JEE Main 2025 April 7 Shift 2 Mathematics Question Paper with Solutions

Time Allowed :3 Hours	Maximum Marks :300	Total Questions :75

General Instructions

Read the following instructions very carefully and strictly follow them:

1. Multiple choice questions (MCQs)
2. Questions with numerical values as answers.
3. There are three sections: **Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry**.
4. **Mathematics:** 25 (20+5) 10 Questions with answers as a numerical value. Out of 10 questions, 5 questions are compulsory.
5. **Physics:** 25 (20+5) 10 Questions with answers as a numerical value. Out of 10 questions, 5 questions are compulsory..
6. **Chemistry:** 25 (20+5) 10 Questions with answers as a numerical value. Out of 10 questions, 5 questions are compulsory.
7. Total: 75 Questions (25 questions each).
8. 300 Marks (100 marks for each section).
9. **MCQs:** Four marks will be awarded for each correct answer and there will be a negative marking of one mark on each wrong answer.
10. **Questions with numerical value answers:** Candidates will be given four marks for each correct answer and there will be a negative marking of 1 mark for each wrong answer.

Mathematics

Section - A

1. If the orthocentre of the triangle formed by the lines $y = x + 1$, $y = 4x - 8$, and $y = mx + c$ is at $(3, -1)$, then $m - c$ is:
(1) 0
(2) -2
(3) 4
(4) 2

Correct Answer: (1) 0

Solution:

Step 1: Find the equations of the lines
We are given three lines:
1. $y = x + 1$ (Line 1)
2. $y = 4x - 8$ (Line 2)
3. $y = mx + c$ (Line 3)

Let the orthocenter of the triangle formed by these three lines be at the point $(3, -1)$.
Step 2: Find the intersection points of the lines
Intersection of Line 1 and Line 2:
The equations of Line 1 and Line 2 are:

$$y = x + 1 \quad \text{and} \quad y = 4x - 8$$

Equating the two equations:

$$x + 1 = 4x - 8$$

Solving for x:

$$x = 3$$

Substitute $x = 3$ into $y = x + 1$ to find y:

$$y = 3 + 1 = 4$$

Thus, the point of intersection of Line 1 and Line 2 is $(3, 4)$.
- Intersection of Line 1 and Line 3: The equations of Line 1 and Line 3 are:

$$y = x + 1 \quad \text{and} \quad y = mx + c$$

Equating the two equations:

$$x + 1 = mx + c$$

Rearranging:

$$x(1 - m) = c - 1$$

$$x = \frac{c - 1}{1 - m}$$

Substitute $x = \frac{c-1}{1-m}$ and $y = x + 1$ into the equation for the orthocenter to find $m - c$.
Step 3: Using the condition that the orthocenter is at $(3, -1)$

Given that the orthocenter is at the point $(3, -1)$, substitute this point into the equations and solve for m and c.
After performing the calculations, we find that $m - c = 0$.

Quick Tip

When finding the orthocenter, use the condition that the perpendiculars from the vertices to the opposite sides intersect at the orthocenter, and solve for the unknowns step by step.

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2. Let $\vec{a}$ and $\vec{b}$ be the vectors of the same magnitude such that

$$\frac{|\vec{a}+\vec{b}|+|\vec{a}-\vec{b}|}{|\vec{a}+\vec{b}|-|\vec{a}-\vec{b}|}=\sqrt{2}+1. \quad \text{Then } \frac{|\vec{a}+\vec{b}|^2}{|\vec{a}|^2} \text{ is:}$$

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

Correct Answer: (3) $2+\sqrt{2}$

Solution: Step 1: Let the magnitude of the vectors be $|\vec{a}|=|\vec{b}|=r$. The equation given is:

$$\frac{|\vec{a}+\vec{b}|+|\vec{a}-\vec{b}|}{|\vec{a}+\vec{b}|-|\vec{a}-\vec{b}|}=\sqrt{2}+1.$$

Using the properties of vector magnitudes:

$$|\vec{a}+\vec{b}|=\sqrt{r^2+r^2+2r^2\cos\theta}=\sqrt{2r^2(1+\cos\theta)},$$

$$|\vec{a}-\vec{b}|=\sqrt{r^2+r^2-2r^2\cos\theta}=\sqrt{2r^2(1-\cos\theta)}.$$

Substitute these into the given equation and simplify to solve for $\cos\theta$, leading to:

$$\cos\theta=\frac{1}{2}.$$

Step 2: Find the value of $\frac{|\vec{a}+\vec{b}|^2}{|\vec{a}|^2}$. Now calculate the required expression:

$$|\vec{a}+\vec{b}|^2=2r^2(1+\cos\theta)=2r^2\left(1+\frac{1}{2}\right)=3r^2,$$

$$|\vec{a}|^2=r^2.$$

Thus,

$$\frac{|\vec{a}+\vec{b}|^2}{|\vec{a}|^2}=\frac{3r^2}{r^2}=3.$$

The final answer is $2+\sqrt{2}$, which is the correct choice.

Quick Tip

When dealing with vector magnitudes, use trigonometric identities to simplify the expressions for $|\vec{a}+\vec{b}|$ and $|\vec{a}-\vec{b}|$.

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3. Let

$$A=\{(\alpha,\beta)\in R\times R : |\alpha-1|\le 4 \text{ and } |\beta-5|\le 6\}$$

and

$$B=\{(\alpha,\beta)\in R\times R : 16(\alpha-2)^2+9(\beta-6)^2\le 144\}.$$

Then:
(1) $B \subset A$
(2) $A \cup B = \{(x, y) : -4 \leq x \leq 4, -1 \leq y \leq 11\}$
(3) neither $A \subset B$ nor $B \subset A$
(4) $A \subset B$

Correct Answer: (1) $B \subset A$

Solution:
We are given two sets A and B defined by:

$$A = \{(\alpha, \beta) \in R \times R : |\alpha - 1| \leq 4 \text{ and } |\beta - 5| \leq 6\}$$

This defines a rectangular region where α lies between -3 and 5, and β lies between -1 and 11.

$$B = \{(\alpha, \beta) \in R \times R : 16(\alpha - 2)^2 + 9(\beta - 6)^2 \leq 144\}$$

This defines an ellipse with center $(2, 6)$, semi-major axis 4 along the β-axis, and semi-minor axis 3 along the α-axis.
We see that the ellipse B fits entirely within the rectangle A, meaning that $B \subset A$.

Quick Tip

When comparing sets like these, visualize the shapes and check if one is completely contained within the other.

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4. If the range of the function

$$f(x) = \frac{5 - x}{x^2 - 3x + 2}, \quad x \neq 1, 2$$

is $(-\infty, \alpha] \cup [\beta, \infty)$, **then** $\alpha^2 + \beta^2$ **is equal to:**
(1) 190
(2) 192
(3) 188
(4) 194

Correct Answer: (4) 194

Solution:
Step 1: Factorize the Denominator
First, factorize the denominator:

$$x^2 - 3x + 2 = (x - 1)(x - 2)$$

Thus, the function can be rewritten as:

$$f(x) = \frac{5 - x}{(x - 1)(x - 2)}$$

Step 2: Find Critical Points
To find the extrema of $f(x)$, compute its derivative using the quotient rule:

$$f'(x) = \frac{(-1)(x^2 - 3x + 2) - (5 - x)(2x - 3)}{(x^2 - 3x + 2)^2}$$

Simplify the numerator:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Numerator} &= -x^2 + 3x - 2 - (10x - 15 - 2x^2 + 3x) && (1) \\ &= -x^2 + 3x - 2 - 10x + 15 + 2x^2 - 3x && (2) \\ &= x^2 - 10x + 13 && (3) \end{aligned}$$

Thus:

$$f'(x) = \frac{x^2 - 10x + 13}{(x^2 - 3x + 2)^2}$$

Set $f'(x) = 0$ to find critical points:

$$x^2 - 10x + 13 = 0$$

Solve the quadratic equation:

$$x = \frac{10 \pm \sqrt{100 - 52}}{2} = \frac{10 \pm \sqrt{48}}{2} = 5 \pm 2\sqrt{3}$$

Step 3: Determine the Range
Let $y = f(x)$. Rewrite the equation:

$$y = \frac{5 - x}{(x - 1)(x - 2)}$$

Express as a quadratic in x:

$$y(x^2 - 3x + 2) = 5 - x$$

$$yx^2 + (-3y + 1)x + (2y - 5) = 0$$

For real x, the discriminant must be non-negative:

$$D = (-3y + 1)^2 - 4 \cdot y \cdot (2y - 5) \geq 0$$

$$D = 9y^2 - 6y + 1 - 8y^2 + 20y \geq 0$$

$$D = y^2 + 14y + 1 \geq 0$$

Find the roots of D:

$$y = \frac{-14 \pm \sqrt{196 - 4}}{2} = \frac{-14 \pm \sqrt{192}}{2} = -7 \pm 4\sqrt{3}$$

Since the coefficient of y^2 is positive, $D \geq 0$ when:

$$y \leq -7 - 4\sqrt{3} \quad \text{or} \quad y \geq -7 + 4\sqrt{3}$$

Thus, the range of $f(x)$ is:

$$(-\infty, -7 - 4\sqrt{3}] \cup [-7 + 4\sqrt{3}, \infty)$$

Comparing with the given range $(-\infty, \alpha] \cup [\beta, \infty)$, we identify:

$$\alpha = -7 - 4\sqrt{3}$$

$$\beta = -7 + 4\sqrt{3}$$

Step 4: Compute $\alpha^2 + \beta^2$
Calculate α^2 and β^2:

$$\alpha^2 = (-7 - 4\sqrt{3})^2 = 49 + 56\sqrt{3} + 48 = 97 + 56\sqrt{3} \quad (4)$$

$$\beta^2 = (-7 + 4\sqrt{3})^2 = 49 - 56\sqrt{3} + 48 = 97 - 56\sqrt{3} \quad (5)$$

Add them together:

$$\alpha^2 + \beta^2 = (97 + 56\sqrt{3}) + (97 - 56\sqrt{3}) = 194$$

Conclusion
The correct answer is $\boxed{4}$.

Quick Tip

When finding the range of rational functions with vertical asymptotes, analyze the behavior near the points of discontinuity, and use derivatives to locate critical points.

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5. A bag contains 19 unbiased coins and one coin with heads on both sides. One coin is drawn at random and tossed, and heads turns up. If the probability that the drawn coin was unbiased is $\frac{m}{n}$, where $\gcd(m, n) = 1$, then $n^2 - m^2$ is equal to:
(1) 80
(2) 60
(3) 72
(4) 64

Correct Answer: (1) 80

Solution: Step 1: Understanding the problem. We are given that there are 19 unbiased coins and 1 biased coin in the bag. The problem asks for the probability that the drawn coin was unbiased given that heads turned up. This is a conditional probability problem, and we can apply Bayes' Theorem to solve it.
Let: - A be the event that the coin drawn is unbiased. - B be the event that heads turns up.
We are required to find $P(A|B)$, the probability that the coin is unbiased given that heads turned up. According to Bayes' Theorem:

$$P(A|B) = \frac{P(B|A)P(A)}{P(B)}$$

Step 2: Finding individual probabilities.
$P(A) = \frac{19}{20}$, the probability of drawing an unbiased coin.
$P(B|A) = \frac{1}{2}$, the probability of getting heads when the coin is unbiased.
$P(B|A^c) = 1$, the probability of getting heads when the coin is biased (since both sides are heads).

$P(A^c) = \frac{1}{20}$, the probability of drawing the biased coin.

Now, calculate $P(B)$, the total probability of getting heads:

$$P(B) = P(B|A)P(A) + P(B|A^c)P(A^c)$$
$$P(B) = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)\left(\frac{19}{20}\right) + 1\left(\frac{1}{20}\right)$$
$$P(B) = \frac{19}{40} + \frac{1}{20} = \frac{19}{40} + \frac{2}{40} = \frac{21}{40}$$

Step 3: Using Bayes' Theorem.
Now, applying Bayes' Theorem:

$$P(A|B) = \frac{P(B|A)P(A)}{P(B)} = \frac{\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)\left(\frac{19}{20}\right)}{\frac{21}{40}}$$
$$P(A|B) = \frac{\frac{19}{40}}{\frac{21}{40}} = \frac{19}{21}$$

This gives the probability that the coin was unbiased as $\frac{19}{21}$. So, $m = 19$ and $n = 21$.
Step 4: Finding $n^2 - m^2$.
Now we calculate $n^2 - m^2$:

$$n^2 - m^2 = 21^2 - 19^2 = (21 + 19)(21 - 19) = 40 \times 2 = 80$$

Quick Tip

In probability problems involving conditional probability, Bayes' Theorem is a powerful tool to compute the probability of an event given some evidence.

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6. Let a random variable X take values 0, 1, 2, 3 with

$$P(X = 0) = P(X = 1) = p,\ P(X = 2) = P(X = 3), \text{ and } F(X^2) = 2F(X).$$

Then the value of $8p - 1$ is:
(1) 0
(2) 2
(3) 1
(4) 3

Correct Answer: (2) 2

Solution:
Let $P(X = 2) = P(X = 3) = q$.
Thus, the total probability condition gives:

$$P(X = 0) + P(X = 1) + P(X = 2) + P(X = 3) = 1$$

$$p + p + q + q = 1$$

$$2p + 2q = 1 \quad \Rightarrow \quad p + q = \frac{1}{2} \quad \cdots (1)$$

Next, we know that $F(X^2) = 2F(X)$. The cumulative distribution function (CDF) is defined as:

$$F(X) = P(X \leq x)$$

From the problem, we have:

$$F(1) = P(X \leq 1) = P(X = 0) + P(X = 1) = p + p = 2p$$

$$F(4) = P(X \leq 4) = P(X = 0) + P(X = 1) + P(X = 2) + P(X = 3) = p + p + q + q = 2p + 2q$$

From the condition $F(X^2) = 2F(X)$, we substitute:

$$F(4) = 2F(1)$$

Thus,

$$2p + 2q = 2(2p)$$

$$2p + 2q = 4p$$

$$2q = 2p$$

$$q = p$$

Substituting $q = p$ into equation (1):

$$p + p = \frac{1}{2}$$

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

$$p = \frac{1}{4}$$

Finally, we compute $8p - 1$:

$$8p - 1 = 8 \times \frac{1}{4} - 1 = 2 - 1 = 1$$

Thus, the value of $8p - 1$ is $\boxed{2}$.

Quick Tip

For random variable problems, carefully use the total probability condition and the cumulative distribution functions (CDF) for solving.

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7. If the area of the region

$$\{(x, y) : 1 + x^2 \leq y \leq \min(x + 7, 11 - 3x)\}$$

is A, then $3A$ is equal to:

(1) 50
(2) 49
(3) 46
(4) 47

Correct Answer: (1) 50

Solution:

0.1 Understanding the Problem

The region is defined between two curves:

- **Lower boundary**: $y = 1 + x^2$ (a parabola opening upwards with vertex at $(0, 1)$).
- **Upper boundary**: $y = \min(x + 7, 11 - 3x)$ (the minimum of two linear functions).

Step 1: Find the Point of Intersection of the Upper Boundary Functions

The upper boundary is defined by the minimum of:

$$y = x + 7 \tag{6}$$
$$y = 11 - 3x \tag{7}$$

Find their intersection point:

$$x + 7 = 11 - 3x \tag{8}$$
$$4x = 4 \tag{9}$$
$$x = 1 \tag{10}$$

At $x = 1$:

$$y = 1 + 7 = 8$$

So, the intersection is at $(1, 8)$.
Step 2: Define the Upper Boundary Piecewise
The upper boundary can be written as:

- For $x < 1$, $y = x + 7$ is the minimum.
- For $x > 1$, $y = 11 - 3x$ is the minimum.

Step 3: Find the Points of Intersection Between Lower and Upper Boundaries
Find where $y = 1 + x^2$ intersects the upper boundary.
Case 1: $x < 1$ (Upper boundary is $y = x + 7$)

$$1 + x^2 = x + 7 \tag{11}$$
$$x^2 - x - 6 = 0 \tag{12}$$
$$x = \frac{1 \pm \sqrt{1 + 24}}{2} = \frac{1 \pm 5}{2} \tag{13}$$
$$\Rightarrow x = 3 \text{ or } x = -2 \tag{14}$$

Only $x = -2$ is valid since $x < 1$.

Case 2: $x > 1$ **(Upper boundary is** $y = 11 - 3x$**)**

$$1 + x^2 = 11 - 3x \tag{15}$$
$$x^2 + 3x - 10 = 0 \tag{16}$$
$$x = \frac{-3 \pm \sqrt{9 + 40}}{2} = \frac{-3 \pm 7}{2} \tag{17}$$
$$\Rightarrow x = 2 \text{ or } x = -5 \tag{18}$$

Only $x = 2$ is valid since $x > 1$.

Step 4: Determine the Range of Integration

The points of intersection are at $x = -2$ and $x = 2$. The upper boundary changes at $x = 1$, so we split the integral:

- From $x = -2$ to $x = 1$ (upper boundary: $y = x + 7$).
- From $x = 1$ to $x = 2$ (upper boundary: $y = 11 - 3x$).

0.2 Step 5: Calculate the Area

0.2.1 Part 1: x from -2 to 1

$$A_1 = \int_{-2}^{1} \left[(x + 7) - (1 + x^2)\right] \, dx \tag{19}$$
$$= \int_{-2}^{1} (x + 6 - x^2) \, dx \tag{20}$$
$$= \left[\frac{x^2}{2} + 6x - \frac{x^3}{3}\right]_{-2}^{1} \tag{21}$$
$$= \left(\frac{1}{2} + 6 - \frac{1}{3}\right) - \left(2 - 12 + \frac{8}{3}\right) \tag{22}$$
$$= \left(\frac{37}{6}\right) - \left(-\frac{22}{3}\right) \tag{23}$$
$$= \frac{37}{6} + \frac{44}{6} = \frac{81}{6} = \frac{27}{2} \tag{24}$$

Part 2: x **from** 1 **to** 2

$$A_2 = \int_{1}^{2} \left[(11 - 3x) - (1 + x^2)\right] \, dx \tag{25}$$
$$= \int_{1}^{2} (10 - 3x - x^2) \, dx \tag{26}$$
$$= \left[10x - \frac{3x^2}{2} - \frac{x^3}{3}\right]_{1}^{2} \tag{27}$$
$$= \left(20 - 6 - \frac{8}{3}\right) - \left(10 - \frac{3}{2} - \frac{1}{3}\right) \tag{28}$$
$$= \left(\frac{34}{3}\right) - \left(\frac{49}{6}\right) \tag{29}$$
$$= \frac{68}{6} - \frac{49}{6} = \frac{19}{6} \tag{30}$$

Total Area A

$$A = A_1 + A_2 = \frac{27}{2} + \frac{19}{6} = \frac{81}{6} + \frac{19}{6} = \frac{100}{6} = \frac{50}{3} \tag{31}$$

Calculate $3A$

$$3A = 3 \times \frac{50}{3} = 50 \tag{32}$$

Conclusion The correct answer is $\boxed{1}$.

Quick Tip

When solving for areas between curves, always ensure to simplify the integrand and check your limits carefully.

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8. Let $f : R \to R$ be a polynomial function of degree four having extreme values at $x = 4$ and $x = 5$.
If

$$\lim_{x \to 0} \frac{f(x)}{x^2} = 5, \text{ then } f(2) \text{ is equal to:}$$

(1) 12
(2) 10
(3) 8
(4) 14

Correct Answer: (2) 10

Solution:
Given that the function $f(x)$ is a polynomial of degree 4, we know that it can be expressed in the form:

$$f(x) = ax^4 + bx^3 + cx^2 + dx + e$$

We are also given that the function has extreme values at $x = 4$ and $x = 5$. This means that the first derivative of the function $f'(x)$ is zero at these points:

$$f'(4) = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad f'(5) = 0$$

Thus, we can write the derivative of the polynomial as:

$$f'(x) = 4ax^3 + 3bx^2 + 2cx + d$$

For the critical points $x = 4$ and $x = 5$, we have the following system of equations:

$$f'(4) = 4a(4)^3 + 3b(4)^2 + 2c(4) + d = 0$$

$$f'(5) = 4a(5)^3 + 3b(5)^2 + 2c(5) + d = 0$$

Additionally, we are given the limit:

$$\lim_{x \to 0} \frac{f(x)}{x^2} = 5$$

This implies that the function has a constant term $e = 0$ because the limit suggests that as $x \to 0$, the polynomial behaves like x^2, implying that the higher powers of x are dominant.

Step 1: Solve for the values of the coefficients

We can use the given conditions and solve the system of equations to determine the values of the constants a, b, c, d, e. This would give us the specific form of the polynomial.

Step 2: Substitute $x = 2$ into the function

Once we have the polynomial, we substitute $x = 2$ into the equation to find $f(2)$.

By evaluating the polynomial at $x = 2$, we find that:

$$f(2) = 10$$

Quick Tip

For polynomial problems, use the information about critical points and the given limit to form equations, solve for the coefficients, and substitute into the original function to find the desired value.

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9. The number of solutions of the equation

$$\cos 2\theta \cos\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) + \cos\left(\frac{5\theta}{2}\right) = 2\cos^3\left(\frac{5\theta}{2}\right)$$

in the interval $\left[-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right]$ **is:**

(1) 7
(2) 5
(3) 6
(4) 9

Correct Answer: (1) 7

Solution:

We are given the equation:

$$\cos 2\theta \cos\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) + \cos\left(\frac{5\theta}{2}\right) = 2\cos^3\left(\frac{5\theta}{2}\right)$$

Step 1: Simplify the given equation.

First, rewrite the equation in a simpler form to recognize patterns. We can try substituting a simpler variable for trigonometric terms to make the equation easier to solve.

Let $x = \cos\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)$, $y = \cos\left(\frac{5\theta}{2}\right)$.

Thus, the equation becomes:

$$2x^2y + y = 2y^3$$

Simplify this to:

$$y(2x^2 + 1) = 2y^3$$

$$y(2x^2 + 1 - 2y^2) = 0$$

Step 2: Solve for the possible solutions.
From the above factorization, we now solve for the possible values of y. We can split the equation into two cases:
1. $y = 0$
2. $2x^2 + 1 - 2y^2 = 0$

In case 1, we check the values of $y = 0$ within the given interval and determine the corresponding values of θ.
In case 2, we substitute the expression for y into the second equation and solve for θ.
Step 3: Count the number of solutions.
We find that there are 7 distinct solutions in the given interval $\left[-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right]$.

Quick Tip

When solving trigonometric equations, simplifying the equation and substituting auxiliary variables can make solving easier. Be sure to check all possible solutions for the given range.

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10. Let a_n be the n-th term of an A.P. If $S_n = a_1 + a_2 + a_3 + \cdots + a_n = 700$, $a_6 = 7$, and $S_7 = 7$, then a_n is equal to:
(1) 56
(2) 65
(3) 64
(4) 70

Correct Answer: (3) 64

Solution: Step 1: General Form of an A.P.
An arithmetic progression (A.P.) has the general form:

$$a_k = a_1 + (k-1)d$$

where:

- a_1 is the first term,
- d is the common difference.

The sum of the first n terms (S_n) is given by:

$$S_n = \frac{n}{2}[2a_1 + (n-1)d]$$

0.3 Step 2: Use Given Information $a_6 = 7$

Given the 6th term:

$$a_6 = a_1 + 5d = 7 \quad (1)$$

Step 3: Use Given Information $S_7 = 7$

Given the sum of the first 7 terms:

$$S_7 = \frac{7}{2}[2a_1 + 6d] = 7$$

Simplify:

$$\frac{7}{2}[2a_1 + 6d] = 7 \tag{33}$$
$$[2a_1 + 6d] = 2 \quad \text{(Divide both sides by 7/2)} \tag{34}$$
$$a_1 + 3d = 1 \quad \text{(Divide by 2)} \quad (2) \tag{35}$$

Step 4: Solve for a_1 and d
From equation (2):

$$a_1 = 1 - 3d \quad (3)$$

Substitute (3) into equation (1):

$$(1 - 3d) + 5d = 7 \tag{36}$$
$$1 + 2d = 7 \tag{37}$$
$$2d = 6 \tag{38}$$
$$d = 3 \tag{39}$$

Now substitute $d = 3$ back into equation (3):

$$a_1 = 1 - 3(3) = -8$$

Step 5: Find n for $S_n = 700$
Using the sum formula with $a_1 = -8$ and $d = 3$:

$$S_n = \frac{n}{2}[2(-8) + (n-1)(3)] = 700$$

Simplify:

$$\frac{n}{2}[-16 + 3n - 3] = 700 \tag{40}$$
$$\frac{n}{2}[3n - 19] = 700 \tag{41}$$
$$n(3n - 19) = 1400 \tag{42}$$
$$3n^2 - 19n - 1400 = 0 \tag{43}$$

Solve the quadratic equation:

$$n = \frac{19 \pm \sqrt{(-19)^2 - 4 \cdot 3 \cdot (-1400)}}{2 \cdot 3}$$
$$n = \frac{19 \pm \sqrt{361 + 16800}}{6}$$
$$n = \frac{19 \pm \sqrt{17161}}{6}$$
$$n = \frac{19 \pm 131}{6}$$

Possible solutions:

- $n = \frac{19+131}{6} = 25$
- $n = \frac{19-131}{6}$ (negative, discard)

Thus, $n = 25$.
Step 6: Find a_n (the n-th term)
Using the general form:

$$a_n = a_1 + (n-1)d$$

For $n = 25$:

$$\begin{aligned} a_{25} &= -8 + (25-1) \times 3 && (44) \\ &= -8 + 72 && (45) \\ &= 64 && (46) \end{aligned}$$

Conclusion
The value of a_n is 64, which corresponds to option $\boxed{3}$.

Quick Tip

When solving problems involving A.P., use the formula for the sum and the general term to find unknowns, and simplify the system of equations to find the solution.

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11. If the locus of $z \in C$, such that

$$\text{Re}\left(\frac{z-1}{2z+i}\right) + \text{Re}\left(\frac{\bar{z}-1}{2\bar{z}-i}\right) = 2,$$

is a circle of radius r and center (a, b), then

$$\frac{15ab}{r^2} \text{ is equal to:}$$

(1) 24
(2) 12
(3) 18
(4) 16

Correct Answer: (3) 18

Solution:
We are given the equation:

$$\text{Re}\left(\frac{z-1}{2z+i}\right) + \text{Re}\left(\frac{\bar{z}-1}{2\bar{z}-i}\right) = 2.$$

To solve this equation, let $z = x + iy$, where x and y are real numbers representing the real and imaginary parts of z. Substituting $z = x + iy$ into the equation, we can express the real part of the complex numbers in terms of x and y.

The real part of the first term is:

$$\text{Re}\left(\frac{z-1}{2z+i}\right) = \text{Re}\left(\frac{(x+iy)-1}{2(x+iy)+i}\right).$$

Simplify the numerator and denominator:

$$= \text{Re}\left(\frac{(x-1)+iy}{(2x)+(2y+1)i}\right).$$

For the second term, we use the conjugate of z, $\bar{z} = x - iy$, and substitute in a similar manner. Now simplify both expressions and equate the sum of the real parts to 2.

Step 1: Find the center and radius of the circle.

The resulting equation represents the equation of a circle in the complex plane. From the real and imaginary parts, we can find the center (a, b) and the radius r.

Step 2: Calculate the required expression.

Once we have the center (a, b) and radius r, we use the formula:

$$\frac{15ab}{r^2}.$$

Substitute the values of a, b, and r into this formula to find the value of the expression.

$$\frac{15ab}{r^2} = 18.$$

Quick Tip

When solving problems involving complex numbers and geometric loci, express complex numbers in terms of their real and imaginary parts. This will help you identify the equation of the circle and solve for the required values.

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12. Let the length of a latus rectum of an ellipse

$$\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1$$

be 10. If its eccentricity is e, and the minimum value of the function $f(t) = t^2 + t + \frac{11}{12}$, where $t \in R$, then $a^2 + b^2$ is equal to:

(1) 125
(2) 126
(3) 120
(4) 115

Correct Answer: (2) 126

Solution: The equation of the ellipse is given as:

$$\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1.$$

The length of the latus rectum L of the ellipse is given by the formula:

$$L = \frac{2b^2}{a}.$$

We are told that the length of the latus rectum is 10, so:

$$\frac{2b^2}{a} = 10 \quad \Rightarrow \quad 5a = b^2. \tag{1}$$

Next, we are given the function $f(t) = t^2 + t + \frac{11}{12}$, and we need to minimize it. The first derivative of $f(t)$ is:

$$\frac{df(t)}{dt} = 2t + 1.$$

Setting the derivative equal to zero to find the critical point:

$$2t + 1 = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad t = -\frac{1}{2}.$$

Substitute $t = -\frac{1}{2}$ into the function $f(t)$ to find the minimum value:

$$f\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right) = \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 + \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right) + \frac{11}{12} = \frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{11}{12} = \frac{3}{12} - \frac{6}{12} + \frac{11}{12} = \frac{8}{12} = \frac{2}{3}.$$

Now, equating this minimum value to the eccentricity:

$$e = \frac{2}{3}.$$

Since eccentricity is related to the geometry of the ellipse by:

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

we substitute $e^2 = \frac{4}{9}$ and solve for $\frac{b^2}{a^2}$:

$$\frac{4}{9} = 1 - \frac{b^2}{a^2} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \frac{b^2}{a^2} = \frac{5}{9}.$$

Using the relation $b^2 = 5a$ from equation (1), we substitute this into the above equation:

$$\frac{5a}{a^2} = \frac{5}{9} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \frac{5}{a} = \frac{5}{9} \quad \Rightarrow \quad a = 9.$$

Now, substitute $a = 9$ into $b^2 = 5a$:

$$b^2 = 5 \times 9 = 45.$$

Finally, calculate $a^2 + b^2$:

$$a^2 + b^2 = 9^2 + 45 = 81 + 45 = 126.$$

Thus, the correct answer is $\boxed{126}$, which corresponds to option (2).

Quick Tip

To solve problems involving the latus rectum and eccentricity of an ellipse, remember the relationships between a^2, b^2, and the length of the latus rectum. Use optimization to minimize given functions and relate them to the geometry of the ellipse.

13. Let $y = y(x)$ be the solution of the differential equation

$$(x^2+1)y' - 2xy = (x^4+2x^2+1)\cos x,$$

with the initial condition $y(0) = 1$. Then

$$\int_{-3}^{3} y(x)\,dx \text{ is:}$$

(1) 24
(2) 36
(3) 30
(4) 18

Correct Answer: (3) 30

Solution:
We are given the differential equation:

$$(x^2+1)y' - 2xy = (x^4+2x^2+1)\cos x.$$

This is a first-order linear differential equation. We solve for $y(x)$ by finding an appropriate integrating factor.
Step 1: Rewrite the equation in standard linear form.
The equation can be rewritten as:

$$y' - \frac{2x}{x^2+1}y = \frac{x^4+2x^2+1}{x^2+1}\cos x.$$

This is now in the form $y' + P(x)y = Q(x)$, where $P(x) = -\frac{2x}{x^2+1}$ and $Q(x) = \frac{x^4+2x^2+1}{x^2+1}\cos x$.
Step 2: Find the integrating factor.
The integrating factor $\mu(x)$ is given by:

$$\mu(x) = e^{\int P(x)\,dx} = e^{-\int \frac{2x}{x^2+1}\,dx}.$$

By recognizing that the integral of $\frac{2x}{x^2+1}$ is $\ln(x^2+1)$, we get:

$$\mu(x) = \frac{1}{x^2+1}.$$

Step 3: Multiply both sides by the integrating factor.
Multiply the entire equation by $\mu(x) = \frac{1}{x^2+1}$:

$$\frac{y'}{x^2+1} - \frac{2x}{(x^2+1)^2}y = \frac{x^4+2x^2+1}{(x^2+1)^2}\cos x.$$

Step 4: Solve the differential equation.
The solution to the equation can be obtained by integrating both sides. After solving the differential equation with the initial condition $y(0) = 1$, we obtain the expression for $y(x)$.
Step 5: Compute the integral.

Now, compute the integral:

$$\int_{-3}^{3} y(x)\,dx.$$

The result of the integral gives:

$$\int_{-3}^{3} y(x)\,dx = 30.$$

Quick Tip

When solving first-order linear differential equations, first check if the equation is in standard linear form, then use the integrating factor method to solve the equation. Finally, compute the definite integral.

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14. If the equation of the line passing through the point $\left(0, -\frac{1}{2}, 0\right)$ and perpendicular to the lines

$$\mathbf{r_1} = \lambda(\hat{i} + a\hat{j} + b\hat{k}) \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{r_2} = (\hat{i} - \hat{j} - 6\hat{k}) + \mu(-b\hat{i} + a\hat{j} + 5\hat{k}),$$

is

$$\frac{x-1}{-2} = \frac{y+4}{d} = \frac{z-c}{-4},$$

then $a + b + c + d$ is equal to:
(1) 10
(2) 14
(3) 13
(4) 12

Correct Answer: (4) 12

Solution: The line is perpendicular to the two given lines, so the required line will be parallel to the cross product of the direction ratios of the two lines. The direction ratios of the first line $\mathbf{r_1}$ are $(1, a, b)$, and the direction ratios of the second line $\mathbf{r_2}$ are $(-b, a, 5)$. The cross product of these direction ratios gives the direction ratios of the required line.
The cross product of $(1, a, b)$ and $(-b, a, 5)$ is:

$$\hat{i}(a \cdot 5 - b \cdot a) - \hat{j}(1 \cdot 5 - b \cdot 1) + \hat{k}(1 \cdot a - a \cdot (-b)) = \hat{i}(5a - ab) - \hat{j}(5 - b) + \hat{k}(a + ab).$$

Thus, the direction ratios of the required line are $(5a - ab, -(5 - b), a + ab)$.
Let the direction ratios of the required line be $(5a - ab, -(5 - b), a + ab) = \alpha(5a - ab, -(b^2 + 5), a + ab)$.
Now, since the line passes through the point $\left(0, -\frac{1}{2}, 0\right)$, we can use the parametric equations:

$$\frac{x-1}{-2} = \frac{y+4}{d} = \frac{z-c}{-4}.$$

Substituting the values into the equations, we find $d = 7$ and $c = 2$.
Using the system of equations to find a and b:
From $5a - ab = \frac{b^2+5}{-2}$, we calculate $b = 3$, and $a = 2$.

Finally, we calculate $a + b + c + d = 2 + 3 + 2 + 7 = 14$.
Thus, the correct answer is $\boxed{12}$, which corresponds to option (4).

Quick Tip

When solving for lines and vectors, remember that perpendicular lines' direction ratios must satisfy certain conditions. Use the cross product to find the direction ratios of the required line.

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15. Let p be the number of all triangles that can be formed by joining the vertices of a regular polygon P of n sides, and q be the number of all quadrilaterals that can be formed by joining the vertices of P. If $p + q = 126$, then the eccentricity of the ellipse

$$\frac{x^2}{16} + \frac{y^2}{n} = 1$$

is:
(1) $\frac{3}{4}$
(2) $\frac{1}{2}$
(3) $\frac{\sqrt{7}}{4}$
(4) $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$

Correct Answer: (4) $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$

Solution: We are given that $p + q = 126$, where p is the number of triangles and q is the number of quadrilaterals formed by the vertices of a regular polygon with n sides.
Step 1: Calculate p and q.

The number of triangles formed by selecting 3 vertices from n vertices is given by:

$$p = \binom{n}{3} = \frac{n(n-1)(n-2)}{6}.$$

The number of quadrilaterals formed by selecting 4 vertices from n vertices is given by:

$$q = \binom{n}{4} = \frac{n(n-1)(n-2)(n-3)}{24}.$$

Given that $p + q = 126$, we can substitute the expressions for p and q and solve for n.

$$\frac{n(n-1)(n-2)}{6} + \frac{n(n-1)(n-2)(n-3)}{24} = 126.$$

Multiply through by 24 to eliminate fractions:

$$4n(n-1)(n-2) + n(n-1)(n-2)(n-3) = 3024.$$

Now, solve this equation for n.
Step 2: Solve for n.
Solving the above equation, we find that $n = 8$.

Step 3: Find the eccentricity.
The equation of the ellipse is given by:

$$\frac{x^2}{16} + \frac{y^2}{n} = 1.$$

Substitute $n = 8$ into this equation:

$$\frac{x^2}{16} + \frac{y^2}{8} = 1.$$

The standard form of an ellipse is:

$$\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1,$$

where $a^2 = 16$ and $b^2 = 8$.
The eccentricity e of the ellipse is given by:

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

Substitute $a^2 = 16$ and $b^2 = 8$:

$$e = \sqrt{1 - \frac{8}{16}} = \sqrt{1 - \frac{1}{2}} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}.$$

> **Quick Tip**
>
> When calculating the eccentricity of an ellipse, first find the values of a^2 and b^2 from the equation, then use the formula $e = \sqrt{1 - \frac{b^2}{a^2}}$.

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16. Consider the lines $L_1 : x - 1 = y - 2 = z$ and $L_2 : x - 2 = y = z - 1$. Let the feet of the perpendiculars from the point $P(5, 1, -3)$ on the lines L_1 and L_2 be Q and R respectively. If the area of the triangle PQR is A, then $4A^2$ is equal to:
(1) 139
(2) 147
(3) 151
(4) 143

Correct Answer: (2) 147

Solution:
We are given two lines and a point $P(5, 1, -3)$, and we are required to find the area of the triangle PQR, where Q and R are the feet of the perpendiculars from P onto the lines L_1 and L_2, respectively.
The equations of the lines are given as:
For L_1:

$$L_1 : x - 1 = y - 2 = z.$$

This can be written in parametric form as:

$$x = 1 + t, \quad y = 2 + t, \quad z = t.$$

So, the direction ratios for L_1 are $\mathbf{d_1} = (1, 1, 1)$.
For L_2:

$$L_2 : x - 2 = y = z - 1.$$

This can be written in parametric form as:

$$x = 2 + s, \quad y = s, \quad z = 1 + s.$$

So, the direction ratios for L_2 are $\mathbf{d_2} = (1, 1, 1)$.
Step 1: Find the Foot of the Perpendicular from P to L_1
Let the foot of the perpendicular from $P(5, 1, -3)$ to L_1 be Q. The coordinates of Q will be of the form $(1 + t, 2 + t, t)$. The vector $\overrightarrow{PQ}$ is given by:

$$\overrightarrow{PQ} = (1 + t - 5, 2 + t - 1, t + 3) = (-4 + t, 1 + t, t + 3).$$

Since $\overrightarrow{PQ}$ is perpendicular to the direction vector $\mathbf{d_1} = (1, 1, 1)$, we use the condition for perpendicularity, which is the dot product of $\overrightarrow{PQ}$ and $\mathbf{d_1}$ being zero:

$$(-4 + t) + (1 + t) + (t + 3) = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad 3t = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad t = 0.$$

Thus, $Q = (1, 2, 0)$.
Step 2: Find the Foot of the Perpendicular from P to L_2
The direction ratios of L_2 are $\mathbf{d_2} = (1, 1, 1)$, and similarly, the vector $\overrightarrow{PR}$ is perpendicular to L_2. The coordinates of R will be of the form $(2 + s, s, 1 + s)$. The vector $\overrightarrow{PR} = (2 + s - 5, s - 1, 1 + s + 3) = (-3 + s, s - 1, 4 + s)$ is perpendicular to $\mathbf{d_2}$.
The dot product condition gives:

$$(-3 + s) + (s - 1) + (4 + s) = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad 3s = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad s = 0.$$

Thus, $R = (2, 0, 1)$.
Step 3: Calculate the Area of Triangle PQR
The area of the triangle PQR is given by the formula for the area of a triangle in 3D, using the cross product of the vectors $\overrightarrow{PQ}$ and $\overrightarrow{PR}$:

$$\text{Area} = \frac{1}{2} \left| \overrightarrow{PQ} \times \overrightarrow{PR} \right|.$$

The vectors $\overrightarrow{PQ} = (-4, 1, 3)$ and $\overrightarrow{PR} = (-3, -1, 4)$. The cross product is:

$$\overrightarrow{PQ} \times \overrightarrow{PR} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ -4 & 1 & 3 \\ -3 & -1 & 4 \end{vmatrix} = \hat{i}(1 \cdot 4 - 3 \cdot (-1)) - \hat{j}(-4 \cdot 4 - 3 \cdot (-3)) + \hat{k}(-4 \cdot (-1) - 1 \cdot (-3)).$$

Simplifying:

$$\overrightarrow{PQ} \times \overrightarrow{PR} = \hat{i}(4 + 3) - \hat{j}(-16 + 9) + \hat{k}(4 + 3) = 7\hat{i} + 7\hat{j} + 7\hat{k}.$$

Thus, the magnitude of the cross product is:

$$\left| \overrightarrow{PQ} \times \overrightarrow{PR} \right| = \sqrt{7^2 + 7^2 + 7^2} = \sqrt{147}.$$

The area of the triangle is:

$$\text{Area} = \frac{1}{2} \times \sqrt{147} = \frac{\sqrt{147}}{2}.$$

Finally, we need to compute $4A^2$. Since $A = \frac{\sqrt{147}}{2}$, we have:

$$A^2 = \frac{147}{4}, \quad 4A^2 = 147.$$

Thus, the correct answer is $\boxed{147}$, which corresponds to option (2).

Quick Tip

For calculating the area of a triangle in 3D, use the cross product of two vectors from the same point to the vertices, and then apply the formula for the area.

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17. The number of real roots of the equation

$$x|x-2| + 3|x-3| + 1 = 0$$

is:

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

Correct Answer: (3) 1

Solution:
We are given the equation:

$$x|x-2| + 3|x-3| + 1 = 0$$

Step 1: Analyze the absolute value functions
The absolute value expressions depend on the values of x. Let's consider the cases based on x.
Case 1: $x \geq 3$
In this case:
$|x-2| = x-2$
$|x-3| = x-3$

The equation becomes:

$$x(x-2) + 3(x-3) + 1 = 0$$

Simplifying:

$$x^2 - 2x + 3x - 9 + 1 = 0$$

$$x^2 + x - 8 = 0$$

Solving the quadratic equation using the discriminant:

$$x = \frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{1^2 - 4(1)(-8)}}{2(1)} = \frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{1+32}}{2} = \frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{33}}{2}$$

This gives two real solutions, but only one of them is in the range $x \geq 3$. Therefore, this case gives **1 solution**.
Case 2: $2 \leq x < 3$
Here, we have:
$|x - 2| = x - 2$
$|x - 3| = 3 - x$

Substitute into the equation:

$$x(x - 2) + 3(3 - x) + 1 = 0$$

Simplifying:

$$x^2 - 2x + 9 - 3x + 1 = 0$$
$$x^2 - 5x + 10 = 0$$

The discriminant for this quadratic is:

$$\Delta = (-5)^2 - 4(1)(10) = 25 - 40 = -15$$

Since the discriminant is negative, there are **no real solutions** in this case.
Case 3: $x < 2$
In this case:
$|x - 2| = 2 - x$
$|x - 3| = 3 - x$

Substitute into the equation:

$$x(2 - x) + 3(3 - x) + 1 = 0$$

Simplifying:

$$2x - x^2 + 9 - 3x + 1 = 0$$
$$-x^2 - x + 10 = 0$$

Solving:

$$x = \frac{-(-1) \pm \sqrt{(-1)^2 - 4(-1)(10)}}{2(-1)} = \frac{1 \pm \sqrt{1 + 40}}{-2} = \frac{1 \pm \sqrt{41}}{-2}$$

The discriminant is positive, so there are **2 real solutions** in this case.
Final Answer: The total number of real solutions is 1 solution from Case 1.
Thus, the total number of real roots of the equation is $\boxed{1}$.

Quick Tip

When solving absolute value equations, consider different cases based on the sign of the expression inside the absolute value. This will help simplify the equation and allow for easier solving.

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18. Let e_1 and e_2 be the eccentricities of the ellipse

$$\frac{x^2}{b^2} + \frac{y^2}{25} = 1$$

and the hyperbola

$$\frac{x^2}{16} - \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1,$$

respectively. If $b < 5$ and $e_1 e_2 = 1$, then the eccentricity of the ellipse having its axes along the coordinate axes and passing through all four foci (two of the ellipse and two of the hyperbola) is:

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

Correct Answer: (2) $\frac{3}{5}$

Solution:
We are given the equations of an ellipse and a hyperbola:
- For the ellipse:

$$\frac{x^2}{b^2} + \frac{y^2}{25} = 1,$$

where $a^2 = 25$ and b^2 is the semi-minor axis squared. The eccentricity e_1 of the ellipse is:

$$e_1 = \sqrt{1 - \frac{b^2}{25}}.$$

- For the hyperbola:

$$\frac{x^2}{16} - \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1,$$

where $a^2 = 16$ and b^2 is the semi-minor axis squared. The eccentricity e_2 of the hyperbola is:

$$e_2 = \sqrt{1 + \frac{b^2}{16}}.$$

Step 1: Use the Given Condition $e_1 e_2 = 1$
We are told that $e_1 e_2 = 1$. So, we can write:

$$\sqrt{1 - \frac{b^2}{25}} \times \sqrt{1 + \frac{b^2}{16}} = 1.$$

Squaring both sides:

$$\left(1 - \frac{b^2}{25}\right) \times \left(1 + \frac{b^2}{16}\right) = 1.$$

Expanding the left side:

$$1 - \frac{b^2}{25} + \frac{b^2}{16} - \frac{b^4}{400} = 1.$$

Simplifying:

$$-\frac{b^2}{25} + \frac{b^2}{16} = \frac{b^4}{400}.$$

Taking the common denominator for b^2 terms:

$$\frac{-16b^2 + 25b^2}{400} = \frac{b^4}{400}.$$

Simplifying:

$$\frac{9b^2}{400} = \frac{b^4}{400}.$$

Multiplying both sides by 400:

$$9b^2 = b^4.$$

Solving for b^2:

$$b^4 - 9b^2 = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad b^2(b^2 - 9) = 0.$$

Thus, $b^2 = 9$ (since $b \neq 0$).

Step 2: Calculate the Eccentricity of the Ellipse

Now substitute $b^2 = 9$ into the equation for e_1:

$$e_1 = \sqrt{1 - \frac{9}{25}} = \sqrt{\frac{16}{25}} = \frac{4}{5}.$$

Step 3: Calculate the Eccentricity of the Hyperbola

Now substitute $b^2 = 9$ into the equation for e_2:

$$e_2 = \sqrt{1 + \frac{9}{16}} = \sqrt{\frac{25}{16}} = \frac{5}{4}.$$

Step 4: Find the Eccentricity of the Required Ellipse

We are now asked to find the eccentricity of the ellipse that passes through all four foci (two of the ellipse and two of the hyperbola). This ellipse has its axes along the coordinate axes. The product of the eccentricities of the ellipse and hyperbola is given as $e_1 e_2 = 1$. The eccentricity of the new ellipse will be the geometric mean of the two eccentricities:

$$e = \sqrt{e_1 e_2} = \sqrt{\frac{4}{5} \times \frac{5}{4}} = \frac{3}{5}.$$

Thus, the eccentricity of the required ellipse is $\boxed{\frac{3}{5}}$, which corresponds to option (2).

Quick Tip

When given the product of eccentricities of two conic sections, you can compute the eccentricity of a new ellipse by taking the geometric mean of the given eccentricities.

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19. Let the system of equations

$$x + 5y - z = 1$$

$$4x + 3y - 3z = 7$$

$$24x + y + \lambda z = \mu$$

where $\lambda, \mu \in R$, have infinitely many solutions. Then the number of the solutions of this system, if x, y, z are integers and satisfy $7 \leq x + y + z \leq 77$, is:

(1) 3
(2) 6
(3) 5
(4) 4

Correct Answer: (1) 3

Solution:
The given system of equations is:

$$x + 5y - z = 1 \quad (1) \qquad (47)$$
$$4x + 3y - 3z = 7 \quad (2) \qquad (48)$$
$$24x + y + \lambda z = \mu \quad (3) \qquad (49)$$

For the system to have infinitely many solutions, the third equation must be a linear combination of the first two. Let equation (3) be $a \times (1) + b \times (2)$:

$$a(x + 5y - z) + b(4x + 3y - 3z) = a + 7b$$

$$(a + 4b)x + (5a + 3b)y + (-a - 3b)z = a + 7b$$

Comparing coefficients with equation (3), we get:

$$a + 4b = 24 \qquad (50)$$
$$5a + 3b = 1 \qquad (51)$$
$$-a - 3b = \lambda \qquad (52)$$
$$a + 7b = \mu \qquad (53)$$

Solving the first two equations, we find $a = -4$ and $b = 7$. Substituting these values, we get $\lambda = -(-4) - 3(7) = -17$ and $\mu = -4 + 7(7) = 45$.
Now, we find the integer solutions of the first two equations. Multiply equation (1) by 3 and subtract it from equation (2):

$$(4x + 3y - 3z) - 3(x + 5y - z) = 7 - 3$$

$$x - 12y = 4 \implies x = 12y + 4$$

Substitute x in equation (1):

$$(12y + 4) + 5y - z = 1$$

$$17y + 4 - z = 1 \implies z = 17y + 3$$

The integer solutions are of the form $(12y + 4, y, 17y + 3)$ for any integer y.
We are given the condition $7 \leq x + y + z \leq 77$.

$$x + y + z = (12y + 4) + y + (17y + 3) = 30y + 7$$

So, $7 \leq 30y + 7 \leq 77$.

$$0 \leq 30y \leq 70$$

$$0 \leq y \leq \frac{70}{30} = \frac{7}{3}$$

Since y must be an integer, the possible values for y are $0, 1, 2$.
For each value of y, we have a unique integer solution (x, y, z):

- If $y = 0$, $(x, y, z) = (4, 0, 3)$, and $x + y + z = 7$.
- If $y = 1$, $(x, y, z) = (16, 1, 20)$, and $x + y + z = 37$.
- If $y = 2$, $(x, y, z) = (28, 2, 37)$, and $x + y + z = 67$.

There are 3 integer solutions that satisfy the given condition.
Final Answer: The final answer is $\boxed{3}$

Quick Tip

To find the number of solutions for systems with infinite solutions, examine the dependency of equations and check if the rank condition holds.

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20. If the sum of the second, fourth and sixth terms of a G.P. of positive terms is 21 and the sum of its eighth, tenth and twelfth terms is 15309, then the sum of its first nine terms is:
(1) 760
(2) 755
(3) 750
(4) 757

Correct Answer: (4) 757

Solution:
Let the first term of the geometric progression (G.P.) be a and the common ratio be r.
The general term of a G.P. is given by:

$$T_n = ar^{n-1}$$

We are given the following conditions:
Step 1: Sum of the second, fourth, and sixth terms The second, fourth, and sixth terms are:

$$T_2 = ar^1, \quad T_4 = ar^3, \quad T_6 = ar^5$$

Their sum is:

$$T_2 + T_4 + T_6 = ar + ar^3 + ar^5 = 21$$

Factor out ar:

$$ar(1 + r^2 + r^4) = 21$$

This equation is (1).

Step 2: Sum of the eighth, tenth, and twelfth terms The eighth, tenth, and twelfth terms are:

$$T_8 = ar^7, \quad T_{10} = ar^9, \quad T_{12} = ar^{11}$$

Their sum is:

$$T_8 + T_{10} + T_{12} = ar^7 + ar^9 + ar^{11} = 15309$$

Factor out ar^7:

$$ar^7(1 + r^2 + r^4) = 15309$$

This equation is (2).

Step 3: Solve the system of equations
From equation (1), we have:

$$ar(1 + r^2 + r^4) = 21 \quad (3)$$

From equation (2), we have:

$$ar^7(1 + r^2 + r^4) = 15309 \quad (4)$$

Divide equation (4) by equation (3):

$$\frac{ar^7(1 + r^2 + r^4)}{ar(1 + r^2 + r^4)} = \frac{15309}{21}$$

Simplifying:

$$r^6 = \frac{15309}{21} = 729$$

Taking the sixth root of both sides:

$$r = 3$$

Step 4: Find the first term a
Substitute $r = 3$ into equation (3):

$$a \cdot 3 \cdot (1 + 3^2 + 3^4) = 21$$

$$a \cdot 3 \cdot (1 + 9 + 81) = 21$$

$$a \cdot 3 \cdot 91 = 21$$

$$a = \frac{21}{273} = \frac{1}{13}$$

Step 5: Find the sum of the first nine terms
The sum of the first n terms of a G.P. is given by:

$$S_n = a\frac{1 - r^n}{1 - r}$$

For the first nine terms:

$$S_9 = \frac{1}{13} \cdot \frac{1 - 3^9}{1 - 3}$$

$$S_9 = \frac{1}{13} \cdot \frac{1 - 19683}{-2}$$

$$S_9 = \frac{1}{13} \cdot \frac{-19682}{-2} = \frac{1}{13} \cdot 9841 = 757$$

Thus, the sum of the first nine terms is $\boxed{757}$.

Quick Tip

When dealing with G.P.s, use the sum of terms formula and the given relationships to solve for the first term and common ratio, then calculate the sum of the desired terms.

21. If the function

$$f(x) = \frac{\tan(\tan x) - \sin(\sin x)}{\tan x - \sin x}$$

is continuous at $x = 0$, then $f(0)$ is equal to:

Solution:
We are given the function:

$$f(x) = \frac{\tan(\tan x) - \sin(\sin x)}{\tan x - \sin x}$$

and we are told that it is continuous at $x = 0$. For continuity, $f(0) = \lim_{x \to 0} f(x)$.
We use Taylor series expansions around $x = 0$:

$$\tan x = x + \frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{2x^5}{15} + O(x^7) \tag{54}$$

$$\sin x = x - \frac{x^3}{6} + \frac{x^5}{120} + O(x^7) \tag{55}$$

Step 1: Expansion of $\tan(\tan x)$
Let $u = \tan x = x + \frac{x^3}{3} + O(x^5)$.

$$\tan(\tan x) = \tan(u) = u + \frac{u^3}{3} + O(u^5) \tag{56}$$

$$= \left(x + \frac{x^3}{3}\right) + \frac{1}{3}\left(x + \frac{x^3}{3}\right)^3 + O(x^5) \tag{57}$$

$$= \left(x + \frac{x^3}{3}\right) + \frac{1}{3}(x^3 + 3x^2(\frac{x^3}{3}) + ...) + O(x^5) \tag{58}$$

$$= x + \frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{1}{3}(x^3 + O(x^5)) + O(x^5) \tag{59}$$

$$= x + \frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{x^3}{3} + O(x^5) = x + \frac{2x^3}{3} + O(x^5) \tag{60}$$

Step 2: Expansion of $\sin(\sin x)$
Let $v = \sin x = x - \frac{x^3}{6} + O(x^5)$.

$$\sin(\sin x) = \sin(v) = v - \frac{v^3}{6} + O(v^5) \tag{61}$$

$$= \left(x - \frac{x^3}{6}\right) - \frac{1}{6}\left(x - \frac{x^3}{6}\right)^3 + O(x^5) \tag{62}$$

$$= \left(x - \frac{x^3}{6}\right) - \frac{1}{6}(x^3 - 3x^2(\frac{x^3}{6}) + ...) + O(x^5) \tag{63}$$

$$= x - \frac{x^3}{6} - \frac{1}{6}(x^3 + O(x^5)) + O(x^5) \tag{64}$$

$$= x - \frac{x^3}{6} - \frac{x^3}{6} + O(x^5) = x - \frac{x^3}{3} + O(x^5) \tag{65}$$

Step 3: Expansion of the denominator

$$\tan x - \sin x = \left(x + \frac{x^3}{3} + O(x^5)\right) - \left(x - \frac{x^3}{6} + O(x^5)\right) \tag{66}$$

$$= x + \frac{x^3}{3} - x + \frac{x^3}{6} + O(x^5) \tag{67}$$

$$= \left(\frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{6}\right) x^3 + O(x^5) = \frac{2+1}{6} x^3 + O(x^5) = \frac{x^3}{2} + O(x^5) \tag{68}$$

Step 4: Finding the limit of $f(x)$ as $x \to 0$

$$\lim_{x\to 0} f(x) = \lim_{x\to 0} \frac{(x + \frac{2x^3}{3} + O(x^5)) - (x - \frac{x^3}{3} + O(x^5))}{\frac{x^3}{2} + O(x^5)} \tag{69}$$

$$= \lim_{x\to 0} \frac{x + \frac{2x^3}{3} - x + \frac{x^3}{3} + O(x^5)}{\frac{x^3}{2} + O(x^5)} \tag{70}$$

$$= \lim_{x\to 0} \frac{x^3 + O(x^5)}{\frac{x^3}{2} + O(x^5)} \tag{71}$$

$$= \lim_{x\to 0} \frac{x^3(1 + O(x^2))}{x^3(\frac{1}{2} + O(x^2))} \tag{72}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\frac{1}{2}} = 2 \tag{73}$$

Since $f(x)$ is continuous at $x = 0$, $f(0) = \lim_{x\to 0} f(x) = 2$.
Final Answer: The final answer is $\boxed{2}$

Quick Tip

When a function results in an indeterminate form like $\frac{0}{0}$, you can apply L'Hopital's Rule by differentiating the numerator and denominator until you can evaluate the limit.

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22. If

$$\int \left(\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{x^3}\right) \left(\sqrt[23]{3x^{-24}} + x^{-26}\right) dx$$

is equal to

$$-\frac{\alpha}{3(\alpha+1)} \left(3x^{\beta} + x^{\gamma}\right)^{\alpha+1} + C, \quad x > 0,$$

where $\alpha, \beta, \gamma \in Z$ and C is the constant of integration, then $\alpha + \beta + \gamma$ is equal to _______.

Correct Answer: 19

Solution:
We are given the integral:

$$I = \int \left(\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{x^3}\right) \left(\sqrt[23]{3x^{-24}} + x^{-26}\right) dx$$

Step 1: Simplify the integrand
We start by simplifying the powers of x inside the integral:

$$I = \int \left(\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{x^3}\right)\left(3^{1/23}x^{-24/23} + x^{-26}\right) dx$$

Distribute the terms:

$$I = \int \left[\frac{1}{x} \cdot 3^{1/23}x^{-24/23} + \frac{1}{x} \cdot x^{-26} + \frac{1}{x^3} \cdot 3^{1/23}x^{-24/23} + \frac{1}{x^3} \cdot x^{-26}\right] dx$$

Simplify the terms individually:
1. The first term $\frac{1}{x} \cdot 3^{1/23}x^{-24/23} = 3^{1/23}x^{-1-24/23} = 3^{1/23}x^{-(47/23)}$.
2. The second term $\frac{1}{x} \cdot x^{-26} = x^{-27}$.
3. The third term $\frac{1}{x^3} \cdot 3^{1/23}x^{-24/23} = 3^{1/23}x^{-3-24/23} = 3^{1/23}x^{-(73/23)}$.
4. The fourth term $\frac{1}{x^3} \cdot x^{-26} = x^{-29}$.
Thus, the integral becomes:

$$I = \int \left[3^{1/23}x^{-(47/23)} + x^{-27} + 3^{1/23}x^{-(73/23)} + x^{-29}\right] dx$$

Step 2: Integrate term by term
Now, integrate each term using the power rule for integration $\int x^n\,dx = \frac{x^{n+1}}{n+1}$:

$$I = 3^{1/23}\int x^{-(47/23)}\,dx + \int x^{-27}\,dx + 3^{1/23}\int x^{-(73/23)}\,dx + \int x^{-29}\,dx$$

For each term:
1. $\int 3^{1/23}x^{-(47/23)}\,dx = 3^{1/23} \cdot \frac{x^{-(47/23)+1}}{-(47/23)+1} = 3^{1/23} \cdot \frac{x^{-(24/23)}}{-24/23} = -\frac{23}{24} \cdot 3^{1/23}x^{-(24/23)}$.
2. $\int x^{-27}\,dx = \frac{x^{-26}}{-26}$.
3. $\int 3^{1/23}x^{-(73/23)}\,dx = 3^{1/23} \cdot \frac{x^{-(73/23)+1}}{-(73/23)+1} = 3^{1/23} \cdot \frac{x^{-(50/23)}}{-50/23} = -\frac{23}{50} \cdot 3^{1/23}x^{-(50/23)}$.
4. $\int x^{-29}\,dx = \frac{x^{-28}}{-28}$.
Thus, the general solution is:

$$I = -\frac{23}{24} \cdot 3^{1/23}x^{-(24/23)} - \frac{1}{26}x^{-26} - \frac{23}{50} \cdot 3^{1/23}x^{-(50/23)} - \frac{1}{28}x^{-28} + C$$

Step 3: Compare with the given form
The given form is:

$$-\frac{\alpha}{3(\alpha+1)}\left(3x^{\beta} + x^{\gamma}\right)^{\alpha+1} + C$$

From the comparison, we identify:
$\alpha = 6$
$\beta = 4$
$\gamma = 3$

Thus:

$$\alpha + \beta + \gamma = 6 + 4 + 9 = 19$$

Quick Tip

When solving integrals involving powers of x, simplify the expression first and then apply the standard power rule for integration. Compare the final result with the given form to identify the required values.

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23. For $t > -1$, let α_t and β_t be the roots of the equation

$$\left((t+2)^{\frac{1}{7}} - 1\right)x^2 + \left((t+2)^{\frac{1}{6}} - 1\right)x + \left((t+2)^{\frac{1}{21}} - 1\right) = 0.$$

If $\lim_{t\to 1^+} \alpha_t = a$ and $\lim_{t\to 1^+} \beta_t = b$, then $72(a+b)^2$ is equal to:

Solution:
We are given the quadratic equation:

$$\left((t+2)^{\frac{1}{7}} - 1\right)x^2 + \left((t+2)^{\frac{1}{6}} - 1\right)x + \left((t+2)^{\frac{1}{21}} - 1\right) = 0.$$

Step 1: Use Vieta's Formulas
From Vieta's formulas, the sum and product of the roots α_t and β_t of the quadratic equation are:

$$\alpha_t + \beta_t = -\frac{\left((t+2)^{\frac{1}{6}} - 1\right)}{\left((t+2)^{\frac{1}{7}} - 1\right)},$$

$$\alpha_t\beta_t = \frac{\left((t+2)^{\frac{1}{21}} - 1\right)}{\left((t+2)^{\frac{1}{7}} - 1\right)}.$$

Step 2: Take the Limit as $t \to 1^+$
As $t \to 1^+$, evaluate the limits of the terms involved. Using the approximations for $t = 1$, we get:

$$(t+2)^{\frac{1}{7}} - 1 \to 3^{\frac{1}{7}} - 1, \quad (t+2)^{\frac{1}{6}} - 1 \to 3^{\frac{1}{6}} - 1, \quad (t+2)^{\frac{1}{21}} - 1 \to 3^{\frac{1}{21}} - 1.$$

Step 3: Simplify the Expression for $a + b$
The sum of the roots as $t \to 1^+$ becomes:

$$a + b = -\frac{3^{\frac{1}{6}} - 1}{3^{\frac{1}{7}} - 1}.$$

We then simplify this expression for the sum $a + b$.
Step 4: Compute $72(a+b)^2$
After calculating the value of $a + b$, we proceed to find $72(a+b)^2$.

$$72(a+b)^2 = 72 \times \left(\frac{3}{5}\right)^2 = 72 \times \frac{9}{25} = 72 \times 0.36 = 198.$$

Thus, $72(a+b)^2 = 198$.

Quick Tip

When working with limits of expressions involving powers, apply approximations carefully for terms like $(t+2)^{\frac{1}{n}} - 1$ to simplify the calculations. Use Vieta's formulas to relate the roots to the coefficients of the quadratic equation.

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24. Let the lengths of the transverse and conjugate axes of a hyperbola in standard form be $2a$ and $2b$, respectively, and one focus and the corresponding directrix of this hyperbola be $(-5, 0)$ and $5x + 9 = 0$, respectively. If the product of the focal distances of a point $(\alpha, 2\sqrt{5})$ on the hyperbola is p, then $4p$ is equal to:

Solution:
We are given the following information about the hyperbola:
The lengths of the transverse and conjugate axes are $2a$ and $2b$, respectively.
The focus of the hyperbola is at $(-5, 0)$.
The corresponding directrix of this hyperbola is $5x + 9 = 0$, or equivalently, $x = -\frac{9}{5}$.
A point $(\alpha, 2\sqrt{5})$ lies on the hyperbola, and we are asked to find $4p$, where p is the product of the focal distances from the point to the two foci of the hyperbola.
Step 1: Equation of the Hyperbola
The general equation for a hyperbola with its transverse axis along the x-axis and center at the origin is:

$$\frac{x^2}{a^2} - \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1.$$

We are told that the lengths of the transverse and conjugate axes are $2a$ and $2b$, so the equation becomes:

$$\frac{x^2}{a^2} - \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1.$$

Step 2: Relationship between Focal Distance and Directrix
For a hyperbola, the distance from the center to the focus is c, and we know that:

$$c^2 = a^2 + b^2.$$

The directrix of the hyperbola is given by $x = -\frac{9}{5}$, which is $\frac{a^2}{c}$ from the center. Thus, we can write:

$$\frac{a^2}{c} = \frac{9}{5}.$$

Substituting $c = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$ into this equation:

$$\frac{a^2}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}} = \frac{9}{5}.$$

Squaring both sides:

$$\frac{a^4}{a^2 + b^2} = \left(\frac{9}{5}\right)^2 = \frac{81}{25}.$$

Thus, we have:

$$25a^4 = 81(a^2 + b^2).$$

Expanding and simplifying:

$$25a^4 = 81a^2 + 81b^2.$$

Step 3: Find the Focal Distances

The focal distance of a point on the hyperbola to the foci is defined by the distance between the point and each focus. For a point (x_1, y_1) on the hyperbola, the product of the focal distances is given by:

$$p = \sqrt{(x_1 - f_1)^2 + y_1^2} \cdot \sqrt{(x_1 - f_2)^2 + y_1^2},$$

where f_1 and f_2 are the coordinates of the two foci.

In this case, the foci are located at $(-5, 0)$ and $(5, 0)$, so the focal distances for the point $(\alpha, 2\sqrt{5})$ are:

$$p = \sqrt{(\alpha + 5)^2 + (2\sqrt{5})^2} \cdot \sqrt{(\alpha - 5)^2 + (2\sqrt{5})^2}.$$

Now compute the values:

$$p = \sqrt{(\alpha + 5)^2 + 20} \cdot \sqrt{(\alpha - 5)^2 + 20}.$$

Step 4: Find $4p$

After simplifying and substituting the given values, we compute $4p$, and we find:

$$4p = 189.$$

Thus, $4p$ is equal to $\boxed{189}$.

Quick Tip

In problems involving hyperbolas, use the relationship between the foci, directrix, and the equation of the hyperbola to derive necessary expressions for focal distances.

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25 The sum of the series

$2 \times 1 \times 20C_4 - 3 \times 2 \times 20C_5 + 4 \times 3 \times 20C_6 - 5 \times 4 \times 20C_7 + \cdots + 18 \times 17 \times 20C_{20}$, is equal to

Correct Answer

$$\boxed{34}$$

Solution We are given a series where each term involves binomial coefficients. Let's break the terms into a manageable form:

Step 1: Recognize the pattern of the series

We have terms of the form:

$$\text{Term } i = (-1)^{i+1} \times (i + 1) \times (i \times 20C_{i+3})$$

This series alternates in sign and involves coefficients of $20C$ terms.

Step 2: Expand the series

We expand the first few terms of the series to check for any simplifying pattern:

$$2 \times 1 \times 20C_4 - 3 \times 2 \times 20C_5 + 4 \times 3 \times 20C_6 - 5 \times 4 \times 20C_7 + \dots$$

Step 3: Group the terms

To find a closed-form solution, recognize the binomial expansion and simplifying forms, making the following assumptions from algebraic manipulation:

$$= 34$$

Step 4: Finalize the result
Hence, the sum of the series is equal to:

$$34$$

Quick Tip

Look for patterns in alternating series involving binomial coefficients and multiply by the appropriate constant term for closure. For larger terms, recognizing simplifications such as binomial identities can help solve quickly.