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1. If $A = \{x \in \mathbf{R} : |x| < 2\}$ and $B = \{x \in \mathbf{R} : |x - 2| \geq 3\}$ then :

a. $A - B = [-1, 2]$

b. $B - A = \mathbf{R} - (-2, 5)$

c. $A \cup B = \mathbf{R} - (2, 5)$

d. $A \cap B = (-2, -1)$

Answer: (b)

Solution:

$$A = \{x : x \in (-2, 2)\}$$

$$B = \{x : x \in (-\infty, -1] \cup [5, \infty)\}$$

$$A \cap B = \{x : x \in (-2, -1]\}$$

$$B - A = \{x : x \in (-\infty, -2] \cup [5, \infty)\}$$

$$A - B = \{x : x \in (-1, 2)\}$$

$$A \cup B = \{x : x \in (-\infty, 2) \cup [5, \infty)\}$$

2. If 10 different balls has to be placed in 4 distinct boxes at random, then the probability that two of these boxes contain exactly 2 and 3 balls is :

a. $\frac{965}{2^{10}}$

b. $\frac{945}{2^{10}}$

c. $\frac{945}{2^{11}}$

d. $\frac{965}{2^{11}}$

Answer: (b)

Solution:

Total ways to distribute 10 balls in 4 boxes is $= 4^{10}$

Total ways of placing exactly 2 and 3 balls in any two of these boxes is

$$= {}^4C_2! \times {}^{10}C_5 \times \frac{5!}{2!3!} \times 2 \times 2^5$$

$$P(E) = \frac{945}{2^{10}}$$

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3. If $x = 2 \sin \theta - \sin 2\theta$ and $y = 2 \cos \theta - \cos 2\theta$, $\theta \in [0, 2\pi]$, then $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$ at $\theta = \pi$ is :

a. $-\frac{3}{8}$

b. $\frac{3}{4}$

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

d. $-\frac{3}{4}$

Answer: (Bonus)

Solution:

$$\frac{dx}{d\theta} = 2 \cos \theta - 2 \cos 2\theta$$

$$\frac{dy}{d\theta} = -2 \sin \theta + 2 \sin 2\theta$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{2 \cos \frac{3\theta}{2} \sin \frac{\theta}{2}}{2 \sin \frac{3\theta}{2} \sin \frac{\theta}{2}}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \cot \frac{3\theta}{2}$$

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = -\frac{3}{2} \operatorname{cosec}^2 \frac{3\theta}{2} \frac{d\theta}{dx}$$

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \left(-\frac{3}{2} \operatorname{cosec}^2 \frac{3\theta}{2} \right) \frac{1}{(2 \cos \theta - 2 \cos 2\theta)}$$

$$\left. \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} \right|_{\theta=\pi} = \frac{3}{8}$$

None of the above option satisfies the answer.

4. Let f and g be differentiable functions on \mathbf{R} , such that $f \circ g$ is the identity function. If for some $a, b \in \mathbf{R}$, $g'(a) = 5$ and $g(a) = b$, then $f'(b)$ is equal to :

a. $\frac{2}{5}$

b. 5

c. 1

d. $\frac{1}{5}$

Answer: (d)

Solution:

$$f(g(x)) = x$$

$$f'(g(x))g'(x) = 1$$

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Put $x = a$

$$f'(g(a))g'(a) = 1 \Rightarrow f'(b) \times 5 = 1 \Rightarrow f'(b) = \frac{1}{5}$$

5. In the expansion of $\left(\frac{x}{\cos \theta} + \frac{1}{x \sin \theta}\right)^{16}$, if l_1 is the least value of the term independent of x when $\frac{\pi}{8} \leq \theta \leq \frac{\pi}{4}$ and l_2 is the least value of the term independent of x when $\frac{\pi}{16} \leq \theta \leq \frac{\pi}{8}$, then the ratio $l_2 : l_1$ is equal to :

- a. 16:1
b. 8:1
c. 1:8
d. 1:16

Answer: (a)

Solution:

$$T_{r+1} = {}^{16}C_r \left(\frac{x}{\cos \theta}\right)^{16-r} \left(\frac{1}{x \sin \theta}\right)^r$$

For term independent of x ,

$$16 - 2r = 0 \Rightarrow r = 8$$

$$T_9 = {}^{16}C_8 \left(\frac{1}{\sin \theta \cos \theta}\right)^8 = {}^{16}C_8 2^8 \left(\frac{1}{\sin 2\theta}\right)^8$$

$$l_1 = {}^{16}C_8 2^8 \quad \text{at } \theta = \frac{\pi}{4}$$

$$l_2 = {}^{16}C_8 \frac{2^8}{\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)^8} = {}^{16}C_8 2^{12} \quad \text{at } \theta = \frac{\pi}{8}$$

$$\frac{l_2}{l_1} = 16:1$$

6. Let $a, b \in \mathbf{R}, a \neq 0$, such that the equation, $ax^2 - 2bx + 5 = 0$ has a repeated root α , which is also a root of the equation $x^2 - 2bx - 10 = 0$. If β is the root of this equation, then $\alpha^2 + \beta^2$ is equal to:
- a. 24
b. 25
c. 26
d. 28

Answer: (b)

Solution:

$ax^2 - 2bx + 5 = 0$ has both roots as α

$$\Rightarrow 2\alpha = \frac{2b}{a} \Rightarrow \alpha = \frac{b}{a}$$

$$\text{And } \alpha^2 = \frac{5}{a}$$

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$$\Rightarrow b^2 = 5a(a \neq 0) \quad \dots (1)$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha + \beta = 2b \text{ \& } \alpha\beta = -10$$

$\alpha = \frac{b}{a}$ is also a root of $x^2 - 2bx - 10 = 0$

$$\Rightarrow b^2 - 2ab^2 - 10a^2 = 0$$

$$\because b^2 = 5a \Rightarrow 5a - 10a^2 - 10a^2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow a = \frac{1}{4} \Rightarrow b^2 = \frac{5}{4}$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha^2 = 20, \beta^2 = 5 \Rightarrow \alpha^2 + \beta^2 = 25$$

7. Let a function $f: [0,5] \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$, be continuous, $f(1) = 3$ and F be defined as:

$F(x) = \int_1^x t^2 g(t) dt$, where $g(t) = \int_1^t f(u) du$ Then for the function F , the point $x = 1$ is

a. a point of inflection.

b. a point of local maxima

c. a point of local minima.

d. not a critical point

Answer: (c)

Solution:

$$F(x) = x^2 g(x)$$

Put $x = 1$

$$\Rightarrow F(1) = g(1) = 0 \quad \dots (1)$$

$$\text{Now } F''(x) = 2xg(x) + g'(x)x^2$$

$$F''(1) = 2g(1) + g'(1) \quad \{\because g'(x) = f(x)\}$$

$$F''(1) = f(1) = 3 \quad \dots (2)$$

From (1) and (2), $F(x)$ has local minimum at $x = 1$

8. Let $[t]$ denotes the greatest integer $\leq t$ and $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x \left[\frac{4}{x} \right] = A$. Then the function, $f(x) = [x^2] \sin \pi x$ is discontinuous, when x is equal to

a. $\sqrt{A+1}$

b. \sqrt{A}

c. $\sqrt{A+5}$

d. $\sqrt{A+21}$

Answer: (a)

Solution:

$$f(x) = [x^2] \sin \pi x$$

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It is continuous $\forall x \in \mathbf{Z}$ as $\sin \pi x \rightarrow 0$ as $x \rightarrow \mathbf{Z}$.

$f(x)$ is discontinuous at points where $[x^2]$ is discontinuous i.e. $x^2 \in \mathbf{Z}$ with an exception that $f(x)$ is continuous as x is an integer.

\therefore Points of discontinuity for $f(x)$ would be at

$$x = \pm\sqrt{2}, \pm\sqrt{3}, \pm\sqrt{5}, \dots$$

Also, it is given that $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x \left[\frac{4}{x} \right] = A$ (indeterminate form $(0 \times \infty)$)

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x \left(\frac{4}{x} - \left\{ \frac{4}{x} \right\} \right) = A$$

$$\Rightarrow 4 - \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left\{ \frac{4}{x} \right\} = A$$

$$\Rightarrow A = 4$$

$$\sqrt{A+5} = 3$$

$$\sqrt{A+1} = \sqrt{5}$$

$$\sqrt{A+21} = 5$$

$$\sqrt{A} = 2$$

\therefore Points of discontinuity for $f(x)$ is $x = \sqrt{5}$

9. Let $a - 2b + c = 1$,

$$\text{If } f(x) = \begin{vmatrix} x+a & x+2 & x+1 \\ x+b & x+3 & x+2 \\ x+c & x+4 & x+3 \end{vmatrix}, \text{ then:}$$

a. $f(-50) = 501$

b. $f(-50) = -1$

c. $f(50) = 1$

d. $f(50) = -501$

Answer: (c)

Solution:

$$\text{Given } f(x) = \begin{vmatrix} x+a & x+2 & x+1 \\ x+b & x+3 & x+2 \\ x+c & x+4 & x+3 \end{vmatrix}$$

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

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

$$f(x) = \begin{vmatrix} a - 2b + c & 0 & 0 \\ x+b & x+3 & x+2 \\ x+c & x+4 & x+3 \end{vmatrix}$$

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Using $a - 2b + c = 1$

$$\therefore f(x) = (x + 3)^2 - (x + 2)(x + 4)$$

$$\Rightarrow f(x) = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow f(50) = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow f(-50) = 1$$

10. Given: $f(x) = \begin{cases} x, & 0 \leq x < \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2}, & x = \frac{1}{2} \\ 1 - x, & \frac{1}{2} < x \leq 1 \end{cases}$

and $g(x) = \left(x - \frac{1}{2}\right)^2, x \in \mathbf{R}$. Then the area (in sq. units) of the region bounded by the curves $y = f(x)$ and $y = g(x)$ between the lines $2x = 1$ to $2x = \sqrt{3}$ is :

a. $\frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} - \frac{1}{3}$

b. $\frac{1}{3} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4}$

c. $\frac{1}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4}$

d. $\frac{1}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4}$

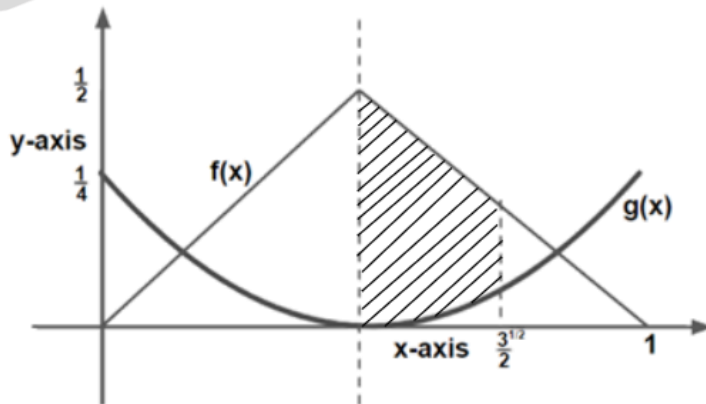
Answer: (a)

Solution:

$$\text{Given } f(x) = \begin{cases} x & 0 < x < \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} & x = \frac{1}{2} \\ 1 - x & \frac{1}{2} < x < 1 \end{cases}$$

$$g(x) = \left(x - \frac{1}{2}\right)^2$$

The area between $f(x)$ and $g(x)$ from $x = \frac{1}{2}$ to $x = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$:



Points of intersection of $f(x)$ and $g(x)$:

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

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}, -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

$$\text{Required area} = \int_{\frac{1}{2}}^{\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}} (f(x) - g(x)) dx$$

$$= \int_{\frac{1}{2}}^{\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}} \left(1 - x - \left(x - \frac{1}{2}\right)^2\right) dx$$

$$= x - \frac{x^2}{2} - \frac{1}{3} \left(x - \frac{1}{2}\right)^3 \Big|_{\frac{1}{2}}^{\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} - \frac{1}{3}$$

11. The following system of linear equations

$$7x + 6y - 2z = 0,$$

$$3x + 4y + 2z = 0$$

$$x - 2y - 6z = 0, \text{ has}$$

- a. infinitely many solutions, (x, y, z) satisfying $y = 2z$
- b. infinitely many solutions (x, y, z) satisfying $x = 2z$
- c. no solution
- d. only the trivial solution

Answer: (b)

Solution:

$$7x + 6y - 2z = 0$$

$$3x + 4y + 2z = 0$$

$$x - 2y - 6z = 0$$

As the system of equations are Homogeneous \Rightarrow the system is consistent.

$$\Rightarrow \begin{vmatrix} 7 & 6 & -2 \\ 3 & 4 & 2 \\ 1 & -2 & -6 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

\Rightarrow Infinite solutions exist (both trivial and non-trivial solutions)

When $y = 2z$

Let's take $y = 2, z = 1$

When $(x, 2, 1)$ is substituted in the system of equations

$\Rightarrow 7x + 10 = 0, 3x + 10 = 0, x - 10 = 0$ (which is not possible)

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$\therefore y = 2z \Rightarrow$ Infinitely many solutions does not exist.

For $x = 2z$, let's take $x = 2, z = 1, y = y$

Substitute $(2, y, 1)$ in system of equations

$$\Rightarrow y = -2$$

\therefore For each pair of (x, z) , we get a value of y .

Therefore, for $x = 2z$ infinitely many solutions exist.

12. If $p \rightarrow (p \wedge \sim q)$ is false. Then the truth values of p and q are respectively

- a. F, T
- b. T, F
- c. F, F
- d. T, T

Answer: (d)

Solution:

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

Truth table:

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

$p \rightarrow (p \wedge \sim q)$ is false when p is true and q is true.

13. The length of minor axis (along y-axis) of an ellipse of the standard form is $\frac{4}{\sqrt{3}}$. If this ellipse touches the line $x + 6y = 8$, then its eccentricity is :

- a. $\frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{5}{3}}$
- b. $\frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{11}{3}}$
- c. $\sqrt{\frac{5}{6}}$
- d. $\frac{1}{3} \sqrt{\frac{11}{3}}$

Answer: (b)

Solution:

$$\text{If } 2b = \frac{4}{\sqrt{3}}$$

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

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Comparing $y = -\frac{x}{6} + \frac{8}{6}$ with $y = mx \pm \sqrt{a^2m^2 + b^2}$

$$m = -\frac{1}{6} \text{ and } a^2m^2 + b^2 = \frac{16}{9}$$

$$\frac{a^2}{36} + \frac{4}{9} = \frac{16}{9}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{a^2}{36} = \frac{16}{9} - \frac{4}{9}$$

$$\Rightarrow a^2 = 16$$

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

$$\Rightarrow e = \sqrt{\frac{11}{12}}$$

14. If z be a complex number satisfying $|\operatorname{Re}(z)| + |\operatorname{Im}(z)| = 4$, then $|z|$ cannot be:

a. $\sqrt{7}$

b. $\sqrt{\frac{17}{2}}$

c. $\sqrt{10}$

d. $\sqrt{8}$

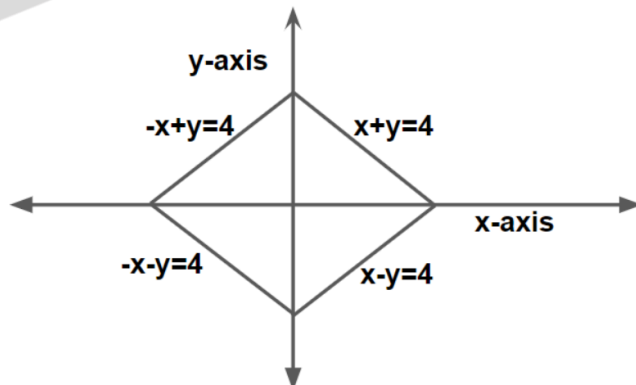
Answer: (a)

Solution:

$$|\operatorname{Re}(z)| + |\operatorname{Im}(z)| = 4$$

$$\text{Let } z = x + iy$$

$$\Rightarrow |x| + |y| = 4$$



$\therefore z$ lies on the rhombus.

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Maximum value of $|z| = 4$ when $z = 4, -4, 4i, -4i$

Minimum value of $|z| = 2\sqrt{2}$ when $z = 2 \pm 2i, \pm 2 + 2i$

$$|z| \in [2\sqrt{2}, 4]$$

$$|z| \in [\sqrt{8}, \sqrt{16}]$$

$$|z| \neq \sqrt{7}$$

15. If $x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \tan^{2n} \theta$ and $y = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \cos^{2n} \theta$, where $0 < \theta < \frac{\pi}{4}$, then:

a. $y(1+x) = 1$

b. $x(1-y) = 1$

c. $y(1-x) = 1$

d. $x(1+y) = 1$

Answer: (c)

Solution:

$$y = 1 + \cos^2 \theta + \cos^4 \theta + \dots$$

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

$$x = 1 - \tan^2 \theta + \tan^4 \theta - \dots$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{1}{1 - (-\tan^2 \theta)} = \cos^2 \theta$$

$$\therefore x + \frac{1}{y} = 1 \Rightarrow y(1-x) = 1$$

16. If $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{xy}{x^2+y^2}$; $y(1) = 1$; then a value of x satisfying $y(x) = e$ is:

a. $\sqrt{3}e$

b. $\frac{1}{2}\sqrt{3}e$

c. $\sqrt{2}e$

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

Answer: (a)

Solution:

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

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = v + x \frac{dv}{dx}$$

$$\Rightarrow v + x \frac{dv}{dx} = \frac{vx^2}{x^2(1+v^2)} = \frac{v}{1+v^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow x \frac{dv}{dx} = \frac{-v^3}{1+v^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{x} dx = \left(-\frac{1}{v^3} - \frac{1}{v} \right) dv$$

$$\Rightarrow \log x = \frac{1}{2v^2} - \log v + \log c$$

$$\Rightarrow \log x = \frac{x^2}{2y^2} - \log y + \log x + \log c$$

$$\log c + \frac{x^2}{2y^2} - \log y = 0$$

$$y(1) = 1 \Rightarrow \log c + \frac{1}{2} - 0 = 0$$

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

$$y(x) = e$$

$$\Rightarrow -\frac{1}{2} + \frac{x^2}{2e^2} - 1 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{x^2}{e^2} = 3$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \pm\sqrt{3}e$$

17. If one end of focal chord AB of the parabola $y^2 = 8x$ is at $A\left(\frac{1}{2}, -2\right)$, then the equation of tangent to it at B is

- a. $x + 2y + 8 = 0$
- c. $x - 2y + 8 = 0$

- b. $2x - y - 24 = 0$
- d. $2x + y - 24 = 0$

Answer: (c)

Solution:

Let PQ be the focal chord of the parabola $y^2 = 8x$

$$\Rightarrow P(t_1) = (2t_1^2, 4t_1) \text{ \& } Q(t_2) = (2t_2^2, 4t_2)$$

$$\Rightarrow t_1 t_2 = -1$$

$\therefore \left(\frac{1}{2}, -2\right)$ is one of the ends of the focal chord of the parabola

$$\text{Let } \left(\frac{1}{2}, -2\right) = (2t_2^2, 4t_2)$$

$$\Rightarrow t_2 = -\frac{1}{2}$$

\Rightarrow Other end of focal chord will have parameter $t_1 = 2$

\Rightarrow The co-ordinate of the other end of the focal chord will be $(8, 8)$

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∴ The equation of the tangent will be given as $\rightarrow 8y = 4(x + 8)$

$$\Rightarrow 2y - x = 8$$

18. Let a_n be the n^{th} term of a G.P. of positive terms. If $\sum_{n=1}^{100} a_{2n+1} = 200$ and $\sum_{n=1}^{100} a_{2n} = 100$ then $\sum_{n=1}^{200} a_n$ is equal to:

- a. 300
- b. 175
- c. 225
- d. 150

Answer: (d)

Solution:

a_n is a positive term of GP.

Let GP be a, ar, ar^2, \dots

$$\sum_{n=1}^{100} a_{2n+1} = a_3 + a_5 + \dots + a_{201}$$

$$200 = ar^2 + ar^4 + \dots + ar^{201} \Rightarrow 200 = \frac{ar^2(r^{200}-1)}{r^2-1} \dots (1)$$

$$\text{Also, } \sum_{n=1}^{100} a_{2n} = 100$$

$$100 = a_2 + a_4 + \dots + a_{200} \Rightarrow 100 = ar + ar^3 + \dots + ar^{199}$$

$$100 = \frac{ar(r^{200}-1)}{r^2-1} \dots (2)$$

From (1) and (2), $r = 2$

$$\text{And } \sum_{n=1}^{100} a_{2n+1} + \sum_{n=1}^{100} a_{2n} = 300$$

$$\Rightarrow a_2 + a_3 + a_4 + \dots + a_{200} + a_{201} = 300$$

$$\Rightarrow ar + ar^2 + ar^3 + \dots + ar^{200} = 300 \Rightarrow r(a + ar + ar^2 + \dots + ar^{199}) = 300$$

$$\Rightarrow 2(a_1 + a_2 + a_3 + \dots + a_{200}) = 300$$

$$\sum_{n=1}^{200} a_n = 150$$

19. A random variable X has the following probability distribution:

X	1	2	3	4	5
P(X)	K^2	$2K$	K	$2K$	$5K^2$

Then $P(X > 2)$ is equal to:

- a. $\frac{7}{12}$
- b. $\frac{23}{36}$
- c. $\frac{1}{36}$
- d. $\frac{1}{6}$

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Answer: (b)

Solution:

We know that $\sum_{X=1}^5 P(X) = 1$

$$\Rightarrow K^2 + 2K + K + 2K + 5K^2 = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow K = -1, \frac{1}{6} \Rightarrow K = \frac{1}{6}$$

$$P(X > 2) = P(X = 3) + P(X = 4) + P(X = 5)$$

$$= K + 2K + 5K^2 = \frac{23}{36}$$

20. If $\int \frac{d\theta}{\cos^2 \theta (\tan 2\theta + \sec 2\theta)} = \lambda \tan \theta + 2 \log_e |f(\theta)| + C$ where C is constant of integration, then the ordered pair $(\lambda, f(\theta))$ is equal to:

a. $(-1, 1 - \tan \theta)$

b. $(-1, 1 + \tan \theta)$

c. $(1, 1 + \tan \theta)$

d. $(1, 1 - \tan \theta)$

Answer: (b)

Solution:

$$\text{Let } I = \int \frac{d\theta}{\cos^2 \theta (\sec 2\theta + \tan 2\theta)}$$

$$I = \int \frac{\sec^2 \theta d\theta}{\left(\frac{1+\tan^2 \theta}{1-\tan^2 \theta}\right) + \left(\frac{2 \tan \theta}{1-\tan^2 \theta}\right)}$$

$$I = \int \frac{(1-\tan^2 \theta)(\sec^2 \theta) d\theta}{(1+\tan \theta)^2}$$

$$\text{Let } \tan \theta = k \Rightarrow \sec^2 \theta d\theta = dk$$

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

$$I = \left(\frac{2}{1+k} - 1\right) dk$$

$$I = 2 \ln|1+k| - k + c$$

$$I = 2 \ln|1+\tan \theta| - \tan \theta + c$$

$$\text{Given } I = \lambda \tan \theta + 2 \log f(\theta) + c$$

$$\therefore \lambda = -1, f(\theta) = |1 + \tan \theta|$$

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21. Let \vec{a} , \vec{b} and \vec{c} be three vectors such that $|\vec{a}| = \sqrt{3}$, $|\vec{b}| = 5$, $\vec{b} \cdot \vec{c} = 10$ and the angle between \vec{b} and \vec{c} is $\frac{\pi}{3}$. If \vec{a} is perpendicular to vector $\vec{b} \times \vec{c}$, then $|\vec{a} \times (\vec{b} \times \vec{c})|$ is equal to _____

Answer : (30)

Solution:

$$|\vec{a} \times (\vec{b} \times \vec{c})| = |\vec{a}| |\vec{b} \times \vec{c}| \sin \theta \quad \text{where } \theta \text{ is the angle between } \vec{a} \text{ and } \vec{b} \times \vec{c}$$

$$\theta = \frac{\pi}{2} \quad \text{given}$$

$$\Rightarrow |\vec{a} \times (\vec{b} \times \vec{c})| = \sqrt{3} |\vec{b} \times \vec{c}| = \sqrt{3} |\vec{b}| |\vec{c}| \sin \frac{\pi}{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow |\vec{a} \times (\vec{b} \times \vec{c})| = \sqrt{3} \times 5 \times |\vec{c}| \times \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow |\vec{a} \times (\vec{b} \times \vec{c})| = \frac{15}{2} |\vec{c}|$$

$$\text{Now, } |\vec{b}| |\vec{c}| \cos \theta = 10$$

$$5 |\vec{c}| \frac{1}{2} = 10$$

$$|\vec{c}| = 4$$

$$\Rightarrow |\vec{a} \times (\vec{b} \times \vec{c})| = 30$$

22. If $C_r = {}^{25}C_r$ and $C_0 + 5 \cdot C_1 + 9 \cdot C_2 + \dots + 101 \cdot C_{25} = 2^{25} \cdot k$ then k is equal to _____.

Answer: (51)

Solution:

$$S = {}^{25}C_0 + 5 {}^{25}C_1 + 9 {}^{25}C_2 + \dots + 97 {}^{25}C_{24} + 101 {}^{25}C_{25} = 2^{25}k \quad (1)$$

Reverse and apply property ${}^nC_r = {}^nC_{n-r}$ in all coefficients

$$S = 101 {}^{25}C_0 + 97 {}^{25}C_1 + \dots + 5 {}^{25}C_{24} + {}^{25}C_{25} \quad (2)$$

Adding (1) and (2), we get

$$2S = 102 [{}^{25}C_0 + {}^{25}C_1 + \dots + {}^{25}C_{25}]$$

$$S = 51 \times 2^{25}$$

$$\Rightarrow k = 51$$

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23. If the curves $x^2 - 6x + y^2 + 8 = 0$ and $x^2 - 8y + y^2 + 16 - k = 0, (k > 0)$ touch each other at a point, then the largest value of k is _____.

Answer: (36)

Solution:

Two circles touch each other if $C_1 C_2 = |r_1 \pm r_2|$

$$\sqrt{k} + 1 = 5 \text{ or } |\sqrt{k} - 1| = 5$$

$$\Rightarrow k = 16 \text{ or } 36$$

Maximum value of k is 36

24. The number of terms common to the A.P.'s 3, 7, 11, ... 407 and 2, 9, 16, ... 709 is _____.

Answer: (14)

Solution:

First common term is 23

Common difference = LCM(7, 4) = 28

$$23 + (n - 1)28 \leq 407$$

$$n - 1 \leq 13.71$$

$$n = 14$$

25. If the distance between the plane, $23x - 10y - 2z + 48 = 0$ and the plane containing the lines $\frac{x+1}{2} = \frac{y-3}{4} = \frac{z+1}{3}$ and $\frac{x+3}{2} = \frac{y+2}{6} = \frac{z-1}{\lambda}, (\lambda \in R)$ is equal to $\frac{k}{\sqrt{633}}$, then k is equal to _____.

Answer: (3)

Solution:

We find the point of intersection of the two lines, and the distance of given plane from the two lines is the distance of plane from the point of intersection.

$$\therefore (2p - 1, 4p + 3, 3p - 1) = (2q - 3, 6q - 2, \lambda q + 1)$$

$$p = -\frac{1}{2} \text{ and } q = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\lambda = -7$$

Point of intersection is $(-2, 1, -\frac{5}{2})$

$$\therefore \frac{k}{\sqrt{633}} = \left| \frac{-46 - 10 + 5 + 48}{\sqrt{633}} \right| \Rightarrow k = 3$$