



FINAL JEE–MAIN EXAMINATION – MARCH, 2021

Held On Wednesday 17th March, 2021

TIME: 3:00 PM to 06:00 PM

SECTION-A

1. Let $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be defined as $f(x) = e^{-x} \sin x$. If $F : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a differentiable function

such that $F(x) = \int_0^x f(t) dt$, then the value of

$\int_0^1 (F'(x) + f(x))e^x dx$ lies in the interval

(1) $\left[\frac{327}{360}, \frac{329}{360}\right]$ (2) $\left[\frac{330}{360}, \frac{331}{360}\right]$

(3) $\left[\frac{331}{360}, \frac{334}{360}\right]$ (4) $\left[\frac{335}{360}, \frac{336}{360}\right]$

Official Ans. by NTA (2)

Sol. $f(x) = e^{-x} \sin x$

Now, $F(x) = \int_0^x f(t) dt \Rightarrow F'(x) = f(x)$

$I = \int_0^1 (F'(x) + f(x))e^x dx = \int_0^1 (f(x) + f(x)) \cdot e^x dx$

$= 2 \int_0^1 f(x) \cdot e^x dx = 2 \int_0^1 e^{-x} \sin x \cdot e^x dx$

$= 2 \int_0^1 \sin x dx$

$= 2(1 - \cos 1)$

$I = 2 \left\{ 1 - \left(1 - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{8} - \dots \right) \right\}$

$I = 1 - \frac{2}{4} + \frac{2}{6} - \frac{2}{9} + \dots$

$1 - \frac{2}{4} < I < 1 - \frac{2}{4} + \frac{2}{6}$

$\frac{11}{12} < I < \frac{331}{360}$

$\Rightarrow I \in \left[\frac{11}{12}, \frac{331}{360} \right]$

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2. If the integral $\int_0^{10} \frac{[\sin 2\pi x]}{e^{x-[x]}} dx = \alpha e^{-1} + \beta e^{-\frac{1}{2}} + \gamma$,

where α, β, γ are integers and $[x]$ denotes the greatest integer less than or equal to x , then the value of $\alpha + \beta + \gamma$ is equal to :

- (1) 0 (2) 20 (3) 25 (4) 10

Official Ans. by NTA (1)

Sol. Let $I = \int_0^{10} \frac{[\sin 2\pi x]}{e^{x-[x]}} dx = \int_0^{10} \frac{[\sin 2\pi x]}{e^{(x)}} dx$

Function $f(x) = \frac{[\sin 2\pi x]}{e^{(x)}}$ is periodic with

period '1'

Therefore

$I = 10 \int_0^1 \frac{[\sin 2\pi x]}{e^{(x)}} dx$

$= 10 \int_0^1 \frac{[\sin 2\pi x]}{e^x} dx$

$= 10 \left(\int_0^{1/2} \frac{[\sin 2\pi x]}{e^x} dx + \int_{1/2}^1 \frac{[\sin 2\pi x]}{e^x} dx \right)$

$= 10 \left(0 + \int_{1/2}^1 \frac{(-1)}{e^x} dx \right)$

$= -10 \int_{1/2}^1 e^{-x} dx$

$= 10(e^{-1} - e^{-1/2})$

Now,

$10 \cdot e^{-1} - 10 \cdot e^{-1/2} = \alpha e^{-1} + \beta e^{-1/2} + \gamma$ (given)

$\Rightarrow \alpha = 10, \beta = -10, \gamma = 0$

$\Rightarrow \alpha + \beta + \gamma = 0$ **Ans. (1)**



3. Let $y = y(x)$ be the solution of the differential equation $\cos x (3\sin x + \cos x + 3)dy =$

$$(1 + y \sin x (3\sin x + \cos x + 3))dx,$$

$0 \leq x \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$, $y(0) = 0$. Then, $y\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right)$ is equal to:

(1) $2 \log_e \left(\frac{2\sqrt{3}+9}{6} \right)$ (2) $2 \log_e \left(\frac{2\sqrt{3}+10}{11} \right)$

(3) $2 \log_e \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}+7}{2} \right)$ (4) $2 \log_e \left(\frac{3\sqrt{3}-8}{4} \right)$

Official Ans. by NTA (2)

Sol. $\cos x (3\sin x + \cos x + 3)dy = (1 + y \sin x (3\sin x + \cos x + 3))dx$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} - (\tan x)y = \frac{1}{(3\sin x + \cos x + 3)\cos x}$$

$$\text{I.F.} = e^{\int -\tan x dx} = e^{\ell \cos x} = |\cos x|$$

$$= \cos x \quad \forall x \in \left[0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$$

Solution of D.E.

$$y(\cos x) = \int (\cos x) \cdot \frac{1}{\cos x (3\sin x + \cos x + 3)} dx + C$$

$$y(\cos x) = \int \frac{dx}{3\sin x + \cos x + 3} dx + C$$

$$y(\cos x) = \int \frac{\left(\sec^2 \frac{x}{2}\right)}{2 \tan^2 \frac{x}{2} + 6 \tan \frac{x}{2} + 4} dx + C$$

Now

$$\text{Let } I_1 = \int \frac{\left(\sec^2 \frac{x}{2}\right)}{2\left(\tan^2 \frac{x}{2} + 3 \tan \frac{x}{2} + 2\right)} dx + C$$

$$\text{Put } \tan \frac{x}{2} = t \Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} \sec^2 \frac{x}{2} dx = dt$$

$$I_1 = \int \frac{dt}{t^2 + 3t + 2} = \int \frac{dt}{(t+2)(t+1)}$$

$$= \int \left(\frac{1}{t+1} - \frac{1}{t+2} \right) dt$$

$$= \ell n \left| \frac{(t+1)}{(t+2)} \right| = \ell n \left| \frac{\tan \frac{x}{2} + 1}{\tan \frac{x}{2} + 2} \right|$$

So solution of D.E.

$$y(\cos x) = \ell n \left| \frac{1 + \tan \frac{x}{2}}{2 + \tan \frac{x}{2}} \right| + C$$

$$\Rightarrow y(\cos x) = \ell n \left(\frac{1 + \tan \frac{x}{2}}{2 + \tan \frac{x}{2}} \right) + C \quad \text{for } 0 \leq x < \frac{\pi}{2}$$

Now, it is given $y(0) = 0$

$$\Rightarrow 0 = \ell n \left(\frac{1}{2} \right) + C \Rightarrow \boxed{C = \ell n 2}$$

$$\Rightarrow y(\cos x) = \ell n \left(\frac{1 + \tan \frac{x}{2}}{2 + \tan \frac{x}{2}} \right) + \ell n 2$$

$$\text{For } x = \frac{\pi}{3}$$

$$y\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = \ell n \left(\frac{1 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}}{2 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}} \right) + \ell n 2$$

$$y = 2 \ell n \left(\frac{2\sqrt{3}+10}{11} \right) \quad \text{Ans.(2)}$$

4. The value of $\sum_{r=0}^6 ({}^6C_r \cdot {}^6C_{6-r})$ is equal to :

- (1) 1124 (2) 1324 (3) 1024 (4) 924

Official Ans. by NTA (4)

Sol. $\sum_{r=0}^6 {}^6C_r \cdot {}^6C_{6-r}$

$$= {}^6C_0 \cdot {}^6C_6 + {}^6C_1 \cdot {}^6C_5 + \dots + {}^6C_6 \cdot {}^6C_0$$

Now,

$$(1+x)^6 (1+x)^6$$

$$= ({}^6C_0 + {}^6C_1x + {}^6C_2x^2 + \dots + {}^6C_6x^6)$$

$$({}^6C_0 + {}^6C_1x + {}^6C_2x^2 + \dots + {}^6C_6x^6)$$

Comparing coefficient of x^6 both sides

$${}^6C_0 \cdot {}^6C_6 + {}^6C_1 \cdot {}^6C_5 + \dots + {}^6C_6 \cdot {}^6C_0 = {}^{12}C_6 = 924$$

Ans.(4)

5. The value of $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{[r] + [2r] + \dots + [nr]}{n^2}$, where r

is non-zero real number and $[r]$ denotes the greatest integer less than or equal to r , is equal to :

- (1) $\frac{r}{2}$ (2) r (3) $2r$ (4) 0

Official Ans. by NTA (1)

Sol. We know that

$$\begin{aligned} r &\leq [r] < r + 1 \\ \text{and } 2r &\leq [2r] < 2r + 1 \\ 3r &\leq [3r] < 3r + 1 \\ &\vdots &\vdots &\vdots \\ nr &\leq [nr] < nr + 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} r + 2r + \dots + nr \\ \leq [r] + [2r] + \dots + [nr] < (r + 2r + \dots + nr) + n \\ \frac{n(n+1)}{2} \cdot r &\leq [r] + [2r] + \dots + [nr] < \frac{n(n+1)}{2} r + n \end{aligned}$$

Now,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n(n+1) \cdot r}{2 \cdot n^2} = \frac{r}{2}$$

$$\text{and } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{n(n+1)r}{2} + n}{n^2} = \frac{r}{2}$$

So, by Sandwich Theorem, we can conclude that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{[r] + [2r] + \dots + [nr]}{n^2} = \frac{r}{2}$$

Ans. (1)

6. The number of solutions of the equation

$$\sin^{-1}\left[x^2 + \frac{1}{3}\right] + \cos^{-1}\left[x^2 - \frac{2}{3}\right] = x^2,$$

for $x \in [-1, 1]$, and $[x]$ denotes the greatest integer less than or equal to x , is :

- (1) 2 (2) 0
(3) 4 (4) Infinite

Official Ans. by NTA (2)

Sol. Given equation

$$\sin^{-1}\left[x^2 + \frac{1}{3}\right] + \cos^{-1}\left[x^2 - \frac{2}{3}\right] = x^2$$

Now, $\sin^{-1}\left[x^2 + \frac{1}{3}\right]$ is defined if

$$-1 \leq x^2 + \frac{1}{3} < 2 \Rightarrow \frac{-4}{3} \leq x^2 < \frac{5}{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 \leq x^2 < \frac{5}{3} \quad \dots(1)$$

and $\cos^{-1}\left[x^2 - \frac{2}{3}\right]$ is defined if

$$-1 \leq x^2 - \frac{2}{3} < 2 \Rightarrow \frac{-1}{3} \leq x^2 < \frac{8}{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 \leq x^2 < \frac{8}{3} \quad \dots(2)$$

So, from (1) and (2) we can conclude

$$0 \leq x^2 < \frac{5}{3}$$

Case - I if $0 \leq x^2 < \frac{2}{3}$

$$\sin^{-1}(0) + \cos^{-1}(-1) = x^2$$

$$\Rightarrow x + \pi = x^2$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 = \pi$$

$$\text{but } \pi \notin \left[0, \frac{2}{3}\right)$$

\Rightarrow No value of 'x'

Case - II if $\frac{2}{3} \leq x^2 < \frac{5}{3}$

$$\sin^{-1}(1) + \cos^{-1}(0) = x^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2} + \frac{\pi}{2} = x^2$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 = \pi$$

$$\text{but } \pi \notin \left[\frac{2}{3}, \frac{5}{3}\right)$$

\Rightarrow No value of 'x'

So, number of solutions of the equation is zero.

Ans.(2)

7. Let a computer program generate only the digits 0 and 1 to form a string of binary numbers with probability of occurrence of 0 at

even places be $\frac{1}{2}$ and probability of

occurrence of 0 at the odd place be $\frac{1}{3}$. Then the probability that '10' is followed by '01' is equal to :

- (1) $\frac{1}{18}$ (2) $\frac{1}{3}$ (3) $\frac{1}{6}$ (4) $\frac{1}{9}$

Official Ans. by NTA (4)



Sol. $\frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{0}{3} \cdot \frac{0}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{3}$
odd place even place odd place even place

or $\frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{0}{2} \cdot \frac{0}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{2}$
even place odd place even place odd place

$$\Rightarrow \left(\frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{2}{3}\right) + \left(\frac{2}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{2}\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{9}$$

8. The number of solutions of the equation

$$x + 2 \tan x = \frac{\pi}{2} \text{ in the interval } [0, 2\pi] \text{ is :}$$

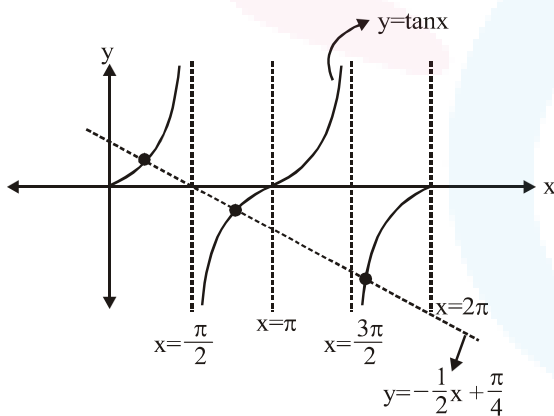
- (1) 3 (2) 4 (3) 2 (4) 5

Official Ans. by NTA (1)

Sol. $x + 2 \tan x = \frac{\pi}{2}$

$$\Rightarrow 2 \tan x = \frac{\pi}{2} - x$$

$$\Rightarrow \tan x = -\frac{1}{2}x + \frac{\pi}{4}$$



Number of solutions of the given equation is '3'.

Ans. (1)

9. Let S_1, S_2 and S_3 be three sets defined as

$$S_1 = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z-1| \leq \sqrt{2}\}$$

$$S_2 = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : \operatorname{Re}((1-i)z) \geq 1\}$$

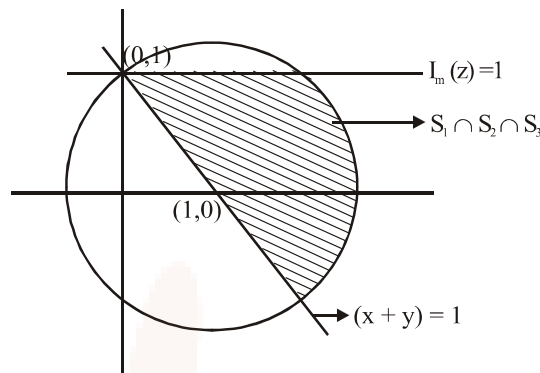
$$S_3 = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : \operatorname{Im}(z) \leq 1\}$$

Then the set $S_1 \cap S_2 \cap S_3$

- (1) is a singleton
 (2) has exactly two elements
 (3) has infinitely many elements
 (4) has exactly three elements

Official Ans. by NTA (3)

Sol. For $|z-1| \leq \sqrt{2}$, z lies on and inside the circle of radius $\sqrt{2}$ units and centre $(1, 0)$.



For S_2

Let $z = x + iy$

$$\text{Now, } (1-i)(z) = (1-i)(x+iy)$$

$$\operatorname{Re}((1-i)z) = x + y$$

$$\Rightarrow x + y \geq 1$$

$\Rightarrow S_1 \cap S_2 \cap S_3$ has infinity many elements

Ans. (3)

10. If the curve $y = y(x)$ is the solution of the differential equation

$$2(x^2 + x^{5/4})dy - y(x + x^{1/4})dx = 2x^{9/4} dx, \quad x > 0$$

which passes through the point

$$\left(1, 1 - \frac{4}{3} \log_e 2\right), \text{ then the value of } y(16) \text{ is equal}$$

to :

(1) $4\left(\frac{31}{3} + \frac{8}{3} \log_e 3\right)$ (2) $\left(\frac{31}{3} + \frac{8}{3} \log_e 3\right)$

(3) $4\left(\frac{31}{3} - \frac{8}{3} \log_e 3\right)$ (4) $\left(\frac{31}{3} - \frac{8}{3} \log_e 3\right)$

Official Ans. by NTA (3)

Sol. $\frac{dy}{dx} - \frac{y}{2x} = \frac{x^{9/4}}{x^{5/4}(x^{3/4} + 1)}$

$$\text{IF} = e^{-\int \frac{dx}{2x}} = e^{-\frac{1}{2} \ln x} = \frac{1}{x^{1/2}}$$

$$y \cdot x^{-1/2} = \int \frac{x^{9/4} \cdot x^{-1/2}}{x^{5/4}(x^{3/4} + 1)} dx$$

$$\int \frac{x^{1/2}}{(x^{3/4} + 1)} dx$$



$$x = t^4 \Rightarrow dx = 4t^3 dt$$

$$\int \frac{t^2 \cdot 4t^3 dt}{(t^3 + 1)}$$

$$4 \int \frac{t^2(t^3 + 1 - 1)}{(t^3 + 1)} dt$$

$$4 \int t^2 dt - 4 \int \frac{t^2}{t^3 + 1} dt$$

$$\frac{4t^3}{3} - \frac{4}{3} \ln(t^3 + 1) + C$$

$$yx^{-1/2} = \frac{4x^{3/4}}{3} - \frac{4}{3} \ln(x^{3/4} + 1) + C$$

$$1 - \frac{4}{3} \log_e 2 = \frac{4}{3} - \frac{4}{3} \log_e 2 + C$$

$$\Rightarrow C = -\frac{1}{3}$$

$$y = \frac{4}{3} x^{5/4} - \frac{4}{3} \sqrt{x} \ln(x^{3/4} + 1) - \frac{\sqrt{x}}{3}$$

$$y(16) = \frac{4}{3} \times 32 - \frac{4}{3} \times 4 \ln 9 - \frac{4}{3}$$

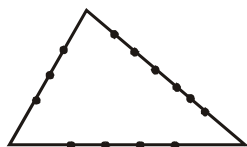
$$= \frac{124}{3} - \frac{32}{3} \ln 3 = 4 \left(\frac{31}{3} - \frac{8}{3} \ln 3 \right)$$

11. If the sides AB, BC and CA of a triangle ABC have 3, 5 and 6 interior points respectively, then the total number of triangles that can be constructed using these points as vertices, is equal to :

- (1) 364 (2) 240 (3) 333 (4) 360

Official Ans. by NTA (3)

Sol.



Total Number of triangles formed
 $= {}^{14}C_3 - {}^3C_3 - {}^5C_3 - {}^6C_3$
 $= 333$ **Option (3)**

12. If x, y, z are in arithmetic progression with common difference d, $x \neq 3d$, and the

determinant of the matrix $\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 4\sqrt{2} & x \\ 4 & 5\sqrt{2} & y \\ 5 & k & z \end{bmatrix}$ is zero,

then the value of k^2 is

- (1) 72 (2) 12 (3) 36 (4) 6

Official Ans. by NTA (1)

Sol. $\begin{vmatrix} 3 & 4\sqrt{2} & x \\ 4 & 5\sqrt{2} & y \\ 5 & k & z \end{vmatrix} = 0$

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

$$\Rightarrow \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 4\sqrt{2} & x \\ 0 & k - 6\sqrt{2} & 0 \\ 5 & k & z \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (k - 6\sqrt{2})(3z - 5x) = 0$$

if $3z - 5x = 0 \Rightarrow 3(x + 2d) - 5x = 0$
 $\Rightarrow x = 3d$ (Not possible)

$$\Rightarrow k = 6\sqrt{2} \Rightarrow k^2 = 72$$
 Option (1)

13. Let O be the origin. Let $\vec{OP} = x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} - \hat{k}$ and $\vec{OQ} = -\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 3x\hat{k}$, $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$, $x > 0$, be such that $|\vec{PQ}| = \sqrt{20}$ and the vector \vec{OP} is perpendicular

to \vec{OQ} . If $\vec{OR} = 3\hat{i} + z\hat{j} - 7\hat{k}$, $z \in \mathbb{R}$, is coplanar with \vec{OP} and \vec{OQ} , then the value of $x^2 + y^2 + z^2$ is equal to

- (1) 7 (2) 9 (3) 2 (4) 1

Official Ans. by NTA (2)

Sol. $\vec{OP} \perp \vec{OQ}$

$$\Rightarrow -x + 2y - 3x = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow y = 2x \quad \dots(i)$$

$$|\vec{PQ}|^2 = 20$$

$$\Rightarrow (x + 1)^2 + (y - 2)^2 + (1 + 3x)^2 = 20$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 1$$

$\vec{OP}, \vec{OQ}, \vec{OR}$ are coplanar.

$$\Rightarrow \begin{vmatrix} x & y & -1 \\ -1 & 2 & 3x \\ 3 & z & -7 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

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

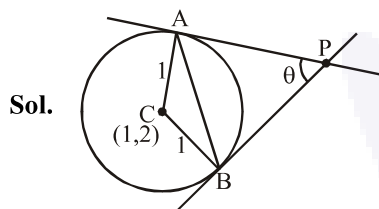
$$\Rightarrow 1(-14 - 3z) - 2(7 - 9) - 1(-z - 6) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow z = -2$$

$$\therefore x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 1 + 4 + 4 = 9$$
 Option (2)



14. Two tangents are drawn from a point P to the circle $x^2 + y^2 - 2x - 4y + 4 = 0$, such that the angle between these tangents is $\tan^{-1}\left(\frac{12}{5}\right)$, where $\tan^{-1}\left(\frac{12}{5}\right) \in (0, \pi)$. If the centre of the circle is denoted by C and these tangents touch the circle at points A and B, then the ratio of the areas of ΔPAB and ΔCAB is :
 (1) 11 : 4 (2) 9 : 4 (3) 3 : 1 (4) 2 : 1
Official Ans. by NTA (2)



$$\tan \theta = \frac{12}{5}$$

$$PA = \cot \frac{\theta}{2}$$

$$\therefore \text{area of } \Delta PAB = \frac{1}{2}(PA)^2 \sin \theta = \frac{1}{2} \cot^2 \frac{\theta}{2} \sin \theta$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1 + \cos \theta}{1 - \cos \theta} \right) \sin \theta$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1 + \frac{5}{13}}{1 - \frac{5}{13}} \right) \left(\frac{12}{13} \right) = \frac{1}{2} \frac{18}{13} \times \frac{2}{13} = \frac{27}{26}$$

$$\text{area of } \Delta CAB = \frac{1}{2} \sin \theta = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{12}{13} \right) = \frac{6}{13}$$

$$\therefore \frac{\text{area of } \Delta PAB}{\text{area of } \Delta CAB} = \frac{9}{4} \quad \text{Option (2)}$$

15. Consider the function $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ defined by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \left(2 - \sin\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) \right) |x|, & x \neq 0 \\ 0, & x = 0 \end{cases} \text{ . Then } f \text{ is :}$$

- (1) monotonic on $(-\infty, 0) \cup (0, \infty)$
 (2) not monotonic on $(-\infty, 0)$ and $(0, \infty)$
 (3) monotonic on $(0, \infty)$ only
 (4) monotonic on $(-\infty, 0)$ only
Official Ans. by NTA (2)

Sol. $f(x) = \begin{cases} -x \left(2 - \sin\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) \right) & x < 0 \\ 0 & x = 0 \\ x \left(2 - \sin\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) \right) & x > 0 \end{cases}$

$$f'(x) = \begin{cases} -\left(2 - \sin\frac{1}{x} \right) - x \left(-\cos\frac{1}{x} \cdot \left(-\frac{1}{x^2} \right) \right) & x < 0 \\ \left(2 - \sin\frac{1}{x} \right) + x \left(-\cos\frac{1}{x} \cdot \left(-\frac{1}{x^2} \right) \right) & x > 0 \end{cases}$$

$$f'(x) = \begin{cases} -2 + \sin\frac{1}{x} - \frac{1}{x} \cos\frac{1}{x} & x < 0 \\ 2 - \sin\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{x} \cos\frac{1}{x} & x > 0 \end{cases}$$

$f'(x)$ is an oscillating function which is non-monotonic in $(-\infty, 0) \cup (0, \infty)$.

Option (2)

16. Let L be a tangent line to the parabola $y^2 = 4x - 20$ at (6, 2). If L is also a tangent to the ellipse

$$\frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{y^2}{b} = 1, \text{ then the value of } b \text{ is equal to :}$$

- (1) 11 (2) 14 (3) 16 (4) 20

Official Ans. by NTA (2)

Sol. Tangent to parabola

$$2y = 2(x + 6) - 20$$

$$\Rightarrow y = x - 4$$

Condition of tangency for ellipse.

$$16 = 2(1)^2 + b$$

$$\Rightarrow b = 14$$

Option (2)

17. The value of the limit $\lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \frac{\tan(\pi \cos^2 \theta)}{\sin(2\pi \sin^2 \theta)}$ is equal to :

- (1) $-\frac{1}{2}$ (2) $-\frac{1}{4}$ (3) 0 (4) $\frac{1}{4}$

Official Ans. by NTA (1)

Sol. $\lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \frac{\tan(\pi(1 - \sin^2 \theta))}{\sin(2\pi \sin^2 \theta)}$

$$= \lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \frac{-\tan(\pi \sin^2 \theta)}{\sin(2\pi \sin^2 \theta)}$$

$$= \lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} - \left(\frac{\tan(\pi \sin^2 \theta)}{\pi \sin^2 \theta} \right) \left(\frac{2\pi \sin^2 \theta}{\sin(2\pi \sin^2 \theta)} \right) \times \frac{1}{2}$$

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

Option (1)

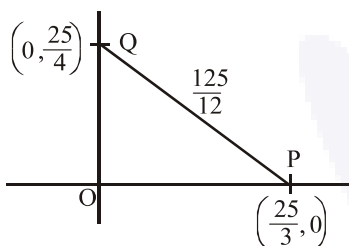


18. Let the tangent to the circle $x^2 + y^2 = 25$ at the point $R(3, 4)$ meet x -axis and y -axis at point P and Q , respectively. If r is the radius of the circle passing through the origin O and having centre at the incentre of the triangle OPQ , then r^2 is equal to

- (1) $\frac{529}{64}$ (2) $\frac{125}{72}$ (3) $\frac{625}{72}$ (4) $\frac{585}{66}$

Official Ans. by NTA (3)

Sol. Tangent to circle $3x + 4y = 25$



$$OP + OQ + OR = 25$$

$$\text{Incentre} = \left(\frac{\frac{25}{4} \times \frac{25}{3} + \frac{25}{4} \times \frac{25}{3}}{\frac{25}{4} + \frac{25}{3}}, \frac{\frac{25}{4} \times \frac{25}{3} + \frac{25}{4} \times \frac{25}{3}}{\frac{25}{4} + \frac{25}{3}} \right)$$

$$= \left(\frac{25}{12}, \frac{25}{12} \right)$$

$$\therefore r^2 = 2 \left(\frac{25}{12} \right)^2 = 2 \times \frac{625}{144} = \frac{625}{72}$$

Option (3)

19. If the Boolean expression $(p \wedge q) \otimes (p \otimes q)$ is a tautology, then \otimes and \otimes are respectively given by

- (1) \rightarrow, \rightarrow (2) \wedge, \vee (3) \vee, \rightarrow (4) \wedge, \rightarrow

Official Ans. by NTA (1)

Sol. **Option (1)**

$$(p \wedge q) \longrightarrow (p \rightarrow q)$$

$$= \sim (p \wedge q) \vee (\sim p \vee q)$$

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

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

$$= \sim p \vee t$$

$$= t$$

Option (2)

$$(p \wedge q) \wedge (p \vee q) = (p \wedge q) \text{ (Not a tautology)}$$

Option (3)

$$(p \wedge q) \vee (p \rightarrow q)$$

$$= (p \wedge q) \vee (\sim p \vee q)$$

$$= \sim p \vee q \text{ (Not a tautology)}$$

Option (4)

$$= (p \wedge q) \wedge (\sim p \vee q)$$

$$= p \wedge q \text{ (Not a tautology)}$$

Option (1)

20. If the equation of plane passing through the mirror image of a point $(2, 3, 1)$ with respect

to line $\frac{x+1}{2} = \frac{y-3}{1} = \frac{z+2}{-1}$ and containing the

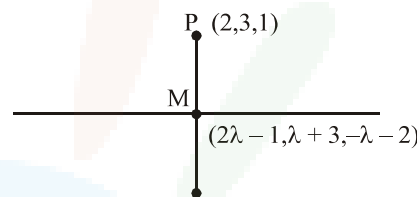
line $\frac{x-2}{3} = \frac{1-y}{2} = \frac{z+1}{1}$ is $\alpha x + \beta y + \gamma z = 24$,

then $\alpha + \beta + \gamma$ is equal to :

- (1) 20 (2) 19 (3) 18 (4) 21

Official Ans. by NTA (2)

Sol. Line $\frac{x+1}{2} = \frac{y-3}{1} = \frac{z+2}{-1}$



$$\overline{PM} = (2\lambda - 3, \lambda, -\lambda - 3)$$

$$\overline{PM} \perp (2\hat{i} + \hat{j} - \hat{k})$$

$$4\lambda - 6 + \lambda + \lambda + 3 = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\therefore M \equiv \left(0, \frac{7}{2}, \frac{-5}{2} \right)$$

\therefore Reflection $(-2, 4, -6)$

$$\text{Plane : } \begin{vmatrix} x-2 & y-1 & z+1 \\ 3 & -2 & 1 \\ 4 & -3 & 5 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (x-2)(-10+3) - (y-1)(15-4) + (z+1)(-1) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -7x + 14 - 11y + 11 - z - 1 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 7x + 11y + z = 24$$

$$\therefore \alpha = 7, \beta = 11, \gamma = 1$$

$$\alpha + \beta + \gamma = 19$$

Option (2)

SECTION-B

1. If $1, \log_{10}(4^x - 2)$ and $\log_{10}\left(4^x + \frac{18}{5}\right)$ are in arithmetic progression for a real number x , then the value of the determinant

$$\begin{vmatrix} 2\left(x - \frac{1}{2}\right) & x-1 & x^2 \\ 1 & 0 & x \\ x & 1 & 0 \end{vmatrix}$$
 is equal to :

Official Ans. by NTA (2)



Sol. $2\log_{10}(4^x - 2) = 1 + \log_{10}\left(4^x + \frac{18}{5}\right)$

$$(4^x - 2)^2 = 10\left(4^x + \frac{18}{5}\right)$$

$$(4^x)^2 + 4 - 4(4^x) - 32 = 0$$

$$(4^x - 16)(4^x + 2) = 0$$

$$4^x = 16$$

$$x = 2$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} 3 & 1 & 4 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = 3(-2) - 1(0 - 4) + 4(1)$$

$$= -6 + 4 + 4 = 2$$

2. Let $f : [-1, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be defined as $f(x) = ax^2 + bx + c$ for all $x \in [-1, 1]$, where $a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $f(-1) = 2$, $f'(-1) = 1$ and for $x \in (-1, 1)$ the maximum value of $f''(x)$ is $\frac{1}{2}$. If $f(x) \leq \alpha$, $x \in [-1, 1]$, then the least value of α is equal to _____.

Official Ans. by NTA (5)

Sol. $f : [-1, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

$$f(x) = ax^2 + bx + c$$

$$f(-1) = a - b + c = 2 \quad \dots(1)$$

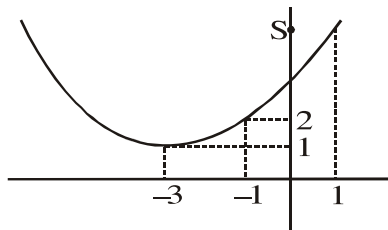
$$f'(-1) = -2a + b = 1 \quad \dots(2)$$

$$f''(x) = 2a$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Max. value of } f''(x) = 2a = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow a = \frac{1}{4}; \quad b = \frac{3}{2}; \quad c = \frac{13}{4}$$

$$\therefore f(x) = \frac{x^2}{4} + \frac{3}{2}x + \frac{13}{4}$$



$$\text{For, } x \in [-1, 1] \Rightarrow 2 \leq f(x) \leq 5$$

$$\therefore \text{Least value of } \alpha \text{ is } 5$$

3. Let $f : [-3, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be given as

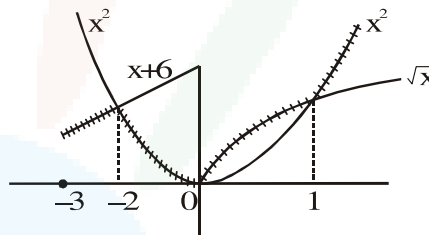
$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \min\{(x+6), x^2\}, & -3 \leq x \leq 0 \\ \max\{\sqrt{x}, x^2\}, & 0 \leq x \leq 1. \end{cases}$$

If the area bounded by $y = f(x)$ and x -axis is A , then the value of $6A$ is equal to _____.

Official Ans. by NTA (41)

Sol. $f : [-3, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \min\{(x+6), x^2\}, & -3 \leq x \leq 0 \\ \max\{\sqrt{x}, x^2\}, & 0 \leq x \leq 1 \end{cases}$$



area bounded by $y = f(x)$ and x -axis

$$= \int_{-3}^{-2} (x+6) dx + \int_{-2}^0 x^2 dx + \int_0^1 \sqrt{x} dx$$

$$A = \frac{41}{6}$$

$$6A = 41$$

4. Let $\tan\alpha, \tan\beta$ and $\tan\gamma; \alpha, \beta, \gamma \neq \frac{(2n-1)\pi}{2}$,

$n \in \mathbb{N}$ be the slopes of three line segments OA, OB and OC , respectively, where O is origin. If circumcentre of ΔABC coincides with origin and its orthocentre lies on y -axis, then the value

$$\text{of } \left(\frac{\cos 3\alpha + \cos 3\beta + \cos 3\gamma}{\cos \alpha \cos \beta \cos \gamma} \right)^2 \text{ is equal to :}$$

Official Ans. by NTA (144)



Sol. Since orthocentre and circumcentre both lies on y-axis

⇒ Centroid also lies on y-axis

$$\Rightarrow \Sigma \cos \alpha = 0$$

$$\cos \alpha + \cos \beta + \cos \gamma = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos^3 \alpha + \cos^3 \beta + \cos^3 \gamma = 3 \cos \alpha \cos \beta \cos \gamma$$

$$\therefore \frac{\cos 3\alpha + \cos 3\beta + \cos 3\gamma}{\cos \alpha \cos \beta \cos \gamma}$$

$$= \frac{4(\cos^3 \alpha + \cos^3 \beta + \cos^3 \gamma) - 3(\cos \alpha + \cos \beta + \cos \gamma)}{\cos \alpha \cos \beta \cos \gamma}$$

$$= 12$$

5. Consider a set of $3n$ numbers having variance 4. In this set, the mean of first $2n$ numbers is 6 and the mean of the remaining n numbers is 3. A new set is constructed by adding 1 into each of first $2n$ numbers, and subtracting 1 from each of the remaining n numbers. If the variance of the new set is k , then $9k$ is equal to _____.

Official Ans. by NTA (68)

Sol. Let number be $a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots, a_{2n}, b_1, b_2, b_3, \dots, b_n$

$$\sigma^2 = \frac{\sum a^2 + \sum b^2}{3n} - (5)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum a^2 + \sum b^2 = 87n$$

Now, distribution becomes

$$a_1 + 1, a_2 + 1, a_3 + 1, \dots, a_{2n} + 1, b_1 - 1, b_2 - 1, \dots, b_n - 1$$

Variance

$$= \frac{\sum (a+1)^2 + \sum (b-1)^2}{3n} - \left(\frac{12n + 2n + 3n - n}{3n} \right)^2$$

$$= \frac{(\sum a^2 + 2n + 2\sum a) + (\sum b^2 + n - 2\sum b)}{3n}$$

$$= \frac{(\sum a^2 + 2n + 2\sum a) + (\sum b^2 + n - 2\sum b)}{3n} - \left(\frac{16}{3} \right)^2$$

$$= \frac{87n + 3n + 2(12n) - 2(3n)}{3n} - \left(\frac{16}{3} \right)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow k = \frac{108}{3} - \left(\frac{16}{3} \right)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow 9k = 3(108) - (16)^2 = 324 - 256 = 68$$

Ans. 68.00

6. Let the coefficients of third, fourth and fifth terms in the expansion of $\left(x + \frac{a}{x^2}\right)^n$, $x \neq 0$, be in the ratio $12 : 8 : 3$. Then the term independent of x in the expansion, is equal to _____.

Official Ans. by NTA (4)

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

$$= {}^n C_r a^r x^{n-3r}$$

$${}^n C_2 a^2 : {}^n C_3 a^3 : {}^n C_4 a^4 = 12 : 8 : 3$$

After solving

$$n = 6, a = \frac{1}{2}$$

For term independent of 'x' $\Rightarrow n = 3r$
 $r = 2$

$$\therefore \text{Coefficient is } {}^6 C_2 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 = \frac{15}{4}$$

Nearest integer is 4.

Ans. 4

7. Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$ and $B = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{bmatrix} \neq \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ such that

$AB = B$ and $a + d = 2021$, then the value of $ad - bc$ is equal to _____.

Official Ans. by NTA (2020)

Sol. $A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}, B = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{bmatrix}$

$$AB = B$$

$$\Rightarrow (A - I) B = O$$

$$\Rightarrow |A - I| = O, \text{ since } B \neq O$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} (a-1) & b \\ c & (d-1) \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$ad - bc = 2020$$

8. Let \bar{x} be a vector in the plane containing vectors $\bar{a} = 2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k}$ and $\bar{b} = \hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - \hat{k}$. If the vector \bar{x} is perpendicular to $(3\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - \hat{k})$ and

its projection on \bar{a} is $\frac{17\sqrt{6}}{2}$, then the value of

$|\bar{x}|^2$ is equal to _____.

Official Ans. by NTA (486)



Sol. Let $\vec{x} = \lambda\vec{a} + \mu\vec{b}$ (λ and μ are scalars)

$$\vec{x} = \hat{i}(2\lambda + \mu) + \hat{j}(2\mu - \lambda) + \hat{k}(\lambda - \mu)$$

Since $\vec{x} \cdot (3\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - \hat{k}) = 0$

$$3\lambda + 8\mu = 0 \quad \dots(1)$$

Also Projection of \vec{x} on \vec{a} is $\frac{17\sqrt{6}}{2}$

$$\frac{\vec{x} \cdot \vec{a}}{|\vec{a}|} = \frac{17\sqrt{6}}{2}$$

$$6\lambda - \mu = 51 \quad \dots(2)$$

From (1) and (2)

$$\lambda = 8, \mu = -3$$

$$\vec{x} = 13\hat{i} - 14\hat{j} + 11\hat{k}$$

$$|\vec{x}|^2 = 486$$

Ans.

9. Let $I_n = \int_1^e x^{19} (\log|x|)^n dx$, where $n \in \mathbb{N}$. If

$(20)I_{10} = \alpha I_9 + \beta I_8$, for natural numbers α and β , then $\alpha - \beta$ equal to _____.

Official Ans. by NTA (1)

Sol. $I_n = \int_1^e x^{19} (\log|x|)^n dx$

$$I_n = \left| (\log|x|)^{19} \frac{x^{20}}{20} \right|_1^e - \int_1^e n(\log|x|)^{n-1} \cdot \frac{1}{x} \cdot \frac{x^{20}}{20} dx$$

$$20I_n = e^{20} - nI_{n-1}$$

$$\therefore 20I_{10} = e^{20} - 10I_9$$

$$20I_9 = e^{20} - 9I_8$$

$$\Rightarrow 20I_{10} = 10I_9 + 9I_8$$

$$\alpha = 10, \beta = 9$$

10. Let P be an arbitrary point having sum of the squares of the distance from the planes $x + y + z = 0$, $\ell x - nz = 0$ and $x - 2y + z = 0$, equal to 9. If the locus of the point P is $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 9$, then the value of $\ell - n$ is equal to _____.

Official Ans. by NTA (0)

Sol. Let point P is (α, β, γ)

$$\left(\frac{\alpha + \beta + \gamma}{\sqrt{3}} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{\ell\alpha - n\gamma}{\sqrt{\ell^2 + n^2}} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{\alpha - 2\beta + \gamma}{\sqrt{6}} \right)^2 = 9$$

Locus is

$$\frac{(x + y + z)^2}{3} + \frac{(\ell x - nz)^2}{\ell^2 + n^2} + \frac{(x - 2y + z)^2}{6} = 9$$

$$x^2 \left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{\ell^2}{\ell^2 + n^2} \right) + y^2 + z^2 \left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{n^2}{\ell^2 + n^2} \right) + 2zx \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{\ell n}{\ell^2 + n^2} \right) - 9 = 0$$

Since its given that $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 9$

After solving $\ell = n$