







10. Let  $E_1$  and  $E_2$  be two events such that the conditional probabilities  $P(E_1|E_2) = \frac{1}{2}$ ,

$$P(E_2|E_1) = \frac{3}{4} \text{ and } P(E_1 \cap E_2) = \frac{1}{8}. \text{ Then:}$$

- (A)  $P(E_1 \cap E_2) = P(E_1) \cdot P(E_2)$   
 (B)  $P(E'_1 \cap E'_2) = P(E'_1) \cdot P(E_2)$   
 (C)  $P(E_1 \cap E'_2) = P(E_1) \cdot P(E_2)$   
 (D)  $P(E'_1 \cap E_2) = P(E_1) \cdot P(E_2)$

**Official Ans. by NTA (C)**

**Ans. (C)**

**Sol.**

$$(A) P(E_1) \cdot P(E_2) = \frac{1}{6} \cdot \frac{1}{4} = \frac{1}{24} \neq P(E_1 \cap E_2)$$

$$\begin{aligned} (B) P(E'_1 \cap E'_2) &= 1 - P(E_1 \cup E_2) \\ &= 1 - (P(E_1) + P(E_2) - P(E_1 \cap E_2)) \\ &= 1 - \left( \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{8} \right) = \frac{17}{24} \end{aligned}$$

$$P(E'_1)P(E_2) = \frac{5}{6} \times \frac{1}{4} = \frac{5}{24}$$

$$(C) P(E_1 \cap E'_2) = P(E_1) - P(E_1 \cap E_2) = \frac{1}{6} - \frac{1}{8} = \frac{1}{24}$$

$$(D) P(E'_1 \cap E_2) = P(E_2) - P(E_1 \cap E_2) = \frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{8} = \frac{1}{8}$$

11. Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -2 \\ 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ . If  $M$  and  $N$  are two matrices

$$\text{given by } M = \sum_{k=1}^{10} A^{2k} \text{ and } N = \sum_{k=1}^{10} A^{2k-1} \text{ then}$$

$MN^2$  is

- (A) a non-identity symmetric matrix  
 (B) a skew-symmetric matrix  
 (C) neither symmetric nor skew-symmetric matrix  
 (D) an identity matrix

**Official Ans. by NTA (A)**

**Ans. (A)**

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

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

$$A^3 = -4A$$

$$A^4 = (-4I)(-4I) = (-4)^2 I$$

$$A^5 = (-4)^2 A, \quad A^6 = (-4)^3 I$$

$$M = \sum_{k=1}^{10} A^{2k} = A^2 + A^4 + \dots + A^{20}$$

$$= [-4 + (-4)^2 + (-4)^3 + \dots + (-4)^{20}]I$$

$$= -4\lambda I$$

$\Rightarrow M$  is symmetric matrix

$$N = \sum_{k=1}^{10} A^{2k-1} = A + A^3 + \dots + A^{19}$$

$$= A[1 + (-4) + (-4)^2 + \dots + (-4)^9]$$

$$= \lambda A \Rightarrow \text{skew symmetric}$$

$\Rightarrow N^2$  is symmetric matrix

$\Rightarrow MN^2$  is non identity symmetric matrix

12. Let  $g : (0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a differentiable function such that

$$\int \left( \frac{x(\cos x - \sin x)}{e^x + 1} + \frac{g(x)(e^x + 1 - xe^x)}{(e^x + 1)^2} \right) dx = \frac{xg(x)}{e^x + 1} + c,$$

for all  $x > 0$ , where  $c$  is an arbitrary constant. Then.

$$(A) g \text{ is decreasing in } \left(0, \frac{\pi}{4}\right)$$

$$(B) g' \text{ is increasing in } \left(0, \frac{\pi}{4}\right)$$

$$(C) g + g' \text{ is increasing in } \left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$$

$$(D) g - g' \text{ is increasing in } \left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$$

**Official Ans. by NTA (D)**

**Ans. (D)**



$$\lambda = 5\sqrt{3}$$

$$\vec{a} = 5(\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k})$$

$$\text{now } \vec{b} = 5\alpha(\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}) + \beta(\hat{i})$$

$$\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 25\alpha(3) + 5\beta = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 15\alpha + \beta = 0 \Rightarrow \beta = -15\alpha$$

$$\vec{b} = 5\alpha(-2\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k})$$

$$|\vec{b}| = 5\sqrt{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha = \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\vec{b} = \pm \frac{5}{\sqrt{2}}(-2\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k})$$

Projection of  $\vec{b}$  on  $3\hat{i} + 4\hat{j}$  is

$$\frac{\vec{b} \cdot (3\hat{i} + 4\hat{j})}{5} = \pm \frac{5}{\sqrt{2}} \left( \frac{-6+4}{5} \right) = \pm \sqrt{2}$$

- 15.** Let  $y = y(x)$  be the solution of the differential equation  $(x+1)y' - y = e^{3x}(x+1)^2$ , with

$$y(0) = \frac{1}{3}. \text{ Then, the point } x = -\frac{4}{3} \text{ for the curve}$$

$y = y(x)$  is:

- (A) not a critical point
- (B) a point of local minima
- (C) a point of local maxima
- (D) a point of inflection

**Official Ans. by NTA (B)**

**Ans. (B)**

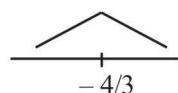
$$\text{Sol. } (x+1)dy - y dx = e^{3x}(x+1)^2$$

$$\frac{(x+1)dy - ydx}{(x+1)^2} = e^{3x}$$

$$d\left(\frac{y}{x+1}\right) = e^{3x} \Rightarrow \frac{y}{x+1} = \frac{e^{3x}}{3} + C$$

$$\left(0, \frac{1}{3}\right) \Rightarrow C = 0 \Rightarrow y = \frac{(x+1)e^{3x}}{3}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{3} \left( (x+1)3e^{3x} + e^{3x} \right) = \frac{3}{3} (3x+4)$$



Clearly,  $x = -\frac{4}{3}$  is point of local minima

- 16.** If  $y = m_1x + c_1$  and  $y = m_2x + c_2$ ,  $m_1 \neq m_2$  are two common tangents of circle  $x^2 + y^2 = 2$  and parabola  $y^2 = x$ , then the value of  $8|m_1m_2|$  is equal to

$$(A) 3 + 4\sqrt{2}$$

$$(B) -5 + 6\sqrt{2}$$

$$(C) -4 + 3\sqrt{2}$$

$$(D) 7 + 6\sqrt{2}$$

**Official Ans. by NTA (C)**

**Ans. (C)**

$$\text{Sol. } C_1: x^2 + y^2 = 2$$

$$C_2: y^2 = x$$

$$\text{Let tangent to parabola be } y = mx + \frac{1}{4m}.$$

It is also a tangent of circle so distance from centre of circle  $(0, 0)$  will be  $\sqrt{2}$ .

$$\left| \frac{\frac{1}{4m}}{\sqrt{1+m^2}} \right| = \sqrt{2} \Rightarrow 1 = 32m^2 + 32m^4$$

by solving

$$m^2 = \frac{3\sqrt{2}-4}{8}, \quad m^2 = \frac{-3\sqrt{2}-4}{8} \text{ (rejected)}$$

$$m = \pm \sqrt{\frac{3\sqrt{2}-4}{8}}$$

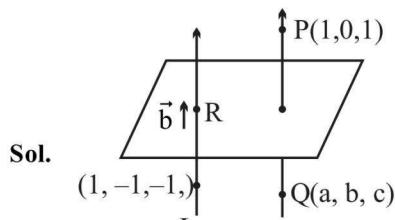
$$\text{so, } 8|m_1m_2| = 3\sqrt{2} - 4$$

- 17.** Let Q be the mirror image of the point  $P(1, 0, 1)$  with respect to the plane  $S: x + y + z = 5$ . If a line L passing through  $(1, -1, -1)$ , parallel to the line PQ meets the plane S at R, then  $QR^2$  is equal to:

- (A) 2
- (B) 5
- (C) 7
- (D) 11

**Official Ans. by NTA (B)**

**Ans. (B)**



Let parallel vector of L =  $\vec{b}$

mirror image of Q on given plane  $x+y+z=5$

$$\frac{a-1}{1} = \frac{b-0}{1} = \frac{c-1}{1} = \frac{-2(2-5)}{3}$$

$$a = 3, b = 2, c = 3$$

$$Q \equiv (3, 2, 3)$$

$$\therefore \vec{b} \parallel \overrightarrow{PQ}$$

$$\text{so, } \vec{b} = (1, 1, 1)$$

Equation of line

$$L : \frac{x-1}{1} = \frac{y+1}{1} = \frac{z+1}{1}$$

Let point R,  $(\lambda+1, \lambda-1, \lambda-1)$

lying on plane  $x + y + z = 5$ ,

$$\text{so, } 3\lambda - 1 = 5$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda = 2$$

Point R is  $(3, 1, 1)$

$$QR^2 = 5 \text{ Ans.}$$

- 18.** If the solution curve  $y = y(x)$  of the differential equation  $y^2 dx + (x^2 - xy + y^2) dy = 0$ , which passes through the point  $(1, 1)$  and intersects the line  $y = \sqrt{3} x$  at the point  $(\alpha, \sqrt{3} \alpha)$ , then value of  $\log_e(\sqrt{3} \alpha)$  is equal to

(A)  $\frac{\pi}{3}$

(B)  $\frac{\pi}{2}$

(C)  $\frac{\pi}{12}$

(D)  $\frac{\pi}{6}$

**Official Ans. by NTA (C)**

**Ans. (C)**

**Sol.**  $y^2 dx - xy dy = -(x^2 + y^2) dy$   
 $y(y dx - x dy) = -(x^2 + y^2) dy$   
 $-y(x dx - y dy) = -(x^2 + y^2) dy$

$$\frac{xdy - ydx}{x^2} = \left(1 + \frac{y^2}{x^2}\right) \frac{dy}{y}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d(y/x)}{1 + \frac{y^2}{x^2}} = \frac{dy}{y}$$

$$\Rightarrow \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{y}{x}\right) = \ln y + C$$

$$(\alpha, \sqrt{3} \alpha) \Rightarrow \frac{\pi}{3} = \ln(\sqrt{3} \alpha) + \frac{\pi}{4}$$

$$\therefore \ln(\sqrt{3} \alpha) = \frac{\pi}{12}$$

- 19.** Let  $x = 2t$ ,  $y = \frac{t^2}{3}$  be a conic. Let S be the focus and B be the point on the axis of the conic such that  $SA \perp BA$ , where A is any point on the conic. If k is the ordinate of the centroid of  $\Delta SAB$ , then  $\lim_{t \rightarrow 1} k$  is equal to

(A)  $\frac{17}{18}$

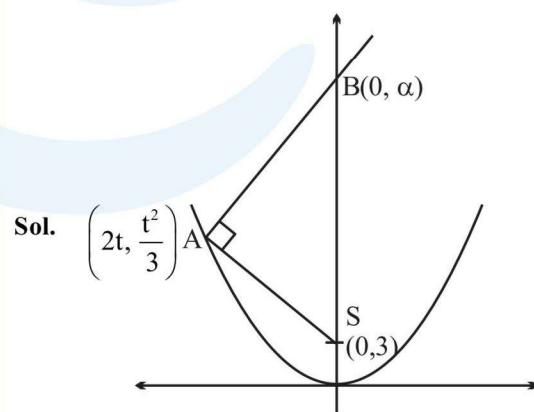
(B)  $\frac{19}{18}$

(C)  $\frac{11}{18}$

(D)  $\frac{13}{18}$

**Official Ans. by NTA (D)**

**Ans. (D)**



parabola  $x^2 = 12y$

$SA \perp SB$

$$\text{so, } m_{AS} \cdot m_{AB} = -1$$

$$\frac{\left(3 - \frac{t^2}{3}\right)}{(0-2t)} \cdot \frac{\left(\alpha - \frac{t^2}{3}\right)}{(0-2t)} = -1$$

by solving

$$3\alpha = \frac{27t^2 + t^4}{t^2 - 9}$$

$$\text{ordinate of centroid of } \Delta SAB = K = \frac{\alpha + \frac{t^2}{3} + 3}{3}$$

$$k = \frac{9 + 3\alpha + t^2}{9}$$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 1} k = \lim_{t \rightarrow 1} \frac{1}{9} \left( 9 + t^2 + \frac{27t^2 + t^4}{(t^2 - 9)} \right) = \frac{13}{18}$$

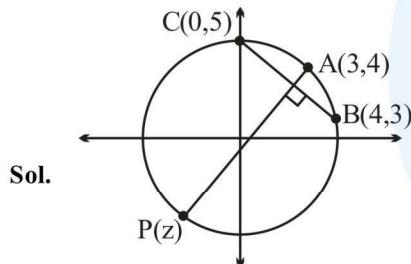
20. Let a circle C in complex plane pass through the points  $z_1 = 3 + 4i$ ,  $z_2 = 4 + 3i$  and  $z_3 = 5i$ . If  $z (\neq z_1)$  is a point on C such that the line through  $z$  and  $z_1$  is perpendicular to the line through  $z_2$  and  $z_3$ , then  $\arg(z)$  is equal to :

(A)  $\tan^{-1}\left(\frac{2}{\sqrt{5}}\right) - \pi$       (B)  $\tan^{-1}\left(\frac{24}{7}\right) - \pi$

(C)  $\tan^{-1}(3) - \pi$       (D)  $\tan^{-1}\left(\frac{3}{4}\right) - \pi$

**Official Ans. by NTA (B)**

**Ans. (B)**



Sol.

$$\text{Slope of BC} = \frac{3-5}{4-0} = -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$\text{Slope of AP} = 2$$

$$\text{equation of AP : } y - 4 = 2(x - 3)$$

$$\Rightarrow y = 2(x - 1)$$

$$\text{P lies on circle } x^2 + y^2 = 25$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 + (2(x - 1))^2 = 25$$

$$\Rightarrow x = -\frac{7}{5} \text{ and } y = -\frac{24}{5}$$

$$\Rightarrow \arg(z) = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{24}{7}\right) - \pi$$

## SECTION-B

1. Let  $C_r$  denote the binomial coefficient of  $x^r$  in the expansion of  $(1+x)^{10}$ . If  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}$ .  $C_1 + 3 \cdot 2C_2 + 5 \cdot 3C_3 + \dots$  upto 10 terms

$$= \frac{\alpha \times 2^{11}}{2^\beta - 1} \left( C_0 + \frac{C_1}{2} + \frac{C_2}{3} + \dots \text{ upto 10 terms} \right)$$

then the value of  $\alpha + \beta$  is equal to

**Official Ans. by NTA (286)**

**Ans. (BONUS)**

**Sol.**  $(1+x)^{10} = C_0 + C_1x + C_2x^2 + \dots + C_{10}x^{10}$

Differentiating

$$10(1+x)^9 = C_1 + 2C_2x + 3C_3x^2 + \dots + 10C_{10}x^9$$

replace  $x \rightarrow x^2$

$$10(1+x^2)^9 = C_1 + 2C_2x^2 + 3C_3x^4 + \dots + 10C_{10}x^{18}$$

$$10 \cdot x(1+x^2)^9 = C_1x + 2C_2x^3 + 3C_3x^5 + \dots + 10C_{10}x^{19}$$

Differentiating

$$10((1+x^2)^9 \cdot 1 + x^9(1+x^2)^8 \cdot 2x)$$

$$= C_1x + 2C_2 \cdot 3x^3 + 3 \cdot 5 \cdot C_3x^4 + \dots + 10 \cdot 19C_{10}x^{18}$$

putting  $x = 1$

$$10(2^9 + 18 \cdot 2^8)$$

$$= C_1 + 3 \cdot 2 \cdot C_2 + 5 \cdot 3 \cdot C_3 + \dots + 19 \cdot 10 \cdot C_{10}$$

$$C_1 + 3 \cdot 2 \cdot C_2 + \dots + 19 \cdot 10 \cdot C_{10}$$

$$= 10 \cdot 2^9 \cdot 10 = 100 \cdot 2^9$$

$$C_0 + \frac{C_1}{2} + \frac{C_2}{3} + \dots + \frac{C_9}{11} + \frac{C_{10}}{11} = \frac{2^{11} - 1}{11}$$

10<sup>th</sup> term 11<sup>th</sup> term

$$C_0 + \frac{C_1}{2} + \frac{C_2}{3} + \dots + \frac{C_9}{11} = \frac{2^{11} - 2}{11}$$

$$\text{Now, } 100 \cdot 2^9 = \frac{\alpha \cdot 2^{11}}{2^\beta - 1} \left( \frac{2^{11} - 2}{11} \right)$$

Eqn. of form  $y = k(2^x - 1)$ .

It has infinite solutions even if we take  $x, y \in \mathbb{N}$ .

2. The number of 3-digit odd numbers, whose sum of digits is a multiple of 7, is \_\_\_\_\_.  
**Official Ans. by NTA (63)**

**Ans. (63)**

**Sol.**  $x \ y \ z \leftarrow$  odd number

$$z = 1, 3, 5, 7, 9$$

$x+y+z = 7, 14, 21$  [sum of digit multiple of 7]

$$\begin{matrix} x + y \\ \text{to 9} \end{matrix} \begin{matrix} y \\ \text{to 9} \end{matrix} = 6, 4, 2, 13, 11, 9, 7, 5, 20, 18, 16, 14, 12$$

$$x + y = 6 \Rightarrow (1,5), (2,4), (3,3), (4,2), (5,1), (6,0) \rightarrow \text{T.N.} = 6$$

$$x + y = 4 \Rightarrow (1,3), (2,2), (3,1), (4,0) \rightarrow \text{T.N.} = 4$$

$$x + y = 2 \Rightarrow (1,1), (2,0) \rightarrow \text{T.N.} = 2$$

$$x + y = 13 \Rightarrow (4,9), (5,8), (6,7), (7,6), (8,5), (9,4) \rightarrow \text{T.N.} = 6$$

$$x + y = 11 \Rightarrow (2,9), (3,8), (4,7), (5,6), (6,5), (6,5), (7,4), (8,3), (9,2) \rightarrow \text{T.N.} = 8$$

$$x + y = 9 \Rightarrow (1,8), (2,7), (3,8), (4,5), (5,4), \dots, (8,1), (9,0) \rightarrow \text{T.N.} = 9$$

$$x + y = 7 \Rightarrow (1,8), (2,5), (3,4), \dots, (8,1), (7,0) \rightarrow \text{T.N.} = 7$$

$$x + y = 5 \Rightarrow (1,4), (2,3), (3,2), (4,1), (5,0) \rightarrow \text{T.N.} = 5$$

$x + y = 20 \Rightarrow$  Not possible

$$x + y = 18 \Rightarrow (9,9) \rightarrow \text{T.N.} = 1$$

$$x + y = 16 \Rightarrow (7,9), (8,8), (9,7) \rightarrow \text{T.N.} = 3$$

$$x + y = 14 \Rightarrow (5,9), (6,8), (7,7), (8,6), (9,5) \rightarrow \text{T.N.} = 5$$

$$x + y = 12 \Rightarrow (3,9), (4,8), (5,7), (6,6), \dots, (9,3) \rightarrow \text{T.N.} = 7$$

3. Let  $\theta$  be the angle between the vectors  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$ ,

where  $|\vec{a}| = 4$ ,  $|\vec{b}| = 3$ ,  $\theta \in \left(\frac{\pi}{4}, \frac{\pi}{3}\right)$ . Then

$$\left|(\vec{a} - \vec{b}) \times (\vec{a} + \vec{b})\right|^2 + 4(\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b})^2 \text{ is equal to } \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

**Official Ans. by NTA (576)**

**Ans. (576)**

**Sol.**  $|\vec{a}| = 4$ ,  $|\vec{b}| = 3$ ,  $\theta \in \left(\frac{\pi}{4}, \frac{\pi}{3}\right)$

$$\left|(\vec{a} - \vec{b}) \times (\vec{a} + \vec{b})\right|^2 + 4(\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b})^2$$

$$|\vec{a} \times \vec{b} - \vec{b} \times \vec{a}|^2 + 4a^2 b^2 \cos^2 \theta$$

$$2|\vec{a} \times \vec{b}|^2 + 4a^2 b^2 \cos^2 \theta$$

$$4a^2 b^2 \sin^2 \theta + 4a^2 b^2 \cos^2 \theta$$

$$4a^2 b^2 = 4 \times 16 \times 9 = 576$$

4. Let the abscissae of the two points P and Q be the roots of  $2x^2 - rx + p = 0$  and the ordinates of P and Q be the roots of  $x^2 - sx - q = 0$ . If the equation of the circle described on PQ as diameter is  $2(x^2 + y^2) - 11x - 14y - 22 = 0$ , then  $2r + s - 2q + p$  is equal to

**Official Ans. by NTA (7)**

**Ans. (7)**

$$2x^2 - rx + p = 0 \quad \begin{array}{l} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{array}$$

$$y^2 - sy - q = 0 \quad \begin{array}{l} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{array}$$

Equation of the circle with PQ as diameter is  $2(x^2 + y^2) - rx - 2sy + p - 2q = 0$

on comparing with the given equation

$$r = 11, s = 7$$

$$p - 2q = -22$$

$$\therefore 2r + s - 2q + p = 22 + 7 - 22 = 7$$

5. The number of values of  $x$  in the interval

$$\left(\frac{\pi}{4}, \frac{7\pi}{4}\right) \text{ for which } 14\cosec^2 x - 2\sin^2 x = 21$$

$- 4\cos^2 x$  holds, is \_\_\_\_\_

**Official Ans. by NTA (4)**

**Ans. (4)**

$$x \in \left(\frac{\pi}{4}, \frac{7\pi}{4}\right)$$

$$14\cosec^2 x - 2\sin^2 x = 21 - 4\cos^2 x$$

$$= 21 - 4(1 - \sin^2 x)$$

$$= 17 + 4\sin^2 x$$

$$14\cosec^2 x - 6\sin^2 x = 17$$

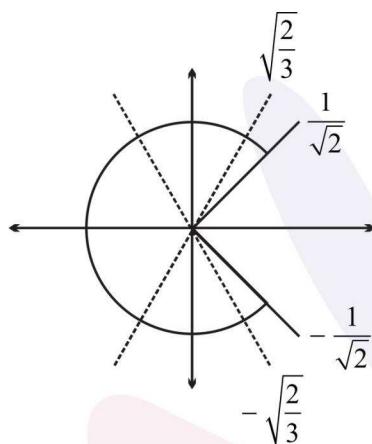
$$\text{let } \sin^2 x = p$$

$$\frac{14}{p} - 6p = 17 \Rightarrow 14 - 6p^2 = 17p$$

$$6p^2 + 17p - 14 = 0$$

$$p = -3.5, \frac{2}{3} \Rightarrow \sin^2 x = \frac{2}{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin x = \pm \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}}$$



∴ Total 4 solutions

6. For a natural number n, let  $a_n = 19^n - 12^n$ . Then,

the value of  $\frac{31\alpha_9 - \alpha_{10}}{57\alpha_8}$  is

**Official Ans. by NTA (4)**

**Ans. (4)**

**Sol.**  $a_n = 19^n - 12^n$

$$\frac{31\alpha_9 - \alpha_{10}}{57\alpha_8} = \frac{31(19^9 - 12^9) - (19^{10} - 12^{10})}{57\alpha_8}$$

$$= \frac{19^9(31-19) - 12^9(31-12)}{57\alpha_8}$$

$$= \frac{19^9 \cdot 12 - 12^{19} \cdot 19}{57\alpha_8}$$

$$= \frac{12 \cdot 19(19^8 - 12^8)}{57\alpha_8} = 4$$

7. Let  $f : R \rightarrow R$  be a function defined by

$$f(x) = \left[ 2 \left( 1 - \frac{x^{25}}{2} \right) (2 + x^{25}) \right]^{\frac{1}{50}}. \text{ If the function}$$

$g(x) = f(f(f(x))) + f(f(x))$ , the greatest integer less than or equal to  $g(1)$  is \_\_\_\_\_

**Official Ans. by NTA (2)**

**Ans. (2)**

$$\text{Sol. } f(x) = \left[ 2 \left( 1 - \frac{x^{25}}{2} \right) (2 + x^{25}) \right]^{\frac{1}{50}}$$

$$f(x) = \left[ (2 - x^{25})(2 + x^{25}) \right]^{\frac{1}{50}} = (4 - x^{50})^{1/50}$$

$$f(f(x)) = \left( 4 - \left( (4 - x^{50})^{1/50} \right)^{50} \right)^{1/50} = x$$

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

$$g(1) = f(1) + 1 = 3^{1/50} + 1$$

$$[g(1)] = [3^{1/50} + 1] = 2$$

8. Let the lines

$$L_1 : \vec{r} = \lambda(\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}), \lambda \in R$$

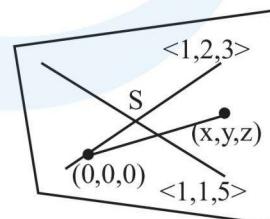
$$L_2 : \vec{r} = (\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + \hat{k}) + \mu(\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 5\hat{k}); \mu \in R$$

intersect at the point S. If a plane  $ax + by - z + d = 0$  passes through S and is parallel to both the lines  $L_1$  and  $L_2$ , then the value of  $a + b + d$  is equal to \_\_\_\_\_

**Official Ans. by NTA (5)**

**Ans. (5)**

**Sol.** Both the lines lie in the same plane



∴ equation of the plane

$$\begin{vmatrix} x & y & z \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 1 & 5 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 7x - 2y - z = 0$$

$$\therefore a + b + d = 5$$

9. Let A be a  $3 \times 3$  matrix having entries from the set  $\{-1, 0, 1\}$ . The number of all such matrices A having sum of all the entries equal to 5, is \_\_\_\_\_

**Official Ans. by NTA (414)**

**Ans. (414)**

**Sol.** **Case-I:**  $1 \rightarrow 7$  times  
and  $-1 \rightarrow 2$  times

$$\text{number of possible matrix} = \frac{9!}{7! 2!} = 36$$

**Case-II:**  $1 \rightarrow 6$  times,  
 $-1 \rightarrow 1$  times  
and  $0 \rightarrow 2$  times

$$\text{number of possible matrix} = \frac{9!}{6! 2!} = 252$$

**Case-III:**  $1 \rightarrow 5$  times,  
and  $0 \rightarrow 4$  times

$$\text{number of possible matrix} = \frac{9!}{5! 4!} = 126$$

Hence total number of all such matrix A = 414

10. The greatest integer less than or equal to the sum of first 100 terms of the sequence

$$\frac{1}{3}, \frac{5}{9}, \frac{19}{27}, \frac{65}{81}, \dots \text{ is equal to}$$

**Official Ans. by NTA (98)**

**Ans. (98)**

**Sol.**  $\frac{1}{3} + \frac{5}{9} + \frac{19}{27} + \frac{65}{81} + \dots$

$$\left(1 - \frac{2}{3}\right) + \left(1 - \frac{4}{9}\right) + \left(1 - \frac{8}{27}\right) + \left(1 - \frac{16}{81}\right) \dots \text{100 terms}$$

$$100 - \left[ \frac{2}{3} + \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^2 + \dots \right]$$

$$100 - \frac{\frac{2}{3} \left(1 - \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^{100}\right)}{1 - \frac{2}{3}}$$

$$100 - 2 \left(1 - \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^{100}\right)$$

$$S = 98 + 2 \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^{100}$$

$$\Rightarrow [S] = 98$$