

MEMORY BASED QUESTIONS JEE-MAIN EXAMINATION – JANUARY 2026

(HELD ON WEDNESDAY 21st JANUARY 2026)

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MATHEMATICS

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1. The largest $n \in \mathbb{N}$ for which 7^n divides $101!$ is :

- (1) 15 (2) 16
(3) 17 (4) 18

Ans. (2)

Sol. $101! = 2^\alpha 3^\beta 5^\gamma 7^\delta$

$$\text{Exp}(7) = \left[\frac{101}{7} \right] + \left[\frac{101}{7^2} \right] = 16$$

2. Let $f(x) = x^3 + x^2 f'(1) + 2x f''(2) + f'''(3)$, then the value of $f'(5) =$

- (1) $\frac{117}{5}$ (2) 1
(3) -27 (4) $-\frac{117}{5}$

Ans. (1)

Sol. $f(x) = 3x^2 + 2x f'(1) + 2f''(2)$

$$f'(x) = 6x + 2f'(1)$$

$$f''(2) = 12 + 2f'(1)$$

$$\therefore f(x) = 3x^2 + 2x f'(1) + 2(12 + 2f'(1))$$

$$f(x) = 3x^2 + 2(x + 2)f'(1) + 24$$

Putting, $x = 1$

$$f(1) = 3 + 6f'(1) + 24$$

$$-5f(1) = 27 \Rightarrow f(1) = \frac{-27}{5}$$

$$\therefore f'(2) = 12 + 2\left(\frac{-27}{5}\right) = 12 - \frac{54}{5} = \frac{6}{5}$$

$$\therefore f'(x) = 3x^2 - \frac{54}{5}x + \frac{12}{5}$$

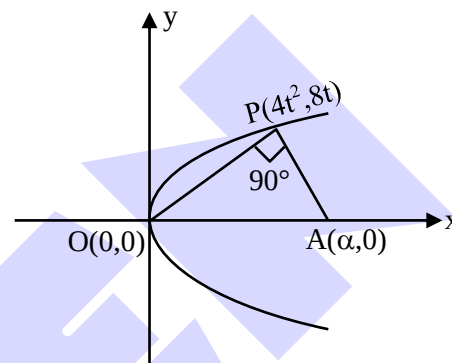
$$\therefore f'(5) = 75 - 54 + \frac{12}{5} = \frac{117}{5}$$

3. Let O be the vertex of the parabola $y^2 = 16x$. The locus of centroid of $\triangle OPA$. When P lies on parabola and A lies on x-axis and $\angle OPA = 90^\circ$, is

- (1) $y^2 = 8(3x - 16)$ (2) $9y^2 = 8(3x - 16)$
(3) $y^2 = 8(3x + 16)$ (4) $9y^2 = 8(3x + 16)$

Ans. (2)

Sol.



Let centroid $G(h, k)$

$$3h = \alpha + 4t^2 \quad \dots(1)$$

$$3k = 8t \quad \dots(2)$$

$$m_{OP} \times m_{PA} = -1$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{8t}{4t^2} \times \frac{8t}{4t^2 - \alpha} = -1$$

$$\Rightarrow 16 = \alpha - 4t^2 \quad \dots(3)$$

$$(1) + (3)$$

$$\Rightarrow 3h + 16 = 2\alpha$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha = \frac{3h + 16}{2} \quad \dots(4)$$

Putting α from (4) & t from (2) in (3)

$$\Rightarrow 16 = \frac{3h + 16}{2} - 4 \times \frac{9k^2}{64}$$

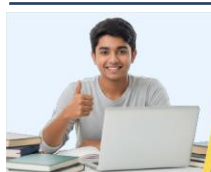
$$\Rightarrow 16 = \frac{3h + 16}{2} - \frac{9k^2}{16}$$

$$256 = 24h + 128 - 9k^2$$

$$\Rightarrow 9k^2 = 24h - 128$$

$$9y^2 = 24x - 128$$

$$9y^2 = 8(3x - 16)$$



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4. $a_1, \frac{a_2}{2}, \frac{a_3}{2^2}, \dots, \frac{a_{10}}{2^9}$ are in G.P. with common ratio

$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ and $a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_{10} = 62$, then $a_1 =$

(1) $2(\sqrt{2} - 1)$ (2) $2(\sqrt{2} + 1)$

(3) $\sqrt{2} + 1$ (4) $\sqrt{2} - 1$

Ans. (1)

Sol. $\frac{a_2}{2a_1} = \frac{a_3}{2a_2} = \frac{a_4}{2a_3} = \dots = \frac{a_{10}}{2a_9} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$

$\therefore a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots, a_{10}$ are in G.P. with common ratio $\sqrt{2}$

$\therefore \sum_{i=1}^{10} a_i = \frac{a_1((\sqrt{2})^{10} - 1)}{\sqrt{2} - 1} = 62$

$\Rightarrow a_1 = 2(\sqrt{2} - 1)$

5. If $4 \int_0^1 \cot^{-1}(1 - 2x + 4x^2) dx = a \tan^{-1} 2 + b \ln 5$, then

$(a + b)$ is equal to

(1) 6 (2) 8

(3) 3 (4) 5

Ans. (3)

Sol. Let $I = \int_0^1 \cot^{-1}(1 - 2x + 4x^2) dx$

$I = \int_0^1 (\cot^{-1}(2x - 1) - \cot^{-1}(2x)) dx \dots (1)$

Applying king

$I = \int_0^1 (-\cot^{-1}(2x - 1) + \cot^{-1}(2x - 2)) dx \dots (2)$

From (1) & (2)

$2I = \int_0^1 (\cot^{-1}(2x - 2) - \cot^{-1}(2x)) dx$

$= \int_0^1 \cot^{-1}(2x - 2) dx - \int_0^1 \cot^{-1}(2x) dx$

Applying King

$= \int_0^1 \cot^{-1}(-2x) dx - \int_0^1 \cot^{-1}(2x) dx$

$= \int_0^1 (\pi - \cot^{-1}(2x)) dx - \int_0^1 \cot^{-1}(2x) dx$

$= \int_0^1 (\pi - 2 \cot^{-1}(2x)) dx$

$= \pi - 2 \int_0^1 (\cot^{-1} 2x) \cdot 1 dx$

By parts

$= \pi - 2 \left[\left(x \cot^{-1} 2x \right)_0^1 + \int_0^1 \frac{2x}{1 + 4x^2} dx \right]$

Let $1 + 4x^2 = t$

$8x dx = dt$

$= \pi - 2 \left[\cot^{-1} 2 + \frac{1}{4} \int_1^5 \frac{dt}{t} \right]$

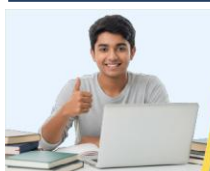
$= \pi - 2 \cot^{-1} 2 - \frac{1}{2} \ln 5$

$2I = 2 \tan^{-1} 2 - \frac{1}{2} \ln 5$

$\Rightarrow 4I = 4 \tan^{-1} 2 - \ln 5$

$= a \tan^{-1} 2 + b \ln 5$

$\Rightarrow a + b = 4 - 1 = 3$



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6. Let α and β be the roots of an equation $x^2 + 2ax + (3a + 10) = 0$ such that $\alpha < 1 < \beta$.

Then the set of all possible values of α is

- (1) $\left(-\infty, \frac{-11}{5}\right) \cup (5, \infty)$ (2) $(-\infty, -3)$
(3) $(-\infty, -8) \cup (5, \infty)$ (4) $\left(-\infty, \frac{-11}{5}\right)$

Ans. (4)

Sol. $\because \alpha < 1 < \beta$

$$f(1) < 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 + 2a + (3a + 10) < 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 5a + 11 < 0$$

$$a < \frac{-11}{5}$$

$$\therefore a \in \left(-\infty, \frac{-11}{5}\right)$$

7. Given $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -4 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$ & $B = \begin{bmatrix} -29 & 49 \\ -13 & 18 \end{bmatrix}$

such that $(A^{15} + B) \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$, then value of (x, y)

satisfying above equation

- (1) $x = 11, y = 1$ (2) $x = -1, y = 2$
(3) $x = 1, y = 5$ (4) $x = 11, y = 2$

Ans. (4)

Sol. Here $A^n = \begin{bmatrix} 2n+1 & -4n \\ n & -2n+1 \end{bmatrix}$

$$\Rightarrow A^{15} = \begin{bmatrix} 31 & -60 \\ 15 & -29 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow A^{15} + B = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -11 \\ 2 & -11 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Now } (A^{15} + B) \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -11 \\ 2 & -11 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2x - 11y = 0$$

$\Rightarrow$ option (D) satisfies the equation

8. The number of solutions of equation $\tan 3x = \cot x$ in $x \in (0, 2\pi)$ is

- (1) 4 (2) 6
(3) 2 (4) 8

Ans. (4)

Sol. $\tan 3x = \cot x$

$$\tan 3x = \tan \left(\frac{\pi}{2} - x \right)$$

$$3x = n\pi + \frac{\pi}{2} - x$$

$$4x = (2n+1) \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$x = (2n+1) \frac{\pi}{8} \quad n \in I$$

In $x \in (0, 2\pi)$

$$x = \frac{\pi}{8}, \frac{3\pi}{8}, \frac{5\pi}{8}, \frac{7\pi}{8}, \frac{9\pi}{8}, \frac{11\pi}{8}, \frac{13\pi}{8}, \frac{15\pi}{8}$$

$\therefore$ Number of solutions are 8

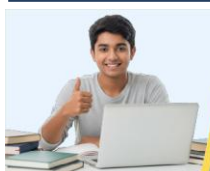
$\Rightarrow$ option(4) is correct

9. Let the line L pass through the point $(-3, 5, 2)$ and make equal angle with the positive coordinate axes. If distance of L from the point $(-2, r, 1)$ is

$\sqrt{\frac{14}{3}}$, then sum of all possible values of r is

- (1) 4 (2) 10
(3) 21 (4) 2

Ans. (2)



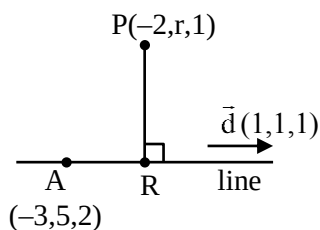
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Sol. Equation line is : $\frac{x+3}{1} = \frac{y-5}{1} = \frac{z-2}{1} = \lambda$

$\therefore$ General point R on line is $R(\lambda-3, \lambda+5, \lambda+2)$



$$\overrightarrow{PR} \equiv (\lambda-1, \lambda+5-r, \lambda+1)$$

$$\text{Now } \overrightarrow{PR} \cdot \vec{d} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (\lambda-1)1 + (\lambda+5-r)1 + (\lambda+1)1 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 3\lambda - r + 5 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda = \frac{r-5}{3}$$

$$\therefore R \equiv \left(\frac{r-5}{3} - 3, \frac{r-5}{3} + 5, \frac{r-5}{3} + 2 \right)$$

$$R \equiv \left(\frac{r-14}{3}, \frac{r+10}{3}, \frac{r+1}{3} \right)$$

Now

$$PR = \sqrt{\frac{14}{3}} \Rightarrow (PR)^2 = \frac{14}{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(\frac{r-14}{3} + 2 \right)^2 + \left(\frac{r+10}{3} - r \right)^2 + \left(\frac{r+1}{3} - 1 \right)^2 = \frac{14}{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{(r-8)^2}{9} + \frac{(10-2r)^2}{9} + \frac{(r-2)^2}{9} = \frac{14}{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow (r^2 - 16r + 64) + (100 + 4r^2 - 40r) + (r^2 - 4r + 4) = 42$$

$$\Rightarrow 6r^2 - 60r + 126 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow r^2 - 10r + 21 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow r = 3, 7$$

sum of possible value of r is = 10

10. If area bounded by curve $1 - 2x \leq y \leq 4 - x^2$ &

$x, y \geq 0$ is equal to $\frac{\alpha}{\beta}$ where G.C.D $(\alpha, \beta) = 1$.

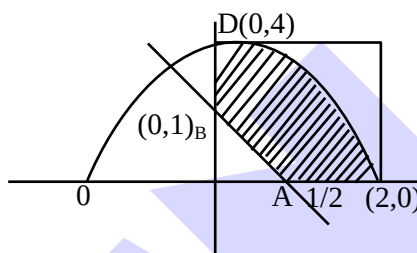
Find $\alpha + \beta$.

(1) 73 (2) 69

(3) 70 (4) 54

Ans. (1)

Sol.



$$\text{Required area} = \frac{2}{3} \times 8 - \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{2} \times 1$$

$$= \frac{16}{3} - \frac{1}{4} = \frac{61}{12} = \frac{\alpha}{\beta}$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha + \beta = 73$$

11. Lines L_1 & L_2 are

$$\frac{x-1}{2} = \frac{y}{1} = \frac{z+1}{2} \text{ \& } \frac{x}{2} = \frac{y}{-1} = \frac{z+1}{1} \text{ respectively, if a}$$

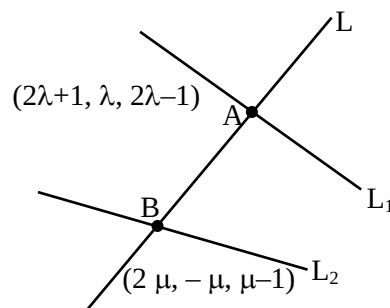
line L with direction ratios $(1, 1, 1)$ intersects L_1 & L_2 at A & B respectively, then Find $(AB)^2$:

(1) 27 (2) 26

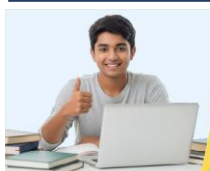
(3) 18 (4) 9

Ans. (1)

Sol.



D.R. of AB is $(2\lambda - 2\mu + 1, \lambda + \mu, 2\lambda - \mu)$



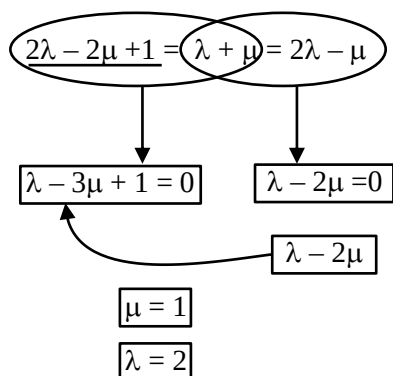
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D.R of L is given as (1, 1, 1)

∴



∴ A(5, 2, 3)

B (2, -1, 0)

∴ $AB^2 = 9 + 9 + 9 = 27$

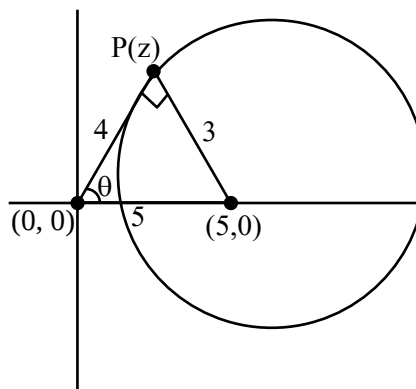
12. Let z_0 be the complex number satisfying $|z - 5| \leq 3$ and having maximum positive argument, then

$34 \left| \frac{5z_0 - 12}{5iz_0 + 16} \right|^2$ is equal to

- (1) 16 (2) 26
(3) 12 (4) 20

Ans. (4)

Sol.



$$|z - 5| \leq 3$$

For $\arg(z)$ to be maximum, z lies at P.

$$z = (4\cos \theta, 4\sin \theta)$$

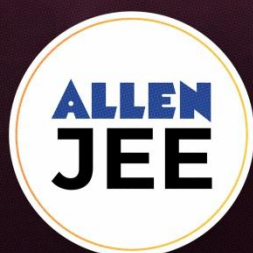
$$\equiv \left(4 \cdot \left(\frac{4}{5} \right), 4 \left(\frac{3}{5} \right) \right) = \left(\frac{16}{5}, \frac{12}{5} \right) = \frac{16}{5} + \frac{12i}{5}$$

$$\text{Now, } 34 \left| \frac{5z_0 - 12}{5iz_0 + 16} \right|^2 = 34 \left| \frac{(16 + 12i) - 12}{(16i - 12) + 16} \right|^2$$

$$= 34 \left| \frac{4 + 12i}{16i + 4} \right|^2$$

$$= 34 \left(\frac{16 + 144}{256 + 16} \right) = 34 \left(\frac{160}{272} \right) = 20$$

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13. Let $f(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{1}{n^3} \sum_{k=1}^n \left[\frac{k^2}{3^x} \right] \right)$ (where $[\cdot]$ represents greatest integer function) then $12 \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} f(j)$ is equal to.

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

Ans. (2)

$$\text{Sol. } \sum_{k=1}^n \left(\frac{k^2}{3^x} - 1 \right) < \sum_{k=1}^n \left[\frac{k^2}{3^x} \right] \leq \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{k^2}{3^x}$$

$$\frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6 \cdot 3^x} < \sum_{k=1}^n \left[\frac{k^2}{3^x} \right] \leq \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6 \cdot 3^x}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6n^3 \cdot 3^x} < \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n^3} \sum_{k=1}^n \left[\frac{k^2}{3^x} \right] \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6 \cdot 3^x \cdot n^3}$$

$$\frac{1}{3^{x+1}} < \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n^3} \sum_{k=1}^n \left[\frac{k^2}{3^x} \right] \leq \frac{1}{3^{x+1}}$$

$$\Rightarrow f(x) = \frac{1}{3^{x+1}}$$

$$\Rightarrow 12 \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} f(j) = 12 \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{3^{j+1}} = 12 \left[\frac{1}{9} + \frac{1}{27} + \dots \right]$$

$$= 12 \cdot \frac{\frac{1}{9}}{1 - \frac{1}{3}} = 12 \cdot \frac{\frac{1}{9}}{\frac{2}{3}} = 2$$

14. If probability distribution is given by

x	0	1	2	3
P(x)	$\frac{8a-1}{30}$	$\frac{4a-1}{30}$	$\frac{2a+1}{30}$	b

If $\sigma^2 + \mu^2 = 2$ where σ is standard deviation and μ is means of distribution then $\frac{a}{b}$ is

- (1) $\frac{1000}{71}$ (2) $\frac{1110}{71}$
(3) $\frac{990}{71}$ (4) $\frac{994}{71}$

Ans. (2)

$$\text{Sol. } \sigma^2 = \sum x_i^2 P(x_i) - \mu^2$$

$$\sigma^2 + \mu^2 = \sum x_i^2 P(x_i)$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 \left(\frac{4a-1}{30} \right) + 4 \left(\frac{2a+1}{30} \right) + ab = 2$$

$$4a + 8a + 3 + 30 + ab = 60$$

$$12a + 30 + a \times b = 57$$

$$4a + 90b = 19$$

$$\sum P(i) = \frac{8a-1}{3} + \frac{4a-1}{30} + \frac{2a+1}{30} + b = 1$$

$$14a + 30b = 31$$

$$a = \frac{37}{19}, \quad b = \frac{213}{19 \times 90}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{a}{b} = \frac{1110}{71}$$

15. If the line $\alpha x + 4y - \sqrt{7} = 0$, $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ touches the ellipse $3x^2 + 4y^2 = 1$ at the point P in the first quadrant then one of the focal distance of P is

- (1) $\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} - \frac{1}{2\sqrt{11}}$ (2) $\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} + \frac{1}{2\sqrt{5}}$
(3) $\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} - \frac{1}{2\sqrt{5}}$ (4) $\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} + \frac{1}{2\sqrt{7}}$

Ans. (4)

$$\text{Sol. } \alpha x + 4y - \sqrt{7} = 0 \text{ touches } 3x^2 + 4y^2 = 1$$

$$\therefore c^2 = a^2 m^2 + b^2$$

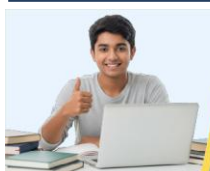
$$\frac{7}{16} = \frac{1}{3} \times \frac{\alpha^2}{16} + \frac{1}{4} \Rightarrow \alpha = 3, -3$$

$$\text{Tangent is } 3x + 4y - \sqrt{7} = 0$$

Let the point of contact is $P(x_1, y_1)$

$$\therefore \text{Tangent is } 3xx_1 + 4yy_1 = 1$$

$$\therefore \frac{3x_1}{3} = \frac{4y_1}{4} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{7}}$$



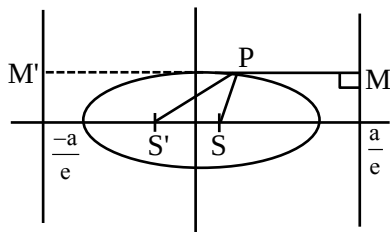
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$$\therefore P \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{7}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{7}} \right)$$

$$\text{ecc.} = \sqrt{1 - \frac{3}{4}} = \frac{1}{2}$$



$$PS = e (PM)$$

$$= e \left(\frac{a}{e} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{7}} \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{7}} \right) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} - \frac{1}{2\sqrt{7}}$$

$$PS' = e (PM') = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{a}{e} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{7}} \right) = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{7}} + \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} + \frac{1}{2\sqrt{7}}$$

$\Rightarrow$ (D) option correct

16. Let $y^2 = 16x$, from point $(16, 16)$ a focal chord is passing. Point (α, β) divides the focal chord internally in ratio 2 : 3 then minimum value of

$(\alpha + \beta)$ is

(1) 22

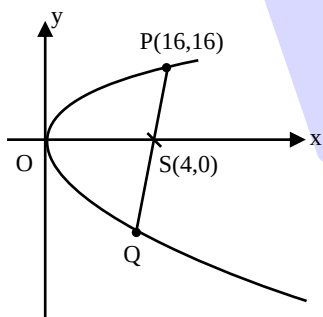
(2) 11

(3) 9

(4) 10

Ans. (2)

Sol.



$$y^2 = 16x$$

for $P(16, 16)$, $t_1 = 2$

$$\therefore \text{Other end Q is } t_2 = \frac{-1}{2}$$

i.e. $Q(1, -4)$

Case-I :

$$\begin{array}{c} 2 \quad \quad 3 \\ \hline P(16, 16) \quad R \quad Q(1, -4) \end{array}$$

$$R \left(\frac{2+48}{5}, \frac{-8+48}{5} \right) \text{ i.e. } R(10, 8)$$

$$\therefore \alpha + \beta = 18$$

Case = II :

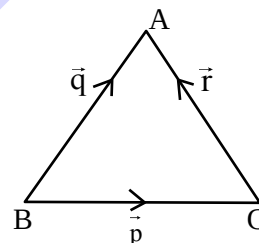
$$\begin{array}{c} 3 \quad \quad 2 \\ \hline P(16, 16) \quad R \quad Q(1, -4) \end{array}$$

$$R \left(\frac{32+3}{5}, \frac{-12+32}{5} \right) \text{ i.e. } R(7, 4)$$

$$\therefore \alpha + \beta = 11$$

Minimum value of $\alpha + \beta = 11$

17. If three vectors are given as shown



If angle between $\vec{p}$ and $\vec{q}$ is θ and $\cos \theta = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$

$$|\vec{p}| = 2\sqrt{3}, |\vec{q}| = 2 \text{ then find } |\vec{p} \times (\vec{q} - 3\vec{r})|^2 - 3|\vec{r}|^2$$

(1) 100

(2) 102

(3) 104

(4) 108

Ans. (3)

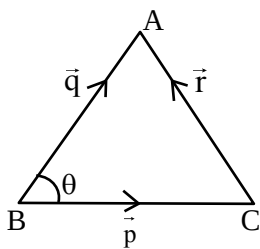


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Sol.



$$\vec{p} + \vec{r} = \vec{q}$$

$$\vec{r} = \vec{q} - \vec{p}$$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{|\vec{p}|^2 + |\vec{q}|^2 - |\vec{r}|^2}{2|\vec{p}||\vec{q}|}$$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} = \frac{12 + 4 - |\vec{r}|^2}{2 \times 2\sqrt{3} \times 2}$$

$$\Rightarrow |\vec{r}|^2 = 8$$

$$|\vec{p} \times (\vec{q} - 3\vec{r})|^2 - 3|\vec{r}|^2$$

$$= |\vec{p} \times (\vec{q} - 3(\vec{q} - \vec{p}))|^2 - 3|\vec{r}|^2$$

$$= 4|\vec{p} \times \vec{q}|^2 - 3|\vec{r}|^2$$

$$= 4 \times 4 \times 3 \times 4 \times \frac{2}{3} - 24 = 104$$

18. Let set

$$A = \{2, 3, 4, 5, 9\} \text{ and } R = \{(x, y) : 2x \leq 3y, x, y \in A\}$$

If ℓ is number of elements in R and m is the number of elements required to make R symmetric then find $\ell + m$

Ans. (25)

Sol. $y \geq \frac{2x}{3}$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} x=2 \quad y=2, 3, 4, 5, 9 \\ x=3 \quad y=2, 3, 4, 5, 9 \\ x=4 \quad y=3, 4, 5, 9 \\ x=5 \quad y=4, 5, 9 \\ x=9 \quad y=9 \end{array} \right\} \ell = 18$$

$$\begin{array}{c} 2 \quad 3 \quad 4 \quad 5 \quad 9 \\ \left[\begin{array}{ccccc} \checkmark & \checkmark & \checkmark & \checkmark & \checkmark \\ \checkmark & \checkmark & \checkmark & \checkmark & \checkmark \\ \times & \checkmark & \checkmark & \checkmark & \checkmark \\ \times & \times & \checkmark & \checkmark & \checkmark \\ \times & \times & \times & \times & \checkmark \end{array} \right] \end{array}$$

$$m = 7$$

$$\ell + m = 25$$

19. If $\left(\frac{1}{{}^{15}C_0} + \frac{1}{{}^{15}C_1} \right) \left(\frac{1}{{}^{15}C_1} + \frac{1}{{}^{15}C_2} \right) \dots \left(\frac{1}{{}^{15}C_{12}} + \frac{1}{{}^{15}C_{13}} \right) = \frac{\alpha^{13}}{{}^{14}C_0 \cdot {}^{14}C_1 \dots {}^{14}C_{12}}$,

Then 30α is equal to

(1) 16 (2) 32

(3) 15 (4) 28

Ans. (2)

Sol. $\prod_{r=0}^{12} \left(\frac{1}{{}^{15}C_r} + \frac{1}{{}^{15}C_{r+1}} \right) = \prod_{r=0}^{12} \frac{\frac{16}{r+1} \cdot {}^{15}C_r}{{}^{15}C_r \cdot {}^{15}C_{r+1}}$

$$= \prod_{r=0}^{12} \frac{16}{(r+1) \cdot \frac{15}{r+1} \cdot {}^{14}C_r} = \prod_{r=0}^{12} \frac{\left(\frac{16}{15} \right)}{{}^{14}C_r}$$

$$= \frac{\left(\frac{16}{15} \right)^{13}}{{}^{14}C_0 \cdot {}^{14}C_1 \dots {}^{14}C_{12}} \Rightarrow \alpha = \frac{16}{15}$$

$$\Rightarrow 30\alpha = 32$$

20. If $x \in \left[\frac{-\sqrt{3}}{2}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \right]$, then maximum value of the

expression $(\sin^{-1} x)^2 + (\cos^{-1} x)^2$ is $\frac{n\pi^2}{n+7}$ (where

$n \in \mathbb{N}$) then n is equal to

Ans. (29)

Sol. $(\sin^{-1} x)^2 + (\cos^{-1} x)^2$

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

$$= \frac{\pi^2}{4} - 2(\sin^{-1} x) \left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \sin^{-1} x \right)$$

$$= 2 \left(\sin^{-1} x - \frac{\pi}{4} \right)^2 + \frac{\pi^2}{8} \quad \text{where } \sin^{-1} x \in \left[\frac{-\pi}{3}, \frac{\pi}{4} \right]$$

Then max value occurs at $\sin^{-1} x = \frac{-\pi}{3}$

Which is $2 \left(\frac{\pi}{3} + \frac{\pi}{4} \right)^2 + \frac{\pi^2}{8} = \frac{29\pi^2}{36} = \frac{n\pi^2}{n+7}$

$$\Rightarrow n = 29$$



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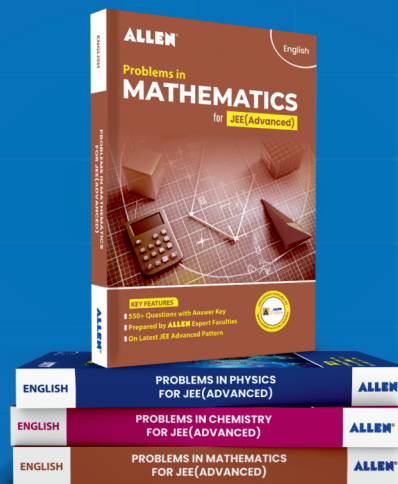
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