

MATHEMATICS

SECTION - A

Multiple Choice Questions: This section contains 20 multiple choice questions. Each question has 4 choices (1), (2), (3) and (4), out of which **ONLY ONE** is correct.

Choose the correct answer :

1. Let $P_n = \alpha^n + \beta^n$, $P_{10} = 123$, $P_9 = 76$, $P_8 = 47$ and $P_1 = 1$, then quadratic equation whose roots are $\frac{1}{\alpha}$ and $\frac{1}{\beta}$ is
- (1) $x^2 + x - 1 = 0$ (2) $x^2 - 2x + 1 = 0$
 (3) $x^2 + x - 2 = 0$ (4) $x^2 - x - 2 = 0$

Answer (1)

Sol. $\therefore P_{10} = P_9 + P_8$

$\Rightarrow P_{10} - P_9 - P_8 = 0$

By Newton's method

Therefore, the equation is

$x^2 - x - 1 = 0$

as $P_1 = 1$

$\Rightarrow \alpha + \beta = 1$ and $\alpha\beta = 1$

\therefore Quadratic equation whose roots are $\frac{1}{\alpha}$ and $\frac{1}{\beta}$ is

$x^2 - \left(\frac{1}{\alpha} + \frac{1}{\beta}\right)x + \frac{1}{\alpha\beta} = 0$

$\Rightarrow x^2 - \left(\frac{\alpha + \beta}{\alpha\beta}\right)x + \frac{1}{\alpha\beta} = 0$

$\Rightarrow x^2 - (-1)x - 1 = 0$

$\Rightarrow x^2 + x - 1 = 0$

2. Let a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots is in A.P. and $\sum_{k=1}^{12} a_{2k-1} = -\frac{72}{5}a_1$ and

$\sum_{k=1}^n a_k = 0$. Then the value of n is

- (1) 8 (2) 10
 (3) 11 (4) 13

Answer (3)

Sol. $\sum_{k=1}^{12} a_{2k-1} = -\frac{72}{5}a_1$

$a_1 + a_3 + \dots + a_{23} = -\frac{72}{5}a_1$

$a + a + 2d + \dots + a + 22d = -\frac{72}{5}a$

$12a + 2d(1 + 2 + \dots + 11) = -\frac{72}{5}a$

$\Rightarrow 12a + 2d\left(\frac{11 \times 12}{2}\right) = -\frac{72}{5}a$

$\Rightarrow 132d = -\frac{132}{5}a$

$\Rightarrow a = -5d$... (i)

Also $\sum_{k=1}^n a_k = 0$

$\Rightarrow S_n = 0$

$\Rightarrow \frac{n}{2}[2a + (n-1)d] = 0$

$\Rightarrow 2a = -(n-1)d$... (ii)

From equation (i) and (ii)

$(n-1)d = 10d$

$\therefore n = 11$

3.

4. Given the equation of a hyperbola $H: \frac{x^2}{a^2} - \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1$ and

its directrix is $x = \sqrt{\frac{10}{81}}$ with a focus at $(\sqrt{10}, 0)$, then

find the value of $9(e+l^2)$, where l is length of latus rectum is

- (1) 2697 (2) 2597
 (3) 2487 (4) 2587

Answer (4)

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$$\Delta_3 = 0 \Rightarrow \begin{vmatrix} 3 & -1 & 3 \\ 2 & \alpha & -3 \\ 1 & 1 & 4 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$9\alpha + 26 = 0$$

$$\alpha = -\frac{26}{9}$$

$$22\beta - 9\alpha = 22 \times \frac{69}{11} + \frac{26}{9} \times 9 = 164$$

7. If $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{(\gamma - 1)e^{x^2} + x^2 \sin(\alpha x)}{\sin(2x) - \beta x} = 3$, then $\alpha + 2\beta + \gamma$ is

equal to

- (1) 0 (2) 1
(3) 3 (4) 5

Answer (2)

Sol. At $x \rightarrow 0$

$$\sin 2x - \beta x \rightarrow 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{0}{0} \text{ form}$$

$$\Rightarrow (\gamma - 1)e^0 + 0 \sin(\alpha x) \rightarrow 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (\gamma - 1) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \gamma = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^2 \sin(\alpha x)}{\sin 2x - \beta x} = 3$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^2 \left[\alpha x - \frac{(\alpha x)^3}{3!} + \frac{(\alpha x)^5}{5!} - \dots \right]}{\left[(2x) - \frac{(2x)^3}{3!} + \frac{(2x)^5}{5!} \right] - \beta x}$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\alpha x^3 - \frac{\alpha^3 x^5}{3!} + \frac{\alpha^5 x^7}{5!} - \dots}{x(2 - \beta) - \frac{8x^3}{6} + \frac{2^5 \cdot x^5}{5!} - \dots} = 3$$

$$\Rightarrow 2 - \beta = 0 \text{ and } \frac{\alpha}{-\frac{8}{6}} = 3$$

$$\Rightarrow \beta = 2$$

$$\alpha = 3 \left(-\frac{8}{6} \right) = -4$$

$$\Rightarrow \gamma = 1, \beta = 2, \alpha = -4$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha + 2\beta + \gamma = 1 + 4 - 4 = 1$$

8. The term independent of x in the binomial expression

$$\text{of } \left(\frac{x+1}{x^{\frac{2}{3}} - x^{\frac{1}{3}} + 1} - \frac{x-1}{x-x^2} \right)^{10} \text{ is}$$

- (1) 120 (2) 210
(3) 84 (4) 110

Answer (2)

$$\text{Sol. } (x+1) = \left[\left(x^{\frac{1}{3}} \right) + 1 \right] \left[x^{\frac{2}{3}} - x^{\frac{1}{3}} + 1 \right]$$

$$(x+1) = (\sqrt{x}-1)(\sqrt{x}+1)$$

Now

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

and

$$\frac{x-1}{x-x^2} = \frac{(\sqrt{x}-1)(\sqrt{x}+1)}{(\sqrt{x})^2 - \sqrt{x}}$$

$$= \frac{(\sqrt{x}-1)(\sqrt{x}+1)}{(\sqrt{x})(\sqrt{x}-1)} = 1 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}}$$

\Rightarrow The expansion become

$$\left[\left(x^{\frac{1}{3}} + 1 \right) - \left(1 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} \right) \right]^{10} = \left(x^{\frac{1}{3}} - \frac{1}{x^2} \right)^{10}$$

The general term of the expansion with be

$$T_{r+1} = {}^{10}C_r \left(-\frac{1}{x^2} \right)^r \cdot \left(x^{\frac{1}{3}} \right)^{10-r}$$

$$= {}^{10}C_r \frac{(-1)^r}{x^2} \cdot x^{\frac{(10-r)}{3}}$$

$$\Rightarrow x^{\left(\frac{10-r}{3} - \frac{r}{2} \right)} \cdot {}^{10}C_r (-1)^r$$

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The term independent when exponent of x is 0

$$\Rightarrow \frac{10-r}{3} = \frac{r}{2} \Rightarrow r = 4$$

\Rightarrow The term independent of x will be

$${}^{10}C_4 (-1)^4 x^0 = 210$$

9. Let E be an ellipse such that $E: \frac{x^2}{18} + \frac{y^2}{9} = 1$. Let point P

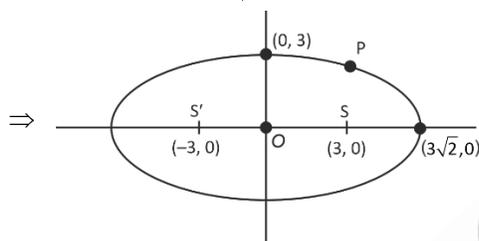
lies on E such that S and S' are foci of ellipse. Then the sum of $\min(PS \cdot PS') + \max(PS \cdot PS')$ is

- (1) 18 (2) 36
(3) 9 (4) 27

Answer (4)

Sol. For $E = \frac{x^2}{18} + \frac{y^2}{9} = 1$.

$$a = 3\sqrt{2}, b = 3 \Rightarrow e = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$



Since, $PS + PS' = 2a = 6\sqrt{2}$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{PS + PS'}{2} \geq \sqrt{PS \cdot PS'}$$

$$\Rightarrow (3\sqrt{2})^2 \geq PS \cdot PS'$$

$$\Rightarrow (PS \cdot PS')_{\max} = 18$$

and it happens when P lies on the minor axis similarly minima happen P lies on major axis.

$$\Rightarrow P \equiv (3\sqrt{2}, 0)$$

$$PS = (3\sqrt{2} - 3)$$

$$PS' = (3\sqrt{2} + 3)$$

$$\Rightarrow (PS \cdot PS')_{\min} = (3\sqrt{2})^2 - 3^2$$

$$= 18 - 9 = 9$$

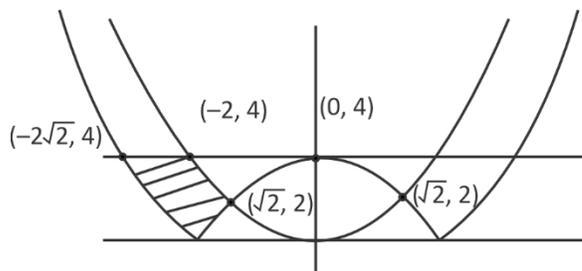
$$\Rightarrow (PS \cdot PS')_{\min} + (PS \cdot PS')_{\max} = 18 + 9 = 27$$

10. The area enclosed by $|4 - x^2| \leq y \leq x^2; y \leq 4, x \leq 0$ equals to (in square units)

- (1) $\frac{4}{3}(20\sqrt{2} - 24)$ (2) $\frac{2}{3}(20\sqrt{2} + 24)$
(3) $\frac{4}{3}(10\sqrt{2} + 24)$ (4) $\frac{2}{3}(20\sqrt{2} - 24)$

Answer (4)

Sol.



Shaded region is the required area.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Area} &= \int_0^2 (-\sqrt{4-y} + \sqrt{4+y}) dy + \int_2^4 (-\sqrt{y} + \sqrt{4+y}) dy \\ &= \frac{2(4+y)^{3/2}}{3} + \frac{2(4-y)^{3/2}}{3} \Big|_0^2 + \frac{2(4+y)^{3/2}}{3} - \frac{2y^{3/2}}{3} \Big|_2^4 \\ &= \frac{2}{3} [(6^{3/2} + 2^{3/2}) - (8 + 8) + (8^{3/2} - 8) - (6^{3/2} - 2^{3/2})] \\ &= \frac{2}{3} [2^{3/2} - 16 + 8^{3/2} - 8 + 2^{3/2}] \\ &= \frac{2}{3} [4\sqrt{2} + 16\sqrt{2} - 24] \\ &= \frac{2}{3} [20\sqrt{2} - 24] \text{ sq. unit} \end{aligned}$$

11. Let $\theta \in [-2\pi, 2\pi]$ satisfying $2\cos^2\theta - \sin\theta - 1 = 0$. Then the number of solutions of equation is
(1) 2 (2) 4
(3) 6 (4) 8

Answer (3)

Sol. $2\cos^2\theta - \sin\theta - 1 = 0$

$$2(1 - \sin^2\theta) - \sin\theta - 1 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -2\sin^2\theta - \sin\theta + 1 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 2\sin^2\theta + \sin\theta - 1 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 2\sin^2\theta + 2\sin\theta - \sin\theta - 1 = 0$$

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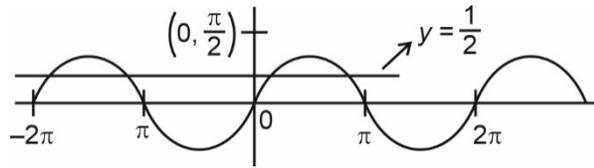
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$$\Rightarrow 2\sin\theta(\sin\theta + 1) - 1(\sin\theta + 1) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (2\sin\theta - 1)(\sin\theta + 1) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin\theta = \frac{1}{2}, -1$$



Total 6 solutions possible.

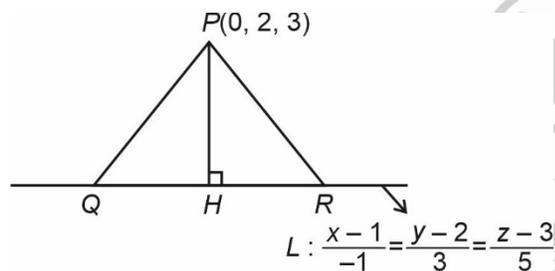
12. If Q and R are two points on line $L: \frac{x-1}{-1} = \frac{y-2}{3} = \frac{z-3}{5}$

such that $QR = 5$. If $P(0, 2, 3)$ be any point, then the area of ΔPQR is

- (1) $\sqrt{\frac{85}{14}}$ (2) $\sqrt{\frac{75}{14}}$
 (3) $\frac{\sqrt{85}}{14}$ (4) $\frac{\sqrt{75}}{14}$

Answer (1)

Sol. H is point on the line L



$$H(-K + 1, 3K + 2, 5K + 3)$$

DR's of PH are $-K + 1, 3K, 5K$

$PH \perp L$

$$-(-K + 1) + 3(3K) + 5K(5) = 0$$

$$K - 1 + 9K + 25K = 0$$

$$35K = 1$$

$$K = \frac{1}{35}$$

$$H\left(\frac{34}{35}, \frac{73}{35}, \frac{110}{35}\right)$$

$$PH = \sqrt{\left(\frac{34}{35} - 0\right)^2 + \left(\frac{73}{35} - 2\right)^2 + \left(\frac{110}{35} - 3\right)^2}$$

$$PH = \sqrt{\frac{34}{35}}$$

$$\text{As } (\Delta PQR) = \frac{1}{2} \times PH \times QR$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \times \sqrt{\frac{34}{35}} \times 5$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{85}{14}} \text{ sq. unit}$$

13. Let $\sin x \cos y (f(2x + 2y) - f(2x - 2y)) = \cos x \sin y (f(2x + 2y) + f(2x - 2y)) \forall x, y \in R$ and $f'(0) = \frac{1}{2}$. If $f(x)$ is differentiable

function, then $f''\left(\frac{2\pi}{3}\right)$ is

- (1) $\frac{1}{8}$ (2) $\frac{3}{8}$
 (3) $-\frac{1}{16}$ (4) $-\frac{3}{4}$

Answer (3)

Sol. $f(2x + 2y) [\sin x \cos y - \cos x \sin y]$

$$-f(2x - 2y) [\sin x \cos y + \cos x \sin y] = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin(x - y) f(2x + 2y) = f(2x - 2y) \sin(x + y)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{f(2x + 2y)}{\sin(x + y)} = \frac{f(2x - 2y)}{\sin(x - y)} = k \text{ (say)}$$

$$\therefore f(2x + 2y) = k \sin(x + y)$$

$$f(2x) = k \sin x \quad (\because y = 0)$$

$$\text{Hence, } f(x) = k \sin \frac{x}{2}$$

$$f'(x) = \frac{k}{2} \cos \frac{x}{2}$$

$$f'(0) = \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} = \frac{k}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow k = 1$$

$$f(x) = \sin \frac{x}{2}$$

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$$f'(x) = \frac{1}{2} \cos \frac{x}{2}$$

$$f''(x) = -\frac{1}{4} \sin \frac{x}{2}$$

$$f'''(x) = -\frac{1}{8} \cos \frac{x}{2}$$

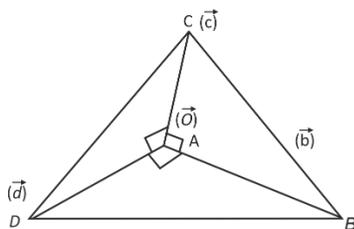
$$f'''\left(\frac{2\pi}{3}\right) = -\frac{1}{8} \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right) \\ = -\frac{1}{8} \times \frac{1}{2} = -\frac{1}{16}$$

14. For a tetrahedron $ABCD$, the area of triangular face ABC , ACD and ABD is 5, 6 and 7 sq. units respectively. If AB , AC and AD are mutually orthogonal, then the area of triangular face BCD is

- (1) $\sqrt{11}$ sq. units (2) $\sqrt{110}$ sq. units
(3) $\sqrt{550}$ sq. units (4) $\sqrt{55}$ sq. units.

Answer (2)

Sol.



\Rightarrow Using de Gua's theorem
 $\Rightarrow [Ar(\Delta BCD)]^2 = Ar(\Delta ABC)^2 + Ar(\Delta ACD)^2 + Ar(\Delta ADB)^2$
 $= 5^2 + 6^2 + 7^2 = 110$

$\Rightarrow Ar(\Delta BCD) = \sqrt{110}$ sq. units

After:

$$\Delta ABC = \frac{1}{2} |\vec{b} \times \vec{c}| = \frac{1}{2} |\vec{b}| |\vec{c}|$$

$$\Delta ACD = \frac{1}{2} |\vec{c} \times \vec{d}| = \frac{1}{2} |\vec{c}| |\vec{d}|$$

$$\Delta ABD = \frac{1}{2} |\vec{b} \times \vec{d}| = \frac{1}{2} |\vec{b}| |\vec{d}|$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Area}(\Delta ABD) = \frac{1}{2} (|\vec{b} - \vec{d}|) \times (|\vec{c} - \vec{d}|)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} |\vec{b} \times \vec{c} + \vec{d} \times \vec{b} + \vec{c} \times \vec{d}|$$

$$\Rightarrow Ar(BCD)^2 = Ar(ABC)^2 + Ar(ACD)^2 + Ar(ABD)^2$$

15. If $\frac{2+k^2z}{k+kz} = z, k \neq 0$, such that $z = x + iy$ and $y \neq 0$ and $|z - 1 + 2i| = 1$, then the maximum distance of point $(k + k^2i)$ from the given circle on which z lies is

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

Answer (2)

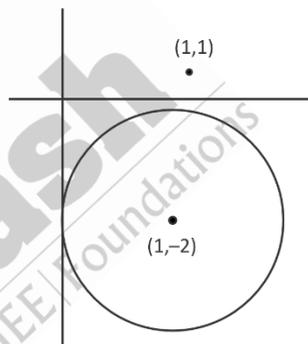
Sol. $2 + k^2z = zk + k|z|^2$

$$z(k^2 - k) = k|z|^2 - 2$$

If z is not purely real

$$\Rightarrow k^2 - k \Rightarrow k = 0 \text{ or } 1, \Rightarrow k = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Point is } k + k^2i = (1 + i)$$



The maximum distance is

$$\sqrt{(1-1)^2 + (1+2)^2} + \text{radius} = 3 + 1 = 4$$

16. Let C_1 and C_2 are circle passing through $(-9, 4)$, both are in contact with $x + y = 3$ and $x - y = 3$ (tangent lines). If r_1 and r_2 are radius of C_1 and C_2 respectively, then $|r_1^2 - r_2^2|$ equals to

- (1) 400
(2) 768
(3) 625
(4) 250

Answer (2)

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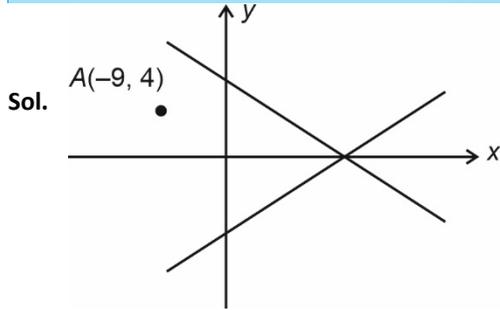
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∴ $x + y = 3$ and $x - y = 3$ are tangents
 ∴ Both circle centre will lie on x -axis
 ∴ $(x - a)^2 + y^2 = r^2$
 Hence centre is $C(a, 0)$

$$r = \sqrt{(a+9)^2 + 16} \quad \dots(1)$$

$$\text{Also } \left| \frac{a-3}{\sqrt{2}} \right| = r \quad \dots(2)$$

$$\sqrt{(a+9)^2 + 16} = \left| \frac{a-3}{\sqrt{2}} \right|$$

$$\Rightarrow a = -5 \text{ or } -37$$

$$r = \left| \frac{-5-3}{\sqrt{2}} \right| \text{ or } \left| \frac{-37-3}{\sqrt{2}} \right|$$

$$= 4\sqrt{2} \text{ or } 20\sqrt{2}$$

$$|r_1^2 - r_2^2| = |32 - 800| = 768$$

17. If $(I + A) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & a \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ a & 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$, then the value of $\det((a+1) \text{ adj}((a-1)A))$ is

$((a-1)A)$ is

(1) $4a^2(a-1)^3(a^2-1)^3$

(2) $8a^3(a^2-1)^6$

(3) $4a^2(a+1)^3(a^2+1)^3$

(4) $4a^2(a^2-1)^3(a+1)^3$

Answer (1)

Sol. $I + A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & a \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ a & 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$

$$\Rightarrow A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & a \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ a & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow |A| = 2a$$

$$\det((a+1) \text{ adj}((a-1)A))$$

$$= (a+1)^3 \det(\text{adj}((a-1)A))$$

$$= (a+1)^3 \det((a-1)A)^2$$

$$= (a+1)^3 [(a-1)^3]^2 \det(A)^2$$

$$= (a+1)^3 (a^2-1)^3 |A|^2$$

$$= 4a^2(a-1)^3(a^2-1)^3$$

18. Given $A = \{1, 2, \dots, 40\}$. Three numbers are randomly selected from set A . Then, the probability that the terms form an increasing G.P. is

(1) $\frac{1}{494}$

(2) $\frac{1}{247}$

(3) $\frac{1}{447}$

(4) $\frac{1}{397}$

Answer (1)

Sol. Total cases = ${}^{40}C_3 = 9880$

Since three number a, b and c are in G.P.

$$\Rightarrow b^2 = ac$$

$$\Rightarrow b = \sqrt{ac}$$

And this is an increasing G.P. therefore

If $a = 1$ $C = 4, 9, 16, 25, 36$

$a = 2$ $C = 8, 18, 32$

$a = 3$ $C = 12, 27$

$a = 4$ $C = 9, 16, 36$

$a = 5$ $C = 20$

$a = 6$ $C = 24$

$a = 7$ $C = 28$

$a = 8$ $C = 18, 32$

$a = 9$ $C = 36$

$a = 10$ $C = 40$

Total favourable cases = 20

$$\text{Require probability} = \frac{20}{9880} = \frac{1}{494}$$

19.

20.

SECTION - B

Numerical Value Type Questions: This section contains 5 Numerical based questions. The answer to each question should be rounded-off to the nearest integer.

21. The maximum value of n such that $50!$ is divisible by 3^n is

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Sol. $V_3(50!) = \left[\frac{50}{3} \right] + \left[\frac{50}{9} \right] + \left[\frac{50}{27} \right] + \left[\frac{50}{81} \right] + \dots$
 $= 16 + 5 + 1 + 0 + \dots$
 $= 22$

22. The total number of 10 digits sequences formed by only {0, 1, 2} where 1 should be used at least 5 times and 2 should be used exactly three times, is

Answer (2892)

Sol.

Zero	One	Two	
2	5	3	$\frac{10!}{2!5!3!} \cdot \frac{9!}{5!3!1!} = 2520 - 504 = 2016$
1	6	3	$\frac{10!}{1!6!3!} \cdot \frac{9!}{6!3!} = 840 - 84 = 756$
0	7	3	$\frac{10!}{9!3!} = 120$

Total = 2016 + 756 + 120 = 2892

23. Let $f(x) = 2x^3 + 9x^2a + 12a^2x + 1$ has Local minima and local maxima occur at p & q respectively, such that $p^2 = q$. Then the value of $f(3)$ is

Answer (37)

Sol. $f(x) = 2x^3 + 9x^2a + 12a^2x + 1$

$f'(x) = 6x^2 + 18ax + 12a^2$

$f'(x) = 0$

$x^2 + 3ax + 2a^2 = 0$

$(x + 2a)(x + a) = 0$

$\Rightarrow x = -a, -2a$ [a $\neq 0$ as we will not get maxima and minima at $a = 0$]

Case 1 : When $a > 0$

$f''(x) = 12x + 18a$

$f''(-a) = -12a + 18a = 6a$

$f''(-2a) = -24a + 18a = -6a$

Minima at $x = -a$ & maxima at $x = -2a$

$p = -a$ & $q = -2a$

$p^2 = q$

$a^2 = -2a$

$a = 0, -2$

[Not possible]

Case II : When $a < 0$

$f''(-a) = 6a < 0$

$f''(-2a) = -6a > 0$

Maxima at $x = -a$

and Minima at $x = -2a$

$p = -2a, q = -a$

$p^2 = q$

$4a^2 = -a$

$4a^2 + a = 0$

$\Rightarrow a = -\frac{1}{4}$

$f(x) = 2x^3 + 9x^2 \left(\frac{-1}{4} \right) + 12 \left(\frac{-1}{4} \right)^2 x + 1$

$f(x) = 2x^3 - \frac{9x^2}{4} + \frac{3x}{4} + 1$

$f(3) = 54 - \frac{81}{4} + \frac{9}{4} + 1$

$\Rightarrow f(3) = 37$

24. If $\int_0^{e^3} \left[\frac{1}{e^{x-1}} \right] dx = \alpha - \log_e 2$, where $[\cdot]$ is Greatest Integer function, then α^3 equals to

Answer (8)

Sol. $\int_0^{e^3} \left[\frac{1}{e^{x-1}} \right] dx = \int_0^{e^3} [e^{1-x}] dx$

when, $x = 0$ then $[e^{1-x}] = [e] > 2$

when $e^{1-x} = 2$, then $x = 1 - \ln 2$

and when $e^{1-x} = 1$, then $x = 1$

Now $I = \int_0^{1-\ln 2} 2 dx + \int_{1-\ln 2}^1 1 dx + \int_1^{e^3} 0 dx$

$= 2(1 - \ln 2) + (1 - (1 - \ln 2))$

$= 2 - 2\ln 2 + \ln 2$

$= 2 - \ln 2 = \alpha - \ln 2$

$\Rightarrow \alpha = 2$

$\alpha^3 = 8$

25.



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