}{2}, & n \text{ is even} \\ \frac{n+1}{2} \text{ or } \frac{n-1}{2}, & n \text{ is odd} \end{cases}$

$$\text{Therefore, } \max({}^{19}C_p) = {}^{19}C_9 = a$$

$$\max({}^{20}C_q) = {}^{20}C_{10} = b$$

$$\max({}^{21}C_r) = {}^{21}C_{11} = c$$

$$\therefore \frac{a}{{}^{19}C_9} = \frac{b}{\frac{20}{10} \times {}^{19}C_9} = \frac{c}{\frac{21}{11} \times \frac{20}{10} \times {}^{19}C_9}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{a}{1} = \frac{b}{2} = \frac{c}{\frac{42}{11}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{a}{11} = \frac{b}{22} = \frac{c}{42}$$

4. Which of the following is a tautology?

a.  $(P \wedge (P \rightarrow Q)) \rightarrow Q$

b.  $P \wedge (P \vee Q)$

c.  $(Q \rightarrow (P \wedge (P \rightarrow Q)))$

d.  $P \vee (P \wedge Q)$

**Answer:** (a)

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} &(P \wedge (P \rightarrow Q)) \rightarrow Q \\ &= (P \wedge (\sim P \vee Q)) \rightarrow Q \\ &= [(P \wedge \sim P) \vee (P \wedge Q)] \rightarrow Q \\ &= P \wedge Q \rightarrow Q \\ &= \sim (P \wedge Q) \vee Q \\ &= \sim P \vee \sim Q \vee Q \\ &= T \end{aligned}$$

5. Let  $f: \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  be such that for all  $x \in \mathbf{R}$ ,  $(2^{1+x} + 2^{1-x})$ ,  $f(x)$  and  $(3^x + 3^{-x})$  are in A.P., then the minimum value of  $f(x)$  is :

a. 0

b. 4

c. 3

d. 2

**Answer:** (c)

**Solution:**

$2^{1-x} + 2^{1+x}$ ,  $f(x)$ ,  $3^x + 3^{-x}$  are in A.P.

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

Applying A.M.  $\geq$  G.M. inequality, we get

$$\frac{(3^x + 3^{-x})}{2} \geq \sqrt{3^x \cdot 3^{-x}}$$

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$$\Rightarrow \frac{(3^x + 3^{-x})}{2} \geq 1 \quad \dots (1)$$

Also, Applying A.M.  $\geq$  G.M. inequality, we get

$$\frac{2^{1+x} + 2^{1-x}}{2} \geq \sqrt{2^{1+x} \cdot 2^{1-x}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{2^{1+x} + 2^{1-x}}{2} \geq 2 \quad \dots (2)$$

Adding (1) and (2), we get

$$f(x) \geq 1 + 2 = 3$$

Thus, minimum value of  $f(x)$  is 3.

6. The locus of a point which divides the line segment joining the point  $(0, -1)$  and a point on the parabola,  $x^2 = 4y$ , internally in the ratio 1: 2, is :

a.  $9x^2 - 12y = 8$

b.  $4x^2 - 3y = 2$

c.  $x^2 - 3y = 2$

d.  $9x^2 - 3y = 2$

**Answer:** (a)

**Solution:**

Let point  $P$  be  $(2t, t^2)$  and  $Q$  be  $(h, k)$ .

$$h = \frac{2t}{3}, k = \frac{-2 + t^2}{3}$$

Now, eliminating  $t$  from the above equations we get:

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

Replacing  $h$  and  $k$  by  $x$  and  $y$ , we get the locus of the curve as  $9x^2 - 12y = 8$ .

7. For  $a > 0$ , let the curves  $C_1: y^2 = ax$  and  $C_2: x^2 = ay$  intersect at origin  $O$  and a point  $P$ . Let the line  $x = b$  ( $0 < b < a$ ) intersect the chord  $OP$  and the  $x$ -axis at points  $Q$  and  $R$ , respectively. If the line  $x = b$  bisects the area bounded by the curves,  $C_1$  and  $C_2$ , and the area of  $\Delta OQR = \frac{1}{2}$ , then 'a' satisfies the equation :

a.  $x^6 - 12x^3 + 4 = 0$

b.  $x^6 - 12x^3 - 4 = 0$

c.  $x^6 + 6x^3 - 4 = 0$

d.  $x^6 - 6x^3 + 4 = 0$

**Answer:** (a)

**Solution:**

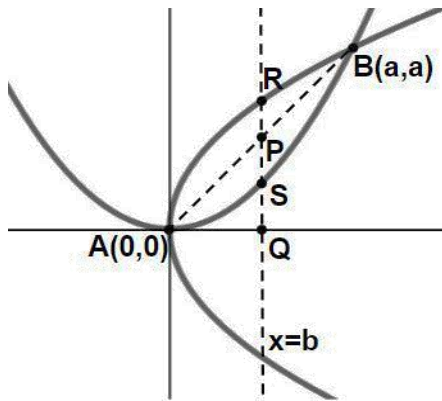
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Given,  $ar(\Delta APQ) = \frac{1}{2}$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} \times b \times b = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow b = 1$$



As per the question

$$\Rightarrow \int_0^1 \left( \sqrt{ax} - \frac{x^2}{a} \right) dx = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^a \left( \sqrt{ax} - \frac{x^2}{a} \right) dx$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{2}{3} \sqrt{a} - \frac{1}{3a} = \frac{a^2}{6}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2a\sqrt{a} - 1 = \frac{a^3}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow 4a\sqrt{a} = 2 + a^3$$

$$\Rightarrow 16a^3 = 4 + a^6 + 4a^3$$

$$\Rightarrow a^6 - 12a^3 + 4 = 0.$$

8. The inverse function of  $f(x) = \frac{8^{2x} - 8^{-2x}}{8^{2x} + 8^{-2x}}$ ,  $x \in (-1, 1)$ , is

a.  $\frac{1}{4} (\log_8 e) \log_e \left( \frac{1-x}{1+x} \right)$

b.  $\frac{1}{4} (\log_8 e) \log_e \left( \frac{1+x}{1-x} \right)$

c.  $\frac{1}{4} \log_e \left( \frac{1+x}{1-x} \right)$

d.  $\frac{1}{4} \log_e \left( \frac{1-x}{1+x} \right)$

**Answer:** (b)

**Solution:**

$$f(x) = \frac{8^{2x} - 8^{-2x}}{8^{2x} + 8^{-2x}} = \frac{8^{4x} - 1}{8^{4x} + 1}$$

Put  $y = \frac{8^{4x}-1}{8^{4x}+1}$

Applying componendo-dividendo on both sides

$$\frac{y+1}{y-1} = \frac{2 \times 8^{4x}}{-2}$$

$$\frac{y+1}{y-1} = -8^{4x} \Rightarrow 8^{4x} = \frac{1+y}{1-y}$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{1}{4} \log_8 \left( \frac{1+y}{1-y} \right)$$

$$f^{-1}(x) = \frac{1}{4} \log_8 \left( \frac{1+x}{1-x} \right) = \frac{1}{4} \log_8 e \left( \log_e \frac{1+x}{1-x} \right)$$

9.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left( \frac{3x^2+2}{7x^2+2} \right)^{\frac{1}{x^2}}$  is equal to :

a.  $e$

b.  $\frac{1}{e^2}$

c.  $\frac{1}{e}$

d.  $e^2$

**Answer:** (b)

**Solution:**

Let  $L = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left( \frac{3x^2+2}{7x^2+2} \right)^{\frac{1}{x^2}}$  [Intermediate form  $1^\infty$ ]

$$\therefore L = e^{\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{x^2} \left( \frac{3x^2+2}{7x^2+2} - 1 \right)}$$

$$= e^{\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{x^2} \left( -\frac{4x^2}{7x^2+2} \right)}$$

$$= \frac{1}{e^2}$$

10. Let  $f(x) = (\sin(\tan^{-1} x) + \sin(\cot^{-1} x))^2 - 1$ , where  $|x| > 1$ .

If  $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dx} (\sin^{-1}(f(x)))$  and  $y(\sqrt{3}) = \frac{\pi}{6}$ , then  $y(-\sqrt{3})$  is equal to :

a.  $\frac{\pi}{3}$

b.  $\frac{2\pi}{3}$

c.  $-\frac{\pi}{6}$

d.  $\frac{5\pi}{6}$

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**Answer:** (Bonus)

**Solution:**

$$f(x) = [\sin(\tan^{-1} x) + \sin(\cot^{-1} x)]^2 - 1$$

$$\text{Put } \tan^{-1} x = \phi, \text{ where } \phi \in \left(-\frac{\pi}{2}, -\frac{\pi}{4}\right) \cup \left(\frac{\pi}{4}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$$

$$= [\sin(\tan^{-1} x) + \sin(\cot^{-1} x)]^2 - 1 = [\sin \phi + \cos \phi]^2 - 1$$

$$= 1 + 2 \sin \phi \cos \phi - 1 = \sin 2\phi = \frac{2x}{1+x^2}$$

$$\text{It is given that } \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dx} (\sin^{-1}(f(x)))$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{1}{1+x^2}, \text{ for } |x| > 1$$

$$|x| > 1 \Rightarrow x > 1 \text{ and } x < -1$$

To get the value of  $y(-\sqrt{3})$ , we have to integrate the value of  $\frac{dy}{dx}$ . To integrate the expression, the interval should be continuous. Therefore, we have to integrate the expression in both the intervals.

$$\Rightarrow y = -\tan^{-1} x + C_1, \text{ for } x > 1 \text{ and } y = -\tan^{-1} x + C_2, \text{ for } x < -1$$

$$\text{For } x > 1, C_1 = \frac{\pi}{2} \because y(\sqrt{3}) = \frac{\pi}{6} \text{ is given.}$$

But  $C_2$  can't be determined as no other information is given for  $x < -1$ . Therefore, all the options can be true as  $C_2$  can't be determined.

11. If the equation,  $x^2 + bx + 45 = 0$  ( $b \in \mathbf{R}$ ) has conjugate complex roots and they satisfy  $|z + 1| = 2\sqrt{10}$ , then :
- a.  $b^2 + b = 12$
  - b.  $b^2 - b = 42$
  - c.  $b^2 - b = 30$
  - d.  $b^2 + b = 72$

**Answer:** (c)

**Solution:**

$$\text{Given } x^2 + bx + 45 = 0, b \in \mathbf{R}, \text{ let roots of the equation be } p \pm iq$$

$$\text{Then, sum of roots} = 2p = -b$$

$$\text{Product of roots} = p^2 + q^2 = 45$$

$$\text{As } p \pm iq \text{ lies on } |z + 1| = 2\sqrt{10}, \text{ we get}$$

$$(p + 1)^2 + q^2 = 40$$

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$$\Rightarrow p^2 + q^2 + 2p + 1 = 40$$

$$\Rightarrow 45 - b + 1 = 40$$

$$\Rightarrow b = 6$$

$$\Rightarrow b^2 - b = 30.$$

12. The mean and standard deviation (s.d.) of 10 observations are 20 and 2 respectively. Each of these 10 observations is multiplied by  $p$  and then reduced by  $q$ , where  $p \neq 0$  and  $q \neq 0$ . If the new mean and standard deviation become half of their original values, then  $q$  is equal to:

a. -20

b. -5

c. 10

d. -10

**Answer:** (a)

**Solution:**

If mean  $\bar{x}$  is multiplied by  $p$  and then  $q$  is subtracted from it,

then new mean  $\bar{x}' = p\bar{x} - q$

$$\therefore \bar{x}' = \frac{1}{2}\bar{x} \text{ and } \bar{x} = 10$$

$$\Rightarrow 10 = 20p - q \quad \dots (1)$$

If standard deviation is multiplied by  $p$ , new standard deviation ( $\sigma'$ ) is  $|p|$  times of the initial standard deviation ( $\sigma$ ).

$$\sigma' = |p|\sigma$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2}\sigma = |p|\sigma \Rightarrow |p| = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\text{If } p = \frac{1}{2}, q = 0$$

$$\text{If } p = -\frac{1}{2}, q = -20.$$

13. If  $\int \frac{\cos x}{\sin^3 x(1+\sin^6 x)^{\frac{2}{3}}} dx = f(x)(1 + \sin^6 x)^{\frac{1}{\lambda}} + c$ , where  $c$  is a constant of integration, then  $\lambda f\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right)$

is equal to :

a.  $-\frac{9}{8}$

b.  $\frac{9}{8}$

c. 2

d. -2

**Answer:** (d)

**Solution:**

Let  $\sin x = t \Rightarrow \cos x dx = dt$



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$$\therefore \int \frac{dt}{t^3 (1+t^6)^{\frac{2}{3}}} = \int \frac{dt}{t^7 (1+\frac{1}{t^6})^{\frac{2}{3}}}$$

Let  $1 + \frac{1}{t^6} = u \Rightarrow -6t^{-7} dt = du$

$$\Rightarrow \int \frac{dt}{t^7 (1+\frac{1}{t^6})^{\frac{2}{3}}} = -\frac{1}{6} \int \frac{du}{u^{\frac{2}{3}}} = -\frac{3}{6} u^{\frac{1}{3}} + c = -\frac{1}{2} \left(1 + \frac{1}{t^6}\right)^{\frac{1}{3}} + c$$

$$= -\frac{(1+\sin^6 x)^{\frac{1}{3}}}{2 \sin^2 x} + c = f(x)(1 + \sin^6 x)^{\frac{1}{\lambda}}$$

$$\therefore \lambda = 3 \text{ and } f(x) = -\frac{1}{2 \sin^2 x}$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda f\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right) = -2.$$

14. Let  $A$  and  $B$  be two independent events such that  $P(A) = \frac{1}{3}$  and  $P(B) = \frac{1}{6}$ . Then, which of the following is TRUE ?

a.  $P(A/(A \cup B)) = \frac{1}{4}$

b.  $P(A/B') = \frac{1}{3}$

c.  $P(A/B) = \frac{2}{3}$

d.  $P(A'/B') = \frac{1}{3}$

**Answer:** (b)

**Solution:**

If  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent events, then

$$P\left(\frac{X}{Y}\right) = \frac{P(X \cap Y)}{P(Y)} = \frac{P(X)P(Y)}{P(Y)} = P(X)$$

Therefore,  $P\left(\frac{A}{B}\right) = P(A) = \frac{1}{3} \Rightarrow P\left(\frac{A}{B'}\right) = P(A) = \frac{1}{3}$

15. If volume of parallelepiped whose coterminous edges are given by  $\vec{u} = \hat{i} + \hat{j} + \lambda \hat{k}$ ,

$\vec{v} = \hat{i} + \hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$  and  $\vec{w} = 2\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}$  be 1 cu. unit. If  $\theta$  be the angle between the edges  $\vec{u}$  and  $\vec{w}$ , then,  $\cos \theta$  can be :

a.  $\frac{7}{6\sqrt{6}}$

b.  $\frac{5}{7}$

c.  $\frac{7}{6\sqrt{3}}$

d.  $\frac{5}{3\sqrt{3}}$

**Answer:** (c)

**Solution:**

Volume of parallelepiped =  $[\vec{u} \ \vec{v} \ \vec{w}]$

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$$\Rightarrow \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & \lambda \\ 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = \pm 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda = 2 \text{ or } 4$$

For  $\lambda = 4$ ,

$$\cos \theta = \frac{2+1+4}{\sqrt{6}\sqrt{18}} = \frac{7}{6\sqrt{3}}$$

16. Let two points be  $A(1, -1)$  and  $B(0, 2)$ . If a point  $P(x', y')$  be such that the area of  $\Delta PAB = 5$  sq. units and it lies on the line,  $3x + y - 4\lambda = 0$ , then the value of  $\lambda$  is :

- a. 4  
c. -3
- b. 1  
d. 3

**Answer:** (d)

**Solution:**

Area of triangle is

$$A = \frac{1}{2} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \\ x' & y' & 1 \end{vmatrix} = \pm 5$$

$$\Rightarrow (2 - y') - x' - 2x' = \pm 10$$

$$\Rightarrow -3x' - y' + 2 = \pm 10$$

$$3x' + y' = 12 \text{ or } 3x' + y' = -8$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda = 3 \text{ or } -2$$

17. The shortest distance between the lines

$$\frac{x-3}{3} = \frac{y-8}{-1} = \frac{z-3}{1} \text{ and } \frac{x+3}{-3} = \frac{y+7}{2} = \frac{z-6}{4} \text{ is :}$$

- a.  $2\sqrt{30}$   
c. 3
- b.  $\frac{7}{2}\sqrt{30}$   
d.  $3\sqrt{30}$

**Answer:** (d)

**Solution:**

$$\vec{AB} = -3\hat{i} - 7\hat{j} + 6\hat{k} - (3\hat{i} + 8\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}) = -6\hat{i} - 15\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$$

$$\vec{p} = 3\hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k}$$

$$\vec{q} = -3\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}$$

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$$\vec{p} \times \vec{q} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 3 & -1 & 1 \\ -3 & 2 & 4 \end{vmatrix} = -6\hat{i} - 15\hat{j} + 9\hat{k}$$

$$\text{Shortest distance} = \frac{|\vec{AB} \cdot (\vec{p} \times \vec{q})|}{|\vec{p} \times \vec{q}|} = \frac{|36 + 225 + 9|}{\sqrt{36 + 225 + 9}} = 3\sqrt{30}.$$

18. Let the line  $y = mx$  and the ellipse  $2x^2 + y^2 = 1$  intersect a point  $P$  in the first quadrant. If the normal to this ellipse at  $P$  meets the co-ordinate axes at  $(-\frac{1}{3\sqrt{2}}, 0)$  and  $(0, \beta)$ , then  $\beta$  is equal to :

a.  $\frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}$

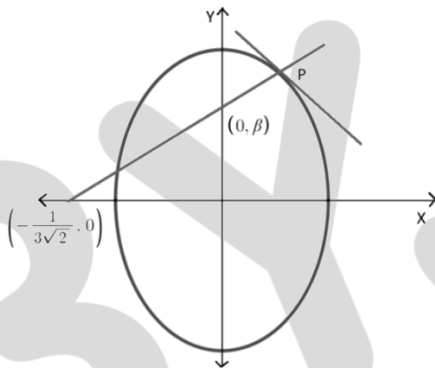
b.  $\frac{2}{3}$

c.  $\frac{2\sqrt{2}}{3}$

d.  $\frac{\sqrt{2}}{3}$

**Answer:** (d)

**Solution:**



Let  $P \equiv (x_1, y_1)$

$2x^2 + y^2 = 1$  is given equation of ellipse.

$$\Rightarrow 4x + 2yy' = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow y'|_{(x_1, y_1)} = -\frac{2x_1}{y_1}$$

Therefore, slope of normal at  $P(x_1, y_1)$  is  $\frac{y_1}{2x_1}$

Equation of normal at  $P(x_1, y_1)$  is

$$(y - y_1) = \frac{y_1}{2x_1}(x - x_1)$$

It passes through  $(-\frac{1}{3\sqrt{2}}, 0)$

$$\Rightarrow -y_1 = \frac{y_1}{2x_1} \left( -\frac{1}{3\sqrt{2}} - x_1 \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow x_1 = \frac{1}{3\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\Rightarrow y_1 = \frac{2\sqrt{2}}{3} \text{ as } P \text{ lies in first quadrant}$$

Since  $(0, \beta)$  lies on the normal of the ellipse at point  $P$ , hence we get

$$\beta = \frac{y_1}{2} = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{3}$$

19. If  $c$  is a point at which Rolle's theorem holds for the function,  $f(x) = \log_e \left( \frac{x^2 + \alpha}{7x} \right)$  in the interval  $[3, 4]$ , where  $\alpha \in \mathbf{R}$ , then  $f''(c)$  is equal to :

a.  $-\frac{1}{24}$

b.  $\frac{-1}{12}$

c.  $\frac{\sqrt{3}}{7}$

d.  $\frac{1}{12}$

**Answer:** (d)

**Solution:**

Rolle's theorem is applicable on  $f(x)$  in  $[3, 4]$

$$\Rightarrow f(3) = f(4)$$

$$\Rightarrow \ln \left( \frac{9 + \alpha}{21} \right) = \ln \left( \frac{16 + \alpha}{28} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{9 + \alpha}{21} = \frac{16 + \alpha}{28}$$

$$\Rightarrow 36 + 4\alpha = 48 + 3\alpha \Rightarrow \alpha = 12$$

$$\text{Now, } f(x) = \ln \left( \frac{x^2 + 12}{7x} \right) \Rightarrow f'(x) = \frac{7x}{x^2 + 12} \times \frac{7x \times 2x - (x^2 + 12) \times 7}{(7x)^2}$$

$$f'(x) = \frac{x^2 - 12}{x(x^2 + 12)}$$

$$f'(c) = 0 \Rightarrow c = 2\sqrt{3}$$

$$f''(x) = \frac{-x^4 + 48x^2 + 144}{x^2(x^2 + 12)^2}$$

$$\therefore f''(c) = \frac{1}{12}$$



20. Let  $f(x) = x \cos^{-1}(\sin(-|x|))$ ,  $x \in \left(-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$ , then which of the following is true ?

- a.  $f'(0) = -\frac{\pi}{2}$
- b.  $f'$  is decreasing in  $\left(-\frac{\pi}{2}, 0\right)$  and increasing in  $\left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$
- c.  $f$  is not differentiable at  $x = 0$
- d.  $f'$  is increasing in  $\left(-\frac{\pi}{2}, 0\right)$  and decreasing in  $\left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$

**Answer:** (b)

**Solution:**

$$f(x) = x \cos^{-1}(\sin(-|x|))$$

$$\Rightarrow f(x) = x \cos^{-1}(-\sin |x|)$$

$$\Rightarrow f(x) = x[\pi - \cos^{-1}(\sin |x|)]$$

$$\Rightarrow f(x) = x \left[ \pi - \left( \frac{\pi}{2} - \sin^{-1}(\sin |x|) \right) \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow f(x) = x \left( \frac{\pi}{2} + |x| \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow f(x) = \begin{cases} x \left( \frac{\pi}{2} + x \right), & x \geq 0 \\ x \left( \frac{\pi}{2} - x \right), & x < 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow f'(x) = \begin{cases} \left( \frac{\pi}{2} + 2x \right), & x \geq 0 \\ \left( \frac{\pi}{2} - 2x \right), & x < 0 \end{cases}$$

Therefore,  $f'(x)$  is decreasing  $\left(-\frac{\pi}{2}, 0\right)$  and increasing in  $\left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$ .

21. An urn contains 5 red marbles, 4 black marbles and 3 white marbles. Then the number of ways in which 4 marbles can be drawn so that at most three of them are red is \_\_\_\_\_.

**Answer:** (490)

**Solution:**

Number of ways to select at most 3 red balls =  $P(0 \text{ red balls}) + P(1 \text{ red ball}) + P(2 \text{ red balls})$   
 $+ P(3 \text{ red balls})$

$$= {}^7C_4 + {}^5C_1 \times {}^7C_3 + {}^5C_2 \times {}^7C_2 + {}^5C_3 \times {}^7C_1$$

$$= 35 + 175 + 210 + 70 = 490$$

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22. Let the normal at a  $P$  on the curve  $y^2 - 3x^2 + y + 10 = 0$  intersect the  $y$ -axis at  $(0, \frac{3}{2})$ . If  $m$  is the slope of the tangent at  $P$  to the curve, then  $|m|$  is equal to\_\_\_\_\_.

**Answer:** (4)

**Solution:**

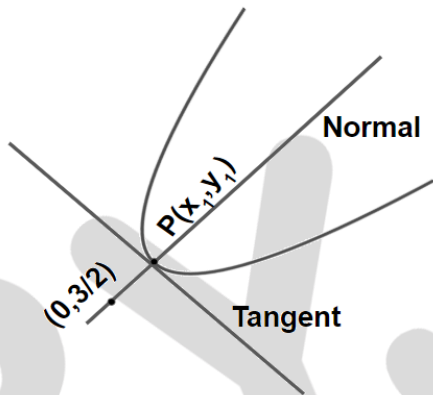
Let co-ordinate of  $P$  be  $(x_1, y_1)$

Differentiating the curve w.r.t  $x$

$$2yy' - 6x + y' = 0$$

Slope of tangent at  $P$

$$\Rightarrow y' = \frac{6x_1}{1 + 2y_1}$$



$$\therefore m_{\text{normal}} = \left( \frac{y_1 - \frac{3}{2}}{x_1 - 0} \right)$$

$$\therefore m_{\text{normal}} \times m_{\text{tangent}} = -1$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\frac{3}{2} - y_1}{-x_1} \times \frac{6x_1}{1 + 2y_1} = -1$$

$$\Rightarrow y_1 = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow x_1 = \pm 2$$

$$\text{Slope of tangent} = \pm \frac{12}{3} = \pm 4$$

$$\Rightarrow |m| = 4$$

23. The least positive value of ' $a$ ' for which the equation,  $2x^2 + (a - 10)x + \frac{33}{2} = 2a$  has real roots is \_\_\_\_\_.

**Answer:** (8)

**Solution:**

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$$\because 2x^2 + (a - 10)x + \frac{33}{2} = 2a, a \in \mathbf{Z}^+ \text{ has real roots}$$

$$\Rightarrow D \geq 0 \Rightarrow (a - 10)^2 - 4 \times 2 \times \left(\frac{33}{2} - 2a\right) \geq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (a - 10)^2 - 4(33 - 4a) \geq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow a^2 - 4a - 32 \geq 0 \Rightarrow a \in (-\infty, -4] \cup [8, \infty)$$

Thus, minimum value of ' $a$ '  $\forall a \in \mathbf{Z}^+$  is 8.

24. The sum  $\sum_{k=1}^{20}(1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + k)$  is \_\_\_\_\_.

**Answer:** (1540)

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} &= \sum_{k=1}^{20} \frac{k(k+1)}{2} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=1}^{20} k^2 + k \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{20(21)(41)}{6} + \frac{20(21)}{2} \right] = \frac{1}{2} [2870 + 210] = 1540 \end{aligned}$$

25. The number of all  $3 \times 3$  matrices A, with entries from the set  $\{-1, 0, 1\}$  such that the sum of the diagonal elements of  $(AA^T)$  is 3, is \_\_\_\_\_.

**Answer:** (672)

**Solution:**

$$\text{tr}(AA^T) = 3$$

$$\text{Let } A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } A^T = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{21} & a_{31} \\ a_{12} & a_{22} & a_{32} \\ a_{13} & a_{23} & a_{33} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{tr}(AA^T) = a_{11}^2 + a_{12}^2 + a_{13}^2 + a_{21}^2 + a_{22}^2 + a_{23}^2 + a_{31}^2 + a_{32}^2 + a_{33}^2 = 3$$

So out of 9 elements  $(a_{ij})$ 's, 3 elements must be equal to 1 or  $-1$  and rest elements must be 0.

So, the total possible cases will be

When there is 6(0's) and 3(1's) then the total possibilities is  ${}^9C_6$

For 6(0's) and 3(-1's) total possibilities is  ${}^9C_6$

For 6(0's), 2(1's) and 1(-1's) total possibilities is  ${}^9C_6 \times 3$

For 6(0's), 1(1's) and 2(-1's) total possibilities is  ${}^9C_6 \times 3$

$$\therefore \text{Total number of cases} = {}^9C_6 \times 8 = 672$$