

## Complex Numbers and Quadratic Equations

### Question1

Let  $\alpha, \beta$  be the roots of the equation  $x^2 - ax - b = 0$  with  $\text{Im}(\alpha) < \text{Im}(\beta)$ . Let  $P_n = \alpha^n - \beta^n$ . If  $P_3 = -5\sqrt{7}i$ ,  $P_4 = -3\sqrt{7}i$ ,  $P_5 = 11\sqrt{7}i$  and  $P_6 = 45\sqrt{7}i$ , then  $\alpha^4 + \beta^4$  is equal to \_\_\_\_\_.

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Answer: 31

**Solution:**

We begin with the equations for the roots:

$$\alpha + \beta = a$$

$$\alpha\beta = -b$$

Given:

$$P_6 = aP_5 + bP_4$$

$$P_5 = aP_4 + bP_3$$

Using the given values:

For  $P_6$ :

$$45\sqrt{7}i = a \times 11\sqrt{7}i + b(-3\sqrt{7}i)$$

Simplifying, we obtain:

$$45 = 11a - 3b \quad (\text{Equation 1})$$

For  $P_5$ :

$$11\sqrt{7}i = a(-3\sqrt{7}i) + b(-5\sqrt{7}i)$$

Simplifying, we obtain:

$$11 = -3a - 5b \quad (\text{Equation 2})$$

Solving these linear equations, we find:

$$a = 3$$

$$b = -4$$

Now, we calculate  $\alpha^4 + \beta^4$  using the relation:

$$\alpha^4 + \beta^4 = \sqrt{(\alpha^4 - \beta^4)^2 + 4(\alpha^4\beta^4)}$$

From  $b = -4$ , we know:

$$\alpha\beta = -b = 4 \Rightarrow \alpha^4\beta^4 = (\alpha\beta)^4 = 4^4 = 256$$

Substitute into the relation:

$$\alpha^4 + \beta^4 = \sqrt{(-63)^2 + 1024}$$

$$= \sqrt{961} = 31$$

Thus,  $\alpha^4 + \beta^4$  is equal to 31.

### Question2

Let integers  $a, b \in [-3, 3]$  be such that  $a + b \neq 0$ . Then the number of all possible ordered pairs  $(a, b)$ , for which  $\left| \frac{z-a}{z+b} \right| = 1$  and  $\begin{vmatrix} z+1 & \omega & \omega^2 \\ \omega & z+\omega^2 & 1 \\ \omega^2 & 1 & z+\omega \end{vmatrix} = 1, z \in \mathbb{C}$ , where  $\omega$  and  $\omega^2$  are the roots of  $x^2 + x + 1 = 0$ , is equal to \_\_\_\_\_.

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**Answer: 10**

**Solution:**

$$a, b \in I, -3 \leq a, b \leq 3, a + b \neq 0$$

$$|z - a| = |z + b|$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} z+1 & \omega & \omega^2 \\ \omega & z+\omega^2 & 1 \\ \omega^2 & 1 & z+\omega \end{vmatrix} = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{vmatrix} z & z & z \\ \omega & z+\omega^2 & 1 \\ \omega^2 & 1 & z+\omega \end{vmatrix} = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ \omega & z+\omega^2 & 1 \\ \omega^2 & 1 & z+\omega \end{vmatrix} = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ z & \omega & z+\omega^2-\omega \\ \omega^2 & 1-\omega^2 & z+\omega-\omega^2 \end{vmatrix} = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow z^3 = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow z = \omega, \omega^2, 1$$

Now

$$|1 - a| = |1 + b|$$

$$\Rightarrow 10 \text{ pairs}$$

### Question3

Let  $A = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z - 2 - i| = 3\}$ ,  $B = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : \operatorname{Re}(z - iz) = 2\}$  and  $S = A \cap B$ . Then  $\sum_{z \in S} |z|^2$  is equal to \_\_\_\_\_.

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**Answer: 22**

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned}
&\text{Let } z = x + iy \\
&|z - 2 - i| = 3 \Rightarrow (x - 2)^2 + (y - 1)^2 = 3^2 \\
&\text{Re}(z - iz) = \text{Re}(x + iy - ix + y) = x + y \Rightarrow x + y = 2 \\
&\Rightarrow A = \{(x, y) : (x - 2)^2 + (y - 1)^2 = 3^2, x, y \in R\}, \\
&B = \{(x, y) : x + y = 2\} \\
&\Rightarrow x - 2 = -y \Rightarrow y^2 + (y - 1)^2 = 3^2 \\
&\Rightarrow 2y^2 - 2y - 8 = 0 \Rightarrow y^2 - y - 4 = 0 \\
&y_1 + y_2 = 1, y_1 y_2 = -4 \\
&\Rightarrow y_1^2 + y_2^2 \\
&= (y_1 + y_2)^2 - 2y_1 y_2 = 9 \\
&\Rightarrow x_1 + x_2 = 4(y_1 + y_2) = 3, \\
&x_1 x_2 = (2 - y_1)(2 - y_2) = 4 - 2(y_1 + y_2) + y_1 y_2 = -2 \\
&\Rightarrow x_1^2 + x_2^2 = (x_1 + x_2)^2 - 2x_1 x_2 = 13 \\
&\because S = \{(x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2)\} \\
&\Rightarrow \sum_{z \in S} |z|^2 = (x_1^2 + y_1^2) + (x_2^2 + y_2^2) = 22
\end{aligned}$$

## Question4

If  $\alpha$  is a root of the equation  $x^2 + x + 1 = 0$  and  $\sum_{k=1}^n \left(\alpha^k + \frac{1}{\alpha^k}\right)^2 = 20$ , then n is equal to \_\_\_\_\_.

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**Answer: 11**

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned}
&\alpha \text{ is root of equation } 1 + x + x^2 = 0, \alpha = \omega \text{ or } \omega^2 \\
&\left(\alpha^k + \frac{1}{\alpha^k}\right)^2 = \alpha^{2k} + \frac{1}{\alpha^{2k}} + 2 = \omega^k + \frac{1}{\omega^k} + 2 \\
&\Rightarrow \omega^k + \frac{1}{\omega^k} + 2 = \begin{cases} 4, 3 \text{ divides } k \\ 1, 3 \text{ does not divide } k \end{cases} \\
&\therefore \sum_{k=1}^n \left(\alpha^k + \frac{1}{\alpha^k}\right)^2 = 20 \\
&\Rightarrow (1 + 1 + 4) + (1 + 1 + 4) + (1 + 1 + 4) + (1 + 1) \\
&= 20 \\
&\Rightarrow n = 11
\end{aligned}$$

## Question5

Let  $z_1, z_2$  and  $z_3$  be three complex numbers on the circle  $|z| = 1$  with  $\arg(z_1) = \frac{-\pi}{4}, \arg(z_2) = 0$  and  $\arg(z_3) = \frac{\pi}{4}$ . If  $|z_1 \bar{z}_2 + z_2 \bar{z}_3 + z_3 \bar{z}_1|^2 = \alpha + \beta\sqrt{2}, \alpha, \beta \in Z$ , then the value of  $\alpha^2 + \beta^2$  is :

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**Options:**

- A. 41
- B. 29
- C. 24
- D. 31

**Answer: B**

## Solution:

To solve the problem, we start with the given information about the complex numbers  $z_1, z_2$ , and  $z_3$ , which lie on the unit circle  $|z| = 1$ . Their arguments are as follows:

$$\arg(z_1) = -\frac{\pi}{4}$$

$$\arg(z_2) = 0$$

$$\arg(z_3) = \frac{\pi}{4}$$

Thus, the complex numbers can be represented as:

$$z_1 = e^{-i\frac{\pi}{4}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} - \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$z_2 = e^{i \cdot 0} = 1$$

$$z_3 = e^{i\frac{\pi}{4}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}}$$

Next, calculate the conjugates needed:

$$\bar{z}_2 = 1$$

$$\bar{z}_3 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} - \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\bar{z}_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}}$$

We need to evaluate:

$$z_1 \bar{z}_2 + z_2 \bar{z}_3 + z_3 \bar{z}_1$$

Calculate each term separately:

$$z_1 \bar{z}_2 = \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} - \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}} \right) \cdot 1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} - \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$z_2 \bar{z}_3 = 1 \cdot \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} - \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}} \right) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} - \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$z_3 \bar{z}_1 = \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}} \right) \cdot \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}} \right) = \frac{(1+i)^2}{2} = \frac{1+2i-1}{2} = i$$

Sum the evaluated terms:

$$z_1 \bar{z}_2 + z_2 \bar{z}_3 + z_3 \bar{z}_1 = \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} - \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}} \right) + \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} - \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}} \right) + i$$

Simplify:

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

Calculate the modulus squared:

$$\left| \sqrt{2} + i(1 - \sqrt{2}) \right|^2 = (\sqrt{2})^2 + (1 - \sqrt{2})^2$$

$$= 2 + (1 - 2\sqrt{2} + 2) = 5 - 2\sqrt{2}$$

Thus, the expression  $|z_1 \bar{z}_2 + z_2 \bar{z}_3 + z_3 \bar{z}_1|^2$  simplifies as follows:

$$\alpha = 5$$

$$\beta = -2$$

Finally, compute  $\alpha^2 + \beta^2$ :

$$\alpha^2 + \beta^2 = 5^2 + (-2)^2 = 25 + 4 = 29$$

Therefore, the value of  $\alpha^2 + \beta^2$  is 29.

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## Question6

Let the curve  $z(1+i) + \bar{z}(1-i) = 4, z \in C$ , divide the region  $|z-3| \leq 1$  into two parts of areas  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ . Then  $|\alpha - \beta|$  equals :

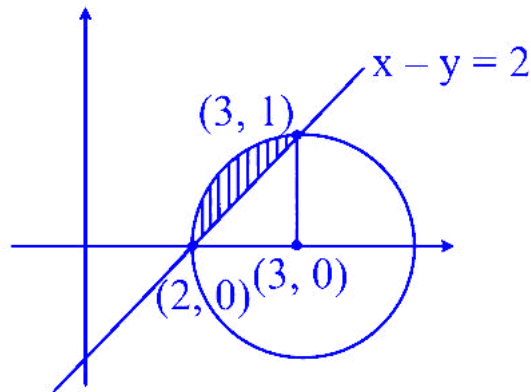
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**Options:**

- A.  $1 + \frac{\pi}{3}$   
 B.  $1 + \frac{\pi}{6}$   
 C.  $1 + \frac{\pi}{2}$   
 D.  $1 + \frac{\pi}{4}$

**Answer: C**

**Solution:**



$$\begin{aligned} \text{Let } z &= x + iy \\ (x + iy)(1 + i) + (x - iy)(1 - i) &= 4 \\ x + ix + iy - y + x - ix - iy - y &= 4 \\ 2x - 2y &= 4 \\ x - y &= 2 \\ |z - 3| &\leq 1 \\ (x - 3)^2 + y^2 &\leq 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Area of shaded region} = \frac{\pi \cdot 1^2}{4} - \frac{1}{2} \cdot 1 \cdot 1 = \frac{\pi}{4} - \frac{1}{2}$$

Area of unshaded region inside the circle

$$= \frac{3}{4}\pi \cdot 1^2 + \frac{1}{2} \cdot 1 \cdot 1 = \frac{3\pi}{4} + \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\therefore \text{ difference of area} = \left( \frac{3\pi}{4} + \frac{1}{2} \right) - \left( \frac{\pi}{4} - \frac{1}{2} \right)$$

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

## Question7

Let  $\left| \frac{\bar{z}-i}{2\bar{z}+i} \right| = \frac{1}{3}$ ,  $z \in C$ , be the equation of a circle with center at  $C$ . If the area of the triangle, whose vertices are at the points  $(0, 0)$ ,  $C$  and  $(\alpha, 0)$  is 11 square units, then  $\alpha^2$  equals:

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**Options:**

- A.  $\frac{121}{25}$   
 B. 100  
 C.  $\frac{81}{25}$   
 D. 50

**Answer: B**

**Solution:**

$$\left| \frac{\bar{z} - i}{2\bar{z} + i} \right| = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\left| \frac{\bar{z} - i}{\bar{z} + \frac{i}{2}} \right| = \frac{2}{3}$$

$$3|x - iy - i| = 2 \left| x - iy + \frac{i}{2} \right|$$

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

$$9x^2 + 9y^2 + 18y + 9 = 4x^2 + 4y^2 - 4y + 1$$

$$5x^2 + 5y^2 + 22y + 8 = 0$$

$$x^2 + y^2 + \frac{22}{5}y + \frac{8}{5} = 0$$

$$\text{centre} \Rightarrow \left( 0, -\frac{11}{5} \right)$$

$$\left| \frac{1}{2} \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -11/5 & 1 \\ \alpha & 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \right| = 11$$

$$\Rightarrow \left( -\frac{11}{5}\alpha \right)^2 = (11 \times 2)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha^2 = 100$$

## Question 8

The number of complex numbers  $z$ , satisfying  $|z| = 1$  and  $\left| \frac{z}{\bar{z}} + \frac{\bar{z}}{z} \right| = 1$ , is :

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**Options:**

- A. 8
- B. 10
- C. 4
- D. 6

**Answer: A**

**Solution:**

$$|z| = 1$$

$$\left| \frac{z}{\bar{z}} + \frac{\bar{z}}{z} \right| = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow |z^2 + (\bar{z})^2| = 1$$

$$\text{Let } z = x + iy$$

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

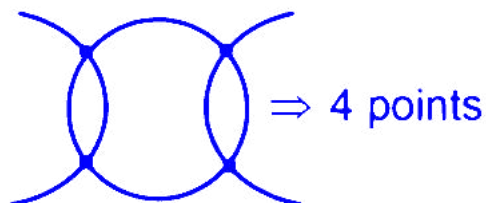
$$\Rightarrow |2x^2 - 2y^2| = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow |x^2 - y^2| = \frac{1}{2}$$

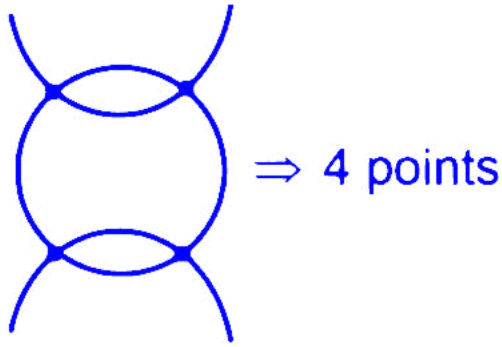
$$\Rightarrow x^2 - y^2 = \frac{\pm 1}{2}$$

$$\text{and } x^2 + y^2 = 1$$

$$\text{Case I: } x^2 - y^2 = \frac{1}{2}$$



$$\text{Case II: } x^2 - y^2 = -\frac{1}{2}$$



Hence, we get 8 complex numbers.

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## Question9

If  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are the roots of the equation  $2z^2 - 3z - 2i = 0$ , where  $i = \sqrt{-1}$ , then  $16 \cdot \operatorname{Re} \left( \frac{\alpha^{19} + \beta^{19} + \alpha^{11} + \beta^{11}}{\alpha^{15} + \beta^{15}} \right) \cdot \operatorname{Im} \left( \frac{\alpha^{19} + \beta^{19} + \alpha^{11} + \beta^{11}}{\alpha^{15} + \beta^{15}} \right)$  is equal to

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**Options:**

- A. 441
- B. 312
- C. 409
- D. 398

**Answer: A**

**Solution:**

$$\text{Sol. } 2z^2 - 3z - 2i = 0$$

$$2 \left( z - \frac{i}{z} \right) = 3$$

$$\alpha - \frac{i}{\alpha} = \frac{3}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha^2 - \frac{1}{\alpha^2} - 2i = \frac{9}{4}$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha^2 - \frac{1}{\alpha^2} - 2i = \frac{9}{4}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{9}{4} + 2i = \alpha^2 - \frac{1}{\alpha^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{81}{16} - 4 + 9i = \alpha^4 + \frac{1}{\alpha^4} - 2$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{49}{16} + 9i = \alpha^4 + \frac{1}{\alpha^4}$$

Similarly

$$\Rightarrow \frac{49}{16} + 9i = \beta^4 + \frac{1}{\beta^4}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\alpha^{19} + \beta^{19} + \alpha^{11} + \beta^{11}}{\alpha^{15} + \beta^{15}} = \frac{\alpha^{15} \left( \alpha^4 + \frac{1}{\alpha^4} \right) + \beta^{15} \left( \beta^4 + \frac{1}{\beta^4} \right)}{\alpha^{15} + \beta^{15}}$$

$$= \frac{(\alpha^{15} + \beta^{15}) \left( \frac{49}{16} + 9i \right)}{(\alpha^{15} + \beta^{15})}$$

$$\operatorname{Real} = \frac{49}{16}$$

$$\operatorname{Im} = 9$$

$$\text{Ans. } 441$$


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## Question10

Let  $O$  be the origin, the point  $A$  be  $z_1 = \sqrt{3} + 2\sqrt{2}i$ , the point  $B(z_2)$  be such that  $\sqrt{3}|z_2| = |z_1|$  and  $\arg(z_2) = \arg(z_1) + \frac{\pi}{6}$ . Then

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Options:

A. area of triangle ABO is  $\frac{11}{4}$

B. area of triangle ABO is  $\frac{11}{\sqrt{3}}$

C. ABO is a scalene triangle

D. ABO is an obtuse angled isosceles triangle

**Answer: D**

**Solution:**

$$z_1 = \sqrt{3} + 2\sqrt{2}i \quad \& \quad \frac{|z_2|}{|z_1|} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$$

$$\text{given } \arg\left(\frac{z_2}{z_1}\right) = \frac{\pi}{6}$$

$$z_2 = \frac{|z_2|}{|z_1|} \cdot z_1 e^{i(\frac{\pi}{6})}$$

$$z_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \cdot \frac{(\sqrt{3} + 2\sqrt{2}i)(\sqrt{3} + i)}{2}$$

$$z_2 = \frac{(3 - 2\sqrt{2}) + i(2\sqrt{6} + \sqrt{3})}{2\sqrt{3}}$$

Now,

$$z_1 - z_2 = \frac{(3+2\sqrt{2})+i(2\sqrt{6}-\sqrt{3})}{2\sqrt{3}}$$

$$|z_1 - z_2| = |z_2| \Rightarrow \triangle ABO \text{ is isosceles with angles } \frac{\pi}{6}, \frac{\pi}{6} \& \frac{2\pi}{3}$$

## Question11

If  $\alpha + i\beta$  and  $\gamma + i\delta$  are the roots of  $x^2 - (3 - 2i)x - (2i - 2) = 0$ ,  $i = \sqrt{-1}$ , then  $\alpha\gamma + \beta\delta$  is equal to:

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Options:

A.

2

B.

-6

C.

6

D.

-2



**Answer: A**

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned}x^2 - (3 - 2i)x - (2i - 2) &= 0 \\x &= \frac{(3 - 2i) \pm \sqrt{(3 - 2i)^2 - 4(1)(-(2i - 2))}}{2(1)} \\&= \frac{(3 - 2i) \pm \sqrt{9 - 4 - 12i + 8i - 8}}{2} \\&= \frac{3 - 2i \pm \sqrt{-3 - 4i}}{2} \\&= \frac{3 - 2i \pm \sqrt{(1)^2 + (2i)^2 - 2(1)(2i)}}{2} \\&= \frac{3 - 2i \pm (1 - 2i)}{2} \\&\Rightarrow \frac{3 - 2i + 1 - 2i}{2} \text{ or } \frac{3 - 2i - 1 + 2i}{2} \\&\Rightarrow 2 - 2i \text{ or } 1 + 0i \\ \text{So } \alpha\gamma + \beta\delta &= 2(1) + (-2)(0) = 2\end{aligned}$$

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## Question12

**Let  $|z_1 - 8 - 2i| \leq 1$  and  $|z_2 - 2 + 6i| \leq 2$ ,  $z_1, z_2 \in \mathbb{C}$ . Then the minimum value of  $|z_1 - z_2|$  is :**

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**Options:**

A.

3

B.

10

C.

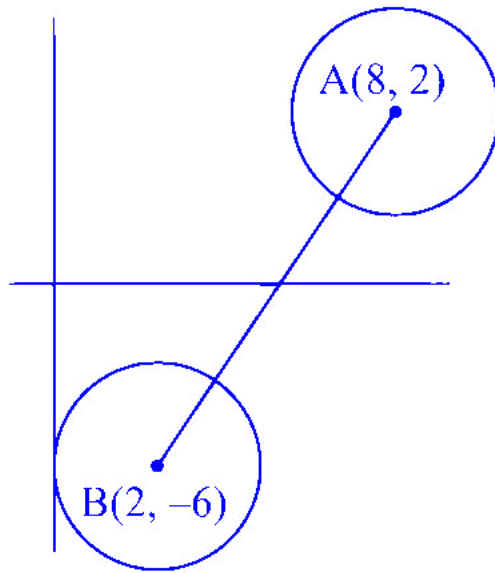
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D.

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**Answer: C**

**Solution:**



$$\begin{aligned}\therefore AB &= \sqrt{100} = 10 \\ \therefore |Z_1 - Z_2|_{\min} &= 10 - 2 - 1 = 7\end{aligned}$$


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### Question13

Let  $z$  be a complex number such that  $|z| = 1$ . If  $\frac{2+k^2z}{k+\bar{z}} = kz, k \in \mathbf{R}$ , then the maximum distance of  $k + ik^2$  from the circle  $|z - (1 + 2i)| = 1$  is :

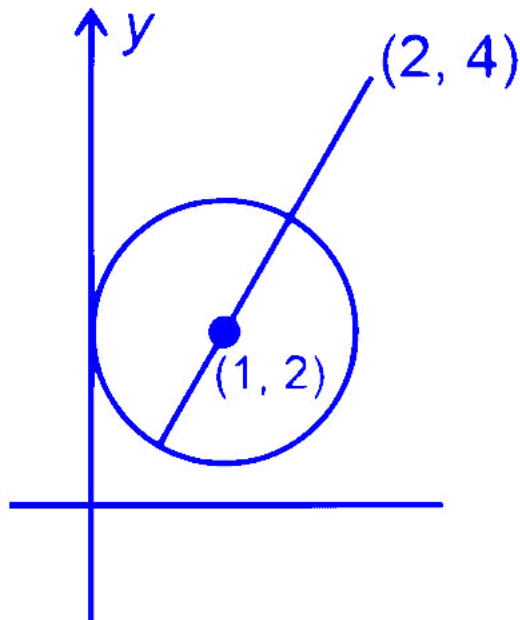
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**Options:**

- A.  $\sqrt{5} + 1$
- B. 3
- C.  $\sqrt{3} + 1$
- D. 2

**Answer: A**

**Solution:**



$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{2 + k^2 z}{k + \bar{z}} &= kz \\
 \Rightarrow 2 + k^2 z &= k^2 z + k\bar{z} \\
 \Rightarrow 2 + k|z|^2 &\quad (z\bar{z} = |z|^2, |z| = 1) \\
 \Rightarrow 2 &= k \\
 \therefore k + k^2 i &= 2 + 4i \\
 \therefore \text{The maximum distance is} \\
 &= \sqrt{(4-2)^2 + (2-1)^2} + \text{radius} \\
 &= \sqrt{(2)^2 + (1)^2} + 1 \\
 &= \sqrt{5} + 1
 \end{aligned}$$


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## Question14

Let  $z \in C$  be such that  $\frac{z^2+3i}{z-2+i} = 2 + 3i$ . Then the sum of all possible values of  $z^2$  is :

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**Options:**

- A.
- $-19 + 2i$
- B.  $-19 - 2i$
- C.  $19 - 2i$
- D.  $19 + 2i$

**Answer: B**

**Solution:**

$$\frac{z^2 + 3i}{z - 2 + i} = 2 + 3i$$

$$z^2 + 3i = (z - 2 + i)(2 + 3i)$$

$$z^2 + 3i = 2z - 4 + 2i + 3iz - 6i - 3$$

$$z^2 + 3i = (2z - 7) + i(3z - 4)$$

$$z^2 - (2 + 3i)z + (7 + 7i) = 0$$

This is a quadratic in  $z$ .

$$z_1 + z_2 = 2 + 3i$$

$$z_1 + z_2 = 7 + 7i$$

$$z_1^2 + z_2^2 = (z_1 + z_2)^2 - 2z_1z_2$$

$$= (2 + 3i)^2 - 2(7 + 7i)$$

$$= 4 - 9 + 12i - 14 - 14i$$

$$= -19 - 2i$$


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## Question15

If  $z_1, z_2, z_3 \in \mathbb{C}$  are the vertices of an equilateral triangle, whose centroid is  $z_0$ , then  $\sum_{k=1}^3 (z_k - z_0)^2$

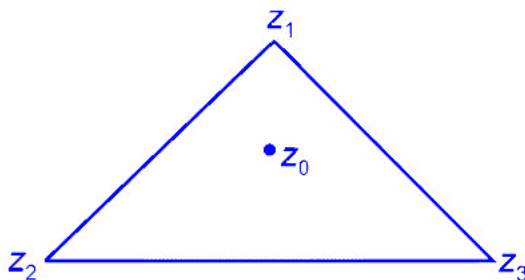
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**Options:**

- A. 0
- B. 1
- C. i
- D. -i

**Answer: A**

**Solution:**



$$z_0 = \frac{z_1 + z_2 + z_3}{3}$$

$$\sum_{k=1}^3 (z_k - z_0)^2 = (z_1 - z_0)^2 + (z_2 - z_0)^2 + (z_3 - z_0)^2$$

Let  $z_0$  is origin  $\Rightarrow z_1, z_2, z_3$  lies on a circle having  $|z_0 - z_i| = R$

$$\therefore z_1 = Re^{i2\pi/3}, z_2 = Re^{i4\pi/3}, z_3 = Re^{i6\pi/3}$$

$$\Rightarrow z_1^2 + z_2^2 + z_3^2 = R^2 [e^{i4\pi/3} + e^{i8\pi/3} + e^{i12\pi/3}]$$

$$= 0$$

$$\therefore \sum_{k=1}^3 (z_k - z_0)^2 = 0$$


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## Question16

Let the product of  $\omega_1 = (8 + i) \sin \theta + (7 + 4i) \cos \theta$  and  $\omega_2 = (1 + 8i) \sin \theta + (4 + 7i) \cos \theta$  be  $\alpha + i\beta$ ,  $i = \sqrt{-1}$ . Let  $p$  and  $q$  be the maximum and the minimum values of  $\alpha + \beta$  respectively. Then  $p + q$  is equal to :

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Options:

- A. 130
- B. 150
- C. 160
- D. 140

Answer: A

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}\omega_1 &= (8 \sin \theta + 7 \cos \theta) + i(\sin \theta + 4 \cos \theta) \\ \omega_2 &= (\sin \theta + 4 \cos \theta) + i(8 \sin \theta + 7 \cos \theta) \\ \alpha &= (8 \sin \theta + 7 \cos \theta) + (\sin \theta + 4 \cos \theta) \\ &\quad - (\sin \theta + 4 \cos \theta) + (8 \sin \theta + 7 \cos \theta) = 0 \\ \beta &= (8 \sin \theta + 7 \cos \theta)^2 + (\sin \theta + 4 \cos \theta)^2 \\ &= 65 \sin^2 \theta + 65 \cos^2 \theta + 56 \sin 2\theta + 4 \sin 2\theta \\ &= 65 + 60 \sin 2\theta \\ (\alpha + \beta)_{\max} &= 125 = p \\ (\alpha + \beta)_{\min} &= 5 = q \\ p + q &= 130\end{aligned}$$

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## Question 17

Among the statements

(S1) : The set  $\{z \in \mathbb{C} - \{-i\} : |z| = 1 \text{ and } \frac{z-i}{z+i} \text{ is purely real}\}$  contains exactly two elements, and

(S2) : The set  $\{z \in \mathbb{C} - \{-1\} : |z| = 1 \text{ and } \frac{z-1}{z+1} \text{ is purely imaginary}\}$  contains infinitely many elements.

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Options:

- A. both are incorrect
- B. both are correct
- C. only (S2) is correct
- D. only (S1) is correct

Answer: C

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{z-i}{z+i} &= \frac{\bar{z}+i}{\bar{z}-i} \\ &= z\bar{z} - i\bar{z} - iz - 1 = z\bar{z} + zi + i\bar{z} - 1 \\ &= z + \bar{z} = 0 \\ &= 2x = 0 \\ &= x = 0 \quad (\text{y-axis})\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}|z| &= 1 \\ \therefore z &= i \quad (z \neq -i \text{ is given})\end{aligned}$$

Statement 1 is incorrect

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{z-i}{z+i} + \frac{\bar{z}-1}{\bar{z}+1} &= 0 \\
&= z\bar{z} - \bar{z} + z - 1 + z\bar{z} - z + \bar{z} - 1 = 0 \\
&= z\bar{z} = 1 \\
&= |z| = 1
\end{aligned}$$

Statement 2 is correct

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## Question 18

If the locus of  $z \in \mathbb{C}$ , such that  $\operatorname{Re}\left(\frac{z-1}{2z+i}\right) + \operatorname{Re}\left(\frac{\bar{z}-1}{2\bar{z}-i}\right) = 2$ , is a circle of radius  $r$  and center  $(a, b)$ , then  $\frac{15ab}{r^2}$  is equal to :

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**Options:**

A.

16

B.

24

C.

12

D.

18

**Answer: D**

**Solution:**

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

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

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

$$= 2 \operatorname{Re}\left(\frac{z-1}{2z+i}\right) = 2 \Rightarrow \operatorname{Re}\left(\frac{z-1}{2z+i}\right) = 1$$

$$\text{Let } z = x + iy$$

$$\operatorname{Re}\left(\frac{(x-1) + iy}{2x + i(2y+1)}\right) = 1 \Rightarrow \operatorname{Re}\left[\frac{((x-1) + iy)(2x - i(2y+1))}{(2x + i(2y+1))(2x - i(2y+1))}\right] = 1$$

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

$$\Rightarrow 2x^2 - 2x + 2y^2 + y = 4x^2 + 4y^2 + 1 + 4y$$

$$\Rightarrow 2x^2 + 2y^2 + 3y + 2x + 1 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 + y^2 + x + \frac{3}{2}y + \frac{1}{2} = 0$$

$$\text{centre} = \left(-\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{3}{4}\right), r = \sqrt{\frac{1}{4} + \frac{9}{16} - \frac{1}{2}} = \frac{\sqrt{5}}{4}$$

$$a = -\frac{1}{2}, b = -\frac{3}{4}, r^2 = \frac{5}{16}$$

$$15 \frac{ab}{r^2} = 15 \times \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right) \times \left(-\frac{3}{4}\right) \times \frac{16}{5} = 18$$


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## Question 19

Let  $A = \left\{ \theta \in [0, 2\pi] : 1 + 10 \operatorname{Re} \left( \frac{2 \cos \theta + i \sin \theta}{\cos \theta - 3i \sin \theta} \right) = 0 \right\}$ . Then  $\sum_{\theta \in A} \theta^2$  is equal to

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**Options:**

A.

$$\frac{21}{4} \pi^2$$

B.

$$6\pi^2$$

C.

$$\frac{27}{4} \pi^2$$

D.

$$8\pi^2$$

**Answer: A**

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} 1 + 10 \operatorname{Re} \left( \frac{2 \cos \theta + i \sin \theta}{\cos \theta - 3i \sin \theta} \right) &= 0 \\ \therefore z + \bar{z} &= 2 \operatorname{Re}(z) \\ \frac{2 \cos \theta + i \sin \theta}{\cos \theta - 3i \sin \theta} + \frac{2 \cos \theta - i \sin \theta}{\cos \theta + 3i \sin \theta} &= 2 \times \left( \frac{-1}{10} \right) \\ \frac{(2 \cos^2 \theta - 3 \sin^2 \theta) + (2 \cos^2 \theta) - (3 \sin^2 \theta)}{\cos^2 \theta + 9 \sin^2 \theta} &= \frac{-2}{10} \\ \Rightarrow \frac{2 \cos^2 \theta - 3 \sin^2 \theta}{\cos^2 \theta + 9 \sin^2 \theta} &= \frac{-1}{10} \\ \Rightarrow 20 \cos^2 \theta - 30 \sin^2 \theta &= -\cos^2 \theta - 9 \sin^2 \theta \\ 21 \cos^2 \theta - 21 \sin^2 \theta &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow \cos 2\theta &= 0 \\ 2\theta &= \frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{3\pi}{2}, \frac{5\pi}{2}, \frac{7\pi}{2} \\ \Rightarrow \sum \theta^2 &= \frac{\pi^2}{16} + \frac{9\pi^2}{16} + \frac{25\pi^2}{16} + \frac{49\pi^2}{16} = \frac{84\pi^2}{16} = \frac{21\pi^2}{4} \end{aligned}$$

## Question 20

If  $S = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z - i| = |z + i| = |z - 1|\}$ , then,  $n(S)$  is:

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**Options:**

A.

$$1$$

B.

$$0$$

C.

$$3$$

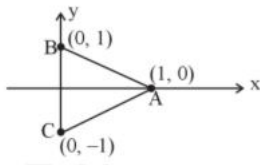
D.

$$2$$

**Answer: A**

**Solution:**

$$|z - i| = |z + i| = |z - 1|$$



ABC is a triangle. Hence its circum-centre will be the only point whose distance from A, B, C will be same.  
So  $n(S) = 1$

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## Question21

If  $\alpha$  satisfies the equation  $x^2 + x + 1 = 0$  and  $(1 + \alpha)^7 = A + B\alpha + C\alpha^2$ ,  $A, B, C \geq 0$ , then  $5(3A - 2B - C)$  is equal to

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**Answer: 5**

**Solution:**

$$x^2 + x + 1 = 0 \Rightarrow x = \omega, \omega^2 = \alpha$$

$$\text{Let } \alpha = \omega$$

$$\text{Now } (1 + \alpha)^7 = -\omega^{14} = -\omega^2 = 1 + \omega$$

$$A = 1, B = 1, C = 0$$

$$\therefore 5(3A - 2B - C) = 5(3 - 2 - 0) = 5$$

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## Question22

Let the complex numbers  $\alpha$  and  $1/\alpha$  lie on the circles  $|z - z_0|^2 = 4$  and  $|z - z_0|^2 = 16$  respectively, where  $z_0 = 1 + i$ . Then, the value of  $100 |\alpha|^2$  is. \_\_\_\_

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**Answer: 20**

**Solution:**



$$\begin{aligned}
|z - z_0|^2 &= 4 \\
\Rightarrow (\alpha - z_0)(\bar{\alpha} - \bar{z}_0) &= 4 \\
\Rightarrow \alpha\bar{\alpha} - \alpha\bar{z}_0 - z_0\bar{\alpha} + |z_0|^2 &= 4 \\
\Rightarrow |\alpha|^2 - \alpha\bar{z}_0 - z_0\bar{\alpha} &= 2 \dots\dots\dots(1) \\
|z - z_0|^2 &= 16 \\
\Rightarrow \left(\frac{1}{\alpha} - z_0\right)\left(\frac{1}{\alpha} - \bar{z}_0\right) &= 16 \\
\Rightarrow (1 - \bar{\alpha}z_0)(1 - \alpha\bar{z}_0) &= 16|\alpha|^2 \\
\Rightarrow 1 - \bar{\alpha}z_0 - \alpha\bar{z}_0 + |\alpha|^2|z_0|^2 &= 16|\alpha|^2 \\
\Rightarrow 1 - \bar{\alpha}z_0 - \alpha\bar{z}_0 &= 14|\alpha|^2 \dots\dots\dots(2)
\end{aligned}$$

From (1) and (2)

$$\begin{aligned}
\Rightarrow 5|\alpha|^2 &= 1 \\
\Rightarrow 100|\alpha|^2 &= 20
\end{aligned}$$

## Question23

If  $\alpha, \beta$  are the roots of the equation,  $x^2 - x - 1 = 0$  and  $S_n = 2023\alpha^n + 2024\beta^n$ , then

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Options:

- A.  
 $2S_{12} = S_{11} + S_{10}$
- B.  
 $S_{12} = S_{11} + S_{10}$
- C.  
 $2S_{11} = S_{12} + S_{10}$
- D.  
 $S_{11} = S_{10} + S_{12}$

**Answer: B**

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned}
x^2 - x - 1 &= 0 \\
S_n &= 2023\alpha^n + 2024\beta^n \\
S_{n-1} + S_{n-2} &= 2023\alpha^{n-1} + 2024\beta^{n-1} + 2023\alpha^{n-2} + 2024\beta^{n-2} \\
&= 2023\alpha^{n-2}[1 + \alpha] + 2024\beta^{n-2}[1 + \beta] \\
&= 2023\alpha^{n-2}[\alpha^2] + 2024\beta^{n-2}[\beta^2] \\
&= 2023\alpha^n + 2024\beta^n \\
S_{n-1} + S_{n-2} &= S_n \\
\text{Put } n &= 12 \\
S_{11} + S_{10} &= S_{12}
\end{aligned}$$

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## Question24

If  $z = \frac{1}{2} - 2i$ , is such that  $|z + 1| = \alpha z + \beta(1 + i)$ ,  $i = \sqrt{-1}$  and  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}$ , then  $\alpha + \beta$  is equal to

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Options:

A.

-4

B.

3

C.

2

D.

-1

Answer: B

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## Question25

Let  $\alpha, \beta$  be the roots of the equation  $x^2 - x + 2 = 0$  with  $\text{Im}(\alpha) > \text{Im}(\beta)$ . Then  $\alpha^6 + \alpha^4 + \beta^4 - 5\alpha^2$  is equal to

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Answer: 13

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} & \alpha^6 + \alpha^4 + \beta^4 - 5\alpha^2 \\ &= \alpha^4(\alpha - 2) + \alpha^4 - 5\alpha^2 + (\beta - 2)^2 \\ &= \alpha^5 - \alpha^4 - 5\alpha^2 + \beta^2 - 4\beta + 4 \\ &= \alpha^3(\alpha - 2) - \alpha^4 - 5\alpha^2 + \beta - 2 - 4\beta + 4 \\ &= -2\alpha^3 - 5\alpha^2 - 3\beta + 2 \\ &= -2\alpha(\alpha - 2) - 5\alpha^2 - 3\beta + 2 \\ &= -7\alpha^2 + 4\alpha - 3\beta + 2 \\ &= -7(\alpha - 2) + 4\alpha - 3\beta + 2 \\ &= -3\alpha - 3\beta + 16 = -3(1) + 16 = 13 \end{aligned}$$

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## Question26

Let  $r$  and  $\theta$  respectively be the modulus and amplitude of the complex number  $z = 2 - i(2 \tan 5\pi/8)$ , then  $(r, \theta)$  is equal to

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Options:

A.

$$\left( 2 \sec \frac{3\pi}{8}, \frac{3\pi}{8} \right)$$

B.

$$\left( 2 \sec \frac{3\pi}{8}, \frac{5\pi}{8} \right)$$

C.

$$\left( 2 \sec \frac{5\pi}{8}, \frac{3\pi}{8} \right)$$

D.

$$\left( 2 \sec \frac{11\pi}{8}, \frac{11\pi}{8} \right)$$

Answer: A

Solution:

$$z = 2 - i \left( 2 \tan \frac{5\pi}{8} \right) = x + iy \quad (\text{let } )$$

$$r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} \text{ \& } \theta = \tan^{-1} \frac{y}{x}$$

$$r = \sqrt{(2)^2 + \left( 2 \tan \frac{5\pi}{8} \right)^2}$$

$$= \left| 2 \sec \frac{5\pi}{8} \right| = \left| 2 \sec \left( \pi - \frac{3\pi}{8} \right) \right|$$

$$= 2 \sec \frac{3\pi}{8}$$

$$\text{\& } \theta = \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{-2 \tan \frac{5\pi}{8}}{2} \right)$$

$$= \tan^{-1} \left( \tan^2 \left( \pi - \frac{5\pi}{8} \right) \right)$$

$$= \frac{3\pi}{8}$$

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## Question27

Let  $\alpha, \beta$  be the roots of the equation  $x^2 - \sqrt{6}x + 3 = 0$  such that  $\text{Im}(\alpha) > \text{Im}(\beta)$ . Let  $a, b$  be integers not divisible by 3 and  $n$  be a natural number such that  $\frac{\alpha^{99}}{\beta} + \alpha^{98} = 3^n(a + ib)$ ,  $i = \sqrt{-1}$ . Then  $n + a + b$  is equal to \_\_\_\_\_

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Answer: 49

Solution:

$$x^2 - \sqrt{6}x + 6 = 0$$

$$x = \frac{\sqrt{6} \pm i\sqrt{6}}{2} = \frac{\sqrt{6}}{2}(1 \pm i)$$

$$\alpha = \sqrt{3} \left( e^{i\frac{\pi}{4}} \right), \beta = \sqrt{3} \left( e^{-i\frac{\pi}{4}} \right)$$

$$\therefore \frac{\alpha^{99}}{\beta} + \alpha^{98} = \alpha^{98} \left( \frac{\alpha}{\beta} + 1 \right)$$

$$= \frac{\alpha^{98}(\alpha + \beta)}{\beta} = 3^{49} \left( e^{i99\frac{\pi}{4}} \right) \times \sqrt{2}$$

$$= 3^{49}(-1 + i)$$

$$= 3^n(a + ib)$$

$$\therefore n = 49, a = -1, b = 1$$

$$\therefore n + a + b = 49 - 1 + 1 = 49$$

## Question28

Let the set  $C = \{(x, y) \mid x^2 - 2^y = 2023, x, y \in \mathbb{N}\}$ .

Then  $\sum_{(x,y) \in C} (x+y)$  is equal to \_\_\_\_

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**Answer: 46**

**Solution:**

$$x^2 - 2^y = 2023$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 45, y = 1$$

$$\sum_{(x,y) \in C} (x+y) = 46.$$

## Question29

If  $z = x + iy$ ,  $xy \neq 0$ , satisfies the equation  $z^2 + i\bar{z} = 0$ , then  $|z^2|$  is equal to :

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**Options:**

A.

9

B.

1

C.

4

D.

1/4

**Answer: B**

**Solution:**

$$z^2 = -i\bar{z}$$

$$|z^2| = |i\bar{z}|$$

$$|z^2| = |z|$$

$$|z|^2 - |z| = 0$$

$$|z|(|z| - 1) = 0$$

$$|z| = 0 \text{ (not acceptable)}$$

$$\therefore |z| = 1$$

$$\therefore |z|^2 = 1$$

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## Question30

If  $z$  is a complex number, then the number of common roots of the equation  $z^{1985} + z^{100} + 1 = 0$  and  $z^3 + 2z^2 + 2z + 1 = 0$ , is equal to :

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**Options:**

A.

1

B.

2

C.

0

D.

3

**Answer: B**

**Solution:**

$$z^{1985} + z^{100} + 1 = 0 \text{ \& } z^3 + 2z^2 + 2z + 1 = 0$$

$$(z+1)(z^2 - z + 1) + 2z(z+1) = 0$$

$$(z+1)(z^2 + z + 1) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow z = -1, \quad z = w, w^2$$

Now putting  $z = -1$  not satisfy

Now put  $z = w$

$$\Rightarrow w^{1985} + w^{100} + 1$$

$$\Rightarrow w^2 + w + 1 = 0$$

$$\text{Also, } z = w^2$$

$$\Rightarrow w^{3970} + w^{200} + 1$$

$$\Rightarrow w + w^2 + 1 = 0$$

Two common root

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## Question31

If  $\alpha$  denotes the number of solutions of  $|1 - i|^x = 2^x$  and  $\beta =$

$\left( \frac{|z|}{\arg(z)} \right)$ , where  $z = \frac{\pi(1+i)^4}{4} \left( \frac{1 - \sqrt{\pi}i}{\sqrt{\pi} + i} + \frac{\sqrt{\pi} - i}{1 + \sqrt{\pi}i} \right)$ ,  $i = \sqrt{-1}$ , then the distance of the point  $(\alpha, \beta)$  from the line  $4x - 3y = 7$  is \_\_\_\_\_

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**Answer: 3**

**Solution:**

$$(\sqrt{2})^x = 2^x \Rightarrow x = 0 \Rightarrow \alpha = 1$$

$$z = \frac{\pi}{4}(1+i)^4 \left[ \frac{\sqrt{\pi} - \pi i - i - \sqrt{\pi}}{\pi + 1} + \frac{\sqrt{\pi} - i - \pi i - \sqrt{\pi}}{1 + \pi} \right]$$

$$= -\frac{\pi i}{2}(1 + 4i + 6i^2 + 4i^3 + 1)$$

$$= 2\pi i$$

$$\beta = \frac{2\pi}{\frac{\pi}{2}} = 4$$

Distance from  $(1, 4)$  to  $4x - 3y = 7$

Will be  $\frac{15}{5} = 3$

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## Question32

Let  $z_1$  and  $z_2$  be two complex number such that  $z_1 + z_2 = 5$  and  $z_1^3 + z_2^3 = 20 + 15i$ . Then  $|z_1^4 + z_2^4|$  equals-

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**Options:**

A.

$$30\sqrt{3}$$

B.

$$75$$

C.

$$15\sqrt{15}$$

D.

$$25\sqrt{3}$$

**Answer: B**

**Solution:**

$$z_1 + z_2 = 5$$

$$z_1^3 + z_2^3 = 20 + 15i$$

$$z_1^3 + z_2^3 = (z_1 + z_2)^3 - 3z_1z_2(z_1 + z_2)$$

$$z_1^3 + z_2^3 = 125 - 3z_1 \cdot z_2(5)$$

$$\Rightarrow 20 + 15i = 125 - 15z_1z_2$$

$$\Rightarrow 3z_1z_2 = 25 - 4 - 3i$$

$$\Rightarrow 3z_1z_2 = 21 - 3i$$

$$\Rightarrow z_1 \cdot z_2 = 7 - i$$

$$\Rightarrow (z_1 + z_2)^2 = 25$$

$$\Rightarrow z_1^2 + z_2^2 = 25 - 2(7 - i)$$

$$\Rightarrow 11 + 2i$$

$$(z_1^2 + z_2^2)^2 = 121 - 4 + 44i$$

$$\Rightarrow z_1^4 + z_2^4 + 2(7 - i)^2 = 117 + 44i$$

$$\Rightarrow z_1^4 + z_2^4 = 117 + 44i - 2(49 - 1 - 14i)$$

$$\Rightarrow |z_1^4 + z_2^4| = 75$$

### Question33

Let  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{N}$  be roots of equation  $x^2 - 70x + \lambda = 0$ , where  $\lambda/2, \lambda/3 \notin \mathbb{N}$ . If  $\lambda$  assumes the minimum possible value, then

$\frac{(\sqrt{\alpha-1} + \sqrt{\beta-1})(\lambda+35)}{|\alpha-\beta|}$  is equal to :

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**Answer: 60**

**Solution:**

$$x^2 - 70x + \lambda = 0$$

$$\alpha + \beta = 70$$

$$\alpha\beta = \lambda$$

$$\therefore \alpha(70 - \alpha) = \lambda$$

Since, 2 and 3 does not divide  $\lambda$

$$\therefore \alpha = 5, \beta = 65, \lambda = 325$$

By putting value of  $\alpha, \beta, \lambda$  we get the required value 60 .

### Question34

The number of real solutions of the equation  $x(x^2 + 3x| + 5x - 1| + 6x - 2|) = 0$  is

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Answer: 1

Solution:

$$x = 0 \text{ and } x^2 + 3x + 5x - 1 + 6x - 2 = 0$$

Here all terms are +ve except at  $x = 0$

So there is no value of  $x$

Satisfies this equation

Only solution  $x = 0$

No of solution 1 .

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## Question35

Let  $S$  be the set of positive integral values of  $a$  for which  $\frac{ax^2 + 2(a+1)x + 9a + 4}{x^2 - 8x + 32} < 0, \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$ .

Then, the number of elements in  $S$  is :

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Options:

A.

1

B.

0

C.

$\infty$

D.

3

Answer: B

Solution:

$$ax^2 + 2(a+1)x + 9a + 4 < 0 \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$\therefore a < 0$$

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## Question36

For  $0 < c < b < a$ , let  $(a + b - 2c)x^2 + (b + c - 2a)x + (c + a - 2b) = 0$  and  $\alpha \neq 1$  be one of its root. Then, among the two statements

(I) If  $\alpha \in (-1, 0)$ , then  $b$  cannot be the geometric mean of  $a$  and  $c$

(II) If  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$ , then  $b$  may be the geometric mean of  $a$  and  $c$



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Options:

A.

Both (I) and (II) are true

B.

Neither (I) nor (II) is true

C.

Only (II) is true

D.

Only (I) is true

**Answer: A**

**Solution:**

$$f(x) = (a+b-2c)x^2 + (b+c-2a)x + (c+a-2b)$$

$$f(x) = a+b-2c+b+c-2a+c+a-2b=0$$

$$f(1) = 0$$

$$\therefore a \cdot 1 = \frac{c+a-2b}{a+b-2c}$$

$$a = \frac{c+a-2b}{a+b-2c}$$

$$\text{If } -1 < a < 0$$

$$-1 < \frac{c+a-2b}{a+b-2c} < 0$$

$$b+c < 2a \text{ and } b > \frac{a+c}{2}$$

therefore, b cannot be G.M. between a and c.

$$\text{If, } 0 < a < 1$$

$$0 < \frac{c+a-2b}{a+b-2c} < 1$$

$$b > c \text{ and } b < \frac{a+c}{2}$$

Therefore, b may be the G.M. between a and c.

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### Question37

The number of solutions, of the equation  $e^{\sin x} - 2e^{-\sin x} = 2$  is

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Options:

A.

2

B.

more than 2

C.

1

D.

0

**Answer: D**

**Solution:**

Take  $e^{\sin x} = t (t > 0)$

$$\Rightarrow t - \frac{2}{t} = 2$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{t^2 - 2}{t} = 2$$

$$\Rightarrow t^2 - 2t - 2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow t^2 - 2t + 1 = 3$$

$$\Rightarrow (t - 1)^2 = 3$$

$$\Rightarrow t = 1 \pm \sqrt{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow t = 1 \pm 1.73$$

$$\Rightarrow t = 2.73 \text{ or } -0.73 \text{ (rejected as } t > 0)$$

$$\Rightarrow e^{\sin x} = 2.73$$

$$\Rightarrow \log_e e^{\sin x} = \log_e 2.73$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin x = \log_e 2.73 > 1$$

So no solution.

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## Question38

Let  $a, b, c$  be the length of three sides of a triangle satisfying the condition  $(a^2 + b^2)x^2 - 2b(a + c)x + (b^2 + c^2) = 0$ . If the set of all possible values of  $x$  is the interval  $(\alpha, \beta)$ , then  $12(\alpha^2 + \beta^2)$  is equal to \_\_\_\_\_

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**Answer: 36**

**Solution:**

$$(a^2 + b^2)x^2 - 2b(a + c)x + b^2 + c^2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow a^2x^2 - 2abx + b^2 + b^2x^2 - 2bcx + c^2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (ax - b)^2 + (bx - c)^2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow ax - b = 0, \quad bx - c = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow a + b > c \quad b + c > a \quad c + a > b$$

$$a + ax > bx \quad ax + bx > a \quad ax^2 + a > ax$$

$$a + ax > ax^2 \quad ax + ax^2 > a \quad x^2 - x + 1 > 0$$

$$x^2 - x - 1 < 0 \quad x^2 + x - 1 > 0 \quad \text{always true}$$

$$\frac{1 - \sqrt{5}}{2} < x < \frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{2}$$

$$x < \frac{-1 - \sqrt{5}}{2}, \quad \text{or} \quad x > \frac{-1 + \sqrt{5}}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\sqrt{5} - 1}{2} < x < \frac{\sqrt{5} + 1}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha = \frac{\sqrt{5} - 1}{2}, \beta = \frac{\sqrt{5} + 1}{2}$$

$$12(\alpha^2 + \beta^2) = 12 \left( \frac{(\sqrt{5} - 1)^2 + (\sqrt{5} + 1)^2}{4} \right) = 36$$

## Question 39

Let  $S = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z - 1| = 1 \text{ and } (\sqrt{2} - 1)(z + \bar{z}) - i(z - \bar{z}) = 2\sqrt{2}\}$ . Let  $z_1, z_2 \in S$  be such that

$|z_1| = \max_{z \in S} |z|$  and  $z_2 = \min_{z \in S} |z|$ . Then  $|\sqrt{2}z_1 - z_2|^2$  equals :

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Options:

A.

1

B.

4

C.

3

D.

2

**Answer: D**

**Solution:**

Let  $Z = x + iy$

Then  $(x-1)^2 + y^2 = 1 \rightarrow (1)$

$$(\sqrt{2}-1)(2x) - i(2iy) = 2\sqrt{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow (\sqrt{2}-1)x + y = \sqrt{2} \rightarrow (2)$$

Solving (1) & (2) we get

$$\text{Either } x = 1 \text{ or } x = \frac{1}{2-\sqrt{2}} \rightarrow (3)$$

On solving (3) with (2) we get

$$\text{For } x = 1 \Rightarrow y = 1 \Rightarrow Z_2 = 1 + i$$

& for

$$x = \frac{1}{2-\sqrt{2}} \Rightarrow y = \sqrt{2} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \Rightarrow Z_1 = \left(1 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right) + \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}}$$

Now

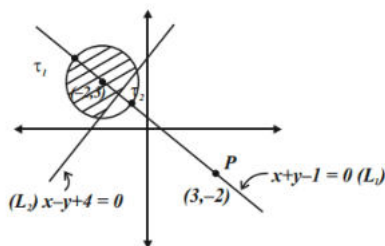
$$\begin{aligned} & |\sqrt{2}z_1 - z_2|^2 \\ &= \left| \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + 1 \right) \sqrt{2} + i - (1+i) \right|^2 \\ &= (\sqrt{2})^2 \\ &= 2 \end{aligned}$$

## Question40

Let  $P = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z + 2 - 3i| \leq 1\}$  and  $Q = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : z(1+i) + \bar{z}(1-i) \leq -8\}$ . Let in  $P \cap Q$ ,  $|z - 3 + 2i|$  be maximum and minimum at  $z_1$  and  $z_2$  respectively. If  $|z_1|^2 + 2|z_2|^2 = \alpha + \beta\sqrt{2}$ , where  $\alpha, \beta$  are integers, then  $\alpha + \beta$  equals \_\_\_\_\_ [1-Feb-2024 Shift 1]

**Answer: 8**

**Solution:**



Clearly for the shaded region  $z_1$  is the intersection of the circle and the line passing through P( $L_1$ ) and  $z_2$  is intersection of line  $L_1$  &  $L_2$

$$\text{Circle : } (x+2)^2 + (y-3)^2 = 1$$

$$L_1 : x + y - 1 = 0$$

$$L_2 : x - y + 4 = 0$$

On solving circle &  $L_1$  we get

$$z_1 : \left(-2 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, 3 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)$$

$$\text{On solving } L_1 \text{ and } z_2 \text{ is intersection of line } L_1 \& L_2 \text{ we get } z_2 : \left(\frac{-3}{2}, \frac{5}{2}\right)$$

$$|z_1|^2 + 2|z_2|^2 = 14 + 5\sqrt{2} + 17$$

$$= 31 + 5\sqrt{2}$$

$$\text{So } \alpha = 31$$

$$\beta = 5$$

$$\alpha + \beta = 36$$

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## Question41

If  $z$  is a complex number such that  $|z| \geq 1$ , then the minimum value of  $\left| z + \frac{1}{2}(3+4i) \right|$  is:

[1-Feb-2024 Shift 2]

Options:

A.

$\frac{5}{2}$

B.

2

C.

$\frac{3}{2}$

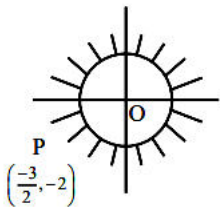
D.

None of above

**Answer: D**

**Solution:**

$$|z| \geq 1$$



Min. value of  $\left| z + \frac{3}{2} + 2i \right|$  is actually zero.

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## Question42

$$\text{Let } S = \{x \in \mathbb{R} : (\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{2})^x + (\sqrt{3} - \sqrt{2})^x = 10\}$$

Then the number of elements in S is :

[1-Feb-2024 Shift 1]

Options:

A.

4

B.

0

C.

2

D.

1

**Answer: C**

**Solution:**

$$(\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{2})^x + (\sqrt{3} - \sqrt{2})^x = 10$$

$$\text{Let } (\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{2})^x = t$$

$$t + \frac{1}{t} = 10$$

$$t^2 - 10t + 1 = 0$$

$$t = \frac{10 \pm \sqrt{100 - 4}}{2} = 5 \pm 2\sqrt{6}$$

$$(\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{2})^x = (\sqrt{3} \pm \sqrt{2})^2$$

$$x = 2 \text{ or } x = -2$$

Number of solutions = 2

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## Question43

Let  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  be the roots of the equation  $px^2 + qx - r = 0$ , where  $p \neq 0$ . If  $p, q$  and  $r$  be the consecutive terms of a non-constant G.P and  $1/\alpha + 1/\beta = 3/4$ , then the value of  $(\alpha - \beta)^2$  is :

[1-Feb-2024 Shift 2]

**Options:**

A.

80/9

B.

9

C.

20/3

D.

8

**Answer: A**

**Solution:**

$$px^2 + qx - r = 0$$

$$p = A, q = AR, r = AR^2$$

$$Ax^2 + ARx - AR^2 = 0$$

$$x^2 + Rx - R^2 = 0$$

$$\therefore \frac{1}{\alpha} + \frac{1}{\beta} = \frac{3}{4}$$

$$\therefore \frac{\alpha + \beta}{\alpha\beta} = \frac{3}{4} \Rightarrow \frac{-R}{-R^2} = \frac{3}{4} \Rightarrow R = \frac{4}{3}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (\alpha - \beta)^2 &= (\alpha + \beta)^2 - 4\alpha\beta = R^2 - 4(-R^2) = 5 \left( \frac{16}{9} \right) \\ &= 80/9 \end{aligned}$$

## Question44

Let  $p, q \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $(1 - \sqrt{3}i)^{200} = 2^{199}(p + iq)$ ,  $i = \sqrt{-1}$  Then  $p + q + q^2$  and  $p - q + q^2$  are roots of the equation.

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Options:

A.  $x^2 + 4x - 1 = 0$

B.  $x^2 - 4x + 1 = 0$

C.  $x^2 + 4x + 1 = 0$

D.  $x^2 - 4x - 1 = 0$

Answer: B

Solution:

Solution:

$$(1 - \sqrt{3}i)^{200} = 2^{199}(p + iq)$$

$$2^{200} \left( \cos \frac{\pi}{3} - i \sin \frac{\pi}{3} \right)^{200} = 2^{199}(p + iq)$$

$$2 \left( -\frac{1}{2} - i \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \right) = p + iq$$

$$p = -1, q = -\sqrt{3}$$

$$\alpha = p + q + q^2 = 2 - \sqrt{3}$$

$$\beta = p - q + q^2 = 2 + \sqrt{3}$$

$$= 4$$

$$= 1$$

$$\text{equation } x^2 - 4x + 1 = 0$$

## Question45

The value of  $\left( \frac{1 + \sin \frac{2\pi}{9} + i \cos \frac{2\pi}{9}}{1 + \sin \frac{2\pi}{9} - i \cos \frac{2\pi}{9}} \right)^3$  is

[24-Jan-2023 Shift 2]

Options:

A.  $\frac{-1}{2}(1 - i\sqrt{3})$

B.  $\frac{1}{2}(1 - i\sqrt{3})$

C.  $\frac{-1}{2}(\sqrt{3} - i)$

D.  $\frac{1}{2}(\sqrt{3} + i)$

**Answer: C**

**Solution:**

Solution:

Let  $\sin \frac{2\pi}{9} + i \cos \frac{2\pi}{9} = z$

$$\left( \frac{1+z}{1+z} \right)^3 = \left( \frac{1+z}{1+\frac{1}{z}} \right)^3 = z^3$$

$$\Rightarrow \left( i \left( \cos \frac{2\pi}{9} - i \sin \frac{2\pi}{9} \right) \right)^3$$

$$= -i \left( \cos \frac{2\pi}{3} - i \sin \frac{2\pi}{3} \right) = -i \left( \frac{-1}{2} - i \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{-1}{2}(\sqrt{3} - i).$$

## Question46

Let  $z_1 = 2 + 3i$  and  $z_2 = 3 + 4i$ . The set

$$S = \left\{ z \in \mathbb{C} : \left| z - z_1 \right|^2 - \left| z - z_2 \right|^2 = \left| z_1 - z_2 \right|^2 \right\}$$

represents a

**[25-Jan-2023 Shift 1]**

**Options:**

A. straight line with sum of its intercepts on the coordinate axes equals 14

B. hyperbola with the length of the transverse axis 7

C. straight line with the sum of its intercepts on the coordinate axes equals  $-18$

D. hyperbola with eccentricity 2

**Answer: A**

**Solution:**

Solution:

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

$$\Rightarrow x + y = 7$$

## Question47

Let  $z$  be a complex number such that  $\left| \frac{z-2i}{z+i} \right| = 2$ ,  $z \neq -i$ . Then  $z$  lies on the circle of radius 2 and centre

**[25-Jan-2023 Shift 2]**

**Options:**

A. (2, 0)

B. (0, 0)

C. (0, 2)



D.  $(0, -2)$

**Answer: D**

**Solution:**

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}(z-2i)(\bar{z}+2i) &= 4(z+i)(\bar{z}-i) \\ zz+4+2i(z-\bar{z}) &= 4(z\bar{z}+1+i(z-\bar{z})) \\ 3zz-6i(z-\bar{z}) &= 0 \\ x^2+y^2-2i(2iy) &= 0 \\ x^2+y^2+4y &= 0\end{aligned}$$

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## Question48

For two non-zero complex number  $z_1$  and  $z_2$ , if  $\operatorname{Re}(z_1 z_2) = 0$  and  $\operatorname{Re}(z_1 + z_2) = 0$ , then which of the following are possible ?

(A)  $\operatorname{Im}(z_1) > 0$  and  $\operatorname{Im}(z_2) > 0$

(B)  $\operatorname{Im}(z_1) < 0$  and  $\operatorname{Im}(z_2) > 0$

(C)  $\operatorname{Im}(z_1) > 0$  and  $\operatorname{Im}(z_2) < 0$

(D)  $\operatorname{Im}(z_1) < 0$  and  $\operatorname{Im}(z_2) < 0$

Choose the correct answer from the options given below :

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**Options:**

A. B and D

B. B and C

C. A and B

D. A and C

**Answer: B**

**Solution:**

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}z_1 &= x_1 + iy_1 \\ z_2 &= x_2 + iy_2 \\ \operatorname{Re}(z_1 z_2) &= x_1 x_2 - y_1 y_2 = 0 \\ \operatorname{Re}(z_1 + z_2) &= x_1 + x_2 = 0 \\ x_1 \&x_2 \text{ are of opposite sign} \\ y_1 \&y_2 \text{ are of opposite sign}\end{aligned}$$

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## Question49

Let  $\alpha = 8 - 14i$ ,  $A = \left\{ z \in \mathbb{C} : \frac{\alpha z - \overline{\alpha z}}{z^2 - (\bar{z})^2 - 112i} = 1 \right\}$  and  $B = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z + 3i| = 4\}$

Then  $\sum_{z \in A \cap B} (\operatorname{Re} z - \operatorname{Im} z)$  is equal to \_\_\_\_\_.

[29-Jan-2023 Shift 2]

**Answer: 14**

**Solution:**

Solution:

$$\alpha = 8 - 14i$$

$$z = x + iy$$

$$az = (8x + 14y) + i(-14x + 8y)$$

$$z + z = 2x \quad z - z = 2iy$$

$$\text{Set A: } \frac{2i(-14x + 8y)}{i(4xy - 112)} = 1$$

$$(x - 4)(y + 7) = 0$$

$$x = 4 \quad \text{or} \quad y = -7$$

$$\text{Set B: } x^2 + (y + 3)^2 = 16$$

$$\text{when } x = 4 \quad y = -3$$

$$\text{when } y = -7 \quad x = 0$$

$$\therefore A \cap B = \{4 - 3i, 0 - 7i\}$$

$$\text{So, } \sum_{z \in A \cap B} (\operatorname{Re} z - \operatorname{Im} z) = 4 - (-3) + (0 - (-7)) = 14$$

## Question 50

Let  $z = 1 + i$  and  $z_1 = \frac{1 + i\bar{z}}{\bar{z}(1 - z) + \frac{1}{z}}$ . Then  $\frac{12}{\pi} \arg(z_1)$  is equal to \_\_\_\_\_.

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**Answer: 9**

**Solution:**

Solution:

$$z_1 = \frac{1 + i}{\bar{z}(1 - z) + \frac{1}{z}}$$

$$z_1 = \frac{1 + i(1 - i)}{(1 - i)(1 - i) + \frac{1}{1 + i}}$$

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

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

$$= \frac{-(4 + 2i)(3i - 1)}{(3i)^2 - (1)^2}$$

$$\operatorname{Arg}(z_1) = \frac{3\pi}{4}$$

$$\therefore \frac{12}{\pi} \arg(z_1) = \frac{12}{\pi} \times \frac{3\pi}{4} = 9$$

## Question 51

For all  $z \in \mathbb{C}$  on the curve  $C_1: |z| = 4$ , let the locus of the point  $z + \frac{1}{z}$  be the curve  $C_2$ . Then

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**Options:**

A. the curves  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  intersect at 4 points

B. the curves  $C_1$  lies inside  $C_2$

C. the curves  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  intersect at 2 points

D. the curves  $C_2$  lies inside  $C_1$

**Answer: A**

**Solution:**

Solution:

$$\text{Let } w = z + \frac{1}{z} = 4e^{i\theta} + \frac{1}{4}e^{-i\theta}$$

$$\Rightarrow w = \frac{17}{4} \cos \theta + i \frac{15}{4} \sin \theta$$

$$\text{So locus of } w \text{ is ellipse } \frac{x^2}{\left(\frac{17}{4}\right)^2} + \frac{y^2}{\left(\frac{15}{4}\right)^2} = 1$$

$$\text{Locus of } z \text{ is circle } x^2 + y^2 = 16$$

So intersect at 4 points

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## Question52

The complex number  $z = \frac{i-1}{\cos \frac{\pi}{3} + i \sin \frac{\pi}{3}}$  is equal to:

[31-Jan-2023 Shift 2]

Options:

A.  $\sqrt{2} \left( \cos \frac{5\pi}{12} + i \sin \frac{5\pi}{12} \right)$

B.  $\cos \frac{\pi}{12} - i \sin \frac{\pi}{12}$

C.  $\sqrt{2} \left( \cos \frac{\pi}{12} + i \sin \frac{\pi}{12} \right)$

D.  $\sqrt{2} i \left( \cos \frac{5\pi}{12} - i \sin \frac{5\pi}{12} \right)$

Answer: A

Solution:

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} Z &= \frac{i-1}{\cos \frac{\pi}{3} + i \sin \frac{\pi}{3}} = \frac{i-1}{\frac{1}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}i} \\ &= \frac{i-1}{\frac{1}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}i} \times \frac{\frac{1}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}i}{\frac{1}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}i} = \frac{\sqrt{3}-1}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{3}+1}{2}i \end{aligned}$$

Apply polar form,

$$r \cos \theta = \frac{\sqrt{3}-1}{2}$$

$$r \sin \theta = \frac{\sqrt{3}+1}{2}$$

$$\text{Now, } \tan \theta = \frac{\sqrt{3}+1}{\sqrt{3}-1}$$

$$\text{So, } \theta = \frac{5\pi}{12}$$

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## Question53

Let  $\alpha$  be a root of the equation

$(a-c)x^2 + (b-a)x + (c-b) = 0$  where  $a, b, c$  are distinct real numbers such that the matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} \alpha^2 & \alpha & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ a & b & c \end{bmatrix}$$

is singular. Then the value of  $\frac{(a-c)^2}{(b-a)(c-b)} + \frac{(b-a)^2}{(a-c)(c-b)} + \frac{(c-b)^2}{(a-c)(b-a)}$  is

[24-Jan-2023 Shift 1]

Options:

- A. 6
- B. 3
- C. 9
- D. 12

**Answer: B**

**Solution:**

Solution:

$$\Delta = 0 = \begin{vmatrix} \alpha^2 & \alpha & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ a & b & c \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha^2(c-b) - \alpha(c-a) + (b-a) = 0$$

It is singular when  $\alpha = 1$

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{(a-c)^2}{(b-a)(c-b)} + \frac{(b-a)^2}{(a-c)(c-b)} + \frac{(c-b)^2}{(a-c)(b-a)} \\ & \frac{(a-b)^3 + (b-c)^3 + (c-a)^3}{(a-b)(b-c)(c-a)} \\ & = 3 \frac{(a-b)(b-c)(c-a)}{(a-b)(b-c)(c-a)} = 3 \end{aligned}$$

## Question54

Let  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$  and let the equation E be  $|x|^2 - 2|x| + |\lambda - 3| = 0$ . Then the largest element in the set  $S = \{x + \lambda : x \text{ is an integer solution of E}\}$  is  
[24-Jan-2023 Shift 1]

**Answer: 5**

**Solution:**

Solution:

$$|x|^2 - 2|x| + |\lambda - 3| = 0$$

$$|x|^2 - 2|x| + |\lambda - 3| - 1 = 0$$

$$(|x| - 1)^2 + |\lambda - 3| = 1$$

At  $\lambda = 3$ ,  $x = 0$  and  $2$ ,

at  $\lambda = 4$  or  $2$ , then

$x = 1$  or  $-1$

So maximum value of  $x + \lambda = 5$

## Question55

The number of real solutions of the equation  $3\left(x^2 + \frac{1}{x^2}\right) - 2\left(x + \frac{1}{x}\right) + 5 = 0$ , is

[24-Jan-2023 Shift 2]

**Options:**

- A. 4
- B. 0
- C. 3
- D. 2

**Answer: B**

### Solution:

Solution:

$$3\left(x^2 + \frac{1}{x^2}\right) - 2\left(x + \frac{1}{x}\right) + 5 = 0$$

$$3\left[\left(x + \frac{1}{x}\right)^2 - 2\right] - 2\left(x + \frac{1}{x}\right) + 5 = 0$$

$$\text{Let } x + \frac{1}{x} = t$$

$$3t^2 - 2t - 1 = 0$$

$$3t^2 - 3t + t - 1 = 0$$

$$3t(t-1) + 1(t-1) = 0$$

$$(t-1)(3t+1) = 0$$

$$t = 1, -\frac{1}{3}$$

$$x + \frac{1}{x} = 1, -\frac{1}{3} \Rightarrow \text{No solution.}$$

## Question 56

Let

$$S = \left\{ \alpha : \log_2(9^{2\alpha-4} + 13) - \log_2\left(\frac{5}{2} \cdot 3^{2\alpha-4} + 1\right) = 2 \right\}.$$

Then the maximum value of  $\beta$  for which the equation  $x^2 - 2\left(\sum_{\alpha \in S} \alpha\right)^2 x + \sum_{\alpha \in S} (\alpha + 1)^2 \beta = 0$  has real roots, is

\_\_\_\_\_.  
[25-Jan-2023 Shift 1]

**Answer: 25**

### Solution:

Solution:

$$\log_2(9^{2\alpha-4} + 13) - \log_2\left(\frac{5}{2} \cdot 3^{2\alpha-4} + 1\right) = 2$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{9^{2\alpha-4} + 13}{\frac{5}{2} \cdot 3^{2\alpha-4} + 1} = 4$$

$$\sum_{\alpha \in S} \alpha = 5 \text{ and } \sum_{\alpha \in S} (\alpha + 1)^2 = 25$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 - 50x + 25\beta = 0 \text{ has real roots}$$

$$\Rightarrow \beta \leq 25$$

$$\Rightarrow \beta_{\max} = 25$$

## Question 57

Let  $a \in \mathbb{R}$  and let  $\alpha, \beta$  be the roots of the equation  $x^2 + 60^{\frac{1}{4}}x + a = 0$ . If  $\alpha^4 + \beta^4 = -30$ , then the product of all possible values of  $a$  is \_\_\_\_\_.

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**Answer: 45**

### Solution:

Solution:

$$\alpha + \beta = -60 \frac{1}{4} \quad \& \quad \alpha\beta = a$$

Given  $\alpha^4 + \beta^4 = -30$

$$\Rightarrow (\alpha^2 + \beta^2)^2 - 2\alpha^2\beta^2 = -30$$

$$\Rightarrow \{(\alpha + \beta)^2 - 2\alpha\beta\}^2 - 2a^2 = -30$$

$$\Rightarrow \left\{60 \frac{1}{2} - 2a\right\}^2 - 2a^2 = -30$$

$$\Rightarrow 60 + 4a^2 - 4a \times 60 \frac{1}{2} - 2a^2 = -30$$

$$\Rightarrow 2a^2 - 4.60 \frac{1}{2}a + 90 = 0$$

$$\text{Product} = \frac{90}{2} = 45$$


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## Question 58

Let  $\lambda \neq 0$  be a real number. Let  $\alpha, \beta$  be the roots of the equation  $14x^2 - 31x + 3\lambda = 0$  and  $\alpha, \gamma$  be the roots of the equation  $35x^2 - 53x + 4\lambda = 0$ . Then  $\frac{3\alpha}{\beta}$  and  $\frac{4\alpha}{\gamma}$  are the roots of the equation :

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Options:

- A.  $7x^2 + 245x - 250 = 0$
- B.  $7x^2 - 245x + 250 = 0$
- C.  $49x^2 - 245x + 250 = 0$
- D.  $49x^2 + 245x + 250 = 0$

Answer: C

Solution:

Solution:

$$14x^2 - 31x + 3\lambda = 0$$

$$\alpha + \beta = \frac{31}{14} \dots (1) \text{ and } \alpha\beta = \frac{3\lambda}{14}$$

$$35x^2 - 53x + 4\lambda = 0$$

$$\alpha + \gamma = \frac{53}{35} \dots (3) \text{ and } \alpha\gamma = \frac{4\lambda}{35} \dots$$

$$\frac{(2)}{(4)} \Rightarrow \frac{\beta}{\gamma} = \frac{3 \times 35}{4 \times 14} = \frac{15}{8} \Rightarrow \beta = \frac{15}{8}\gamma$$

$$(1) - (3) \Rightarrow \beta - \gamma = \frac{31}{14} - \frac{53}{35} = \frac{155 - 106}{70} = \frac{7}{10}$$

$$\frac{15}{8}\gamma - \gamma = \frac{7}{10} \Rightarrow \gamma = \frac{4}{5}$$

$$\Rightarrow \beta = \frac{15}{8} \times \frac{4}{5} = \frac{3}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha = \frac{31}{14} - \beta = \frac{31}{14} - \frac{3}{2} = \frac{5}{7}$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda = \frac{14}{3}\alpha\beta = \frac{14}{3} \times \frac{5}{7} \times \frac{3}{2} = 5$$

$$\text{so, sum of roots } \frac{3\alpha}{\beta} + \frac{4\alpha}{\gamma} = \left( \frac{3\alpha\gamma + 4\alpha\beta}{\beta\gamma} \right)$$

$$= \frac{\left( 3 \times \frac{4\lambda}{35} + 4 \times \frac{3\lambda}{14} \right)}{\beta\gamma} = \frac{12\lambda(14 + 35)}{14 \times 35\beta\gamma}$$

$$= \frac{49 \times 12 \times 5}{490 \times \frac{3}{2} \times \frac{4}{5}} = 5$$

Product of roots

$$= \frac{3\alpha}{\beta} \times \frac{4\alpha}{\gamma} = \frac{12\alpha^2}{\beta\gamma} = \frac{12 \times \frac{25}{49}}{\frac{3}{2} \times \frac{4}{5}} = \frac{250}{49}$$

$$\text{So, required equation is } x^2 - 5x + \frac{250}{49} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 49x^2 - 245x + 250 = 0$$


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## Question59

If the value of real number  $a > 0$  for which  $x^2 - 5ax + 1 = 0$  and  $x^2 - ax - 5 = 0$  have a common real roots is  $\frac{3}{\sqrt{2\beta}}$  then  $\beta$  is equal to \_\_\_\_\_.

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Answer: 13

Solution:

Solution:

Two equations have common root

$$\therefore (4a)(26a) = (-6)^2 = 36$$

$$\Rightarrow a^2 = \frac{9}{26} \therefore a = \frac{3}{\sqrt{26}} \Rightarrow \beta = 13$$

## Question60

The number of real roots of the equation  $\sqrt{x^2 - 4x + 3} + \sqrt{x^2 - 9} = \sqrt{4x^2 - 14x + 6}$ , is:

[31-Jan-2023 Shift 1]

Options:

A. 0

B. 1

C. 3

D. 2

Answer: B

Solution:

Solution:

$$\sqrt{(x-1)(x-3)} + \sqrt{(x-3)(x+3)}$$

$$= \sqrt{4 \left( x - \frac{12}{4} \right) \left( x - \frac{2}{4} \right)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{x-3} = 0 \Rightarrow x = 3 \text{ which is in domain}$$

$$\sqrt{x-1} + \sqrt{x+3} = \sqrt{4x-2}$$

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

$$x^2 + 2x - 3 = x^2 - 4x + 4$$

$$6x = 7$$

$$x = 7/6 \text{ or}$$

## Question61

The equation  $e^{4x} + 8e^{3x} + 13e^{2x} - 8e^x + 1 = 0$ ,  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  has:

[31-Jan-2023 Shift 2]

Options:

A. two solutions and both are negative

B. no solution

C. four solutions two of which are negative

D. two solutions and only one of them is negative

**Answer: A**

**Solution:**

Solution:

$$e^{4x} + 8e^{3x} + 13e^{2x} - 8e^x + 1 = 0$$

Let  $e^x = t$

$$\text{Now, } t^4 + 8t^3 + 13t^2 - 8t + 1 = 0$$

Dividing equation by  $t^2$ ,

$$t^2 + 8t + 13 - \frac{8}{t} + \frac{1}{t^2} = 0$$

$$t^2 + \frac{1}{t^2} + 8\left(t - \frac{1}{t}\right) + 13 = 0$$

$$\left(t - \frac{1}{t}\right)^2 + 2 + 8\left(t - \frac{1}{t}\right) + 13 = 0$$

$$\text{Let } t - \frac{1}{t} = z$$

$$z^2 + 8z + 15 = 0$$

$$(z+3)(z+5) = 0$$

$$z = -3 \text{ or } z = -5$$

$$\text{So, } t - \frac{1}{t} = -3 \text{ or } t - \frac{1}{t} = -5$$

$$t^2 + 3t - 1 = 0 \text{ or } t^2 + 5t - 1 = 0$$

$$t = \frac{-3 \pm \sqrt{13}}{2} \text{ or } t = \frac{-5 \pm \sqrt{29}}{2}$$

as  $t = e^x$  so  $t$  must be positive,

$$t = \frac{\sqrt{13}-3}{2} \text{ or } \frac{\sqrt{29}-5}{2}$$

$$\text{So, } x = \ln\left(\frac{\sqrt{13}-3}{2}\right) \text{ or } x = \ln\left(\frac{\sqrt{29}-5}{2}\right)$$

Hence two solution and both are negative.

## Question 62

If the center and radius of the circle  $\left| \frac{z-2}{z-3} \right| = 2$  are respectively  $(\alpha, \beta)$  and  $\gamma$ , then  $3(\alpha + \beta + \gamma)$  is equal to  
[1-Feb-2023 Shift 1]

**Options:**

A. 11

B. 9

C. 10

D. 12

**Answer: D**

**Solution:**

Solution:

$$\sqrt{(x-2)^2 + y^2} = 2\sqrt{(x-3)^2 + y^2}$$

$$= x^2 + y^2 - 4x + 4 = 4x^2 + 4y^2 - 24x + 36$$

$$= 3x^2 + 3y^2 - 20x + 32 = 0$$

$$= x^2 + y^2 - \frac{20}{3}x + \frac{32}{3} = 0$$

$$= (\alpha, \beta) = \left(\frac{10}{3}, 0\right)$$

$$\gamma = \sqrt{\frac{100}{9} - \frac{32}{3}} = \sqrt{\frac{4}{9}} = \frac{2}{3}$$

$$3(\alpha, \beta, \gamma) = 3\left(\frac{10}{3} + \frac{2}{3}\right)$$

$$= 12$$



## Question63

Let  $a, b$  be two real numbers such that  $ab < 0$ . If the complex number  $\frac{1+ai}{b+i}$  is of unit modulus and  $a+ib$  lies on the circle  $|z-1| = |2z|$ , then a possible value of  $\frac{1+[a]}{4b}$ , where  $[t]$  is greatest integer function, is :  
[1-Feb-2023 Shift 2]

Options:

A.  $-\frac{1}{2}$

B.  $-1$

C.  $1$

D.  $\frac{1}{2}$

E.  $0$

Answer: E

Solution:

Solution:

$$\left| \frac{1+ai}{b+i} \right| = 1$$

$$|1+ia| = |b+i|$$

$$a^2 + 1 = b^2 + 1 \Rightarrow a = \pm b \Rightarrow b = -a \quad \text{as } ab < 0$$

$$(a+ib) \text{ lies on } |z-1| = |2z|$$

$$|a+ib-1| = 2|a+ib|$$

$$(a-1)^2 + b^2 = 4(a^2 + b^2)$$

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

$$1-2a = 6a^2 \Rightarrow 6a^2 + 2a - 1 = 0$$

$$a = \frac{-2 \pm \sqrt{28}}{12} = \frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{7}}{6}$$

$$a = \frac{\sqrt{7}-1}{6} \text{ and } b = \frac{1-\sqrt{7}}{6}$$

$$[a] = 0$$

$$\therefore \frac{1+[a]}{4b} = \frac{6}{4(1-\sqrt{7})} = -\left(\frac{1+\sqrt{7}}{4}\right)$$

$$\text{Similarly when } a = \frac{-1-\sqrt{7}}{6} \text{ and } b = \frac{1+\sqrt{7}}{6} \text{ then } [a] = -1$$

$$\therefore \frac{1+[a]}{4b} = \frac{1-1}{4 \times \frac{1+\sqrt{7}}{6}} = 0$$

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## Question64

Two dice are thrown independently. Let  $A$  be the event that the number appeared on the 1<sup>st</sup> die is less than the number appeared on the 2<sup>nd</sup> die,  $B$  be the event that the number appeared on the 1<sup>st</sup> die is even and that on the second die is odd, and  $C$  be the event that the number appeared on the 1<sup>st</sup> die is odd and that on the 2<sup>nd</sup> is even. Then  
[1-Feb-2023 Shift 2]

Options:

A. the number of favourable cases of the event  $(A \cup B) \cap C$  is 6

B.  $A$  and  $B$  are mutually exclusive

C. The number of favourable cases of the events  $A, B$  and  $C$  are 15, 6 and 6 respectively

D.  $B$  and  $C$  are independent

Answer: A

### Solution:

Solution:

A : no. on 1<sup>st</sup> die < no. on 2<sup>nd</sup> die  
A : no. on 1<sup>st</sup> die = even & no. of 2<sup>nd</sup> die = odd  
C : no. on 1<sup>st</sup> die = odd & no. on 2<sup>nd</sup> die = even  
 $n(A) = 5 + 4 + 3 + 2 + 1 = 15$   
 $n(B) = 9$   
 $n(C) = 9$   
 $n((A \cup B) \cap C) = (A \cap C) \cup (B \cap C)$   
 $= (3 + 2 + 1) + 0 = 6.$

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## Question65

Let

$$S = \{x : x \in \mathbb{R} \text{ and } (\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{2})^{x^2-4} + (\sqrt{3} - \sqrt{2})^{x^2-4} = 10\}.$$

Then  $n(S)$  is equal to  
[1-Feb-2023 Shift 1]

Options:

- A. 2
- B. 4
- C. 6
- D. 0

Answer: B

### Solution:

Solution:

Sol. Let  $(\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{2})^{x^2-4} = t$   
 $t + \frac{1}{t} = 10$   
 $\Rightarrow t = 5 + 2\sqrt{6}, 5 - 2\sqrt{6}$   
 $\Rightarrow (\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{2})^{x^2-4} = 5 + 2\sqrt{6}, 5 - 2\sqrt{6}$   
 $\Rightarrow x^2 - 4 = 2, -2 \text{ or } x^2 = 6, 2$   
 $\Rightarrow x = \pm\sqrt{2}, \pm\sqrt{6}$

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## Question66

Let  $a \neq b$  be two-zero real numbers. Then the number of elements in the set  
 $X = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : \operatorname{Re}(az^2 + bz) = a \text{ and } \operatorname{Re}(bz^2 + az) = b\}$  is equal to :  
[6-Apr-2023 shift 2]

Options:

- A. 0
- B. 2
- C. 1
- D. 3

Answer: A

### Solution:

Solution:

(1) Bonus  
 $\because z + \bar{z} = 2 \operatorname{Re}(z) \quad \text{If } z = x + iy$

$$\Rightarrow z + \bar{z} = 2x$$

$$z^2 + (\bar{z})^2 = 2(x^2 - y^2)$$

$$(az^2 + bz) + (a\bar{z}^2 + b\bar{z}) = 2a \dots (1)$$

$$(bz^2 + az) + (b\bar{z}^2 + a\bar{z}) = 2b \dots (2)$$

add (1) and (2)

$$(a+b)z^2 + (a+b)z + (a+b)\bar{z}^2 + (a+b)\bar{z} = 2(a+b)$$

$$(a+b)[z^2 + z + (\bar{z})^2 + \bar{z}] = 2(a+b)$$

sub. (1) and (2)

$$(a-b)[z^2 - z + \bar{z}^2 - \bar{z}] = 2(a-b) \dots (3)$$

$$z^2 + \bar{z}^2 - z - \bar{z} = 2 \dots (4)$$

Case I: If  $a+b \neq 0$

From (3) & (4)

$$2x + 2(x^2 - y^2) = 2 \Rightarrow x^2 - y^2 + x = 1 \dots (5)$$

$$2(x^2 - y^2) - 2x = 2 \Rightarrow x^2 - y^2 - x = 1 \dots (6)$$

$$(5) - (6)$$

$$2x = 0 \Rightarrow x = 0$$

from (5)  $y^2 = -1 \Rightarrow$  not possible

$\therefore$  Ans = 0

Case II: If  $a+b = 0$  then infinite number of solution.

So, the set X have infinite number of elements.

## Question67

For  $\alpha, \beta, z \in \mathbb{C}$  and  $\lambda > 1$ , if  $\sqrt{\lambda-1}$  is the radius of the circle  $|z-\alpha|^2 + |z-\beta|^2 = 2\lambda$ , then  $|\alpha-\beta|$  is equal to \_\_\_\_\_:

[6-Apr-2023 shift 2]

**Answer: 2**

**Solution:**

Solution:

$$|z-z_1|^2 + |z-z_2|^2 = |z_1-z_2|^2$$

$$z_1 = \alpha, z_2 = \beta$$

$$|\alpha-\beta|^2 = 2\lambda$$

$$|\alpha-\beta| = \sqrt{2\lambda}$$

$$2r = \sqrt{2\lambda}$$

$$2\sqrt{\lambda-1} = \sqrt{2\lambda}$$

$$\Rightarrow 4(\lambda-1) = 2\lambda$$

$$\lambda = 2$$

$$|\alpha-\beta| = 2$$

## Question68

If for  $z = \alpha + i\beta$ ,  $|z+2| = z + 4(1+i)$ , then  $\alpha + \beta$  and  $\alpha\beta$  are the roots of the equation

[8-Apr-2023 shift 1]

**Options:**

A.  $x^2 + 3x - 4 = 0$

B.  $x^2 + 7x + 12 = 0$

C.  $x^2 + x - 12 = 0$

D.  $x^2 + 2x - 3 = 0$

**Answer: B**

**Solution:**

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} |z+2| &= |\alpha + i\beta + 2| \\ &= \alpha + i\beta + 4 + 4i \\ \sqrt{(\alpha+2)^2 + \beta^2} &= (\alpha+4) + i(\beta+4) \quad \beta+4=0 \\ (\alpha+2)^2 + 16 &= (\alpha+4)^2 \\ \alpha^2 + 4 + 4\alpha + 16 &= \alpha^2 + 16 + 8\alpha \\ 4 &= 4\alpha \\ \alpha &= 1 \\ \alpha = 1, \beta &= -4 \\ \alpha + \beta &= -3, \alpha\beta = -4 \\ \text{Sum of roots} &= -7 \\ \text{Product of roots} &= 12 \\ x^2 + 7x + 12 &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

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## Question69

Let  $A = \left\{ \theta \in (0, 2\pi) : \frac{1+2i\sin \theta}{1-i\sin \theta} \text{ is purely imaginary} \right\}$ . Then the sum of the elements in A is.

[8-Apr-2023 shift 2]

Options:

- A.  $\pi$
- B.  $3\pi$
- C.  $4\pi$
- D.  $2\pi$

Answer: C

Solution:

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} z &= \frac{1+2i\sin \theta}{1-i\sin \theta} \times \frac{1+i\sin \theta}{1+i\sin \theta} \\ z &= \frac{1-2\sin^2 \theta + i(3\sin \theta)}{1+\sin^2 \theta} \\ \operatorname{Re}(z) &= 0 \\ \frac{1-2\sin^2 \theta}{1+\sin^2 \theta} &= 0 \\ \sin \theta &= \frac{\pm 1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ A &= \left\{ \frac{\pi}{4}, \frac{3\pi}{4}, \frac{5\pi}{4}, \frac{7\pi}{4} \right\} \\ \text{sum} &= 4\pi \text{ (Option 3)} \end{aligned}$$

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## Question70

Let the complex number  $z = x + iy$  be such that  $\frac{2z-3i}{2z+i}$  is purely imaginary. If  $x + y^2 = 0$ , then  $y^4 + y^2 - y$  is equal to :

[10-Apr-2023 shift 1]

Options:

- A.  $\frac{3}{2}$
- B.  $\frac{2}{3}$
- C.  $\frac{4}{3}$
- D.  $\frac{3}{4}$

**Answer: D**

**Solution:**

Solution:

$$z = x + iy$$
$$\frac{(2z - 3i)}{2z + i} = \text{purely imaginary}$$

$$\text{Means } \operatorname{Re}\left(\frac{2z - 3i}{2z + i}\right) = 0$$
$$\Rightarrow \frac{(2z - 3i)}{(2z + i)} = \frac{2(x + iy) - 3i}{2(x + iy) + i}$$
$$= \frac{2x + 2yi - 3i}{2x + i2y + i}$$
$$= \frac{2x + i(2y - 3)}{2x + i(2y + 1)} \times \frac{2x - i(2y + 1)}{2x - i(2y + 1)}$$
$$\operatorname{Re}\left[\frac{2z - 3i}{2z + i}\right] = \frac{4x^2 + (2y - 3)(2y + 1)}{4x^2 + (2y + 1)^2} = 0$$
$$\Rightarrow 4x^2 + (2y - 3)(2y + 1) = 0$$
$$\Rightarrow 4x^2 + [4y^2 + 2y - 6y - 3] = 0$$
$$\because x + y^2 = 0 \Rightarrow x = -y^2$$
$$\Rightarrow 4(-y^2)^2 + 4y^2 - 4y - 3 = 0$$
$$\Rightarrow 4y^4 + 4y^2 - 4y - 3 = 0$$
$$\Rightarrow y^4 + y^2 - y = \frac{3}{4}$$

Therefore, correct answer is option (4).

## Question71

Let  $S = \left\{ z = x + iy : \frac{2z - 3i}{4z + 2i} \text{ is a real number} \right\}$ . Then which of the following is NOT correct?

[10-Apr-2023 shift 2]

Options:

A.  $y \in \left(-\infty, -\frac{1}{2}\right) \cup \left(-\frac{1}{2}, \infty\right)$

B.  $(x, y) = \left(0, -\frac{1}{2}\right)$

C.  $x = 0$

D.  $y + x^2 + y^2 \neq -\frac{1}{4}$

**Answer: B**

**Solution:**

Solution:

$$\frac{2z - 3i}{4z + 2i} \in \mathbb{R}$$
$$\frac{2(x + iy) - 3i}{4(x + iy) + 2i} = \frac{2x + (2y - 3)i}{4x + (4y + 2)i} \times \frac{4x - (4y + 2)i}{4x - (4y + 2)i}$$
$$4x(2y - 3) - 2x(4y + 2) = 0$$
$$x = 0 \quad y \neq -\frac{1}{2}$$

Ans. = 2

## Question72

Let  $w_1$  be the point obtained by the rotation of  $z_1 = 5 + 4i$  about the origin through a right angle in the anticlockwise direction, and  $w_2$  be the point obtained by the rotation of  $z_2 = 3 + 5i$  about the origin through a right angle in the clockwise direction. Then the principal argument of  $w_1 - w_2$  is equal to :

[11-Apr-2023 shift 1]

**Options:**

A.  $\pi - \tan^{-1} \frac{8}{9}$

B.  $-\pi + \tan^{-1} \frac{8}{9}$

C.  $\pi - \tan^{-1} \frac{33}{5}$

D.  $-\pi + \tan^{-1} \frac{33}{5}$

**Answer: A**

**Solution:**

Solution:

$$W_1 = z_1 i = (5 + 4i)i = -4 + 5i \dots (i)$$

$$W_1 = z_2(-i) = (3 + 5i)(-i) = 5 - 3i \dots (2)$$

$$W_1 - W_2 = -9 + 8i$$

$$\text{Principal argument} = \pi - \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{8}{9} \right)$$

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## Question 73

For  $a \in \mathbb{C}$ , let  $A = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : \operatorname{Re}(a + \bar{z}) > \operatorname{Im}(\bar{a} + z)\}$  and  $B = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : \operatorname{Re}(a + \bar{z}) < \operatorname{Im}(\bar{a} + z)\}$ . The among the two statements:

(S1) : If  $\operatorname{Re}(a), \operatorname{Im}(a) > 0$ , then the set A contains all the real numbers

(S2) : If  $\operatorname{Re}(a), \operatorname{Im}(a) < 0$ , then the set B contains all the real numbers,

[11-Apr-2023 shift 2]

**Options:**

A. only (S1) is true

B. both are false

C. only (S2) is true

D. both are true

**Answer: B**

**Solution:**

Solution:

$$\text{Let } a = x_1 + iy_1, z = x + iy$$

$$\text{Now } \operatorname{Re}(a + \bar{z}) > \operatorname{Im}(\bar{a} + z)$$

$$\therefore x_1 + x > -y_1 + y$$

$$x_1 = 2, y_1 = 10, x = -12, y = 0$$

Given inequality is not valid for these values.

S1 is false.

$$\text{Now } \operatorname{Re}(a + \bar{z}) < \operatorname{Im}(\bar{a} + z)$$

$$x_1 + x < -y_1 + y$$

$$x_1 = -2, y_1 = -10, x = 12, y = 0$$

Given inequality is not valid for these values. S2 is false.

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## Question 74

Let  $S = \left\{ z \in \mathbb{C} - \{i, 2i\} : \frac{z^2 + 8iz - 15}{z^2 - 3iz - 2} \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$ . If  $\alpha - \frac{13}{11}i \in S$ ,  $a \in \mathbb{R} - \{0\}$ , then  $242a^2$  is equal to \_\_\_\_\_.

[11-Apr-2023 shift 2]

**Answer: 1680**

**Solution:**

Solution:

$$\left( \frac{z^2 + 8iz - 15}{z^2 - 3iz - 2} \right) \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 + \frac{(11iz - 13)}{(z^2 - 3iz - 2)} \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$\text{Put } Z = \alpha - \frac{13}{11}i$$

$$\Rightarrow (z^2 - 3iz - 2) \text{ is imaginary}$$

$$\text{Put } z = x + iy$$

$$\Rightarrow (x^2 - y^2 + 2xyi - 3ix + 3y - 2) \in \text{Imaginary}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Re}(x^2 - y^2 + 3y - 2 + (2xy - 3x)i) = 0$$

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

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

$$x^2 = (y - 1)(y - 2) \therefore z = \alpha - \frac{13}{11}i$$

$$\text{Put } x = \alpha, y = \frac{-13}{11}$$

$$\alpha^2 = \left( \frac{-13}{11} - 11 \right) \left( \frac{-13}{11} - 2 \right)$$

$$\alpha^2 = \frac{(24 \times 35)}{121}$$

$$242\alpha^2 = 48 \times 35 = 1680$$

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## Question 75

Let  $C$  be the circle in the complex plane with centre  $z_0 = \frac{1}{2}(1 + 3i)$  and radius  $r = 1$ . Let  $z_1 = 1 + i$  and the complex number  $z_2$  be outside the circle  $C$  such that  $|z_1 - z_0| |z_2 - z_0| = 1$ . If  $z_0 \cdot z_1$  and  $z_2$  are collinear, then the smaller value of  $|z_2|^2$  is equal to

[12-Apr-2023 shift 1]

**Options:**

A.  $\frac{7}{2}$

B.  $\frac{13}{2}$

C.  $\frac{5}{2}$

D.  $\frac{3}{2}$

**Answer: C**

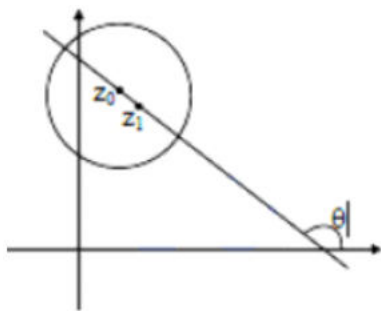
**Solution:**

Solution:

$$|z_1 - z_0| = \left| \frac{1-i}{2} \right| = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow |z_2 - z_0| = \sqrt{2} : \text{ centre } \left( \frac{1}{2}, \frac{3}{2} \right)$$

$$z_0 \left( \frac{1}{2}, \frac{3}{2} \right) \text{ and } z_1(1, 1)$$



$$\tan \theta = -1 \Rightarrow \theta = 135^\circ$$

$$z_2 \left( \frac{1}{2} + \sqrt{2} \cos 135^\circ, \frac{3}{2} + \sqrt{2} \sin 135^\circ \right)$$

or

$$\left( \frac{1}{2} - \sqrt{2} \cos 135^\circ, \frac{3}{2} - \sqrt{2} \sin 135^\circ \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow z_2 \left( -\frac{1}{2}, \frac{5}{2} \right) \text{ or } z_2 \left( \frac{3}{2}, \frac{1}{2} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow |z_3|^2 = \frac{26}{4}, \frac{5}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow |z_2|_{\min}^2 = \frac{5}{2}$$

## Question76

Let  $S = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : \bar{z} = i(z^2 + \operatorname{Re}(\bar{z}))\}$ . Then  $\sum_{z \in S} |z|^2$  is equal to

[13-Apr-2023 shift 2]

Options:

A. 4

B.  $\frac{7}{2}$

C. 3

D.  $\frac{5}{2}$

Answer: A

Solution:

Solution:

Let  $z = x + iy$

$$\bar{z} = i(z^2 + \operatorname{Re}(\bar{z}))$$

$$\Rightarrow x - iy = i(x^2 - y^2 + 2ixy + x)$$

$$\Rightarrow x - iy = -2xy + i(x^2 - y^2 + x)$$

$$x + 2xy = 0 \text{ and } x^2 - y^2 + x + y = 0$$

$$x(1 + 2y) = 0 \text{ and } x^2 - y^2 + x + y = 0$$

$$\text{If } x = 0 \text{ then } -y^2 + y = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow y = 1, 0$$

$$\text{If } y = \frac{-1}{2} \text{ then } x^2 - \frac{1}{4} + x - \frac{1}{2} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x = -\frac{3}{2}, \frac{1}{2}$$

$$= \left\{ 0 + i0, 0 + i, -\frac{3}{2} - \frac{1}{2}i, \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2}i \right\}$$

$$\sum_{z \in S} |z|^2 = \frac{0}{4} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4} = 1$$

## Question77

If the set  $\left\{ \operatorname{Re} \left( \frac{z - \bar{z} + z\bar{z}}{2 - 3z + 5\bar{z}} \right) : z \in \mathbb{C}, \operatorname{Re}(z) = 3 \right\}$  is equal to the interval  $(\alpha, \beta]$ , then  $24(\beta - \alpha)$  is equal to

[15-Apr-2023 shift 1]



**Options:**

- A. 36
- B. 27
- C. 30
- D. 42

**Answer: C**

**Solution:**

Solution:

$$\text{Let } z_1 = \left( \frac{z - \bar{z} + z\bar{z}}{2 - 3z + 5\bar{z}} \right)$$

$$\text{Let } z = 3 + iy$$

$$\bar{z} = 3 - iy$$

$$z_1 = \frac{2iy + (9 + y^2)}{2 - 3(3 + iy) + 5(3 - iy)}$$

$$= \frac{9 + y^2 + i(2y)}{8 - 8iy}$$

$$= \frac{(9 + y^2) + i(2y)}{8(1 - iy)}$$

$$\text{Re}(z_1) = \frac{(9 + y^2) - 2y^2}{8(1 + y^2)}$$

$$= \frac{9 - y^2}{8(1 + y^2)}$$

$$= \frac{1}{8} \left[ \frac{10 - (1 + y^2)}{(1 + y^2)} \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{8} \left[ \frac{10}{(1 + y^2)} - 1 \right]$$

$$1 + y^2 \in [1, \infty]$$

$$\frac{1}{1 + y^2} \in (0, 1]$$

$$\frac{10}{1 + y^2} \in (0, 10]$$

$$\frac{10}{1 + y^2} - 1 \in (-1, 9]$$

$$\text{Re}(z_1) \in \left( -\frac{1}{8}, \frac{9}{8} \right]$$

$$\alpha = -\frac{1}{8}, \beta = \frac{9}{8}$$

$$24(\beta - \alpha) = 24 \left( \frac{9}{8} + \frac{1}{8} \right) = 30$$

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## Question 78

The sum of all the roots of the equation  $|x^2 - 8x + 15| - 2x + 7 = 0$  is :  
[6-Apr-2023 shift 1]

**Options:**

- A.  $11 - \sqrt{3}$
- B.  $9 - \sqrt{3}$
- C.  $9 + \sqrt{3}$
- D.  $11 + \sqrt{3}$

**Answer: C**

**Solution:**

Solution:

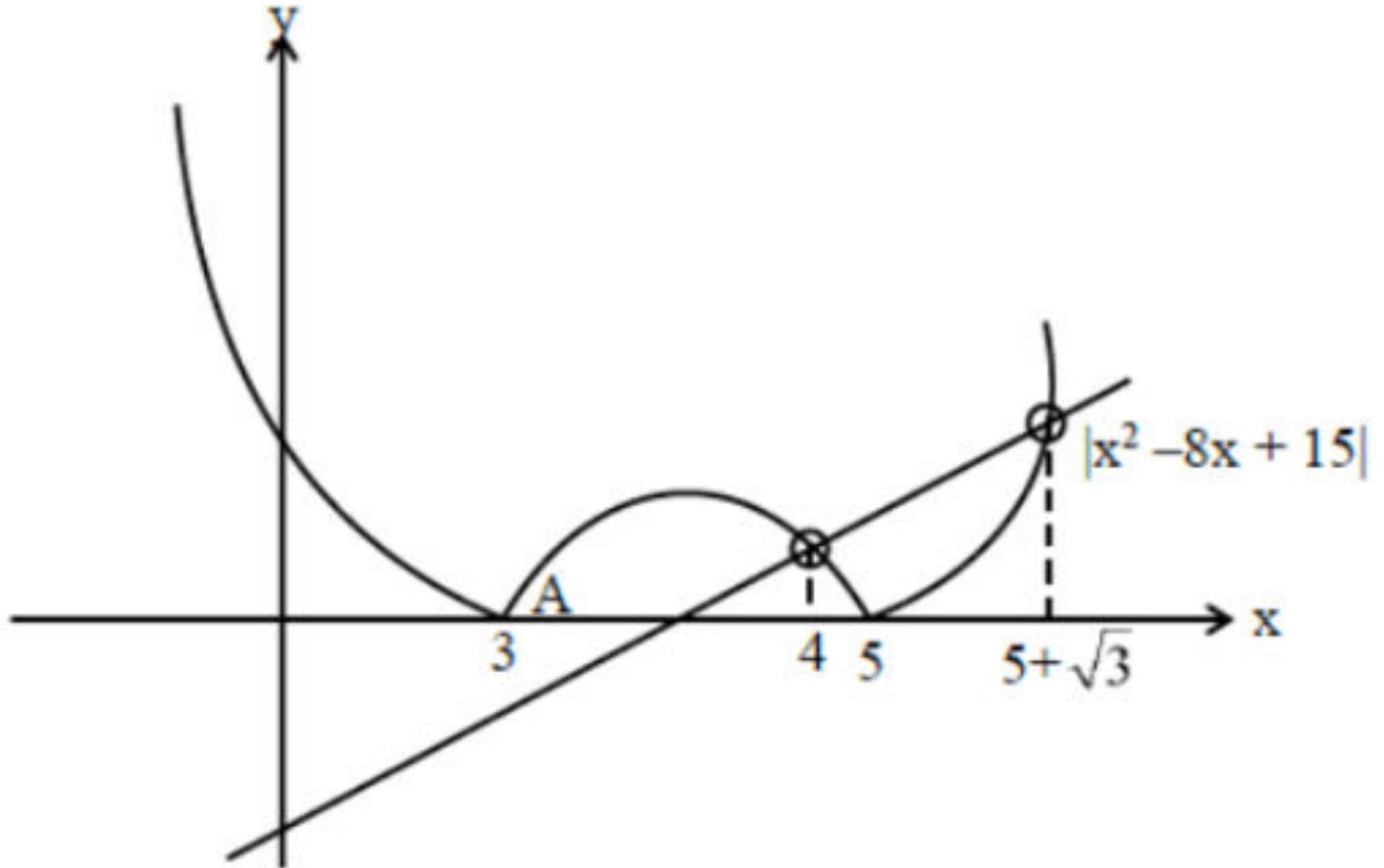
$$|x^2 - 8x + 15| = 2x - 7$$

$$x^2 - 8x + 15 = 2x - 7 \quad \& \quad x^2 - 8x + 15 = 7 - 2x$$

$$x^2 - 10x + 22 = 0 \quad \& \quad x^2 - 6x + 8 = 0$$

$$x_1 = 5 + \sqrt{3} \quad x_2 = 5 - \sqrt{3} \text{ (reject)} \quad x_3 = 4 \quad x_4 = 2 \text{ (reject)}$$

$$\text{Sum of roots is } = 5 + \sqrt{3} + 4 = 9 + \sqrt{3}$$



## Question 79

Let  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$ , be the three roots of the equation  $x^3 + bx + c = 0$ . If  $\beta\gamma = 1 = -\alpha$ , then  $b^3 + 2c^3 - 3a^3 - 6\beta^3 - 8\gamma^3$  is equal to

[8-Apr-2023 shift 1]

Options:

A.  $\frac{155}{8}$

B. 21

C. 19

D.  $\frac{169}{8}$

Answer: C

Solution:

Solution:

$$x^3 + bx + c = 0 \begin{matrix} \nearrow \alpha \\ \rightarrow \beta \\ \searrow \gamma \end{matrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \beta\gamma &= 1 \\ \alpha &= -1 \\ \text{Put } \alpha &= -1 \\ -1 - b + c &= 0 \\ c - b &= 1 \\ \text{also} \\ \alpha \cdot \beta \cdot \gamma &= -c \\ -1 &= -c \Rightarrow c = 1 \\ \therefore b &= 0 \\ x^3 + 1 &= 0 \\ \alpha &= -1, \beta = -\omega, \gamma = -\omega^2 \\ \therefore b^3 + 2c^3 - 3\alpha^3 - 6\beta^3 - 8\gamma^3 \\ 0 + 2 + 3 + 6 + 8 &= 19 \end{aligned}$$


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## Question80

Let  $m$  and  $n$  be the numbers of real roots of the quadratic equations  $x^2 - 12x + [x] + 31 = 0$  and  $x^2 - 5|x + 2| - 4 = 0$  respectively, where  $[x]$  denotes the greatest integer  $\leq x$ . Then  $m^2 + mn + n^2$  is equal to  
[8-Apr-2023 shift 2]

**Answer: 9**

**Solution:**

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} x^2 - 12x + [x] + 31 &= 0 \\ \{x\} &= x^2 - 11x + 31 \\ 0 \leq x^2 - 11x + 31 &< 1 \\ x^2 - 11x + 30 &< 0 \\ x &\in (5, 6) \\ \text{so } [x] &= 5 \\ x^2 - 12x + 5 + 31 &= 0 \\ x^2 - 12x + 36 &= 0 \\ x = 6 \text{ but } x &\in (5, 6) \\ \text{so } x &\in \emptyset \\ m &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Now

$$x^2 - 5|x + 2| - 4 = 0$$

$$\begin{array}{ll} x \geq -2 & x < -2 \\ x^2 - 5x - 14 = 0 & x^2 + 5x + 6 = 0 \\ (x-7)(x+2) = 0 & (x+3)(x+2) = 0 \\ x = 7, -2 & x = -3, -2 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{aligned} x &= \{7, -2, -3\} \\ n &= 3 \\ m^2 + mn + n^2 &= n^2 = 9 \end{aligned}$$


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## Question81

If a and b are the roots of the equation  $x^2 - 7x - 1 = 0$ , then the value of  $\frac{a^{21} + b^{21} + a^{17} + b^{17}}{a^{19} + b^{19}}$  is equal to

[11-Apr-2023 shift 1]

**Answer: 51**

**Solution:**

Solution:

By newton's theorem

$$S_{n+2} - 7S_{n+1} - S_n = 0$$

$$S_{21} - 7S_{20} - S_{19} = 0$$

$$S_{20} - 7S_{19} - S_{18} = 0$$

$$S_{19} - 7S_{18} - S_{17} = 0$$

$$\frac{S_{21} + S_{17}}{S_{19}} = \frac{S_{21} + (S_{19} - 7S_{18})}{S_{19}}$$

$$= \frac{50S_{19} + (S_{21} - 7S_{20})}{S_{19}}$$

$$= 51 \cdot \frac{S_{19}}{S_{19}} = 51$$

## Question82

The number of points where the curve  $f(x) = e^{8x} - e^{6x} - 3e^{4x} - e^{2x} + 1$ ,  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  cuts x-axis, is equal to

[11-Apr-2023 shift 2]

**Answer: 2**

**Solution:**

Solution:

Let  $e^{2x} = t$

$$\Rightarrow t^4 - t^3 - 3t^2 - t + 1 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow t_2 + \frac{1}{t_2} - \left(t + \frac{1}{t}\right) - 3 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(t + \frac{1}{t}\right)^2 - \left(t + \frac{1}{t}\right) - 5 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow t + \frac{1}{t} = \frac{1 + \sqrt{21}}{2}$$

Two real values of t.

## Question83

Let  $\alpha, \beta$  be the roots of the quadratic equation  $x^2 + \sqrt{6}x + 3 = 0$ . Then  $\frac{\alpha^{23} + \beta^{23} + \alpha^{14} + \beta^{14}}{\alpha^{15} + \beta^{15} + \alpha^{10} + \beta^{10}}$  is equal to

[12-Apr-2023 shift 1]

**Options:**

A. 9

B. 729

C. 72

D. 81

**Answer: D**

**Solution:**

Solution:

$$\alpha, \beta = \frac{-\sqrt{6} \pm \sqrt{6-12}}{2} = \frac{-\sqrt{6} \pm \sqrt{6}i}{2}$$

$$= \sqrt[3]{e^{\pm \frac{3\pi i}{4}}}$$

Required expression

$$\frac{(\sqrt{3})^{23} \left( 2 \cos \frac{69\pi}{4} \right) + (\sqrt{3})^{14} \left( 2 \cos \frac{42\pi}{4} \right)}{(\sqrt{3})^{15} \left( 2 \cos \frac{45\pi}{4} \right) + (\sqrt{3})^{10} \left( 2 \cos \frac{30\pi}{4} \right)}$$

$$(\sqrt{3})^8 = 81$$

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## Question84

Let  $\alpha, \beta$  be the roots of the equation  $x^2 - \sqrt{2}x + 2 = 0$ , Then  $\alpha^{14} + \beta^{14}$  is equal to  
[13-Apr-2023 shift 2]

**Options:**

A.  $-128\sqrt{2}$

B.  $-64\sqrt{2}$

C. -128

D. -64

**Answer: C**

**Solution:**

Solution:

$$x^2 - \sqrt{2}x + 2 = 0$$

$$x = \frac{\sqrt{2} \pm \sqrt{-6}}{2}$$

$$= \sqrt{2} \left( \frac{1 \pm i\sqrt{3}}{2} \right)$$

$$= -\sqrt{2}\omega, -\sqrt{2}\omega^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha = -\sqrt{2}\omega, \beta = -\sqrt{2}\omega^2$$

$$\alpha^{14} + \beta^{14} = 2^7(\omega^{14} + \omega^{28}) = 2^7(\omega^2 + \omega) = -128$$

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## Question85

The number of real roots of the equation  $x | x | -5 | x + 2 | + 6 = 0$ , is  
[15-Apr-2023 shift 1]

**Options:**

A. 5

B. 6

C. 4

D. 3

**Answer: D**

**Solution:**

Solution:

$$x | x | -5 | x + 2 | + 6 = 0$$

$$C - 1 : -x \in [0, \infty]$$

$$x^2 - 5x - 4 = 0$$

$$x = \frac{5 \pm \sqrt{25 + 16}}{2} = \frac{5 \pm \sqrt{41}}{2}$$

$$x = \frac{5 \pm \sqrt{41}}{2}$$

$$C - 2 : - : -x \in [-2, 0)$$

$$-x^2 - 5x - 4 = 0$$

$$x^2 + 5x + 4 = 0$$

$$x = -1, -4$$

$$x = -1$$

$$C - 3 : x \in [-\infty, -2)$$

$$-x^2 + 5x + 16 = 0$$

$$x^2 - 5x - 16 = 0$$

$$x = \frac{5 \pm \sqrt{25 + 64}}{2}$$

$$x = \frac{5 \pm \sqrt{89}}{2}$$

$$x = \frac{5 - \sqrt{89}}{2}$$

## Question86

Let the point  $(p, p + 1)$  lie inside the region  $E = \{(x, y) : 3 - x \leq y \leq \sqrt{9 - x^2}, 0 \leq x \leq 3\}$ . If the set of all values of  $p$  is the interval  $(a, b)$ , then  $b^2 + b - a^2$  is equal to \_\_\_\_\_.

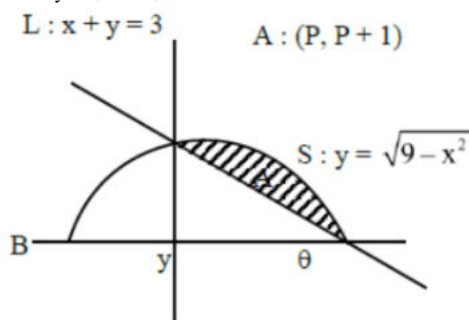
[6-Apr-2023 shift 1]

Answer: 3

Solution:

Solution:

$$3 - x \leq y \leq \sqrt{9 - x^2}; 0 \leq x \leq 3$$



$$L(A) > 0 \Rightarrow P + P + 1 - 3 > 0 \Rightarrow P > 1 \dots (1)$$

$$S(A) < 0 \Rightarrow P + 1 - \sqrt{9 - P^2} < 0$$

$$\Rightarrow P + 1 < \sqrt{9 - P^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow P + 2P + 1 < 9 - P^2$$

$$\Rightarrow 2P^2 + 2P - 8 < 0$$

$$\Rightarrow P^2 + P - 4 < 0$$

$$\Rightarrow P \in \left( \frac{-1 - \sqrt{17}}{2}, \frac{-1 + \sqrt{17}}{2} \right) \dots (2)$$

$$(1) \cap (2) P \in \left( 1, \frac{\sqrt{17} - 1}{2} \right) \equiv (a, b)$$

$$b^2 + b - a^2 = 4 - 1 = 3$$

## Question87

Let a, b, c be three distinct positive real numbers such that  $(2a)^{\log_c a} = (bc)^{\log_c b}$  and  $b^{\log_c 2} = a^{\log_c c}$ . Then  $6a + 5bc$  is equal to \_\_\_\_\_.

[10-Apr-2023 shift 1]

**Answer: 8**

**Solution:**

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}(2a)^{\ln a} &= (bc)^{\ln b} \quad 2a > 0, bc > 0 \\ \ln a (\ln 2 + \ln a) &= \ln b (\ln b + \ln c) \\ \ln 2 \cdot \ln b &= \ln c \cdot \ln a \\ \ln 2 = \alpha, \ln a = x, \ln b = y, \ln c = z \\ \alpha y &= xz \\ x(\alpha + x) &= y(y + z) \\ \alpha &= \frac{xz}{y} \\ x\left(\frac{xz}{y} + x\right) &= y(y + z) \\ x^2(z + y) &= y^2(y + z) \\ y + z = 0 \text{ or } x^2 &= y^2 \Rightarrow x = -y \\ bc = 1 \text{ or } ab &= 1 \\ bc = 1 \text{ or } ab &= 1\end{aligned}$$

$$(1) \text{ if } bc = 1 \Rightarrow (2a)^{\ln a} = 1 \begin{cases} a = 1 \\ a = 1/2 \end{cases}$$

$$(a, b, c) = \left(\frac{1}{2}, \lambda, \frac{1}{\lambda}\right), \lambda \neq 1, 2, \frac{1}{2}$$

then

$$6a + 5bc = 3 + 5 = 8$$

$$(II) (a, b, c) = \left(\lambda, \frac{1}{\lambda}, \frac{1}{2}\right), \lambda \neq 1, 2, \frac{1}{2}$$

In this situation infinite answer are possible  
So, Bonus.

## Question 88

The number of integral solutions x of  $\log_{\left(x + \frac{7}{2}\right)} \left(\frac{x-7}{2x-3}\right)^2 \geq 0$  is :

[11-Apr-2023 shift 1]

**Options:**

- A. 5
- B. 7
- C. 8
- D. 6

**Answer: D**

**Solution:**

Solution:

$$\log_{x + \frac{7}{2}} \left(\frac{x-7}{2x-3}\right)^2 \geq 0$$

$$\text{Feasible region: } x + \frac{7}{2} > 0 \Rightarrow x > -\frac{7}{2}$$

$$\text{And } x + \frac{7}{2} \neq 1 \Rightarrow x \neq \frac{-5}{2}$$

$$\text{Taking intersection: } x \in \left(-\frac{7}{2}, \infty\right) - \left\{-\frac{5}{2}, \frac{3}{2}, 7\right\}$$

Now  $\log_a b \geq 0$  if  $a > 1$  and  $b \geq 1$

$$a \in (0, 1) \text{ and } b \in (0, 1)$$

$$C - I: x + \frac{7}{2} > 1 \text{ and } \left( \frac{x-7}{2x-3} \right)^2 \geq 1$$

$$x > -\frac{5}{2}; (2x-3)^2 - (x-7)^2 \leq 0$$

$$(2x-3+x-7)(2x-3-x+7) \leq 0$$

$$(3x-10)(x+4) \leq 0$$

$$x \in \left[ -4, \frac{10}{3} \right]$$

$$\text{Intersection: } x \in \left( \frac{-5}{2}, \frac{10}{3} \right]$$

$$C - II: x + \frac{7}{2} \in (0, 1) \text{ and } \left( \frac{x-7}{2x-3} \right)^2 \in (0, 1)$$

$$0 < x + \frac{7}{2} < 1; \left( \frac{x-7}{2x-3} \right)^2 < 1$$

$$-\frac{7}{2} < x < -\frac{5}{2}; (x-7)^2 < (2x-3)^2$$

$$x \in (-\infty, -4) \cup \left( \frac{10}{3}, \infty \right)$$

No common values of  $x$ .

Hence intersection with feasible region

$$\text{We get } x \in \left( \frac{-5}{2}, \frac{10}{3} \right] - \left\{ \frac{3}{2} \right\}$$

Integral value of  $x$  are  $\{-2, -1, 0, 1, 2, 3\}$

No. of integral values = 6

## Question89

If the sum of the squares of the reciprocals of the roots  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  of the equation  $3x^2 + \lambda x - 1 = 0$  is 15 , then  $6(\alpha^3 + \beta^3)^2$  is equal to:

[24-Jun-2022-Shift-1]

Options:

- A. 18
- B. 24
- C. 36
- D. 96

Answer: B

**Solution:**

Solution:

$$3x^2 + \lambda x - 1 = 0$$

Given, two roots are  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ .

$$\therefore \text{Sum of roots} = \alpha + \beta = \frac{-\lambda}{3}$$

$$\text{And product of roots} = \alpha\beta = \frac{-1}{3}$$

Given that,

Sum of square of reciprocal of roots  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  is 15 .



$$\therefore \frac{1}{\alpha^2} + \frac{1}{\beta^2} = 15$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\alpha^2 + \beta^2}{\alpha^2 \beta^2} = 15$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{(\alpha + \beta)^2 - 2\alpha\beta}{(\alpha\beta)^2} = 15$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\frac{\lambda^2}{9} + 2 \times \frac{1}{3}}{\frac{1}{9}} = 15$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\frac{\lambda^2 + 6}{9}}{\frac{1}{9}} = 15$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda^2 + 6 = 15$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda^2 = 9$$

$$\text{Now, } 6(\alpha^3 + \beta^3)^2$$

$$= 6\{(\alpha + \beta)(\alpha^2 + \beta^2 - \alpha\beta)\}^2$$

$$= 6(\alpha + \beta)^2[(\alpha + \beta)^2 - 2\alpha\beta - \alpha\beta]^2$$

$$= 6\left(\frac{-\lambda}{3}\right)^2 \left[\left(\frac{-\lambda}{3}\right)^2 - 3 \cdot \frac{-1}{3}\right]^2$$

$$= 6 \times \frac{\lambda^2}{9} \times \left[\frac{\lambda^2}{9} + 1\right]$$

$$= 6 \times \frac{9}{9} \times \left[\frac{9}{9} + 1\right]^2$$

$$= 6 \times (2)^2$$

$$= 6 \times 4 = 24$$

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## Question90

Let  $S = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z - 3| \leq 1 \text{ and } z(4 + 3i) + \bar{z}(4 - 3i) \leq 24\}$ . If  $\alpha + i\beta$  is the point in  $S$  which is closest to  $4i$ , then  $25(\alpha + \beta)$  is equal to \_\_\_\_\_  
[24-Jun-2022-Shift-2]

Answer: 80

Solution:

Solution:

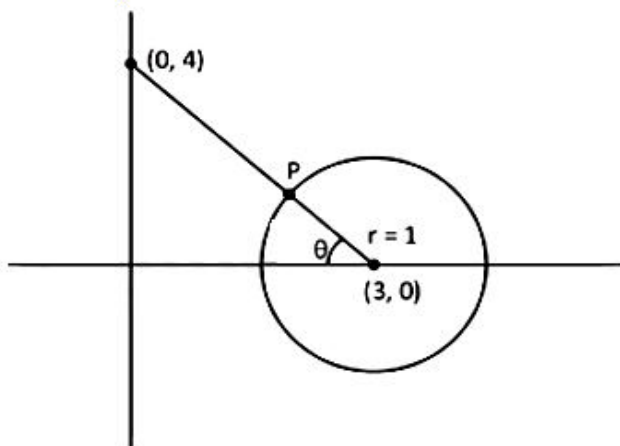
Here  $|z - 3| < 1$

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

$$\text{and } z = (4 + 3i) + \bar{z}(4 - 3i) \leq 24$$

$$\Rightarrow 4x - 3y \leq 12$$

$$\tan \theta = \frac{4}{3}$$



$$\therefore \text{Coordinate of } P = (3 - \cos \theta, \sin \theta)$$

$$= \left( 3 - \frac{3}{5}, \frac{4}{5} \right)$$

$$\therefore \alpha + i\beta = \frac{12}{5} + \frac{4}{5}i$$

$$\therefore 25(\alpha + \beta) = 80$$

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## Question91

Let a circle  $C$  in complex plane pass through the points  $z_1 = 3 + 4i$ ,  $z_2 = 4 + 3i$  and  $z_3 = 5i$ . If  $z(\neq z_1)$  is a point on  $C$  such that the line through  $z$  and  $z_1$  is perpendicular to the line through  $z_2$  and  $z_3$ , then  $\arg(z)$  is equal to:  
[25-Jun-2022-Shift-1]

**Options:**

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

B.  $\tan^{-1}\left(\frac{24}{7}\right) - \pi$

C.  $\tan^{-1}(3) - \pi$

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

**Answer: B**

**Solution:**

**Solution:**

$$z_1 = 3 + 4i, z_2 = 4 + 3i \text{ and } z_3 = 5i$$

$$\text{Clearly, } C \equiv x^2 + y^2 = 25$$

Let  $z(x, y)$

$$\Rightarrow \left(\frac{y-4}{x-3}\right)\left(\frac{2}{-4}\right) = -1$$

$$\Rightarrow y = 2x - 2 \equiv L$$

$\therefore z$  is intersection of C & L

$$\Rightarrow z \equiv \left(\frac{-7}{5}, \frac{-24}{5}\right)$$

$$\therefore \text{Arg}(z) = -\pi + \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{24}{7}\right)$$

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## Question 92

Let  $z_1$  and  $z_2$  be two complex numbers such that  $\bar{z}_1 = iz_2$  and  $\arg\left(\frac{z_1}{z_2}\right) = \pi$ . Then

[25-Jun-2022-Shift-2]

**Options:**

A.  $\arg z_2 = \frac{\pi}{4}$

B.  $\arg z_2 = -\frac{3\pi}{4}$

C.  $\arg z_1 = \frac{\pi}{4}$

D.  $\arg z_1 = -\frac{3\pi}{4}$

**Answer: C**

**Solution:**

Solution:

$$\because \frac{z_1}{z_2} = -i \Rightarrow z_1 = -iz_2$$

$$\Rightarrow \arg(z_1) = -\frac{\pi}{2} + \arg(z_2) \dots \dots \text{(i)}$$

$$\text{Also } \arg(z_1) - \arg(\bar{z}_2) = \pi$$

$$\Rightarrow \arg(z_1) + \arg(z_2) = \pi \dots \dots \text{(ii)}$$

$$\text{From (i) and (ii), we get } \arg(z_1) = \frac{\pi}{4} \text{ and } \arg(z_2) = \frac{3\pi}{4}$$

## Question93

Let  $A = \left\{ z \in \mathbb{C} : \left| \frac{z+1}{z-1} \right| < 1 \right\}$  and  $B = \left\{ z \in \mathbb{C} : \arg\left(\frac{z-1}{z+1}\right) = \frac{2\pi}{3} \right\}$ . Then  $A \cap B$  is :  
[26-Jun-2022-Shift-1]

**Options:**

A. a portion of a circle centred at  $\left(0, -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right)$  that lies in the second and third quadrants only

B. a portion of a circle centred at  $\left(0, -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right)$  that lies in the second quadrant only

C. an empty

D. a portion of a circle of radius  $\frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}$  that lies in the third quadrant only

**Answer: B**

**Solution:**

Solution:

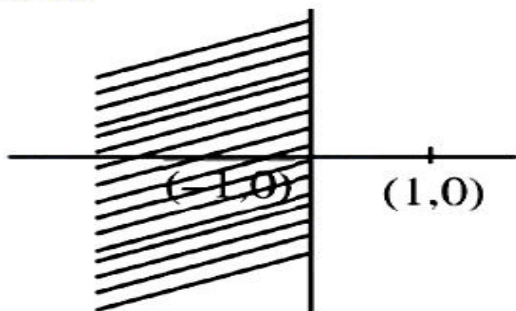
**Set A**

$$\Rightarrow \left| \frac{z+1}{z-1} \right| < 1$$

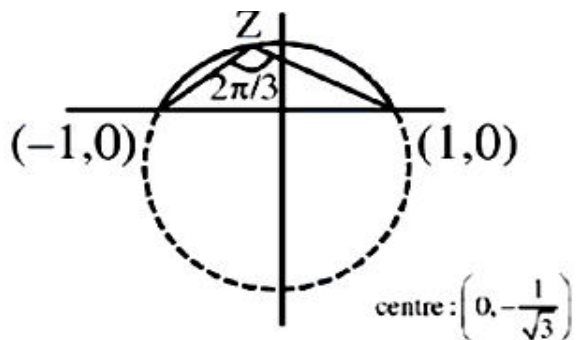
$$\Rightarrow |z+1| < |z-1|$$

$$\Rightarrow (x+1)^2 + y^2 < (x-1)^2 + y^2$$

$$\Rightarrow x < 0$$



**Set B**



$$\Rightarrow \arg \left( \frac{z-1}{z+1} \right) = \frac{2\pi}{3}$$

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

$$\Rightarrow x^2 + y^2 + \frac{2y}{\sqrt{3}} - 1 = 0$$

$$A \cap B$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Centre} \left( 0, -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \right)$$

## Question94

If  $z^2 + z + 1 = 0$ ,  $z \in \mathbb{C}$ , then

$$\left| \sum_{n=1}^{15} \left( z^n + (-1)^n \frac{1}{z^n} \right)^2 \right| \text{ is equal to } \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

[26-Jun-2022-Shift-2]

**Answer: 2**

**Solution:**

**Solution:**

$$\because z^2 + z + 1 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \omega \text{ or } \omega^2$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \because \left| \sum_{n=1}^{15} \left( z^n + (-1)^n \frac{1}{z^n} \right)^2 \right| \\ &= \left| \sum_{n=1}^{15} z^{2n} + \sum_{n=1}^{15} z^{-2n} + 2 \cdot \sum_{n=1}^{15} (-1)^n \right| \\ &= |0 + 0 - 2| \\ &= 2 \end{aligned}$$


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## Question95

The area of the polygon, whose vertices are the non-real roots of the equation  $\bar{z} = iz^2$  is :  
[27-Jun-2022-Shift-1]

Options:

A.  $\frac{3\sqrt{3}}{4}$

B.  $\frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2}$

C.  $\frac{3}{2}$

D.  $\frac{3}{4}$

Answer: A

Solution:

Solution:

$$\bar{z} = iz^2$$

$$\text{Let } z = x + iy$$

$$x - iy = i(x^2 - y^2 + 2xyi)$$

$$x - iy = i(x^2 - y^2) - 2xy$$

$$\therefore x = -2yx \text{ or } x^2 - y^2 = -y$$

$$x = 0 \text{ or } y = -\frac{1}{2}$$

Case - I

$$x = 0$$

$$-y^2 = -y$$

$$y = 0, 1$$

Case - II

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

$$\Rightarrow x^2 - \frac{1}{4} = \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow x = \pm \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

$$x = \left\{ 0, i, \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} - \frac{i}{2}, \frac{-\sqrt{3}}{2} - \frac{i}{2} \right\}$$

$$\text{Area of polygon} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 \\ \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} & \frac{-1}{2} & 1 \\ \frac{-\sqrt{3}}{2} & \frac{-1}{2} & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left| -\sqrt{3} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \right| = \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{4}$$


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## Question96

The number of points of intersection of  $|z - (4 + 3i)| = 2$  and  $|z| + |z - 4| = 6, z \in \mathbb{C}$ , is  
[27-Jun-2022-Shift-2]

Options:

- A. 0
- B. 1
- C. 2
- D. 3

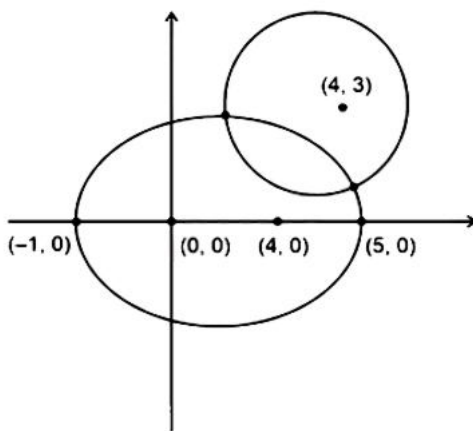
Answer: C

Solution:

Solution:

$C_1: |z - (4 + 3i)| = 2$  and  $C_2: |z| + |z - 4| = 6, z \in \mathbb{C}$

$C_1$  represents a circle with centre  $(4, 3)$  and radius 2 and  $C_2$  represents an ellipse with foci at  $(0, 0)$  and  $(4, 0)$  and length of major axis = 6, and length of semi-major axis  $2\sqrt{5}$  and  $(4, 2)$  lies inside the both  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  and  $(4, 3)$  lies outside the  $C_2$



$\therefore$  number of intersection points = 2

## Question97

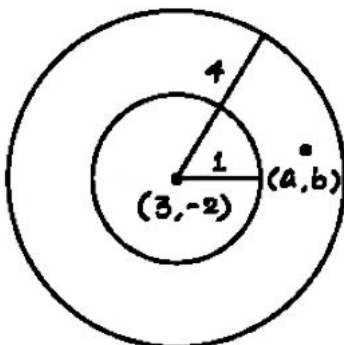
The number of elements in the set  $\{z = a + ib \in \mathbb{C} : a, b \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ and } 1 < |z - 3 + 2i| < 4\}$  is \_\_\_\_  
[28-Jun-2022-Shift-1]

Answer: 40

Solution:

Solution:

$$1 < |z - 3 + 2i| < 4$$



$$1 < (a - 3)^2 + (b + 2)^2 < 16$$

$(0, \pm 2), (\pm 2, 0), (\pm 1, \pm 2), (\pm 2, \pm 1)$   
 $(\pm 2, \pm 3), (3 \pm, \pm 2), (\pm 1, \pm 1), (2 \pm, \pm 2)$

## Question98

Sum of squares of modulus of all the complex numbers  $z$  satisfying  $\bar{z} = iz^2 + z^2 - z$  is equal to \_\_\_\_\_  
[28-Jun-2022-Shift-2]

**Answer: 2**

**Solution:**

Solution:

Let  $z = x + iy$

So  $2x = (1 + i)(x^2 - y^2 + 2xyi)$

$\Rightarrow 2x = x^2 - y^2 - 2xy$

(i) and

$x^2 - y^2 + 2xy = 0$

From (i) and (ii) we get

$x = 0$  or  $y = -\frac{1}{2}$

When  $x = 0$  we get  $y = 0$

When  $y = -\frac{1}{2}$  we get  $x^2 - x - \frac{1}{4} = 0$

$\Rightarrow x = \frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{2}}{2}$

So there will be total 3 possible values of  $z$ , which are  $0, \left(\frac{-1 + \sqrt{2}}{2}\right) - \frac{1}{2}i$  and  $\left(\frac{-1 - \sqrt{2}}{2}\right) - \frac{1}{2}i$

Sum of squares of modulus

$= 0 + \left(\frac{\sqrt{2}-1}{2}\right)^2 + \frac{1}{4} + \left(\frac{\sqrt{2}+1}{2}\right)^2 = +\frac{1}{4}$

$= 2$

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## Question99

Let  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  be the roots of the equation  $x^2 + (2i - 1) = 0$ . Then, the value of  $|\alpha^8 + \beta^8|$  is equal to:  
[29-Jun-2022-Shift-1]

**Options:**

A. 50

B. 250

C. 1250

D. 1500

**Answer: A**

**Solution:**

Solution:

Given equation,

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

$\Rightarrow x^2 = 1 - 2i$

Let  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are the two roots of the equation.

As, we know roots of a equation satisfy the equation so

$\alpha^2 = 1 - 2i$

and  $\beta^2 = 1 - 2i$

$\therefore \alpha^2 = \beta^2 = 1 - 2i$

$\therefore |\alpha^2| = \sqrt{1^2 + (-2)^2} = \sqrt{5}$



Now,  $\left| \alpha^8 + \beta^8 \right|$

$$\left| \alpha^8 + \alpha^8 \right|$$

$$= 2 \left| \alpha^8 \right|$$

$$= 2 \left| \alpha^2 \right|^4$$

$$= 2(\sqrt{5})^4$$

$$= 2 \times 25$$

$$= 50$$

## Question 100

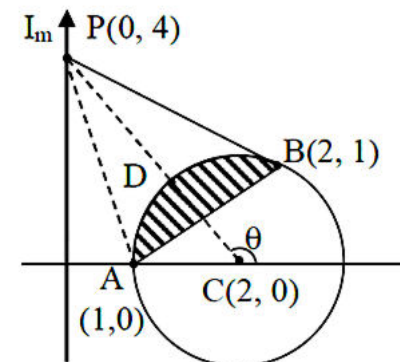
Let  $S = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z - 2| \leq 1, z(1+i) + \bar{z}(1-i) \leq 2\}$ . Let  $|z - 4i|$  attains minimum and maximum values, respectively, at  $z_1 \in S$  and  $z_2 \in S$ . If  $5(|z_1|^2 + |z_2|^2) = \alpha + \beta\sqrt{5}$ , where  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are integers, then the value of  $\alpha + \beta$  is equal to \_\_\_\_\_  
[29-Jun-2022-Shift-1]

**Answer: 26**

**Solution:**

Solution:

$$|z - 2| \leq 1$$



$$(x - 2)^2 + y^2 \leq 1$$

&

$$z(1+i) + \bar{z}(1-i) \leq 2$$

Put  $z = x + iy$

$$\therefore x - y \leq 1 \dots \dots (2)$$

$$PA = \sqrt{17}, PB = \sqrt{13}$$

Maximum is PA & Minimum is PD

Let  $D(2 + \cos \theta, 0 + \sin \theta)$

$$\therefore m_{cp} = \tan \theta = -2$$

$$\cos \theta = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}, \sin \theta = \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}}$$

$$\therefore D\left(2 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}, \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}}\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow z_1 = \left(2 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}\right) + \frac{2i}{\sqrt{5}}$$

$$\left| z_1 \right| = \frac{25 - 4\sqrt{5}}{5} \quad \& \quad z_2 = 1$$

$$\therefore \left| z_2 \right|^2 = 1$$

$$\therefore 5\left(\left| z_1 \right|^2 + \left| z_2 \right|^2\right) = 30 - 4\sqrt{5}$$

$$\therefore \alpha = 30$$

$$\beta = -4$$

$$\therefore \alpha + \beta = 26$$

# Question101

Let  $\arg(z)$  represent the principal argument of the complex number  $z$ . Then,  $|z| = 3$  and  $\arg(z - 1) - \arg(z + 1) = \frac{\pi}{4}$  intersect  
[29-Jun-2022-Shift-2]

Options:

- A. exactly at one point.
- B. exactly at two points.
- C. nowhere.
- D. at infinitely many points.

Answer: C

Solution:

Solution:

Let  $z = x + iy$

$$\therefore |z| = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$$

Given,  $|z| = 3$

$$\therefore \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} = 3$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 + y^2 = 9 = 3^2$$

This represent a circle with center at  $(0, 0)$  and radius  $= 3$

Now, given

$$\arg(z - 1) - \arg(z + 1) = \frac{\pi}{4}$$

$$\Rightarrow \arg(x + iy - 1) - \arg(x + iy + 1) = \frac{\pi}{4}$$

$$\Rightarrow \arg(x - 1 + iy) - \arg(x + 1 + iy) = \frac{\pi}{4}$$

$$\Rightarrow \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{y}{x-1}\right) - \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{y}{x+1}\right) = \frac{\pi}{4}$$

$$\Rightarrow \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{\frac{y}{x-1} - \frac{y}{x+1}}{1 + \frac{y}{x-1} \times \frac{y}{x+1}}\right) = \frac{\pi}{4}$$

$$\Rightarrow \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{\frac{xy+y-xy+y}{x^2-1}}{\frac{x^2-1+y^2}{x^2-1}}\right) = \frac{\pi}{4}$$

$$\Rightarrow \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{xy+y-xy+y}{x^2-1+y^2}\right) = \frac{\pi}{4}$$

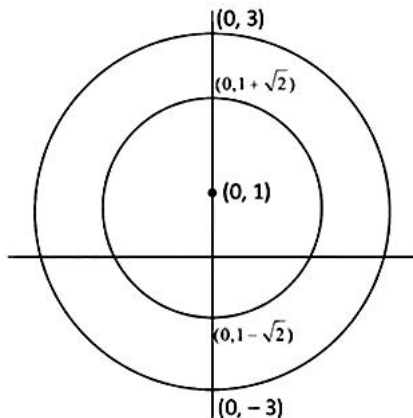
$$\Rightarrow \frac{2y}{x^2-1+y^2} = \tan\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right)$$

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

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

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

This represent a circle with center at  $(0, 1)$  and radius  $\sqrt{2}$ .



From diagram you can see both the circles do not cut anywhere.

## Question102

The sum of all the real roots of the equation  $(e^{2x} - 4)(6e^{2x} - 5e^x + 1) = 0$  is  
[24-Jun-2022-Shift-2]

Options:

- A.  $\log_e 3$
- B.  $-\log_e 3$
- C.  $\log_e 6$
- D.  $-\log_e 6$

Answer: B

Solution:

Solution:

$$(e^{2x} - 4)(6e^{2x} - 5e^x + 1) = 0$$

$$\text{Let } e^x = t$$

$$\therefore (t^2 - 4)(6t^2 - 5t + 1) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (t^2 - 4)(2t - 1)(3t - 1) = 0$$

$$\therefore t = 2, -2, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\therefore e^x = 2 \Rightarrow x = \ln 2$$

$$e^x = -2 \text{ (not possible)}$$

$$e^x = \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow x = -\ln 2$$

$$e^x = \frac{1}{3} \Rightarrow x = -\ln 3$$

$$\therefore \text{Sum of all real roots}$$

$$= \ln 2 - \ln 2 - \ln 3$$

$$= -\ln 3$$

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## Question103

For a natural number  $n$ , let  $\alpha_n = 19^n - 12^n$ . Then, the value of  $\frac{31\alpha_9 - \alpha_{10}}{57\alpha_8}$  is \_\_\_\_  
[25-Jun-2022-Shift-1]

Answer: 4

Solution:

Solution:

$$a_n = 19^n - 12^n$$

Let equation of roots 12&19 i.e.

$$x^2 - 31x + 228 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (31 - x) = \frac{228}{x} \text{ (where x can be 19 or 12)}$$

$$\therefore \frac{31a_9 - a_{10}}{57a_8} = \frac{31(19^9 - 12^9) - (19^{10} - 12^{10})}{57(19^8 - 12^8)}$$

$$= \frac{19^9(31 - 19) - 12^9(31 - 12)}{57(19^8 - 12^8)}$$

$$= \frac{228(19^8 - 12^8)}{57(19^8 - 12^8)} = 4$$

## Question104

Let  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$  be such that the equation  $ax^2 - 2bx + 15 = 0$  has a repeated root  $\alpha$ . If  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are the roots of the equation  $x^2 - 2bx + 21 = 0$ , then  $\alpha^2 + \beta^2$  is equal to :  
[25-Jun-2022-Shift-2]

Options:

- A. 37
- B. 58
- C. 68
- D. 92

**Answer: B**

**Solution:**

Solution:

$$ax^2 - 2bx + 15 = 0 \text{ has repeated root so } b^2 = 15a \text{ and } \alpha = \frac{15}{b}$$

$$\because \alpha \text{ is a root of } x^2 - 2bx + 21 = 0$$

$$\text{So } \frac{225}{b^2} = 9 \Rightarrow b^2 = 25$$

$$\text{Now } \alpha^2 + \beta^2 = (\alpha + \beta)^2 - 2\alpha\beta = 4b^2 - 42 = 100 - 42 = 58$$

## Question105

The sum of the cubes of all the roots of the equation  $x^4 - 3x^3 - 2x^2 + 3x + 1 = 0$  is \_\_\_\_  
[26-Jun-2022-Shift-1]

**Answer: 36**

**Solution:**

Solution:

$$x^4 - 3x^3 - x^2 - x^2 + 3x + 1 = 0$$

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

Let the root of  $x^2 - 3x - 1 = 0$  be  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  and other two roots of given equation are 1 and -1

So sum of cubes of roots

$$= 1^3 + (-1)^3 + \alpha^3 + \beta^3$$

$$= (\alpha + \beta)^3 - 3\alpha\beta(\alpha + \beta)$$

$$= (3)^3 - 3(-1)(3)$$

$$= 36$$

## Question 106

If the sum of all the roots of the equation

$$e^{2x} - 11e^x - 45e^{-x} + \frac{81}{2} = 0 \text{ is } \log_e p, \text{ then } p \text{ is equal to } \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

[27-Jun-2022-Shift-1]

**Answer: 45**

**Solution:**

Solution:

Let  $e^x = t$  then equation reduces to

$$t^2 - 11t - \frac{45}{t} + \frac{81}{2} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 2t^3 - 22t^2 + 81t - 45 = 0 \dots (i)$$

if roots of  $e^{2xt} - 11e^x - 45e^{-x} + \frac{81}{2} = 0$  are  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$  then roots of (i) will be  $e^{\alpha_1} e^{\alpha_2} e^{\alpha_3}$  using product of roots

$$e^{\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + \alpha_3} = 45$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + \alpha_3 = \ln 45 \Rightarrow p = 45$$

## Question 107

Let  $\alpha, \beta$  be the roots of the equation  $x^2 - 4\lambda x + 5 = 0$  and  $\alpha, \gamma$  be the roots of the equation

$$x^2 - (3\sqrt{2} + 2\sqrt{3})x + 7 + 3\lambda\sqrt{3} = 0, \lambda > 0. \text{ If } \beta + \gamma = 3\sqrt{2}, \text{ then } (\alpha + 2\beta + \gamma)^2 \text{ is equal to } \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

[27-Jun-2022-Shift-2]

**Answer: 98**

**Solution:**

Solution:

$$\because \alpha, \beta \text{ are roots of } x^2 - 4\lambda x + 5 = 0$$

$$\therefore \alpha + \beta = 4\lambda \text{ and } \alpha\beta = 5$$

Also,  $\alpha, \gamma$  are roots of

$$x^2 - (3\sqrt{2} + 2\sqrt{3})x + 7 + 3\lambda\sqrt{3} = 0, \lambda > 0$$

$$\therefore \alpha + \gamma = 3\sqrt{2} + 2\sqrt{3}, \alpha\gamma = 7 + 3\sqrt{3}\lambda$$

$\therefore \alpha$  is common root

$$\therefore \alpha^2 - 4\lambda\alpha + 5 = 0$$

$$\text{and } \alpha^2 - (3\sqrt{2} + 2\sqrt{3})\alpha + 7 + 3\sqrt{3}\lambda = 0$$

$$\text{From (i) - (ii) : we get } \alpha = \frac{2 + 3\sqrt{3}\lambda}{3\sqrt{2} + 2\sqrt{3} - 4\lambda}$$

$$\therefore \beta + \gamma = 3\sqrt{2}$$

$$\therefore 4\lambda + 3\sqrt{2} + 2\sqrt{3} - 2\alpha = 3\sqrt{2}$$

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

$$\Rightarrow 8\lambda^2 + 3(\sqrt{3} + 2\sqrt{2})\lambda - 4 - 3\sqrt{6} = 0$$

$$\therefore \lambda = \frac{6\sqrt{2} - 3\sqrt{2} \pm \sqrt{9(11 - 4\sqrt{6}) + 32(4 + 3\sqrt{6})}}{16}$$

$$\therefore \lambda = \sqrt{2}$$

$$\therefore (\alpha + 2\beta + \gamma)^2 = (\alpha + \beta + \beta + \gamma)^2$$

$$= (4\sqrt{2} + 3\sqrt{2})^2$$

$$= (7\sqrt{2})^2 = 98$$

## Question 108

The number of real solutions of the equation  $e^{4x} + 4e^{3x} - 58e^{2x} + 4e^x + 1 = 0$  is \_\_\_\_\_  
[28-Jun-2022-Shift-1]

**Answer: 2**

**Solution:**

Solution:

Dividing by  $e^{2x}$

$$e^{2x} + 4e^x - 58 + 4e^{-x} + e^{-2x} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (e^x + e^{-x})^2 + 4(e^x + e^{-x}) - 60 = 0$$

$$\text{Let } e^x + e^{-x} = t \in [2, \infty)$$

$$\Rightarrow t^2 + 4t - 60 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow t = 6 \text{ is only possible solution}$$

$$e^x + e^{-x} = 6 \Rightarrow e^{2x} - 6e^x + 1 = 0$$

$$\text{Let } e^x = p$$

$$p^2 - 6p + 1 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow p = \frac{3 + \sqrt{5}}{2} \text{ or } \frac{3 - \sqrt{5}}{2}$$

$$\text{So } x = \ln\left(\frac{3 + \sqrt{5}}{2}\right) \text{ or } \ln\left(\frac{3 - \sqrt{5}}{2}\right)$$

## Question 109

Let  $f(x)$  be a quadratic polynomial such that  $f(-2) + f(3) = 0$ . If one of the roots of  $f(x) = 0$  is  $-1$ , then the sum of the roots of  $f(x) = 0$  is equal to :  
[28-Jun-2022-Shift-2]

**Options:**

A.  $\frac{11}{3}$

B.  $\frac{7}{3}$

C.  $\frac{13}{3}$

D.  $\frac{14}{3}$

**Answer: A**

### Solution:

Solution:

$\because x = -1$  be the roots of  $f(x) = 0$

$\therefore$  Let  $f(x) = A(x+1)(x-1)\dots\dots (i)$

Now,  $f(-2) + f(3) = 0$

$\Rightarrow A[-1(-2-b) + 4(3-b)] = 0$

$$b = \frac{14}{3}$$

$\therefore$  Second root of  $f(x) = 0$  will be  $\frac{14}{3}$

$\therefore$  Sum of roots  $= \frac{14}{3} - 1 = \frac{11}{3}$

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## Question110

Let  $\alpha$  be a root of the equation  $1 + x^2 + x^4 = 0$ . Then, the value of  $\alpha^{1011} + \alpha^{2022} - \alpha^{3033}$  is equal to :  
[29-Jun-2022-Shift-2]

Options:

A. 1

B.  $\alpha$

C.  $1 + \alpha$

D.  $1 + 2\alpha$

**Answer: A**

### Solution:

Solution:

Given,  $\alpha$  is a root of the equation  $1 + x^2 + x^4 = 0$

$\therefore \alpha$  will satisfy the equation.

$$\therefore 1 + \alpha^2 + \alpha^4 = 0$$

$$\alpha^2 = \frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{1-4}}{2}$$

$$= \frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{3}i}{2}$$

$$\therefore \alpha^2 = \omega \text{ or } \omega^2$$

Now,

$$\alpha^{1011} + \alpha^{2022} - \alpha^{3033}$$

$$= \alpha \cdot (\alpha^2)^{505} + (\alpha^2)^{1011} - \alpha \cdot (\alpha^2)^{1516}$$

$$= \alpha(\omega)^{505} + (\omega)^{1011} - \alpha \cdot (\omega)^{1516}$$

$$= \alpha \cdot (\omega^3)^{168} \cdot \omega + (\omega^3)^{337} - \alpha \cdot (\omega^3)^{505} \cdot \omega$$

$$= \alpha\omega + 1 - \alpha\omega$$

$$= 1$$

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## Question111

Let  $x, y > 0$ . If  $x^3 y^2 = 2^{15}$ , then the least value of  $3x + 2y$  is  
[24-Jun-2022-Shift-2]

Options:

A. 30

B. 32

C. 36

D. 40

**Answer: D**

### Solution:

Solution:

$$x, y > 0 \text{ and } x^3 y^2 = 2^{15}$$

$$\text{Now, } 3x + 2y = (x + x + x) + (y + y)$$

So, by  $A \cdot M \geq G.M$  inequality

$$\frac{3x + 2y}{5} \geq \sqrt[5]{x^3 \cdot y^2}$$

$$\therefore 3x + 2y \geq 5 \sqrt[5]{2^{15}} \geq 40$$

$$\therefore \text{Least value of } 3x + 4y = 40$$

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## Question112

Let  $p$  and  $q$  be two real numbers such that  $p + q = 3$  and  $p^4 + q^4 = 369$ . Then  $\left(\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q}\right)^{-2}$  is equal to \_\_\_\_  
[26-Jun-2022-Shift-2]

Answer: 4

### Solution:

Solution:

$$\because p + q = 3 \dots\dots (i)$$

$$\text{and } p^4 + q^4 = 369 \dots\dots (ii)$$

$$\{(p + q)^2 - 2pq\}^2 - 2p^2q^2 = 369$$

$$\text{or } (9 - 2pq)^2 - 2(pq)^2 = 369$$

$$\text{or } (pq)^2 - 18pq - 144 = 0$$

$$\therefore pq = -6 \text{ or } 24$$

But  $pq = 24$  is not possible

$$\therefore pq = -6$$

$$\text{Hence, } \left(\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q}\right)^{-2} = \left(\frac{pq}{p+q}\right)^2 = (-2)^2 = 4$$

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## Question113

If  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta$  are the roots of the equation  $x^4 + x^3 + x^2 + x + 1 = 0$ , then  $\alpha^{2021} + \beta^{2021} + \gamma^{2021} + \delta^{2021}$  is equal to :  
[25-Jul-2022-Shift-1]

Options:

A. -4

B. -1

C. 1

D. 4



**Answer: B**

**Solution:**

Solution:

When,  $x^5 = 1$

then  $x^5 - 1 = 0$

$$\Rightarrow (x-1)(x^4 + x^3 + x^2 + x + 1) = 0$$

Given,  $x^4 + x^3 + x^2 + x + 1 = 0$  has roots  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$  and 8 .

$\therefore$  Roots of  $x^5 - 1 = 0$  are 1,  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$  and 8

We know, Sum of  $p^{\text{th}}$  power of  $n^{\text{th}}$  roots of unity = 0. (If  $p$  is not multiple of  $n$ ) or  $n$  (If  $p$  is multiple of  $n$ )

$\therefore$  Here, Sum of  $p^{\text{th}}$  power of  $n^{\text{th}}$  roots of unity

Here,  $p = 2021$ , which is not multiple of 5 .

$$\therefore 1^{2021} + \alpha^{2021} + \beta^{2021} + \gamma^{2021} + 8^{2021} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha^{2021} + \beta^{2021} + \gamma^{2021} + 8^{2021} = -1$$

## Question114

For  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , let  $S_n = \left\{ z \in \mathbb{C} : |z - 3 + 2i| = \frac{n}{4} \right\}$  and  $T_n = \left\{ z \in \mathbb{C} : |z - 2 + 3i| = \frac{1}{n} \right\}$ .

Then the number of elements in the set  $\{n \in \mathbb{N} : S_n \cap T_n = \emptyset\}$  is :

[25-Jul-2022-Shift-1]

**Options:**

A. 0

B. 2

C. 3

D. 4

**Answer: D**

**Solution:**

Solution:

$S_n = \left\{ z \in \mathbb{C} : |z - 3 + 2i| = \frac{n}{4} \right\}$  represents a circle with centre  $C_1(3, -2)$  and radius  $r_1 = \frac{n}{4}$

Similarly  $T_n$  represents circle with centre  $C_2(2, -3)$  and radius  $r_2 = \frac{1}{n}$

As  $S_n \cap T_n = \emptyset$

$$C_1C_2 > r_1 + r_2 \quad \text{OR} \quad C_1C_2 < |r_1 - r_2|$$

$$\sqrt{2} > \frac{n}{4} + \frac{1}{n} \quad \text{OR} \quad \sqrt{2} < \left| \frac{n}{4} - \frac{1}{n} \right|$$

$n = 1, 2, 3, 4$   $n$  may take infinite values

## Question115

For  $z \in \mathbb{C}$  if the minimum value of  $(|z - 3\sqrt{2}| + |z - p\sqrt{2}i|)$  is  $5\sqrt{2}$ , then a value Question: of  $p$  is

[25-Jul-2022-Shift-2]

**Options:**

A. 3

B.  $\frac{7}{2}$

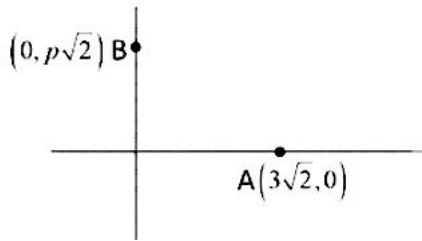
C. 4

D.  $\frac{9}{2}$

**Answer: C**

### Solution:

Solution:



It is sum of distance of  $z$  from  $(3\sqrt{2}, 0)$  and  $(0, p\sqrt{2})$ . For minimising,  $z$  should lie on  $AB$  and  $AB = 5\sqrt{2}$

$$(AB)^2 = 18 + 2p^2$$

$$p = \pm 4$$

## Question 116

Let  $O$  be the origin and  $A$  be the point  $z_1 = 1 + 2i$ . If  $B$  is the point  $z_2$ ,  $\text{Re}(z_2) < 0$ , such that  $OAB$  is a right angled isosceles triangle with  $OB$  as hypotenuse, then which of the following is NOT true?  
[26-Jul-2022-Shift-1]

Options:

A.  $\arg z_2 = \pi - \tan^{-1} 3$

B.  $\arg(z_1 - 2z_2) = -\tan^{-1} \frac{4}{3}$

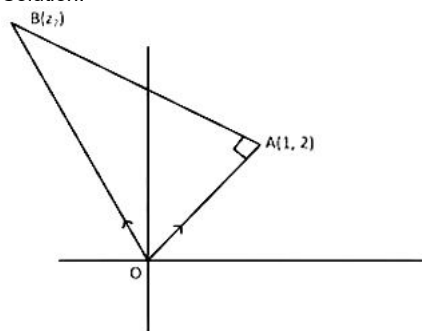
C.  $|z_2| = \sqrt{10}$

D.  $|2z_1 - z_2| = 5$

Answer: D

### Solution:

Solution:



$$\frac{z_2 - 0}{(1 + 2i) - 0} = \frac{|OB|}{|OA|} e^{i\frac{\pi}{4}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{z_2}{1 + 2i} = \sqrt{2} e^{i\frac{\pi}{4}}$$

$$\text{OR } z_2 = (1 + 2i)(1 + i)$$

$$= -1 + 3i$$

$$\arg z_2 = \pi - \tan^{-1} 3$$

$$|z_2| = \sqrt{10}$$

$$z_1 - 2z_2 = (1 + 2i) + 2 - 6i = 3 - 4i$$

$$\arg(z_1 - 2z_2) = -\tan^{-1} \frac{4}{3}$$

$$|2z_1 - z_2| = |2 + 4i + 1 - 3i| = |3 + i| = \sqrt{10}$$

## Question 117

If  $z = x + iy$  satisfies  $|z| - 2 = 0$  and  $|z - i| - |z + 5i| = 0$ , then  
[26-Jul-2022-Shift-2]

Options:

A.  $x + 2y - 4 = 0$

B.  $x^2 + y - 4 = 0$

C.  $x + 2y + 4 = 0$

D.  $x^2 - y + 3 = 0$

Answer: C

Solution:

Solution:

$$|z - i| = |z + 5i|$$

So,  $z$  lies on  $\perp^r$  bisector of  $(0, 1)$  and  $(0, -5)$

i.e., line  $y = -2$

as  $|z| = 2$

$$\Rightarrow z = -2i$$

$$x = 0 \text{ and } y = -2$$

$$\text{so, } x + 2y + 4 = 0$$

## Question118

Let the minimum value  $v_0$  of  $v = |z|^2 + |z - 3|^2 + |z - 6i|^2, z \in \mathbb{C}$  is attained at  $z = z_0$ . Then

$\left| 2z_0^2 - \bar{z}_0^3 + 3 \right|^2 + v_0^2$  is equal to

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Options:

A. 1000

B. 1024

C. 1105

D. 1196

Answer: A

Solution:

Solution:

Let  $z = x + iy$

$$v = x^2 + y^2 + (x - 3)^2 + y^2 + x^2 + (y - 6)^2$$

$$= (3x^2 - 6x + 9) + (3y^2 - 12y + 36)$$

$$= 3(x^2 + y^2 - 2x - 4y + 15)$$

$$= 3[(x - 1)^2 + (y - 2)^2 + 10]$$

$$v_{\min} \text{ at } z = 1 + 2i = z_0 \text{ and } v_0 = 30$$

$$\text{so } |2(1 + 2i)^2 - (1 - 2i)^3 + 3|^2 + 900$$

$$= |2(-3 + 4i) - (1 - 8i^3 - 6i(1 - 2i)) + 3|^2 + 900.$$

$$= |-6 + 8i - (1 + 8i - 6i - 12) + 3|^2 + 900$$

$$= |8 + 6i|^2 + 900$$

$$= |8 + 6i|^2 + 900$$

$$= 1000$$

## Question119

Let  $S = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : z^2 + \bar{z} = 0\}$ . Then  $\sum_{z \in S} (\operatorname{Re}(z) + \operatorname{Im}(z))$  is equal to \_\_\_\_\_.

[27-Jul-2022-Shift-1]

**Answer: 0**

**Solution:**

Solution:

$$\because z^2 + \bar{z} = 0$$

$$\text{Let } z = x + iy$$

$$\therefore x^2 - y^2 + 2ixy + x - iy = 0$$

$$(x^2 - y^2 + x) + i(2xy - y) = 0$$

$$\therefore x^2 + y^2 = 0 \text{ and } (2x - 1)y = 0$$

$$\text{if } x = +\frac{1}{2} \text{ then } y = \pm \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

$$\text{And if } y = 0 \text{ then } x = 0, -1$$

$$\therefore z = 0 + 0i, -1 + 0i, \frac{1}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}i, \frac{1}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}i$$

$$\therefore \sum (\operatorname{Re}(z) + \operatorname{Im}(z)) = 0$$

## Question 120

Let  $S$  be the set of all  $(\alpha, \beta)$ ,  $\pi < \alpha$ ,  $\beta < 2\pi$ , for which the complex number  $\frac{1 - i \sin \alpha}{1 + 2i \sin \alpha}$  is purely imaginary

and  $\frac{1 + i \cos \beta}{1 - 2i \cos \beta}$  is purely real. Let  $Z_{\alpha\beta} = \sin 2\alpha + i \cos 2\beta$ ,  $(\alpha, \beta) \in S$ . Then  $\sum_{(\alpha, \beta) \in S} \left( iZ_{\alpha\beta} + \frac{1}{iZ_{\alpha\beta}} \right)$  is equal to :

[27-Jul-2022-Shift-2]

**Options:**

A. 3

B.  $3i$

C. 1

D.  $2 - i$

**Answer: C**

**Solution:**

Solution:

$$\because \frac{1 - i \sin \alpha}{1 + 2i \sin \alpha} \text{ is purely imaginary}$$

$$\therefore \frac{1 - i \sin \alpha}{1 + 2i \sin \alpha} + \frac{1 + i \sin \alpha}{1 - 2i \sin \alpha} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 - 2 \sin^2 \alpha = 0$$

$$\therefore \alpha = \frac{5\pi}{4}, \frac{7\pi}{4}$$

$$\text{and } \frac{1 + i \cos \beta}{1 - 2i \cos \beta} \text{ is purely real}$$

$$\frac{1 + i \cos \beta}{1 - 2i \cos \beta} - \frac{1 - i \cos \beta}{1 + 2i \cos \beta} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos \beta = 0$$

$$\therefore \beta = \frac{3\pi}{2}$$

$$\therefore S = \left\{ \left( \frac{5\pi}{4}, \frac{3\pi}{2} \right), \left( \frac{7\pi}{4}, \frac{3\pi}{2} \right) \right\}$$

$$Z_{\alpha\beta} = 1 - i \text{ and } Z_{\alpha\beta} = -1 - i$$

$$\therefore \sum_{(\alpha, \beta) \in S} \left( iZ_{\alpha\beta} + \frac{1}{iZ_{\alpha\beta}} \right) = i(-2i) + \frac{1}{i} \left[ \frac{1}{1+i} + \frac{1}{-1+i} \right]$$

$$= 2 + \frac{1}{i} \cdot \frac{2i}{-2} = 1$$

## Question 121

Let  $S_1 = \left\{ z_1 \in \mathbb{C} : |z_1 - 3| = \frac{1}{2} \right\}$  and  $S_2 = \{ z_2 \in \mathbb{C} : |z_2 - |z_2 + 1|| = |z_2 + |z_2 - 1|| \}$ . Then, for  $z_1 \in S_1$  and  $z_2 \in S_2$ , the least value of  $|z_2 - z_1|$  is :  
[28-Jul-2022-Shift-1]

Options:

- A. 0
- B.  $\frac{1}{2}$
- C.  $\frac{3}{2}$
- D.  $\frac{5}{2}$

Answer: C

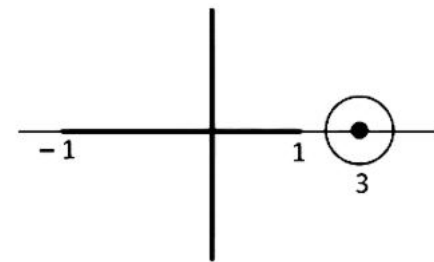
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$$\begin{aligned} \because |Z_2 + |Z_2 - 1||^2 &= |Z_2 - |Z_2 + 1||^2 \\ \Rightarrow (Z_2 + |Z_2 - 1|)(\overline{Z_2} + |Z_2 - 1|) &= (Z_2 - |Z_2 + 1|)(\overline{Z_2} - |Z_2 + 1|) \\ \Rightarrow Z_2(|Z_2 - 1| + |Z_2 + 1|) + \overline{Z_2}(|Z_2 - 1| + |Z_2 + 1|) &= |Z_2 + 1|^2 - |Z_2 - 1|^2 \\ \Rightarrow (Z_2 + \overline{Z_2})(|Z_2 + 1| + |Z_2 - 1|) &= 2(Z_2 + \overline{Z_2}) \\ \Rightarrow \text{Either } Z_2 + \overline{Z_2} = 0 \text{ or } |Z_2 + 1| + |Z_2 - 1| &= 2 \end{aligned}$$

So,  $Z_2$  lies on imaginary axis or on real axis within  $[-1, 1]$

Also  $|Z_1 - 3| = \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow Z_1$  lies on the circle having center 3 and radius  $\frac{1}{2}$ .



Clearly  $|Z_1 - Z_2|_{\min} = \frac{3}{2}$

## Question 122

Let  $z = a + ib$ ,  $b \neq 0$  be complex numbers satisfying  $z^2 = \overline{z} \cdot 2^{1-|z|}$ . Then the least value of  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , such that  $z^n = (z + 1)^n$ , is equal to \_\_\_\_\_.  
[28-Jul-2022-Shift-2]

Answer: 6

Solution:

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} \because z^2 &= \overline{z} \cdot 2^{1-|z|} \dots\dots (1) \\ \Rightarrow |z|^2 &= |\overline{z}| \cdot 2^{1-|z|} \\ \Rightarrow |z| &= 2^{1-|z|} \\ \because b \neq 0 &\Rightarrow |z| \neq 0 \\ \therefore |z| &= 1 \dots\dots (2) \\ \because z &= a + ib \text{ then } \sqrt{a^2 + b^2} = 1 \dots\dots (3) \end{aligned}$$

Now again from equation (1), equation (2), equation (3) we get :

$$a^2 - b^2 + i2ab = (a - ib)2^0$$

$$\therefore a^2 - b^2 = a \text{ and } 2ab = -b$$

$$\therefore a = -\frac{1}{2} \text{ and } b = \pm \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

$$z = -\frac{1}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}i \text{ or } z = -\frac{1}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}i$$

$$z^n = (z+1)^n \Rightarrow \left(\frac{z+1}{z}\right)^n = 1$$

$$\left(1 + \frac{1}{z}\right)^n = 1$$

$$\left(\frac{1 + \sqrt{3}i}{2}\right)^n = 1, \text{ then minimum value of } n \text{ is } 6.$$

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## Question123

If  $z = 2 + 3i$ , then  $z^5 + \left(\frac{\bar{z}}{z}\right)^5$  is equal to :

[29-Jul-2022-Shift-1]

Options:

A. 244

B. 224

C. 245

D. 265

Answer: A

Solution:

Solution:

$$z = (2 + 3i)$$

$$\Rightarrow z^5 = (2 + 3i)((2 + 3i)^2)^2$$

$$= (2 + 3i)(-5 + 12i)^2$$

$$= (2 + 3i)(-119 - 120i)$$

$$= -238 - 240i - 357i + 360$$

$$= 122 - 597i$$

$$\bar{z}^5 = 122 + 597i$$

$$z^5 + \bar{z}^5 = 244$$

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## Question124

If  $z \neq 0$  be a complex number such that  $\left|z - \frac{1}{z}\right| = 2$ , then the maximum value of  $|z|$  is:

[29-Jul-2022-Shift-2]

Options:

A.  $\sqrt{2}$

B. 1

C.  $\sqrt{2} - 1$

D.  $\sqrt{2} + 1$

Answer: D

Solution:

Solution:

We know,

$$||z_1| - |z_2|| \leq |z_1 + z_2| \leq |z_1| + |z_2|$$

$$\therefore \left| |z| - \frac{1}{|z|} \right| \leq \left| z - \frac{1}{z} \right|$$

$$\Rightarrow \left| |z| - \frac{1}{|z|} \right| \leq 2 \left[ \text{Given } \left| z - \frac{1}{z} \right| = 2 \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow \left| \frac{|z|^2 - 1}{|z|} \right| \leq 2$$

$$\Rightarrow -2 \leq \frac{|z|^2 - 1}{|z|} \leq 2$$

$$\therefore \frac{|z|^2 - 1}{|z|} \leq 2$$

$$\Rightarrow |z|^2 - 1 \leq 2|z|$$

$$\Rightarrow |z|^2 - 2|z| - 1 \leq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow |z|^2 - 2|z| + 1 - 2 \leq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (|z| - 1)^2 - 2 \leq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -\sqrt{2} \leq |z| - 1 \leq \sqrt{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 - \sqrt{2} \leq |z| \leq 1 + \sqrt{2} \dots (1)$$

or

$$-2 \leq \frac{|z|^2 - 1}{|z|}$$

$$\Rightarrow |z|^2 - 1 \leq -2|z|$$

$$\Rightarrow |z|^2 + 2|z| - 1 \leq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow |z|^2 + 2|z| + 1 - 2 \leq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (|z| + 1)^2 - 2 \leq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -\sqrt{2} \leq |z| + 1 \leq +\sqrt{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow -\sqrt{2} - 1 \leq |z| \leq \sqrt{2} - 1 \dots (2)$$

From (1) and (2) we get,

Maximum value of  $|z| = \sqrt{2} + 1$  and minimum value of  $|z| = -\sqrt{2} - 1$

## Question 125

Let  $S = \{z = x + iy : |z - 1 + i| \geq |z|, |z| < 2, |z + i| = |z - 1|\}$ . Then the set of all values of  $x$ , for which  $u = 2x + iy \in S$  for some  $y \in \mathbb{R}$ , is  
[29-Jul-2022-Shift-2]

Options:

A.  $\left(-\sqrt{2}, \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}}\right]$

B.  $\left(-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{1}{4}\right]$

C.  $\left(-\sqrt{2}, \frac{1}{2}\right]$

D.  $\left(-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}}\right]$

Answer: B

Solution:

Solution:

## Question 126

If the numbers appeared on the two throws of a fair six faced die are  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ , then the probability that  $x^2 + \alpha x + \beta > 0$ , for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ , is :  
[25-Jul-2022-Shift-1]

Options:

A.  $\frac{17}{36}$

B.  $\frac{4}{9}$

C.  $\frac{1}{2}$

D.  $\frac{19}{36}$

**Answer: A**

**Solution:**

Solution:

For  $x^2 + \alpha x + \beta > 0 \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$  to hold, we should have  $\alpha^2 - 4\beta < 0$

If  $\alpha = 1$ ,  $\beta$  can be 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 i.e., 6 choices

If  $\alpha = 2$ ,  $\beta$  can be 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 i.e., 5 choices

If  $\alpha = 3$ ,  $\beta$  can be 3, 4, 5, 6 i.e., 4 choices

If  $\alpha = 4$ ,  $\beta$  can be 5 or 6 i.e., 2 choices

If  $\alpha = 6$ , No possible value for  $\beta$  i.e., 0 choices

Hence total favourable outcomes

$$= 6 + 5 + 4 + 2 + 0 + 0$$

$$= 17$$

Total possible choices for  $\alpha$  and  $\beta = 6 \times 6 = 36$

$$\text{Required probability} = \frac{17}{36}$$

## Question127

Let a, b be two non-zero real numbers. If p and r are the roots of the equation  $x^2 - 8ax + 2a = 0$  and q and s are the roots of the equation  $x^2 + 12bx + 6b = 0$ , such that  $\frac{1}{p}, \frac{1}{q}, \frac{1}{r}, \frac{1}{s}$  are in A.P., then  $a^{-1} - b^{-1}$  is equal to  
[25-Jul-2022-Shift-1]

**Answer: 38**

**Solution:**

Solution:

$\therefore$  Roots of  $2ax^2 - 8ax + 1 = 0$  are  $\frac{1}{p}$  and  $\frac{1}{r}$  and roots of  $6bx^2 + 12bx + 1 = 0$  are  $\frac{1}{q}$  and  $\frac{1}{s}$

Let  $\frac{1}{p}, \frac{1}{q}, \frac{1}{r}, \frac{1}{s}$  as  $\alpha - 3\beta, \alpha - \beta, \alpha + \beta, \alpha + 3\beta$

So sum of roots  $2\alpha - 2\beta = 4$  and  $2\alpha + 2\beta = -2$

Clearly  $\alpha = \frac{1}{2}$  and  $\beta = -\frac{3}{2}$

Now product of roots,  $\frac{1}{p} \cdot \frac{1}{r} = \frac{1}{2a} = -5 \Rightarrow \frac{1}{a} = -10$

and  $\frac{1}{q} \cdot \frac{1}{s} = \frac{1}{6b} = -8 \Rightarrow \frac{1}{b} = -48$

So,  $\frac{1}{a} - \frac{1}{b} = 38$

## Question128

If for some p, q, r  $\in \mathbb{R}$ , not all have same sign, one of the roots of the equation  $(p^2 + q^2)x^2 - 2q(p + r)x + q^2 + r^2 = 0$  is also a root of the equation  $x^2 + 2x - 8 = 0$ , then  $\frac{q^2 + r^2}{p^2}$  is equal to

[26-Jul-2022-Shift-1]



**Solution:**

$$(p^2 + q^2)x^2 - 2q(p + r)x + q^2 + r^2 = 0 \begin{cases} \alpha \\ \beta \end{cases}$$
$$\therefore \frac{q^2 + r^2}{p^2} = \frac{16p^2 + 256p^2}{p^2} = 272$$

The number of distinct real roots of the equation  $x^5(x^3 - x^2 - x + 1) + x(3x^3 - 4x^2 - 2x + 4) - 1 = 0$  is

**Solution:**

$\therefore 3$  real roots.

**The minimum value of the sum of the squares of the roots of  $x^2 + (3-a)x + 1 = 2a$  is:**

**Solution:**

Solution:

$$x^2 + (3 - a)x + 1 = 2a \begin{matrix} \nearrow \alpha \\ \searrow \beta \end{matrix}$$

$$\alpha + \beta = a - 3, \alpha\beta = 1 - 2a$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha^2 + \beta^2 = (a - 3)^2 - 2(1 - 2a)$$

$$= a^2 - 6a + 9 - 2 + 4a$$

$$= a^2 - 2a + 7$$

$$= (a - 1)^2 + 6$$

$$\text{So, } \alpha^2 + \beta^2 \geq 6$$

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## Question131

Let the abscissae of the two points P and Q on a circle be the roots of  $x^2 - 4x - 6 = 0$  and the ordinates of P and Q be the roots of  $y^2 + 2y - 7 = 0$ . If PQ is a diameter of the circle  $x^2 + y^2 + 2ax + 2by + c = 0$ , then the value of  $(a + b - c)$  is \_\_\_\_\_.

[26-Jul-2022-Shift-2]

Options:

A. 12

B. 13

C. 14

D. 16

Answer: A

Solution:

Solution:

Abscissae of PQ are roots of  $x^2 - 4x - 6 = 0$

Ordinates of PQ are roots of  $y^2 + 2y - 7 = 0$

and PQ is diameter

$\Rightarrow$  Equation of circle is

$$x^2 + y^2 - 4x + 2y - 13 = 0$$

But, given  $x^2 + y^2 + 2ax + 2by + c = 0$

By comparison  $a = -2, b = 1, c = -13$

$$\Rightarrow a + b - c = -2 + 1 + 13 = 12$$

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## Question132

If  $\alpha, \beta$  are the roots of the equation  $x^2 - \left(5 + 3^{\sqrt{\log_3 5}} - 5^{\sqrt{\log_5 3}}\right) + 3 \left(3^{(\log_3 5)^{\frac{1}{3}}} - 5^{(\log_5 3)^{\frac{2}{3}}} - 1\right) = 0$  then the equation, whose roots are  $\alpha + \frac{1}{\beta}$  and  $\beta + \frac{1}{\alpha}$ , is :

[27-Jul-2022-Shift-2]

Options:

A.  $3x^2 - 20x - 12 = 0$

B.  $3x^2 - 10x - 4 = 0$

C.  $3x^2 - 10x + 2 = 0$

D.  $3x^2 - 20x + 16 = 0$

Answer: B

### Solution:

Solution:

$$3^{\sqrt{\log_3 5}} - 5^{\sqrt{\log_5 3}} = 3^{\sqrt{\log_3 5}} - (3^{\log_3 5})^{\sqrt{\log_5 3}} \\ 3^{(\log_3 5) \frac{1}{3}} - 5^{(\log_5 3) \frac{2}{3}} = 5^{(\log_5 3) \frac{2}{3}} - 5^{(\log_5 3) \frac{2}{3}} = 0$$

Note: In the given equation 'x' is missing.

So

$$x^2 - 5x + 3(-1) = 0 \quad \begin{matrix} \nearrow \alpha \\ \searrow \beta \end{matrix}$$

$$\alpha + \beta + \frac{1}{\alpha} + \frac{1}{\beta} = (\alpha + \beta) + \frac{\alpha + \beta}{\alpha\beta} \\ = 5 - \frac{5}{3} = \frac{10}{3}$$

$$\left(\alpha + \frac{1}{\beta}\right) \left(\beta + \frac{1}{\alpha}\right) = 2 + \alpha\beta + \frac{1}{\alpha\beta} = 2 - 3 - \frac{1}{3} = \frac{-4}{3}$$

So Equation must be option (B).

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## Question133

The sum of all real values of x for which  $\frac{3x^2 - 9x + 17}{x^2 + 3x + 10} - \frac{5x^2 - 7x + 19}{3x^2 + 5x + 12}$  is equal to \_\_\_\_\_.

[28-Jul-2022-Shift-1]

Answer: 6

### Solution:

Solution:

$$\frac{3x^2 - 9x + 17}{x^2 + 3x + 10} = \frac{5x^2 - 7x + 19}{3x^2 + 5x + 12} \\ \Rightarrow \frac{3x^2 - 9x + 17}{5x^2 - 7x + 19} = \frac{x^2 + 3x + 10}{3x^2 + 5x + 12} \\ \frac{-2x^2 - 2x - 2}{5x^2 - 7x + 19} = \frac{-2x^2 - 2x - 2}{3x^2 + 5x + 12}$$

Either  $x^2 + x + 1 = 0$  or No real roots  $\Rightarrow 5x^2 - 7x + 19 = 3x^2 + 5x + 12$

$$2x^2 - 12x + 7 = 0$$

$$\text{sum of roots} = 6$$

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## Question134

Let  $\alpha, \beta$  be the roots of the equation  $x^2 - \sqrt{2}x + \sqrt{6} = 0$  and  $\frac{1}{\alpha^2} + 1, \frac{1}{\beta^2} + 1$  be the roots of the equation

$x^2 + ax + b = 0$ . Then the roots of the equation  $x^2 - (a + b - 2)x + (a + b + 2) = 0$  are :

[28-Jul-2022-Shift-2]

Options:

A. non-real complex numbers

B. real and both negative

C. real and both positive

D. real and exactly one of them is positive

Answer: B

### Solution:

Solution:

$$\alpha + \beta = \sqrt{2}, \alpha\beta = \sqrt{6}$$

$$\frac{1}{\alpha^2} + 1 + \frac{1}{\beta^2} + 1 = 2 + \frac{\alpha^2 + \beta^2}{6}$$

$$= 2 + \frac{2 - 2\sqrt{6}}{6} = -a$$

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

$$= \frac{7}{6} + \frac{2 - 2\sqrt{6}}{6} = b$$

$$\Rightarrow a + b = \frac{-5}{6}$$

$$\text{So, equation is } x^2 + \frac{17x}{6} + \frac{7}{6} = 0$$

$$\text{OR } 6x^2 + 17x + 7 = 0$$

Both roots of equation are -ve and distinct

## Question 135

Let  $f(x) = ax^2 + bx + c$  be such that  $f(1) = 3$ ,  $f(-2) = \lambda$  and  $f(3) = 4$ . If  $f(0) + f(1) + f(-2) + f(3) = 14$ , then  $\lambda$  is equal to :  
[28-Jul-2022-Shift-2]

Options:

A.  $-4$

B.  $\frac{13}{2}$

C.  $\frac{23}{2}$

D.  $4$

Answer: D

Solution:

Solution:

$$f(1) = a + b + c = 3 \dots (i)$$

$$f(3) = 9a + 3b + c = 4 \dots (ii)$$

$$f(0) + f(1) + f(-2) + f(3) = 14$$

$$\text{OR } c + 3 + (4a - 2b + c) + 4 = 14$$

$$\text{OR } 4a - 2b + 2c = 7 \dots (iii)$$

$$\text{From (i) and (ii) } 8a + 2b = 1 \dots (iv)$$

$$\text{From (iii) } -(2) \times (i)$$

$$\Rightarrow 2a - 4b = 1 \dots (v)$$

$$\text{From (iv) and (v) } a = \frac{1}{6}, b = \frac{-1}{6} \text{ and } c = 3$$

$$f(-2) = 4a - 2b + c$$

$$= \frac{4}{6} + \frac{2}{6} + 3 = 4$$

## Question 136

Let  $\alpha, \beta (\alpha > \beta)$  be the roots of the quadratic equation  $x^2 - x - 4 = 0$ . If  $P_n = \alpha^n - \beta^n$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , then

$$\frac{P_{15}P_{16} - P_{14}P_{16} - P_{15}^2 + P_{14}P_{15}}{P_{13}P_{14}} \text{ is equal to}$$

[29-Jul-2022-Shift-2]

Answer: 16

Solution:

Solution:

$\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are the roots of the quadratic equation  $x^2 - x - 4 = 0$ .

$\therefore \alpha$  and  $\beta$  satisfy the given equation.

$$\alpha^2 - \alpha - 4 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha^{n+1} - \alpha^n - 4\alpha^{n-1} = 0 \dots\dots (i)$$

$$\text{and } \beta^2 - \beta - 4 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \beta^{n+1} - \beta^n - 4\beta^{n-1} = 0 \dots\dots (2) \text{Substituting (2) from (1), we get,}$$

$$(\alpha^{n+1} - \beta^{n+1}) - (\alpha^n - \beta^n) - 4(\alpha^{n-1} - \beta^{n-1}) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow P_{n+1} - P_n - 4P_{n-1} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow P_{n+1} = P_n + 4P_{n-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow P_{n+1} - P_n = 4P_{n-1}$$

$$\text{For } n = 14, P_{15} - P_{14} = 4P_{13}$$

$$\text{For } n = 15, P_{16} - P_{15} = 4P_{14}$$

$$\text{Now, } \frac{P_{15}P_{16} - P_{14}P_{16} - P_{15}^2 + P_{14}P_{15}}{P_{13}P_{14}}$$

$$= \frac{P_{16}(P_{15} - P_{14}) - P_{15}(P_{15} - P_{14})}{P_{13}P_{14}}$$

$$= \frac{(P_{15} - P_{14})(P_{16} - P_{15})}{P_{13}P_{14}}$$

$$= \frac{(4P_{13})(4P_{14})}{P_{13}P_{14}}$$

$$= 16$$

## Question137

Let  $S = \{x \in [-6, 3] - \{-2, 2\} : \frac{|x+3|-1}{|x|-2} \geq 0\}$  and  $T = \{x \in \mathbb{Z} : x^2 - 7|x| + 9 \leq 0\}$

Then the number of elements in  $S \cap T$  is :

[28-Jul-2022-Shift-2]

Options:

A. 7

B. 5

C. 4

D. 3

Answer: D

Solution:

Solution:

$$|x^2| - 7|x| + 9 \leq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow |x| \in \left[ \frac{7 - \sqrt{13}}{2}, \frac{7 + \sqrt{13}}{2} \right]$$

As  $x \in \mathbb{Z}$

So,  $x$  can be  $\pm 2, \pm 3, \pm 4, \pm 5$

Out of these values of  $x$ ,

$x = 3, -4, -5$

satisfy  $S$  as well

$$n(S \cap T) = 3$$

## Question138

Let  $i = \sqrt{-1}$ . If  $\frac{(-1+i\sqrt{3})^{21}}{(1-i)^{24}} + \frac{(1+i\sqrt{3})^{21}}{(1+i)^{24}} = k$  and  $n = [|k|]$  be the greatest integral part of  $|k|$ . Then,

$$\sum_{j=0}^{n+5} (j+5)^2 - \sum_{j=0}^{n+5} (j+5) \text{ is equal to}$$

[2021, 24 Feb. Shift-II]

**Answer: 310**

**Solution:**

Solution:

$$\text{Given, } \frac{(-1+i\sqrt{3})^{21}}{(1-i)^{24}} + \frac{(1+i\sqrt{3})^{21}}{(1+i)^{24}} = k$$

$$\therefore -1+i\sqrt{3} = 2e^{i2\pi/3}$$

$$1+i\sqrt{3} = 2e^{i\pi/3}$$

$$1-i = \sqrt{2}e^{-i\pi/4}$$

$$1+i = \sqrt{2}e^{i\pi/4}$$

$$\text{Now, } \frac{\left(2e^{i\frac{2\pi}{3}}\right)^{21}}{(\sqrt{2}e^{-i\pi/4})^{24}} + \frac{(2e^{i\pi/3})^{21}}{(\sqrt{2}e^{i\pi/4})^{24}}$$

$$= \frac{2^{21} \cdot e^{i14\pi}}{2^{12} \cdot e^{-i6\pi}} + \frac{2^{21} \cdot e^{i7\pi}}{2^{12} \cdot e^{i6\pi}}$$

$$= 2^9 \cdot e^{i20\pi} + 2^9 \cdot e^{i\pi}$$

$$= 2^9(1) + 2^9(-1)$$

$$\Rightarrow 2^9 - 2^9 = 0 = k \text{ (given)}$$

$$\therefore n = [k] = [101] = 0$$

$$\text{Now, } \sum_{j=0}^5 (j+5)^2 - \sum_{j=0}^5 (j+5) \quad [\because n=0]$$

$$= [5^2 + 6^2 + 7^2 + 8^2 + 9^2 + 10^2]$$

$$- [5 + 6 + 7 + 8 + 9 + 10]$$

$$= [(1^2 + 2^2 + 3^2 + \dots + 10^2) -$$

$$(1^2 + 2^2 + \dots + 4^2)] - [(1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + 10)$$

$$- (1 + 2 + 3 + 4)]$$

$$= \left[ \frac{10 \times 11 \times 21}{6} - \frac{4 \times 5 \times 9}{6} \right] - \left[ \frac{10 \times 11}{2} - \frac{4 \times 5}{2} \right]$$

$$= (385 - 30) - (55 - 10)$$

$$= 385 - 45 = 310$$

## Question 139

Let  $z$  be those complex numbers which satisfy  $|z+5| \leq 4$  and  $z(1+i) + \bar{z}(1-i) \geq -10$ ,  $i = \sqrt{-1}$ . If the maximum value of  $|z+1|^2$  is  $\alpha + \beta\sqrt{2}$ , then the value of  $(\alpha + \beta)$  is  
[2021, 26 Feb. Shift-II]

**Answer: 48**

**Solution:**

Solution:

Given,  $|z+5| \leq 4$ , which is equation of circle.

$$|z+5| \leq 4$$

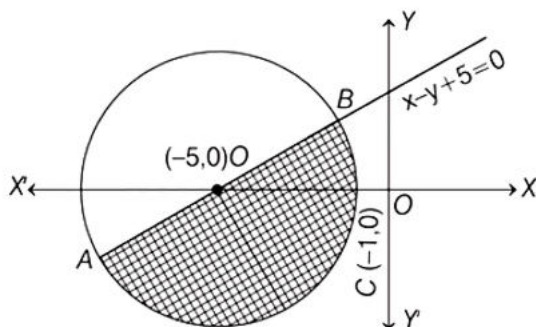
$$\Rightarrow (x+5)^2 + y^2 \leq 16$$

$$\text{and } z(1+i) + \bar{z}(1-i) \geq -10$$

$$\Rightarrow (z+\bar{z}) + i(z-\bar{z}) \geq -10$$

$$\Rightarrow x-y+5 \geq 0$$

From Eqs. (i) and (ii), region bounded by inequalities are



Now,  $|z+1|^2 = |z-(-1)|^2$   
 Maximum value of  $|z+1|^2$  will be equal to  $(AC)^2$ .  
 Now,  $(x+5)^2 + y^2 = 16$   
 and  $x-y+5=0$   
 Given,  $y = \pm 2\sqrt{2}$   
 and  $x = \pm 2\sqrt{2} - 5$   
 $\therefore$  Coordinates are  
 $A(-2\sqrt{2}-5, -2\sqrt{2})$   
 $B(2\sqrt{2}-5, 2\sqrt{2})$   
 $C(-1, 0)$   
 Then,  
 $AC^2 = (2\sqrt{2}+4)^2 + (2\sqrt{2})^2$   
 $= 32 + 16\sqrt{2}$   
 Given, that maximum value of  $|z+1|^2$  is  $\alpha + \beta\sqrt{2}$   
 $\Rightarrow \alpha + \beta\sqrt{2} = 32 + 16\sqrt{2}$   
 $\Rightarrow \alpha = 32, \beta = 16$   
 $\therefore \alpha + \beta = 32 + 16 = 48$

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## Question 140

Let the lines  $(2-i)z = (2+i)\bar{z}$  and  $(2+i)z + (i-2)\bar{z} - 4i = 0$ , (here  $i^2 = -1$ ) be normal to a circle C. If the line  $iz + \bar{z} + 1 + i = 0$  is tangent to this circle C, then its radius is  
 [2021, 25 Feb. Shift-1]

Options:

- A.  $\frac{3}{\sqrt{2}}$
- B.  $\frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}}$
- C.  $3\sqrt{2}$
- D.  $\frac{3}{2\sqrt{2}}$

Answer: D

Solution:

Solution:  
 Given,  $(2-i)z = (2+i)\bar{z}$   
 Let  $z = x + iy$ , then  $\bar{z} = x - iy$   
 $\Rightarrow (2-i)(x+iy) = (2+i)(x-iy)$   
 $\Rightarrow 2x - ix + 2iy + y = 2x + ix - 2iy + y$   
 $\Rightarrow 2ix - 4iy = 0$   
 $\therefore$  Equation of line  $L_1 \Rightarrow x - 2y = 0 \dots\dots\dots (i)$   
 Also,  $(2+i)z + (i-2)\bar{z} - 4i = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow (2+i)(x+iy) + (i-2)(x-iy) - 4i = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow 2x + ix + 2iy - y + ix - 2x + y$   
 $+ 2iy - 4i = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow 2ix + 4iy - 4i = 0$   
 $\therefore$  Equation of line  $L_2 \Rightarrow x + 2y - 2 = 0 \dots\dots (ii)$   
 From Eqs. (i) and (ii),  
 $4y = 2$  or  $y = 1/2$  and  $x = 1$   
 Hence, centre =  $(1, 1/2)$   
 Equation of third line  
 $L_3 \Rightarrow iz + \bar{z} + 1 + i = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow i(x+iy) + (x-iy) + 1 + i = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow ix - y + x - iy + 1 + i = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow (x-y+1) + i(x-y+1) = 0$   
 $\therefore$  Radius = Distance of point  $(1, 1/2)$  to the line  $x - y + 1 = 0$   
 $\therefore r = \frac{\left|1 - \frac{1}{2} + 1\right|}{\sqrt{1^2 + 1^2}} = \frac{3}{2\sqrt{2}}$

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## Question141

Let  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  be two real numbers, such that  $\alpha + \beta = 1$  and  $\alpha\beta = -1$ . Let  $p_n = (\alpha)^n + (\beta)^n$ ,  $p_{n-1} = 11$  and  $p_{n+1} = 29$ , for some integer  $n \geq 1$ . Then, the value of  $p_n^2$  is  
[2021, 26 Feb. Shift-III]

**Answer: 324**

**Solution:**

Solution:

Given that,  $\alpha + \beta = 1$ ,  $\alpha\beta = -1$

Let  $\alpha, \beta$  be roots of quadratic equation, then the quadratic equation be

$$x^2 - x - 1 = 0$$

Now,  $\alpha^2 - \alpha - 1 = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha^2 = \alpha + 1 \quad \dots\dots (i)$$

Similarly,  $\beta^2 = \beta + 1 \quad \dots\dots (ii)$

Multiply  $\alpha^{n-1}$  in Eq. (i), we get

$$\alpha^{n+1} = \alpha^n + \alpha^{n-1} \quad \dots\dots (iii)$$

Multiply  $\beta^{n-1}$  in Eq. (ii), we get

$$\beta^{n+1} = \beta^n + \beta^{n-1} \quad \dots\dots (iv)$$

Add Eqs. (iii) and (iv), we get

$$\alpha^{n+1} + \beta^{n+1} = (\alpha^n + \beta^n) + (\alpha^{n-1} + \beta^{n-1})$$

$$p_{n+1} = p_n + p_{n-1}$$

$$29 = p_n + 11$$

$$\Rightarrow p_n = 18$$

$$p_n^2 = (18)^2 = 324$$

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## Question142

The number of solutions of the equation  $\log_4(x-1) = \log_2(x-3)$  is  
[2021, 26 Feb. Shift-1]

**Answer: 1**

**Solution:**

Solution:

$$\log_4(x-1) = \log_2(x-3) \text{ (given)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \log_2 2(x-1) = \log_2(x-3)$$

Using property of logarithm,

$$\log_b c^a = \frac{1}{c} \log_b a$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} \log_2(x-1) = \log_2(x-3)$$

$$\Rightarrow \log_2(x-1) = 2\log_2(x-3)$$

$$\Rightarrow \log_2(x-1) = \log_2(x-3)^2$$

On comparing,  $x-1 = (x-3)^2$

$$\text{or } x-1 = x^2 + 9 - 6x$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 - 7x + 10 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 - 5x - 2x + 10 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (x-5)(x-2) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 2, 5$$

$x = 2$  (rejected) as  $x > 1$

$\therefore x = 5$  is only solution i.e. number of solution is 1.

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## Question143

Let  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  be the roots of  $x^2 - 6x - 2 = 0$ . If  $a_n = \alpha^n - \beta^n$  for  $n \geq 1$ , then the value of  $\frac{a_{10} - 2a_8}{3a_9}$  is  
[2021, 25 Feb. Shift-II]

Options:

- A. 4
- B. 3
- C. 2
- D. 1

Answer: C

Solution:

Solution:

We have,  $x^2 - 6x - 2 = 0$

Given,  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are roots of above quadratic equation, then

$$\alpha^2 - 6\alpha - 2 = 0$$

$$\beta^2 - 6\beta - 2 = 0$$

Also, given  $a_n = \alpha^n - \beta^n$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{a_{10} - 2a_8}{3a_9} \\ &= \frac{(\alpha^{10} - \beta^{10}) - 2(\alpha^8 - \beta^8)}{3(\alpha^9 - \beta^9)} \\ &= \frac{\alpha^{10} - 2\alpha^8 - \beta^{10} + 2\beta^8}{3(\alpha^9 - \beta^9)} = \frac{\alpha^8(\alpha^2 - 2) - \beta^8(\beta^2 - 2)}{3(\alpha^9 - \beta^9)} \\ & \text{[from Eqs. (i) and (ii) } \alpha^2 - 2 = 6\alpha, \beta^2 - 2 = 6\beta \text{ ]} \\ &= \frac{\alpha^8(6\alpha) - \beta^8(6\beta)}{3(\alpha^9 - \beta^9)} \\ &= \frac{6\alpha^9 - 6\beta^9}{3(\alpha^9 - \beta^9)} = \frac{6(\alpha^9 - \beta^9)}{3(\alpha^9 - \beta^9)} \\ &= 2 \end{aligned}$$

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## Question144

If  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}$  are such that  $1 - 2i$  (here  $i^2 = -1$ ) is a root of  $z^2 + \alpha z + \beta = 0$ , then  $(\alpha - \beta)$  is equal to  
[2021, 25 Feb. Shift-II]

Options:

- A. 3
- B. -3
- C. 7
- D. -7

Answer: D

Solution:

Solution:

Given, root of  $z^2 + \alpha z + \beta = 0$  is  $1 - 2i$ .

Since, it is quadratic equation and one root is complex in nature, its another root is complex conjugate.

$\therefore$  Two roots are  $1 - 2i$  and  $1 + 2i$ .

Now, sum of roots  $= -\frac{\alpha}{1} = -\alpha$

$$= (1 - 2i) + (1 + 2i) = 2$$

Gives,  $\alpha = -2$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Product of roots} &= \frac{\beta}{1} = \beta \\ &= (1 - 2i)(1 + 2i) = 1 + 4 = 5 \\ \text{Gives, } \beta &= 5 \\ \therefore \alpha - \beta &= -2 - 5 = -7\end{aligned}$$


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## Question145

The integer 'k', for which the inequality  $x^2 - 2(3k - 1)x + 8k^2 - 7 > 0$  is valid for every x in R, is  
[2021, 25 Feb. Shift-1]

Options:

- A. 3
- B. 2
- C. 0
- D. 4

Answer: A

Solution:

Solution:

$$\text{Given, } x^2 - 2(3k - 1)x + 8k^2 - 7 > 0$$

Here,  $a > 0$

$$\therefore D < 0$$

$$\Rightarrow [2(3k - 1)]^2 - 4(8k^2 - 7) < 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 4(9k^2 + 1 - 6k) - 4(8k^2 - 7) < 0$$

$$\Rightarrow k^2 - 6k + 8 < 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (k - 4)(k - 2) < 0$$



$$k \in (2, 4)$$

$$\therefore \text{Required integer, } k = 3$$


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## Question146

The sum of 162th power of the roots of the equation  $x^3 - 2x^2 + 2x - 1 = 0$  is  
[2021, 26 Feb. Shift-1]

Answer: 3

Solution:

Solution:

$$\text{Given, } x^3 - 2x^2 + 2x - 1 = 0$$

$$\text{i.e. } (x^3 - 1) - (2x^2 - 2x) = 0$$

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

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

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

$$\therefore x = 1 \text{ and } x = \frac{-(-1) \pm \sqrt{1 - 4}}{2} = \frac{1 \pm \sqrt{3}i}{2}$$

$$\therefore \text{Roots are } 1, -\omega_1 - \omega^2.$$

Then, sum of 162<sup>th</sup> power of the roots

$$= (1)^{162} + (-\omega)^{162} + (-\omega^2)^{162}$$

$$= 1 + \omega^{162} + \omega^{324}$$

$$= 1 + (\omega^3)^{54} + (\omega^3)^{108}$$

$$= 1 + (1)^{54} + (1)^{108} \quad [\because \omega^3 = 1]$$

$$= 1 + 1 + 1 = 3$$


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## Question 147

Let  $a, b, c$  be in an arithmetic progression. Let the centroid of the triangle with vertices  $(a, c)$ ,  $(2, b)$  and  $(a, b)$  be  $\left(\frac{10}{3}, \frac{7}{3}\right)$ . If  $\alpha, \beta$  are the roots of the equation  $ax^2 + bx + 1 = 0$ , then the value of  $\alpha^2 + \beta^2 - \alpha\beta$  is  
[2021, 24 Feb. Shift-II]

**Options:**

A.  $\frac{71}{256}$

B.  $\frac{69}{256}$

C.  $-\frac{69}{256}$

D.  $-\frac{71}{256}$

**Answer: D**

**Solution:**

Solution:

Given,  $a, b, c$  are in AP.

$(a, c), (2, b), (a, b)$  are vertices of triangle.

$$\text{Centroid} = \left(\frac{10}{3}, \frac{7}{3}\right)$$

$\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are the roots of equation  $ax^2 + bx + 1 = 0$

$\therefore a, b, c$  are in AP.

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

$$\text{Centroid} = \left(\frac{a+2+a}{3}, \frac{c+b+b}{3}\right)$$

$$= \left(\frac{2a+2}{3}, \frac{c+2b}{3}\right) = \left(\frac{10}{3}, \frac{7}{3}\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{2a+2}{3} = \frac{10}{3} \text{ and } \frac{c+2b}{3} = \frac{7}{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow a = 4$$

$$\Rightarrow c + a + c = 7 \quad [\because 2b = a + c]$$

$$\Rightarrow 2c = 7 - 4 \quad [\because a = 4]$$

$$c = 3/2$$

$$\text{Also, } 2b = a + c = 4 + \frac{3}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow b = 11/4$$

Now,  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are roots of  $ax^2 + bx + 1 = 0$

$$\therefore \alpha + \beta = \frac{-b}{a} = \frac{-11/4}{4}$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha + \beta = \frac{-11}{16}$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha\beta = \frac{1}{a} = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha\beta = \frac{1}{4}$$

Now,  $\alpha^2 + \beta^2 - \alpha\beta$

$$= (\alpha + \beta)^2 - 3\alpha\beta$$

$$= \left(\frac{-11}{16}\right)^2 - 3 \times \frac{1}{4}$$

$$= \frac{121 - 192}{256} = \frac{-71}{256}$$


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## Question148

The number of the real roots of the equation  $(x+1)^2 + |x-5| = \frac{27}{4}$  is  
[2021,24 Feb. Shift-II]

**Answer: 2**

**Solution:**

Solution:

Given, equation  $(x+1)^2 + |x-5| = \frac{27}{4}$

Case I For  $x \geq 5$

$$11 \Rightarrow (x+1)^2 + (x-5) = \frac{27}{4}$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 + 3x - 4 = \frac{27}{4}$$

$$\Rightarrow 4x^2 + 12x - 43 = 0$$

$$\therefore x = \frac{-12 \pm \sqrt{144 + 688}}{8}$$

$$= \frac{-12 \pm \sqrt{832}}{8} = \frac{-12 \pm 28.8}{8}$$

$$x = \frac{-3 \pm 7.2}{8}$$

$$x = \frac{-3 + 7.2}{8}, \frac{-3 - 7.2}{8}$$

Both the values are less than 5.

$\therefore$  No solution from here.

Case II  $x < 5$

$$\Rightarrow (x+1)^2 + (x-5) = \frac{27}{4}$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 + x - 6 - \frac{27}{4} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 4x^2 + 4x - 3 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{-4 \pm \sqrt{16 + 48}}{8}$$

$$= \frac{-4 \pm 8}{8}$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{-12}{8}, \frac{4}{8}, \text{ both are less than 5.}$$

$\therefore$  These values must be the solution. Hence, here 2 real roots are possible.

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## Question149

If the least and the largest real values of  $\alpha$ , for which the equation  $z + \alpha |z-1| + 2i = 0$  ( $z \in \mathbb{C}$  and  $i = \sqrt{-1}$ ) has a solution, are  $p$  and  $q$  respectively, then  $4(p^2 + q^2)$  is equal to  
[2021,24 Feb. Shift-I]

**Answer: 10**

### Solution:

Solution:

Given,  $\alpha_{\text{least}} = p$

$\alpha_{\text{max}} = q$

Equation given is  $z + \alpha |z - 1| + 2i = 0$ ;

$z \in \mathbb{C}$  and  $i = \sqrt{-1}$

Let  $z = x + iy$

Then,  $z + \alpha |z - 1| + 2i = 0$

$$\Rightarrow x + iy + \alpha \sqrt{(x-1)^2 + y^2} + 2i = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (x + \alpha \sqrt{(x-1)^2 + y^2}) + i(y + 2) = 0$$

$$\therefore y + 2 = 0 \text{ and } x + \alpha \sqrt{(x-1)^2 + y^2} = 0$$

$$y = -2 \text{ and } x^2 = \alpha^2(x^2 + 1 - 2x + y^2)$$

$$x^2 = \alpha^2(x^2 - 2x + 5) \quad (\because y = -2)$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha^2 = \frac{x^2}{x^2 - 2x + 5}$$

$$\therefore \alpha^2 \in \left[0, \frac{5}{4}\right]$$

$$\therefore \alpha \in \left[-\frac{\sqrt{5}}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{5}}{2}\right]$$

$$\text{Now, } 4(p^2 + q^2) = 4[(\alpha_{\text{least}})^2 + (\alpha_{\text{max}})^2]$$

$$= 4 \left[ \left(-\frac{\sqrt{5}}{2}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\sqrt{5}}{2}\right)^2 \right]$$

$$= 4 \times \left[ \frac{5}{4} + \frac{5}{4} \right] = 10$$

## Question150

Let  $p$  and  $q$  be two positive numbers such that  $p + q = 2$  and  $p^4 + q^4 = 272$ . Then  $p$  and  $q$  are roots of the equation:

[24-Feb-2021 Shift 1]

Options:

A.  $x^2 - 2x + 2 = 0$

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

C.  $x^2 - 2x + 136 = 0$

D.  $x^2 - 2x + 16 = 0$

Answer: D

### Solution:

Solution:

We have

$$(p^2 + q^2)^2 - 2p^2q^2 = 272$$

$$((p+q)^2 - 2pq)^2 - 2p^2q^2 = 272$$

$$(4 - 2pq)^2 - 2p^2q^2 = 272$$

$$16 - 16pq + 2p^2q^2 = 272$$

$$(pq)^2 - 8pq - 128 = 0$$

$$pq = \frac{8 \pm 24}{2} = 16, -8$$

$$\therefore pq = 16 \quad (\because p, q > 0)$$

$\therefore$  Required equation :

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

## Question151

If the equation  $a|z|^2 + \overline{\alpha z + d} = 0$  represents a circle, where  $a, d$  are real constants, then which of the following condition is correct?

## [2021, 18 March Shift-I]

**Options:**

A.  $|\alpha|^2 - ad \neq 0$

B.  $|\alpha|^2 - ad > 0$  and  $a \in \mathbb{R} - \{0\}$

C.  $|\alpha|^2 - ad \geq 0$  and  $a \in \mathbb{R}$

D.  $\alpha = 0, a, d \in \mathbb{R}^+$

**Answer: B**

**Solution:**

Solution:

Given,  $a|z|^2 + \overline{\alpha z} + \alpha \overline{z} + d = 0$

$\Rightarrow a|z|^2 + \alpha z + \overline{\alpha z} + d = 0 \dots (i)$

Putting  $z = x + iy$  and  $\alpha = p + iq$  in Eq. (i),

we get

$a(x^2 + y^2) + (p + iq)(x - iy) + (p - iq)(x + iy) + d = 0$

$\Rightarrow (x + iy) + d = 0$

$a(x^2 + y^2) + px + qy - ipy + iqx + px + qy - iqx + ipy + d = 0$

$\Rightarrow a(x^2 + y^2) + 2px + 2qy + d = 0$

$\Rightarrow x^2 + y^2 + \left(\frac{2p}{a}\right)x + \left(\frac{2q}{a}\right)y + \frac{d}{a} = 0$  be a circle

If  $a \neq 0$  and  $r^2 = \left(\frac{p^2}{a^2} + \frac{q^2}{a^2} - \frac{d}{a}\right) > 0$  If  $a \neq 0$  and  $r^2 = \left(\frac{p^2}{a^2} + \frac{q^2}{a^2} - \frac{d}{a}\right) > 0$

$\Rightarrow p^2 + q^2 - ad > 0$

$\Rightarrow |\alpha|^2 - ad > 0$

and  $a \in \mathbb{R} - \{0\}$

## Question 152

Let  $z_1, z_2$  be the roots of the equation  $z^2 + az + 12 = 0$  and  $z_1, z_2$  form an equilateral triangle with origin.

Then, the value of  $|a|$  is

[2021, 18 March Shift-I]

**Answer: 6**

**Solution:**

Solution:

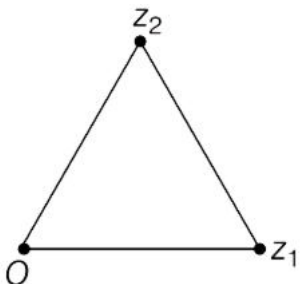
Given,  $z_1, z_2$  are the roots of

$z^2 + az + 12 = 0$

$\therefore z_1 + z_2 = \frac{-a}{1} = -a$

and  $z_1 z_2 = \frac{12}{1} = 12$

Now,  $z_1, z_2$  and origin forms an equilateral triangle.



$$\begin{aligned}
 1 &\leq z_1^2 + z_2^2 + 0^2 = z_1 z_2 + 0 + 0 \\
 \Rightarrow z_1^2 + z_2^2 &= z_1 z_2 \\
 \Rightarrow z_1^2 + z_2^2 + 2z_1 z_2 &= z_1 z_2 + 2z_1 z_2 \\
 \Rightarrow (z_1 + z_2)^2 &= 3z_1 z_2 \\
 \Rightarrow (-a)^2 &= 3 \times (12) \\
 \Rightarrow a^2 = 36 \Rightarrow |a|^2 &= 36 \\
 \Rightarrow |a| &= \pm 6 \\
 \text{But } |a| &\geq 0 \\
 \therefore |a| &= 6
 \end{aligned}$$


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## Question 153

Let a complex number be  $w = 1 - \sqrt{3}i$ . Let another complex number  $z$  be such that  $|zw| = 1$  and  $\arg(z) - \arg(w) = \frac{\pi}{2}$ . Then the area of the triangle with vertices origin,  $z$  and  $w$ , is equal to [2021, 18 March Shift-III]

Options:

- A. 4
- B.  $\frac{1}{2}$
- C.  $\frac{1}{4}$
- D. 2

Answer: B

Solution:

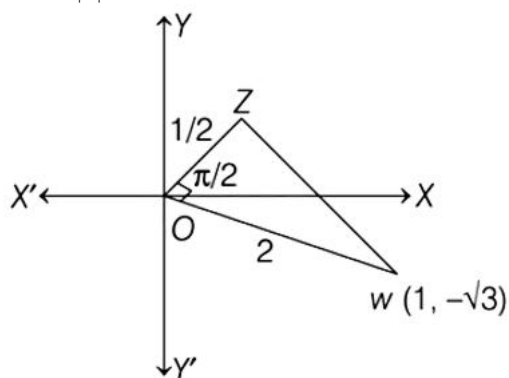
Solution:

Given,  $w = 1 - \sqrt{3}i$

$$\Rightarrow |w| = \sqrt{(1)^2 + (-\sqrt{3})^2} = \sqrt{1+3} = 2$$

$$\text{and } |zw| = 1 \Rightarrow |z| |w| = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow |z| = \frac{1}{|w|} = \frac{1}{2}$$



$$\therefore \text{Area of } \Delta = \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{2} \times 2 = \frac{1}{2}$$


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## Question 154

Let  $S_1$ ,  $S_2$  and  $S_3$  be three sets defined as

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

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

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

**Then, the set  $S_1 \cap S_2 \cap S_3$   
[2021, 17 March Shift-II]**

**Options:**

- A. is a singleton
- B. has exactly two elements
- C. has infinitely many elements
- D. has exactly three elements

**Answer: C**

**Solution:**

Solution:

For  $|z - 1| \leq \sqrt{2}$ , ... (i)

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

For  $S_2$ , let  $z = x + iy$

Now  $(1 - i)(z) = (1 - i)(x + iy)$

$= x + iy - ix + y = (x + y) + i(y - x)$

$\therefore \text{Re}[(1 - i)z] = (x + y)$ , which is greater than or equal to one.

i.e.,  $x + y \geq 1$  ..... (ii)

Also, for  $S_3$

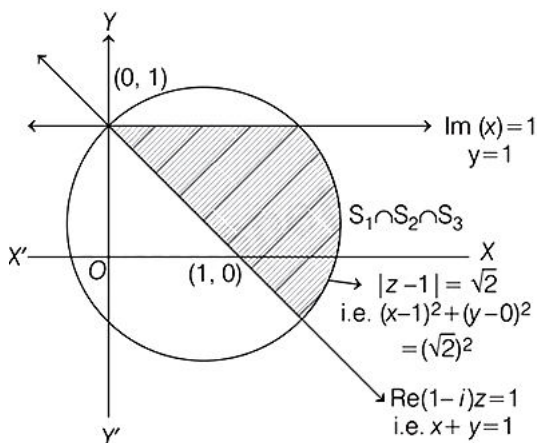
Let  $z = x + iy$

$\therefore \text{Im}(z) = y$ , which is less than or equal to

one.

i.e.,  $y \leq 1$  ..... (iii)

Concept Draw the graph of Eqs. (i), (ii) and (iii) and then select the common region bounded by Eqs. (i), (ii) and (iii) for  $S_1 \cap S_2 \cap S_3$ .



$\therefore S_1 \cap S_2 \cap S_3$  has infinitely many elements.

## Question 155

**The area of the triangle with vertices  $A(z)$ ,  $B(iz)$  and  $C(z + iz)$  is  
[2021, 17 March Shift-I]**

**Options:**

- A. 1
- B.  $\frac{1}{2} |z|^2$
- C.  $\frac{1}{2}$
- D.  $\frac{1}{2} |z + iz|^2$

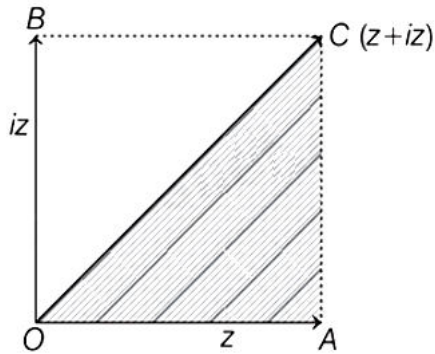
**Answer: B**



### Solution:

Solution:

Area of triangle whose vertices are  $A(z)$ ,  $B(iz)$ ,  $C(z + iz)$



Area of the triangle

$$= \frac{1}{2} |z| |iz| = \frac{1}{2} |z|^2$$

## Question 156

The value of  $4 + \frac{1}{5 + \frac{1}{4 + \frac{1}{5 + \frac{1}{4 + \dots \infty}}}}$  is

[2021, 17 March Shift-I]

Options:

A.  $2 + \frac{2}{5}\sqrt{30}$

B.  $2 + \frac{4}{\sqrt{5}}\sqrt{30}$

C.  $4 + \frac{4}{\sqrt{5}}\sqrt{30}$

D.  $5 + \frac{2}{5}\sqrt{30}$

Answer: A

### Solution:

Solution:

$$\text{Let } x = 4 + \frac{1}{5 + \frac{1}{4 + \frac{1}{5 + \frac{1}{4 + \dots \infty}}}}$$

$$x = 4 + \frac{1}{5 + \frac{1}{x}}$$

$$\Rightarrow (x - 4)(5x + 1) = x$$

$$\Rightarrow 5x^2 - 19x - 4 = x$$

$$\Rightarrow 5x^2 - 20x - 4 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{20 \pm \sqrt{400 + 80}}{10}$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{20 \pm \sqrt{480}}{10}$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 2 \pm \sqrt{\frac{480}{100}}$$

$$= 2 \pm \frac{2}{5}\sqrt{30}$$

$\therefore x \neq 0$

$$\text{So, } x = 2 + \frac{2}{5}\sqrt{30}$$

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## Question 157

The number of elements in the set  $\{x \in \mathbb{R} : (|x| - 3) |x + 4| = 6\}$  is equal to [2021, 16 March Shift-1]

Options:

- A. 3
- B. 2
- C. 4
- D. 1

Answer: B

Solution:

Solution:

Given, set =  $\{x \in \mathbb{R} : (|x| - 3) |x + 4| = 6\}$

As, we already know

$$|x| = \begin{cases} x & x \geq 0 \\ -x & x < 0 \end{cases} \text{ and}$$

$$|x + 4| = \begin{cases} x + 4 & x \geq -4 \\ -(x + 4) & x < -4 \end{cases}$$

Case I

$$x < -4$$

$$r(-x - 3)(-x - 4) = 6$$

$$(x + 3)(x + 4) = 6$$

$$x^2 + 7x + 12 = 6$$

$$x^2 + 7x + 6 = 0$$

$$(x + 6)(x + 1) = 0$$

$$x = -6 \text{ or } x = -1$$

We will reject  $x = -1$  as,  $-1 > -4$

$\therefore$  When  $x < -4$ ,  $x = -6$  is the solution.

Case II

$$-4 \leq x < 0$$

$$(-x - 3)(x + 4) = 6$$

$$\Rightarrow -(x + 3)(x + 4) = 6$$

$$\Rightarrow -(x^2 + 7x + 12) = 6$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 + 7x + 18 = 0$$

As, the discriminant of this quadratic

$$\text{equation is } D = 7^2 - 4 \cdot 18 = 49 - 72 = -23$$

$$\therefore D = -23 \text{ and } D < 0$$

So, no real roots and as per the question,

$$x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

No solution when  $-4 \leq x < 0$ .

Case III

$$x \geq 0$$

$$(|x| - 3) |x + 4| = 6$$

$$\Rightarrow (x - 3)(x + 4) = 6$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 + x - 12 = 6$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 + x - 18 = 0$$

$$x = \frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{1 + 72}}{2} = \frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{73}}{2}$$

$$\text{We will reject } x = \frac{-1 - \sqrt{73}}{2} \text{ as } \frac{-1 - \sqrt{73}}{2} < 0 \text{ and here, } x \geq 0.$$

$$\text{So, } x = \frac{-1 + \sqrt{73}}{2}, \text{ when } x \geq 0.$$

$$\therefore x = -6 \text{ and } x = \frac{-1 + \sqrt{73}}{2}$$

are the two solutions which belong to the set.

Hence, number of solutions = 2

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## Question 158

Let  $P(x) = x^2 + bx + c$  be a quadratic polynomial with real coefficients, such that  $\int_0^1 P(x) dx = 1$  and  $P(x)$  leaves remainder 5 when it is divided by  $(x - 2)$ . Then, the value of  $g(b + c)$  is  
[2021, 16 March Shift-II]

**Options:**

- A. 9
- B. 15
- C. 7
- D. 11

**Answer: C**

**Solution:**

Solution:

$$P(x) = x^2 + bx + c$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_0^1 (x^2 + bx + c) dx = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \left[ \frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{bx^2}{2} + cx \right]_0^1 = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{3} + \frac{b}{2} + c = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow b + 2c = 4/3 \quad \dots\dots\dots (i)$$

$$\text{And, } P(x) = (x - 2) \cdot Q(x) + 5$$

$$\text{When, } x = 2$$

$$P(2) = 5$$

$$4 + 2b + c = 5$$

$$c = 1 - 2b \quad \dots\dots\dots (ii)$$

$$\text{Putting } c = 1 - 2b \text{ in Eq. (i),}$$

$$b + 2(1 - 2b) = 4/3$$

$$\Rightarrow -3b + 2 = 4/3$$

$$\Rightarrow b = 2/9$$

$$\therefore c = 1 - 4/9 = 5/9$$

$$9(b + c) = 9 \left( \frac{2}{9} + \frac{5}{9} \right) = 7$$

## Question 159

Let  $z$  and  $w$  be two complex numbers, such that  $w = \bar{z}z - 2z + 2$ ,  $\left| \frac{z+i}{z-3i} \right| = 1$  and  $\text{Re}(w)$  has minimum value. Then, the minimum value of  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  for which  $w^n$  is real, is equal to  
[2021, 16 March Shift-1]

**Answer: 4**

**Solution:**

Solution:

$$\text{Given, } w = \bar{z}z - 2z + 2$$

$$\left| \frac{z+i}{z-3i} \right| = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow |z+i| = |z-3i|$$

$$\text{Let } z = x + iy$$

$$\Rightarrow |x + i(y+1)| = |x + i(y-3)|$$

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

$$\Rightarrow 2y + 1 = -6y + 9$$

$$\therefore y = 1$$

$$\text{Now, } w = \bar{z}z - 2z + 2$$

$$w = |z|^2 - 2z + 2$$

$$\Rightarrow w = x^2 + y^2 - 2(x + iy) + 2$$

$$\Rightarrow w = (x^2 + y^2 - 2x + 2) + i(-2y)$$

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

$$w = (x - 1)^2 + 2 - 2i$$

Re(w) has minimum value.

So,  $(x - 1)^2 + 2$  is minimum when  $x = 1$

$$\therefore w = 2 - 2i$$

$$= 2(1 - i)$$

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

$$w = 2\sqrt{2} e^{-i\pi/4}$$

$$\text{Now, } w^n = (2\sqrt{2})^n e^{\frac{-in\pi}{4}}$$

$$= (2\sqrt{2})^n \left[ \cos\left(\frac{n\pi}{4}\right) - i \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{4}\right) \right]$$

This has to be zero for  $w^n$  to be real.

$$\text{So, } \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{4}\right) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{n\pi}{4} = 0, \pi, 2\pi, 3\pi \dots$$

$$\Rightarrow n = 0, 4, 8, 12 \dots$$

The minimum value of  $n$  is  $4 (n \in \mathbb{N})$ .

## Question 160

The least value of  $|z|$ , where  $z$  is a complex number which satisfies the inequality

$$\exp\left(\frac{(|z|+3)(|z|-1)}{|z|+1} \log_e 2\right) \geq \log_{\sqrt{2}} |5\sqrt{7} + 9i|,$$

$i = \sqrt{-1}$ , is equal to:

[2021, 16 March Shift-II]

Options:

A. 3

B.  $\sqrt{5}$

C. 2

D. 8

**Answer: A**

**Solution:**

Solution:

$$\exp\left[\frac{(|z|+3)(|z|-1)}{(|z|+1)} \times \log_e 2\right] \geq \log_{\sqrt{2}} |5\sqrt{7} + 9i|$$

$$\exp\left[\frac{(|z|+3)(|z|-1)}{(|z|+1)} \times \log_e 2\right] \geq \log_{\sqrt{2}} 16$$

$$\Rightarrow \log_{\sqrt{2}} |5\sqrt{7} + 9i|$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{(|z|+3)(|z|-1)}{(|z|+1)} \geq 3$$

$$\Rightarrow |z|^2$$

$$\Rightarrow |z| + 1$$

$$\Rightarrow (|z| - 3)(|z| + 2) \geq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow |z| = 3$$

## Question 161

If  $f(x)$  and  $g(x)$  are two polynomials such that the polynomial  $P(x) = f(x^3) + xg(x^3)$  is divisible by  $x^2 + x + 1$ , then  $P(1)$  is equal to

[2021, 18 March Shift-II]

**Answer: 0**

### Solution:

Solution:

Method (1)

Given,  $P(x) = f(x^3) + xg(x^3) \dots\dots\dots (i)$

$\therefore P(1) = f(1) + g(1) \dots\dots\dots (ii)$

Given,  $P(x)$  is divisible by  $(x^2 + x + 1)$ .

$\therefore P(x) = Q(x) \cdot (x^2 + x + 1)$

As, we know that  $\omega$  and  $\omega^2$  are non-real cube roots of unity and this is also root

of  $x^2 + x + 1 = 0$

$\therefore P(\omega) = P(\omega^2) = 0$

As, we know that  $\omega$  and  $\omega^2$  are non-real cube roots of unity and this is also root of  $x^2 + x + 1 = 0$

$\therefore P(\omega) = P(\omega^2) = 0 \dots (iii)$

From Eq. (i),

$P(\omega) = f(\omega^3) + \omega[g(\omega^3)] = 0$  [ from Eq. (iii) ]

$\Rightarrow f(1) + \omega g(1) = 0 \dots (iv)$

and  $P(\omega^2) = 0$  [from Eq. (iii)]

$\Rightarrow f(\omega^6) + \omega^2 \cdot g(\omega^6) = 0$

$\Rightarrow f(1) + \omega^2 g(1) = 0 \dots\dots\dots (v)$

Now, adding Eqs. (iv) and (v), we get

$2f(1) + (\omega + \omega^2)g(1) = 0$

$\Rightarrow 2f(1) - 1g(1) = 0 \quad (\because 1 + \omega + \omega^2 = 0)$

$\Rightarrow 2f(1) = g(1) \dots (vi)$

Subtracting Eq. (iv) from Eq. (v), we get

$0 + (\omega - \omega^2)g(1) = 0$

$\Rightarrow g(1) = 0$

$f(1) = \frac{g(1)}{2} = \frac{0}{2}$  [ from Eq. (vi) ]

$\Rightarrow f(1) = 0$

From Eq. (ii),  $P(1) = f(1) + g(1) = 0 + 0 = 0$

Method (2)

$\therefore P(\omega) = 0$

$\Rightarrow f(1) + \omega g(1) = 0$

$\Rightarrow f(1) + \left(-\frac{1}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{3}i}{2}\right)g(1) = 0$

$\Rightarrow \left(f(1) - \frac{g(1)}{2}\right) + i\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}g(1)\right) = 0$

On comparing real and imaginary parts from both sides, we have

1)  $f(1) - \frac{g(1)}{2} = 0, \quad \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}g(1) = 0$

$\Rightarrow f(1) = \frac{g(1)}{2}, \quad \Rightarrow g(1) = 0$

$\therefore f(1) = \frac{0}{2} = 0$

$\therefore P(1) = f(1) + g(1) = 0 + 0 = 0$

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## Question 162

The value of  $3 +$

$$\frac{1}{4 + \frac{1}{3 + \frac{1}{4 + \frac{1}{3 + \dots \infty}}}}$$

is equal to

[2021, 18 March shift-I]

Options:

A.  $1.5 + \sqrt{3}$

B.  $2 + \sqrt{3}$

C.  $3 + 2\sqrt{3}$

D.  $4 + \sqrt{3}$

**Answer: A**

**Solution:**

Solution:

$$\text{Let } x = 3 + \frac{1}{4 + \frac{1}{3 + \frac{1}{4 + \frac{1}{3 + \dots \infty}}}}$$

$$\text{So, } x = 3 + \frac{1}{4 + \frac{1}{x}} = 3 + \frac{1}{\frac{4x+1}{x}} = 3 + \frac{x}{4x+1}$$

$$\Rightarrow (x-3) = \frac{x}{4x+1}$$

$$\Rightarrow (4x+1)(x-3) = x$$

$$11 \Rightarrow 4x^2 - 12x - 3 = 0$$

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

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{3}{2} \pm \sqrt{3} = 1.5 \pm \sqrt{3}$$

But from above,  $x > 0$

$\therefore$  Only positive value of  $x$  is accepted

$$\therefore x = 1.5 + \sqrt{3}$$

## Question 163

Let  $C$  be the set of all complex numbers. Let

$$S_1 = \{z \in C \mid |z - 3 - 2i|^2 = 8\},$$

$$S_2 = \{z \in C \mid \operatorname{Re}(z) \geq 5\} \text{ and}$$

$$S_3 = \{z \in C \mid |z - \bar{z}| \geq 8\}.$$

Then, the number of elements in  $S_1 \cap S_2 \cap S_3$  is equal to

[2021, 27 July Shift-1]

**Options:**

A. 1

B. 0

C. 2

D. Infinite

**Answer: A**

**Solution:**

Solution:

$$S_1: |z - 3 - 2i|^2 = 8$$

$$\Rightarrow |(x+iy) - (3+2i)|^2 = 8$$

$$\Rightarrow |(x-3) + i(y-2)|^2 = 8$$

$$\Rightarrow (x-3)^2 + (y-2)^2 = 8$$

$$S_2: \operatorname{Re}(z) \geq 5$$

$$x \geq 5$$

$$S_3: |z - \bar{z}| \geq 8$$

$$|(x+iy) - (x-iy)| \geq 8$$

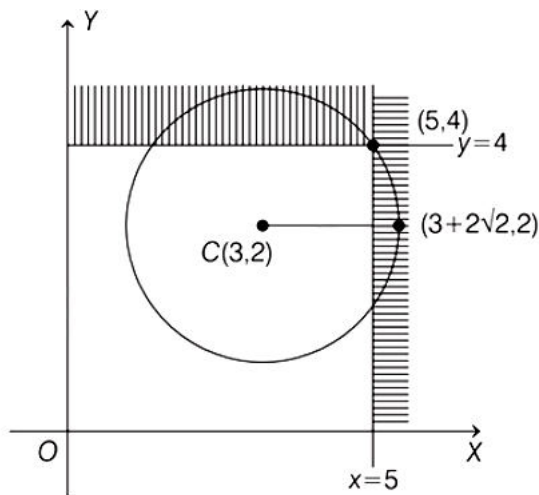
$$\Rightarrow 2y \geq 8$$

$$\Rightarrow y \geq 4$$

$$S_1: (x-3)^2 + (y-2)^2 = 8$$

$$S_2: x \geq 5$$

$$S_3: y \geq 4$$



Circle passes through (5, 4) as shown in the figure.

⇒ There is exactly one point (5, 4) in  $S_1 \cap S_2 \cap S_3$ .

## Question 164

The point  $P(a, b)$  undergoes the following three transformations successively

(A) Reflection about the line  $y = x$ .

(B) Translation through 2 units along the positive direction of X-axis.

(C) Rotation through angle  $\frac{\pi}{4}$

about the origin in the anti-clockwise direction.

If the co-ordinates of the final position of the point P are  $\left(-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{7}{\sqrt{2}}\right)$ , then the value of  $2a + b$  is equal to

[2021, 27 July Shift-II]

Options:

A. 13

B. 9

C. 5

D. 7

**Answer: B**

**Solution:**

Solution:

The image of  $P(a, b)$  along  $y = x$  is  $Q(b, a)$ . Translating it 2 units along the positive direction of X-axis, it becomes  $R(b+2, a)$ . Then, rotation through  $\frac{\pi}{4}$  about the origin in the anticlockwise direction, the final position of the point P is

$$\left(-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{7}{\sqrt{2}}\right).$$

Now, applying rotational theorem,

$$-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{7}{\sqrt{2}}i = [(b+2) + ai] \cdot \left(\cos \frac{\pi}{4} + i \sin \frac{\pi}{4}\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{7}{\sqrt{2}}i = \left(\frac{b+2}{\sqrt{2}} - \frac{a}{\sqrt{2}}\right) + i\left(\frac{b+2}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{a}{\sqrt{2}}\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{7}{\sqrt{2}}i = \left(\frac{b-a+2}{\sqrt{2}}\right) + i\left(\frac{a+b+2}{\sqrt{2}}\right)$$

$$\text{If So, } \frac{b-a+2}{\sqrt{2}} = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\Rightarrow b-a = -3 \quad \dots\dots (i)$$

$$\text{and } \frac{a+b+2}{\sqrt{2}} = \frac{7}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\Rightarrow a+b = 5 \quad \dots\dots (ii)$$

Adding Eqs. (i) and (ii),

$$2b = 2 \Rightarrow b = 1$$

Substitute the value of b in Eq. (ii),  $a = 4$   
 Now,  $2a + b = 2 \times 4 + 1 = 9$

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## Question 165

Let  $C$  be the set of all complex numbers.

Let  $S_1 = \{z \in C : |z - 2| \leq 1\}$  and  $S_2 = \{z \in C : z(1+i) + \bar{z}(1-i) \geq 4\}$ .

Then, the maximum value of  $z - \frac{5}{2}$  for  $z \in S_1 \cap S_2$  is equal to  
 [2021, 27 July Shift-II]

Options:

A.  $\frac{3+2\sqrt{2}}{4}$

B.  $\frac{5+2\sqrt{2}}{2}$

C.  $\frac{3+2\sqrt{2}}{2}$

D.  $\frac{5+2\sqrt{2}}{4}$

Answer: D

Solution:

Solution:

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

and  $S_2 = \{z \in C : z(1+i) + \bar{z}(1-i) \geq 4\}$

Now  $|z - 2| \leq 1$

Let  $z = x + iy$

$$\Rightarrow |x + iy - 2| \leq 1$$

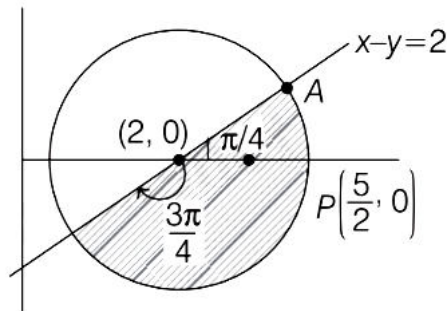
$$\Rightarrow (x-2)^2 + y^2 \leq 1$$

Also,  $z(1+i) + \bar{z}(1-i) \geq 4$

$$\Rightarrow (x+iy)(1+i) + (x-iy)(1-i) \geq 4$$

$$\Rightarrow 2x - 2y \geq 4$$

$$\Rightarrow x - y \geq 2$$



Let point on circle be  $A(2 + \cos \theta, \sin \theta)$ ,

$$\theta \in \left[-\frac{3\pi}{4}, \frac{\pi}{4}\right]$$

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

$$\Rightarrow (AP)^2 = \cos^2 \theta + \frac{1}{4} - \cos \theta + \sin^2 \theta$$

$$\Rightarrow (AP)^2 = \frac{5}{4} - \cos \theta$$

$$\text{For } (AP)^2 \text{ to be maximum, } \theta = -\frac{3\pi}{4}$$

$$\Rightarrow (AP)^2 = \frac{5}{4} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\Rightarrow (AP)^2 = \frac{5+2\sqrt{2}}{4}$$

## Question 166



Let  $\alpha, \beta$  be two roots of the equation  $x^2 + (20)^{1/4}x + (5)^{1/2} = 0$ . Then,  $\alpha^8 + \beta^8$  is equal to  
[2021, 27 July Shift-I]

Options:

- A. 10
- B. 50
- C. 100
- D. 160

Answer: B

Solution:

Solution:

$$x^2 + (20)^{1/4} \cdot x + (5)^{1/2} = 0$$

roots  $\alpha$  &  $\beta$ .

$$\alpha + \beta = -(20)^{1/4}$$

$$\alpha\beta = (5)^{1/2}$$

$$\alpha^8 + \beta^8 = (\alpha^4)^2 + (\beta^4)^2$$

$$= (\alpha^4 - \beta^4)^2 + 2(\alpha\beta)^4 \quad \dots\dots\dots (i)$$

$$\Rightarrow (\alpha + \beta)^2 = (\alpha^2 + \beta^2) + 2\alpha\beta$$

$$\Rightarrow (20)^{1/2} = (\alpha^2 + \beta^2) + 2 \cdot 5^{1/2}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2 \cdot (5)^{1/2} = (\alpha^2 + \beta^2) + 2 \cdot 5^{1/2}$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 = (\alpha^2 + \beta^2)$$

From eqn (1)

$$\alpha^8 + \beta^8 = ((\alpha^2 + \beta^2) \cdot (\alpha^2 - \beta^2))^2 + 2 \cdot (5)^{1/2}$$

$$= 0 + 2 \times 5^2$$

$$= 2 \times 25$$

$$= 50 \quad (\text{Ans})$$

## Question 167

The number of real roots of the equation  $e^{4x} - e^{3x} - 4e^{2x} - e^x + 1 = 0$  is equal to .....  
[2021, 27 July Shift-II]

Answer: 2

Solution:

Solution:

Given equation,

$$e^{4x} - e^{3x} - 4e^{2x} - e^x + 1 = 0$$

Let  $e^x = t > 0$

$$t^4 - t^3 - 4t^2 - t + 1 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow t^2 - t - 4 - \frac{1}{t} + \frac{1}{t^2} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow t^2 + \frac{1}{t^2} + 2 - \left(t + \frac{1}{t}\right) - 6 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(t + \frac{1}{t}\right)^2 - \left(t + \frac{1}{t}\right) - 6 = 0$$

$$\text{Let } \alpha = t + \frac{1}{t} \geq 2$$

$$\text{I c } \Rightarrow \alpha^2 - \alpha - 6 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha^2 - 3\alpha + 2\alpha - 6 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha(\alpha - 3) + 2(\alpha - 3) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (\alpha - 3)(\alpha + 2) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha = 3 \text{ or } \alpha = -2 \quad (\text{not possible})$$

$$\Rightarrow t + \frac{1}{t} = 3$$

$$\Rightarrow t^2 - 3t + 1 = 0$$

$\therefore$  The number of real roots = 2

## Question 168

The number of real roots of the equation

$$e^{6x} - e^{4x} - 2e^{3x} - 12e^{2x} + e^x + 1 = 0 \text{ is}$$

[2021, 25 July Shift-1]

Options:

A. 2

B. 4

C. 6

D. 1

Answer: A

Solution:

Solution:

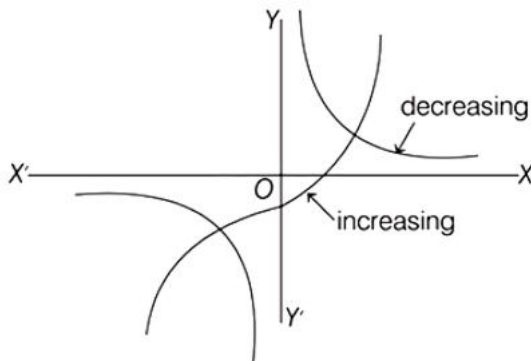
$$e^{6x} - e^{4x} - 2e^{3x} - 12e^{2x} + e^x + 1 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (e^{3x} - 1)^2 - e^x(e^{3x} - 1) = 12e^{2x}$$

$$\Rightarrow (e^{3x} - 1)(e^{3x} - e^x - 1) = 12e^{2x}$$

$$\Rightarrow (e^{3x} - 1)(e^x - e^{-x} - e^{-2x}) = 12$$

$$\Rightarrow e^x - e^{-x} - e^{-2x} = \frac{12}{e^{3x} - 1}$$



Hence, the number of real roots is 2.

## Question 169

If  $\alpha, \beta$  are roots of the equation.

$$x^2 + 5(\sqrt{2})x + 10 = 0, \alpha > \beta \text{ and}$$

$$P_n = \alpha^n - \beta^n \text{ for each positive}$$

integer  $n$ , then the value of

$$\left( \frac{P_{17}P_{20} + 5\sqrt{2}P_{17}P_{19}}{P_{18}P_{19} + 5\sqrt{2}P_{18}^2} \right) \text{ is equal to}$$

[2021, 25 July Shift-1]

Answer: 1

### Solution:

Solution:

$$x^2 + 5\sqrt{2}x + 10 = 0$$

$$P_n = \alpha^n - \beta^n$$

$$\frac{P_{17}P_{20} + 5\sqrt{2}P_{17}P_{19}}{P_{18}P_{19} + 5\sqrt{2}P_{18}^2} = \frac{P_{17}(5\sqrt{2}P_{19} + P_{20})}{P_{18}(5\sqrt{2}P_{18} + P_{19})}$$

$$\Rightarrow x^{18}(x^2 + 5\sqrt{2}x + 16) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x^{20} + 5\sqrt{2}x^{19} + x^{18} = 0$$

$$(\alpha^{20} - \beta^{20}) + 5\sqrt{2}(\alpha^{19} - \beta^{19}) + (\alpha^{18} - \beta^{18}) = 0$$

$$P_{20} + 5\sqrt{2}P_{19} + P_{18} = 0$$

Similarly,

$$P_{19} + 5\sqrt{2}P_{18} + P_{17} = 0$$

$$\text{So, } \frac{P_{17}(5\sqrt{2}P_{19} + P_{20})}{P_{18}(5\sqrt{2}P_{18} + P_{19})} = \frac{P_{17}(-P_{18})}{P_{18}(-P_{17})} = 1$$

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## Question 170

The number of real solutions of the equation  $x^2 - |x| - 12 = 0$  is  
[2021, 25 July Shift-II]

Options:

A. 2

B. 3

C. 1

D. 4

Answer: A

### Solution:

Solution:

Given equation,

$$x^2 - |x| - 12 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow |x|^2 - |x| - 12 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow |x|^2 - 4|x| + 3|x| - 12 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (|x| - 4)(|x| + 3) = 0$$

$$\text{So } |x| - 4 = 0 \text{ or } |x| + 3 = 0$$

$$|x| = 4 \text{ or } |x| = -3 \text{ (not possible)}$$

$$x = \pm 4$$

Hence, the number of real solutions = 2

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## Question 171

Let  $[x]$  denote the greatest integer less than or equal to  $x$ . Then, the values of  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  satisfying the equation  $[e^x]^2 + [e^x + 1] - 3 = 0$  lie in the interval  
[2021, 22 July Shift-II]

Options:

A.  $\left[0, \frac{1}{e}\right)$

B.  $[\log_e 2, \log_e 3)$

C.  $[1, e)$

D.  $[0, \log_e 2)$

**Answer: D**

**Solution:**

Solution:

$$[e^x]^2 + [e^x + 1] - 3 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow [e^x]^2 + [e^x] + 1 - 3 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow [e^x]^2 + [e^x] - 2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow ([e^x] - 1)([e^x] + 2) = 0$$

$$[e^x] = 1 \text{ or } [e^x] = -2$$

Not possible as  $e^x > 0$ .

$$\Rightarrow [e^x] = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 \leq e^x < 2$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 \leq x < \log_e 2$$

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## Question 172

If  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are the distinct roots of the equation  $x^2 + (3)^{1/4}x + 3^{1/2} = 0$ , then the value of  $\alpha^{96}(\alpha^{12} - 1) + \beta^{96}(\beta^{12} - 1)$  is equal to  
[2021, 20 July Shift-1]

**Options:**

A.  $56 \times 3^{25}$

B.  $56 \times 3^{24}$

C.  $52 \times 3^{24}$

D.  $28 \times 3^{25}$

**Answer: C**

**Solution:**

Solution:

$$x^2 + 3^{1/4}x + 3^{1/2} = 0$$

$$\therefore x = \frac{-3^{1/4} \pm \sqrt{3^{1/2} - 4 \cdot 3^{1/2}}}{2}$$

$$= \frac{3^{1/4}(-1 \pm \sqrt{3}i)}{2}$$

$$= 3^{1/4} \left( \frac{-1 + \sqrt{3}i}{2} \right) \text{ or } 3^{1/4} \left( \frac{-1 - \sqrt{3}i}{2} \right)$$

$$= 3^{1/4} \omega \text{ or } 3^{1/4} \omega^2$$

$$= 3^{1/4} \omega \text{ or } 3^{1/4} \omega^2$$

Now,  $\alpha^{96}(\alpha^{12} - 1) + \beta^{96}(\beta^{12} - 1)$

$$= \alpha^{108} - \alpha^{96} + \beta^{108} - \beta^{96}$$

$$= (\alpha^{108} + \beta^{108}) - (\alpha^{96} + \beta^{96})$$

$$= \{(3^{1/4} \omega)^{108} + (3^{1/4} \omega^2)^{108}\}$$

$$- \{(3^{1/4} \omega)^{96} + (3^{1/4} \omega^2)^{96}\}$$

$$= 3^{27}(\omega^{108} + \omega^{216}) - 3^{24}(\omega^{96} + \omega^{192})$$

$$= 3^{27}(2) - 3^{24}(2) = 3^{24}(54) - 3^{24}(2)$$

$$= 3^{24}(52) = 52 \times 3^{24}$$

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## Question 173

The number of solutions of the equation

$$\log_{(x+1)}(2x^2 + 7x + 5) +$$

$$\log_{(2x+5)}(x+1)^2 - 4 = 0$$

$x > 0$ , is

[2021, 20 July Shift-II]

**Answer: 1**

**Solution:**

Solution:

$$\log_{(x+1)}(2x^2 + 7x + 5)$$

$$+ \log_{(2x+5)}(x+1)^2 - 4 = 0$$

$$= \log_{(x+1)}\{(2x+5)(x+1)\}$$

$$+ 2\log_{(2x+5)}(x+1) - 4 = 0$$

$$= \log_{(x+1)}(2x+5) + \log_{(x+1)}(x+1)$$

$$+ 2\log_{(2x+5)}(x+1) - 4 = 0$$

$$= \log_{(x+1)}(2x+5) + 2\log_{(2x+5)}(x+1) - 3 = 0$$

$$[\because \log_a a = 1]$$

$$= \log_{(x+1)}(2x+5) + 2 \frac{\log_{(x+1)}(x+1)}{\log_{(x+1)}(2x+5)} = 3$$

$$\text{Let } \log_{(x+1)}(2x+5) = t$$

$$t + \frac{2}{t} = 3 \Rightarrow t^2 - 3t + 2 = 0$$

$$(t-1)(t-2) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow t = 1, t = 2$$

$$\Rightarrow \log_{(x+1)}(2x+5) = 1 \text{ and}$$

$$\log_{(x+1)}(2x+5) = 2$$

$$2x+5 = (x+1)$$

$$\text{and } 2x+5 = (x+1)^2$$

$$x = -4$$

$$\text{and } 2x+5 = x^2 + 1 + 2x$$

$$\text{i.e., } x^2 = 4$$

$$\Rightarrow x = +2, -2$$

Given,  $x > 0$

$x = -4, x = -2$  are discarded

$\therefore x = 2$  is only solution.

## Question 174

If the real part of the complex number  $z = \frac{3+2i\cos\theta}{1-3i\cos\theta}$ ,  $\theta \in \left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$  is

zero, then the value of  $\sin^2 3\theta + \cos^2 \theta$  is equal to

[2021, 27 July Shift-11]

**Answer: 1**

**Solution:**

Solution:

We have,

$$1/z = \frac{3+2i\cos\theta}{1-3i\cos\theta} = \frac{3+2i\cos\theta}{1-3i\cos\theta} \times \frac{1+3i\cos\theta}{1+3i\cos\theta}$$

$$= \frac{(3-6\cos^2\theta) + i(9\cos\theta + 2\cos\theta)}{1+9\cos^2\theta}$$

$$z = \frac{(3-6\cos^2\theta) + (11\cos\theta)i}{1+9\cos^2\theta}$$

Given,  $\text{Re}(z) = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{3-6\cos^2\theta}{1+9\cos^2\theta} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 3 - 6\cos^2\theta = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos^2\theta = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \theta = \frac{\pi}{4} \left\{ \theta \in \left( 0, \frac{\pi}{2} \right) \right\}$$

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

$$\text{Hence, } \sin^2 3\theta + \cos^2 \theta$$

$$= \sin^2 \frac{3\pi}{4} + \cos^2 \frac{\pi}{4} = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} = 1$$

## Question 175

Let  $n$  denote the number of solutions of the equation  $z^2 + 3\bar{z} = 0$ , where  $z$  is a complex number. Then, the value of  $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^k}$  is equal to

[2021, 22 July Shift-11]

**Options:**

A. 1

B.  $\frac{4}{3}$

C.  $\frac{3}{2}$

D. 2

**Answer: B**

**Solution:**

Solution:

$$z^2 + 3\bar{z} = 0$$

$$z = x + iy$$

$$\Rightarrow (x^2 - y^2) + i(2xy) + 3(x - iy) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (x^2 - y^2 + 3x) + i(2xy - 3y) = 0$$

$$\begin{cases} x^2 - y^2 + 3x = 0 \\ y(2x - 3) = 0. \end{cases}$$

$$y = 0 \text{ or } x = \frac{3}{2}$$

$$\text{If } y = 0,$$

$$\Rightarrow x(x + 3) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 0, -3$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{So, } (0, 0) \text{ and } (-3, 0) \text{ are solutions, when}$$

$$y = 0.$$

$$\text{When } x = \frac{3}{2}, \quad \frac{9}{4} - y^2 + \frac{9}{2} = 0 \Rightarrow y^2 = \frac{27}{4}$$

$$\Rightarrow y = \pm \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

$$\therefore \left( \frac{3}{2}, \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2} \right) \text{ and } \left( \frac{3}{2}, -\frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2} \right)$$

There are 4 solutions.

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left( \frac{1}{n^k} \right) = 1 + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4^2} + \dots \infty$$

$$= \frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{4}} = \frac{4}{3}$$

## Question 176

If the real part of the complex number

$(1 - \cos \theta + 2i \sin \theta)^{-1}$  is  $\frac{1}{5}$  or  $\theta \in (0, \pi)$ , then the value of the integral  $\int_0^{\theta} \sin x \, dx$  is equal to

[2021, 22 July Shift-II]

**Options:**

- A. 1
- B. 2
- C. -1
- D. 0

**Answer: A**

**Solution:**

Solution:

$$\text{Let } z = (1 - \cos \theta + 2i \sin \theta)^{-1}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\Rightarrow z &= \frac{1}{1 - \cos \theta + 2i \sin \theta} \\&= \frac{1}{1 - \cos \theta + 2i \sin \theta} \times \frac{1 - \cos \theta - 2i \sin \theta}{1 - \cos \theta - 2i \sin \theta} \\&= \frac{(1 - \cos \theta) - 2i \sin \theta}{(1 - \cos \theta)^2 - (2i \sin \theta)^2} \\&= \frac{2 \sin^2 \frac{\theta}{2} - 4i \sin \frac{\theta}{2} \cos \frac{\theta}{2}}{4 \sin^4 \frac{\theta}{2} + 16 \sin^2 \frac{\theta}{2} \cos^2 \frac{\theta}{2}} \\&= \frac{2 \sin \frac{\theta}{2} \left( \sin \frac{\theta}{2} - 2i \cos \frac{\theta}{2} \right)}{4 \sin^2 \frac{\theta}{2} \left( \sin^2 \frac{\theta}{2} + 4 \cos^2 \frac{\theta}{2} \right)} \\&= \frac{\sin \frac{\theta}{2} - 2i \cos \frac{\theta}{2}}{2 \sin \frac{\theta}{2} \left( \sin^2 \frac{\theta}{2} + 4 \cos^2 \frac{\theta}{2} \right)}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Now, } \operatorname{Re}(z) &= \frac{\sin \frac{\theta}{2}}{2 \sin \frac{\theta}{2} \left( \sin^2 \frac{\theta}{2} + 4 \cos^2 \frac{\theta}{2} \right)} \\&= \frac{1}{2 \left( 1 + 3 \cos^2 \frac{\theta}{2} \right)}\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Given, } \operatorname{Re}(z) = \frac{1}{5}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2 \left( 1 + 3 \cos^2 \frac{\theta}{2} \right)} = \frac{1}{5}$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 + 3 \cos^2 \frac{\theta}{2} = \frac{5}{2} \Rightarrow \cos^2 \frac{\theta}{2} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos \frac{\theta}{2} = \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\therefore \frac{\theta}{2} = n\pi \pm \frac{\pi}{4}$$

$$\therefore \theta = 2n\pi \pm \frac{\pi}{2}$$

Given, range is  $\theta \in (0, \pi)$ .

$$\therefore \theta = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$\text{Now, } \int_0^{\theta} \sin x \, dx = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sin x \, dx$$

$$\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sin x \, dx = [-\cos x]_0^{\pi/2}$$

$$= -\left( \cos \frac{\pi}{2} - \cos 0 \right)$$

$$= -(0 - 1) = 1$$

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## Question 177

If  $z$  and  $\omega$  are two complex numbers such that  $|z\omega| = 1$  and  $\arg(z) - \arg(\omega) = \frac{3\pi}{2}$ , then  $\arg\left(\frac{1 - 2z\bar{\omega}}{1 + 3z\bar{\omega}}\right)$  is  
(Here,  $\arg(z)$  denotes the principal argument of complex number  $z$ ) [2021, 20 July Shift-1]

**Options:**

- A.  $\frac{\pi}{4}$
- B.  $-\frac{3\pi}{4}$
- C.  $-\frac{\pi}{4}$
- D.  $\frac{3\pi}{4}$

**Answer: B**

**Solution:**

Solution:

$$|zW| = 1, \arg(z) - \arg(w) = \frac{3\pi}{2}$$

$$\text{Let } z = re^{i\theta}$$

$$w = \frac{1}{r} e^{i\left(\theta - \frac{3\pi}{2}\right)} \Rightarrow \bar{z} = re^{-i\theta}$$

$$w\bar{z} = \frac{1}{r} e^{i\left(\theta - \frac{3\pi}{2}\right)} \cdot re^{-i\theta}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{w\bar{z}}{w\bar{z}} = e^{i\left(\theta - \frac{3\pi}{2} - \theta\right)} = e^{-i\frac{3\pi}{2}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{w\bar{z}}{w\bar{z}} = \cos\left(-\frac{3\pi}{2}\right) + i\sin\left(-\frac{3\pi}{2}\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{w\bar{z}}{w\bar{z}} = 0 + i$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{w\bar{z}}{w\bar{z}} = i$$

$$\left(\frac{1-2w\bar{z}}{1+3w\bar{z}}\right) = \left(\frac{1-2i}{1+3i} \times \frac{1-3i}{1-3i}\right)$$

$$= \frac{1-2i-3i+6i^2}{10} = \frac{-5-5i}{10}$$

$$\therefore \arg = -\left(\pi - \frac{\pi}{4}\right) = -\frac{3\pi}{4}$$

## Question 178

Let  $Z_1$  and  $Z_2$  be two complex numbers such that  $\arg(Z_1 - Z_2) = \frac{\pi}{4}$  and  $Z_1, Z_2$  satisfy the equation  $|Z - 3| = \operatorname{Re}(Z)$ . Then, the imaginary part of  $Z_1 + Z_2$  is equal to [2021, 27 Aug. Shift-11]

**Answer: 6**

**Solution:**

Solution:

$$\text{Let } Z_1 = a_1 + ib_1, Z_2 = a_2 + ib_2$$

$$Z_1 - Z_2 = (a_1 - a_2) + i(b_1 - b_2)$$

$$\arg(Z_1 - Z_2) = \frac{\pi}{4} \Rightarrow \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{b_1 - b_2}{a_1 - a_2}\right) = \frac{\pi}{4}$$

$$\text{If } \Rightarrow b_1 - b_2 = a_1 - a_2$$

$$\text{Also, } |Z_1 - 3| = \operatorname{Re}(Z_1)$$

$$\Rightarrow (a_1 - 3)^2 + b_1^2 = a_1^2$$

$$\text{and } |Z_2 - 3| = \operatorname{Re}(Z_2)$$

$$\Rightarrow (a_2 - 3)^2 + b_2^2 = a_2^2$$

$$\Rightarrow (a_1 - 3)^2 - (a_2 - 3)^2 + b_1^2 - b_2^2$$

$$= a_1^2 - a_2^2$$

$$\Rightarrow (a_1 - a_2)(a_1 + a_2 - 6) + (b_1 - b_2)(b_1 + b_2)$$

$$= (a_1 - a_2)(a_1 + a_2)$$

$$\Rightarrow a_1 + a_2 - 6 + b_1 + b_2 = a_1 + a_2$$

$$\Rightarrow b_1 + b_2 = 6$$



$$\Rightarrow \log(Z_1 + Z_2) = 6$$

[using Eq. (i).]

## Question 179

The sum of the roots of the equation  $x + 1 - 2\log_2(3 + 2^x) + 2\log_4(10 - 2^{-x}) = 0$  is  
[2021, 31 Aug. Shift-II]

**Options:**

A.  $\log_2 14$

B.  $\log_2 11$

C.  $\log_2 12$

D.  $\log_2 13$

**Answer: B**

**Solution:**

Solution:

$$x + 1 - 2\log_2(3 + 2^x) + 2\log_4(10 - 2^{-x}) = 0$$

$\Rightarrow$

$$x + 1 - 2\log_2(3 + 2^x) + \log_2\left(\frac{10 \cdot 2^x - 1}{2^x}\right) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x + 1 - 2\log_2(3 + 2^x) + \log_2(10 \cdot 2^x - 1) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 + \log_2\left(\frac{10 \cdot 2^x - 1}{(3 + 2^x)^2}\right) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{10 \cdot 2^x - 1}{9 + (2^x)^2 + 6 \cdot 2^x} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow (2^x)^2 - 14 \cdot 2^x + 11 = 0$$

Let  $2^x = y$

$$\Rightarrow y^2 - 14y + 11 = 0$$

Let  $2^x = y$

$$\Rightarrow y^2 - 14y + 11 = 0$$

$$y = \frac{14 \pm \sqrt{152}}{2} = 7 \pm \frac{\sqrt{152}}{2}$$

$$y_1 = 7 + \frac{\sqrt{152}}{2},$$

$$y_2 = 7 - \frac{\sqrt{152}}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2^{x_1} = 7 + \frac{\sqrt{152}}{2},$$

$$2^{x_2} = 7 - \frac{\sqrt{152}}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow x_1 = \log_2\left(7 + \frac{\sqrt{152}}{2}\right)$$

$$x_2 = \log_2\left(7 - \frac{\sqrt{152}}{2}\right)$$

$$\therefore \text{Sum of roots} = x_1 + x_2$$

$$= \log_2\left(49 - \frac{152}{4}\right) = \log_2 11$$

## Question 180

The number of distinct real roots of the equation  $3x^4 + 4x^3 - 12x^2 + 4 = 0$  is  
[2021, 27 Aug. Shift-I]

**Answer: 4**

**Solution:**

Solution:

$$\text{Let } f(x) = 3x^4 + 4x^3 - 12x^2 + 4 = 0$$

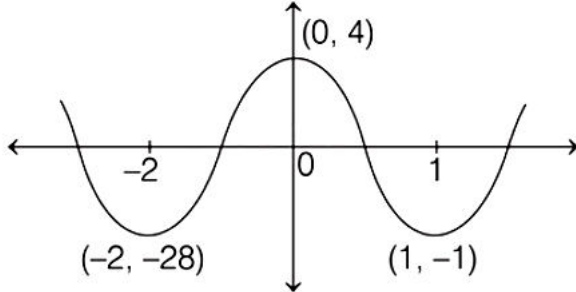
Differentiating w.r.t.  $x$ ,

$$f'(x) = 12x^3 + 12x^2 - 24x = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 12x(x^2 + x - 2) = 0$$

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

Critical point  $x = 0, 1, -2$



Graph of  $y = f(x)$

Number of real roots = 4

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## Question 181

The set of all values of  $k > -1$ , for which the equation  $(3x^2 + 4x + 3)^2 - (k+1)(3x^2 + 4x + 3)(3x^2 + 4x + 2) + k(3x^2 + 4x + 2)^2 = 0$  has real roots, is  
[2021, 27 Aug. Shift-II]

**Options:**

A.  $\left(1, \frac{5}{2}\right]$

B.  $[2, 3)$

C.  $\left[-\frac{1}{2}, 1\right)$

D.  $\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{3}{2}\right] - \{1\}$

**Answer: A**

**Solution:**

Solution:

Given,

$$(3x^2 + 4x + 3)^2 - (k+1)(3x^2 + 4x + 3)(3x^2 + 4x + 2) + k(3x^2 + 4x + 2)^2 = 0$$

$$(3x^2 + 4x + 2) + k(3x^2 + 4x + 2)^2 = 0$$

$$\text{Let } y = 3x^2 + 4x + 2$$

Then, given equation becomes

$$(y+1)^2 - (k+1)y(y+1) + ky^2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow y^2 + 2y + 1 - ky^2 - ky - y^2 - y + ky^2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow y + 1 - ky = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow y(1-k) = -1$$

$$\Rightarrow y = \frac{1}{k-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow 3x^2 + 4x + 2 - \frac{1}{k-1} = 0$$

For real roots,  $D \geq 0$

$$\Rightarrow 16 - 4 \cdot 3 \cdot \left(2 - \frac{1}{k-1}\right) \geq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -8 + \frac{12}{k-1} \geq 0 \Rightarrow \frac{3}{k-1} \geq 2$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{3-2k+2}{k-1} \geq 0 \Rightarrow \frac{2k-5}{k-1} \leq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow k \in \left(1, \frac{5}{2}\right] \quad [\because k \neq 1]$$

## Question 182

The sum of all integral values of  $k$  ( $k \neq 0$ ) for which the equation  $\frac{2}{x-1} - \frac{1}{x-2} = \frac{2}{k}$  in  $x$  has no real roots, is [2021, 26 Aug. Shift-I]

**Answer: 66**

**Solution:**

Solution:

$$\frac{2}{x-1} - \frac{1}{x-2} = \frac{2}{k} \Rightarrow x \in \mathbb{R} - \{1, 2\}$$

$$k(2x-4-x+1) = 2(x^2-3x+2)$$

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

$$2x^2 - (6+k)x + 3k + 4 = 0$$

For no real roots  $b^2 - 4ac < 0$

$$\therefore (k+6)^2 - 8 \cdot (3k+4) < 0$$

$$\Rightarrow k^2 - 12k - 4 < 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (k-6)^2 - 32 < 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (k-6)^2 < 32$$

$$\Rightarrow -4\sqrt{2} < k-6 < 4\sqrt{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow 6-4\sqrt{2} < k < 6+4\sqrt{2}$$

Integral  $k \in \{1, 2, 3, 4, \dots, 11\}$

$$\text{Sum} = 66$$

## Question 183

If  $(\sqrt{3} + i)^{100} = 2^{99}(p + iq)$ , then  $p$  and  $q$  are roots of the equation [2021, 26 Aug. Shift-III]

**Options:**

A.  $x^2 - (\sqrt{3} - 1)x - \sqrt{3} = 0$

B.  $x^2 + (\sqrt{3} + 1)x + \sqrt{3} = 0$

C.  $x^2 + (\sqrt{3} - 1)x - \sqrt{3} = 0$

D.  $x^2 - (\sqrt{3} + 1)x + \sqrt{3} = 0$

**Answer: A**

**Solution:**

Solution:

$$(\sqrt{3} + i)^{100} = 2^{99}(p + iq)$$

$$2^{100} e^{i100 \frac{\pi}{6}} = 2^{99}(p + iq)$$

$$\Rightarrow 2 e^{i \frac{2\pi}{3}} = p + iq$$

$$\Rightarrow 2 \left[ \cos\left(\pi - \frac{\pi}{3}\right) + i \sin\left(\pi - \frac{\pi}{3}\right) \right] = p + iq$$

$$\Rightarrow (-1 + i\sqrt{3}) = p + iq$$

$$\Rightarrow p = -1 \text{ and } q = \sqrt{3}$$

Equation whose roots are  $-1$  and  $\sqrt{3}i$  is

$$\Rightarrow (x+1)(x-\sqrt{3})=0$$

$$x^2-(\sqrt{3}-1)x-\sqrt{3}=0$$


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## Question 184

Let  $\lambda \neq 0$  be in  $\mathbf{R}$ . If  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are the roots of the equation  $x^2 - x + 2\lambda = 0$  and  $\alpha$  and  $\gamma$  are the roots of equation  $3x^2 - 10x + 27\lambda = 0$ , then  $\frac{\beta\gamma}{\lambda}$  is equal to  
[2021, 26 Aug. Shift-II]

**Answer: 18**

**Solution:**

Solution:

We have,  $\alpha$  is common root of the equations  $x^2 - x + 2\lambda = 0$  and  $3x^2 - 10x + 27\lambda = 0$ .

Now, common root of these equations is  $(3\alpha^2 - 10\alpha + 27\lambda) - (3\alpha^2 - 3\alpha + 6\lambda) = 0 \Rightarrow -7\alpha + 21\lambda = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha = 3\lambda$$

Again,  $\alpha$  is root of  $x^2 - x + 2\lambda = 0$

$$\therefore \alpha^2 - \alpha + 2\lambda = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (3\lambda)^2 - 3\lambda + 2\lambda = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 9\lambda^2 - \lambda = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda(9\lambda - 1) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda = 0, \frac{1}{9}$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda = \frac{1}{9} \quad [\because \lambda \neq 0]$$

$$\therefore \alpha = 3\lambda = 3 \times \frac{1}{9} = \frac{1}{3}$$

Again,  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are roots of the equation

$$x^2 - x + 2\lambda = 0$$

$$\therefore \alpha + \beta = \frac{-(-1)}{1} = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \beta = 1 - \alpha = 1 - \frac{1}{3} = \frac{2}{3}$$

And  $\alpha$  and  $\gamma$  are the roots of the equation  $3x^2 - 10x + 27\lambda = 0$

$$\therefore \alpha + \gamma = \frac{-(-10)}{3} = \frac{10}{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow \gamma = \frac{10}{3} - \alpha = \frac{10}{3} - \frac{1}{3} = \frac{9}{3} = 3$$

$$\therefore \frac{\beta\gamma}{\lambda} = \frac{\left(\frac{2}{3}\right) \times (3)}{\left(\frac{1}{9}\right)} = 18$$


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## Question 185

If  $S = \left\{ z \in \mathbf{C} : \frac{z-i}{z+2i} \in \mathbf{R} \right\}$ , then  
[2021, 27 Aug. Shift-1]

**Options:**

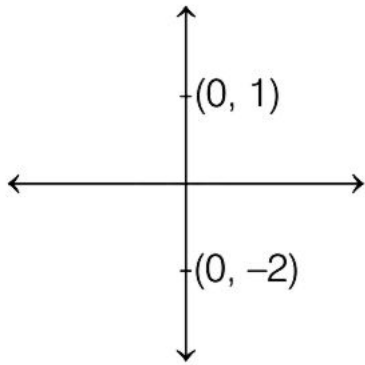
- A. S contains exactly two elements.
- B. S contains only one element.
- C. S is a circle in the complex plane.
- D. S is a straight line in the complex plane.

**Answer: D**

### Solution:

Solution:

Given,  $\frac{z-i}{z+2i} \in \mathbb{R}$



$$\Rightarrow \arg\left(\frac{z-i}{z+2i}\right) = 0 \text{ or } \pi$$

$\Rightarrow i, -2i, z$  are collinear.

$\Rightarrow S$  is a straight line in the complex plane.

## Question 186

Let  $z = \frac{1-i\sqrt{3}}{2}$  and  $i = \sqrt{-1}$ . Then the value of  $21 + \left(z + \frac{1}{z}\right)^3 + \left(z^2 + \frac{1}{z^2}\right)^3 + \left(z^3 + \frac{1}{z^3}\right)^3 + \dots + \left(z^{21} + \frac{1}{z^{21}}\right)^3$

is

[2021, 26 Aug. Shift-1]

**Answer: 13**

### Solution:

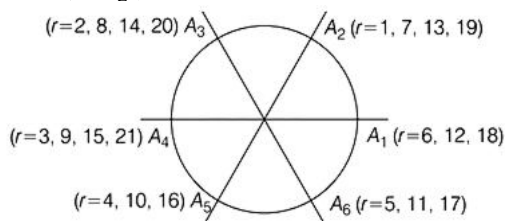
Solution:

$$z = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}i = e^{-i\pi/3}$$

$$\text{Again, } z^r + \frac{1}{z^r} = z^r + \bar{z}^r = 2\operatorname{Re}(z^r)$$

$$[\because |z^r| = 1] = 2\cos\left(\frac{r\pi}{3}\right)$$

$$21 + \sum_{r=1}^{21} \left(z^r + \frac{1}{z^r}\right)^3 = 21 + \sum_{r=1}^{21} 8\cos^3\left(\frac{r\pi}{3}\right)$$



Now, all the diametric ends will cancel out each other. Only a single value at  $A_L$  will remain which is  $-1$ .

$$\text{So, } 21 + 8(-1) = 13$$

## Question 187

The equation  $\arg\left(\frac{z-1}{z+1}\right) = \frac{\pi}{4}$  represents a circle with

[2021, 26 Aug. Shift-I]

**Options:**

- A. centre at  $(0, -1)$  and radius  $\sqrt{2}$
- B. centre at  $(0, 1)$  and radius  $\sqrt{2}$
- C. centre at  $(0, 0)$  and radius  $\sqrt{2}$
- D. centre at  $(0, 1)$  and radius 2

**Answer: B**

**Solution:**

Solution:

$$\text{We have, } \arg\left(\frac{z-1}{z+1}\right) = \frac{\pi}{4} \Rightarrow \arg(z-1) - \arg(z+1) = \frac{\pi}{4}$$

$$\text{Let } z = x + iy$$

$$\arg[(x-1) + iy] - \arg[(x+1) + iy] = \frac{\pi}{4}$$

$$\Rightarrow \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{y}{x-1}\right) - \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{y}{x+1}\right) = \frac{\pi}{4}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left( \frac{\frac{y}{x-1} - \frac{y}{x+1}}{1 + \frac{y}{x-1} \cdot \frac{y}{x+1}} \right) = \tan \frac{\pi}{4}$$

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

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

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

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

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

Which is a circle with Centre  $(0, 1)$  and Radius  $= \sqrt{2}$  units

## Question 188

A point  $z$  moves in the complex plane such that  $\arg\left(\frac{z-2}{z+2}\right) = \frac{\pi}{4}$ , then the minimum value of

$$|z - 9\sqrt{2} - 2i|^2 \text{ equal to}$$

[2021, 31 Aug. Shift-I]

**Answer: 98**

**Solution:**

Solution:

$$\arg\left(\frac{z-2}{z+2}\right) = \frac{\pi}{4}$$

If

$$z = x + iy$$

$$\arg[(x-2) + iy] - \arg[(x+2) + iy] = \frac{\pi}{4}$$

$$\Rightarrow \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{y}{x-2}\right) - \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{y}{x+2}\right) = \frac{\pi}{4}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\frac{y}{x-2} - \frac{y}{x+2}}{1 + \frac{y}{x-2} \cdot \frac{y}{x+2}} = \tan\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right)$$

$$1 \Rightarrow \frac{xy + 2y - xy + 2y}{x^2 + y^2 - 4} = 1$$

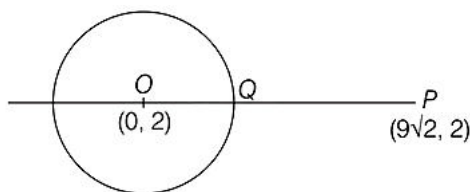
$$\Rightarrow 4y = x^2 + y^2 - 4$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 + y^2 - 4y - 4 = 0$$

$z$  is a circle.

Centre  $= (0, 2)$ , Radius  $= (2\sqrt{2})$

$|z - 9\sqrt{2} - 2i|^2$  is the distance of  $(9\sqrt{2}, 2)$  from any point on circle. Distance will be minimum when  $(9\sqrt{2}, 2)$  will lie on the line joining the centre.



$$\begin{aligned}
 PQ &= OP - OQ \\
 &= 9\sqrt{2} - 2\sqrt{2} = 7\sqrt{2} \\
 PO^2 &= (7\sqrt{2})^2 = 98
 \end{aligned}$$

## Question 189

If  $z$  is a complex number such that  $\frac{z-i}{z-1}$  is purely imaginary, then the minimum value of  $|z - (3 + 3i)|$  is [2021, 31 Aug. Shift-II]

Options:

- A.  $2\sqrt{2} - 1$
- B.  $6\sqrt{2}$
- C.  $3\sqrt{2}$
- D.  $2\sqrt{2}$

Answer: D

Solution:

Solution:

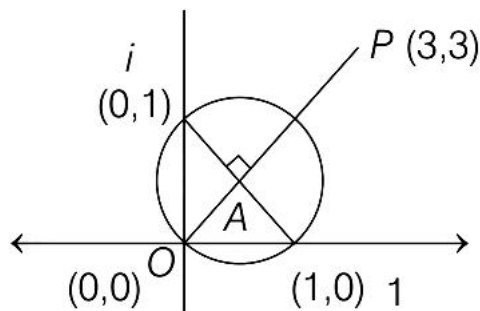
Let  $z = x + iy$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{z-i}{z-1} &= \frac{x+i(y-1)}{(x-1)+iy} \times \frac{(x-1)-iy}{(x-1)-iy} \\
 &= \frac{x(x-1)+y(y-1)}{(x-1)^2+y^2} + i \left[ \frac{(x-1)(y-1)-xy}{(x-1)^2+y^2} \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

As  $\frac{z-i}{z-1}$  is purely imaginary,

$$\begin{aligned}
 x^2 + y^2 - x - y &= 0 \\
 \left(x - \frac{1}{2}\right)^2 + \left(y - \frac{1}{2}\right)^2 &= 0
 \end{aligned}$$

This is a circle with centre  $\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\right)$ , radius  $= \frac{1}{2}$  which passes through origin as shown in the figure.



$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Minimum } |z - (3 + 3i)| &= OP - OA \\
 &= \sqrt{(3-0)^2 + (3-0)^2} - \sqrt{\left(\frac{1}{2}-0\right)^2 + \left(\frac{1}{2}-0\right)^2} \\
 &= 3\sqrt{2} - \sqrt{2} \\
 &= 2\sqrt{2}
 \end{aligned}$$

## Question 190

The least positive integer  $n$  such that  $\frac{(2i)^n}{(1-i)^{n-2}}$ ,  $i = \sqrt{-1}$ , is a positive integer, is [2021, 26 Aug. Shift-11]

**Answer: 6**

**Solution:**

Solution:

We have,

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{(2i)^n}{(1-i)^{n-2}} &= \frac{(2i)^n}{(1-i)^n(1-i)^{-2}} \\&= \left(\frac{2i}{1-i}\right)^n (1-i)^2 \\&= \left[\frac{2i(1+i)}{(1-i)(1+i)}\right]^n (1+i^2-2i) \\&= \left(\frac{2i-2}{2}\right)^n (1-1-2i) \\&= (i-1)^n(-2i)\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{If } n=1, (i-1)(-2i) = -2i^2 + 2i = 2 + 2i$$

$$\text{If } n=2, -2i(i-1)^2 = -2i(-2i) = -4$$

$$\text{If } n=4, -2i(i-1)^4 = -2i(-2i)(-2i) = 8i$$

$$\text{If } n=6, -2i(i-1)^6 = -2i(-2i)(-2i)(-2i) = 16$$

So, least value of  $n$  for which given complex is positive is 6 .

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## Question191

The numbers of pairs  $(a, b)$  of real numbers, such that whenever  $\alpha$  is a root of the equation  $x^2 + ax + b = 0$ ,  $\alpha^2 - 2$  is also a root of this equation, is  
[2021, 01 Sep. Shift-II]

**Options:**

A. 6

B. 2

C. 4

D. 8

**Answer: A**

**Solution:**

Solution:

Given equation  $x^2 + ax + b = 0$

It has two roots (not necessarily real  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ )

$\Rightarrow$  Either  $\alpha = \beta$  or  $\alpha \neq \beta$

1. If  $\alpha = \beta \Rightarrow \alpha = \alpha^2 - 2 \Rightarrow \alpha = -1, 2$

When  $\alpha = -1$ , then  $(a, b) = (2, 1)$

When  $\alpha = 2$ , then  $(a, b) = (-4, 4)$

II. If  $\alpha \neq \beta$ , then

(a)  $\alpha = \alpha^2 - 2$  and  $\beta = \beta^2 - 2$

Here,  $(\alpha, \beta) = (2, -1)$  or  $(-1, 2)$

Hence  $(a, b) = (-\alpha - \beta, \alpha\beta) = (-1, -2)$

(b)  $\alpha = \beta^2 - 2$  and  $\beta = \alpha^2 - 2$

Then  $\alpha - \beta = \beta^2 - \alpha^2 = (\beta - \alpha)(\beta + \alpha)$

$\therefore \alpha \neq \beta$

$\Rightarrow \alpha + \beta = \beta^2 + \alpha^2 - 4$

or  $\alpha + \beta = (\alpha + \beta)^2 - 2\alpha\beta - 4$

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

$\Rightarrow (a, b) = (-\alpha - \beta, \alpha\beta) = (1, -1)$

(c)  $\alpha = \alpha^2 - 2 = \beta^2 - 2$  and  $\alpha \neq \beta \Rightarrow \alpha = -\beta$

Thus,  $\alpha = 2, \beta = -2$

or  $\alpha = -1, \beta = 1$

$\therefore (a, b) = (0, -4)$  and  $(0, -1)$

(d)  $\beta = \alpha^2 - 2 = \beta^2 - 2$  and  $\alpha \neq \beta$  (as in (c))

$\Rightarrow$  We get 6 pairs of  $(a, b)$



They are (2, 1), (-4, 4), (-1, -2), (1, -1), (0, -4), and (0, -1).

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## Question192

If  $\frac{3 + i \sin \theta}{4 - i \cos \theta}$ ,  $\theta \in [0, 2\pi]$ , is a real number, then an argument of  $\sin \theta + i \cos \theta$  is:  
[Jan. 7, 2020 (II)]

Options:

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

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

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

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

Answer: A

Solution:

Solution:

Let  $z = \frac{3 + i \sin \theta}{4 - i \cos \theta}$ , after rationalising

$$z = \frac{(3 + i \sin \theta) \times (4 + i \cos \theta)}{(4 - i \cos \theta) \times (4 + i \cos \theta)}$$

As  $z$  is purely real

$$\Rightarrow 3 \cos \theta + 4 \sin \theta = 0 \Rightarrow \tan \theta = -\frac{3}{4}$$

$$\arg(\sin \theta + i \cos \theta) = \pi + \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{\cos \theta}{\sin \theta} \right)$$

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

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## Question193

Let  $z$  be a complex number such that  $\left| \frac{z-i}{z+2i} \right| = 1$  and  $|Z| = \frac{5}{2}$ . Then the value of  $|Z + 3i|$  is:  
[Jan. 9, 2020 (I)]

Options:

A.  $\sqrt{10}$

B.  $\frac{7}{2}$

C.  $\frac{15}{4}$

D.  $2\sqrt{3}$

Answer: B

Solution:

Solution:

Let  $z = x + iy$

$$\text{Then, } \left| \frac{z-i}{z+2i} \right| = 1 \Rightarrow x^2 + (y-1)^2$$

$$= x^2 + (y+2)^2 \Rightarrow -2y + 1 = 4y + 4$$

$$\Rightarrow 6y = -3 \Rightarrow y = -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$\therefore |z| = \frac{5}{2} \Rightarrow x^2 + y^2 = \frac{25}{4}$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 = \frac{24}{4} = 6$$

$$\therefore z = x + iy \Rightarrow z = \pm\sqrt{6} - \frac{i}{2}$$

$$|z + 3i| = \sqrt{6 + \frac{25}{4}} = \sqrt{\frac{49}{4}}$$

$$\Rightarrow |z + 3i| = \frac{7}{2}$$


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## Question194

If  $z$  be a complex number satisfying  $|\operatorname{Re}(z)| + |\operatorname{Im}(z)| = 4$ , then  $|Z|$  cannot be:  
[Jan. 9, 2020 (II)]

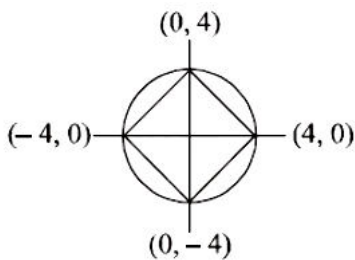
Options:

- A.  $\sqrt{\frac{17}{2}}$
- B.  $\sqrt{10}$
- C.  $\sqrt{7}$
- D.  $\sqrt{8}$

Answer: C

Solution:

Solution:  
 $z = x + iy$   $|x| + |y| = 4$   
 $|z| = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$   
 Minimum value of  
 $|z| = 2\sqrt{2}$   
 Maximum value of  
 $|z| = 4$   $|z| \in [2\sqrt{2}, 4]$   
 So,  $|z|$  can't be  $\sqrt{7}$ .



## Question195

Let  $\alpha = \frac{-1+i\sqrt{3}}{2}$ . If  $a = (1 + \alpha) \sum_{k=0}^{100} \alpha^{2k}$  and  $b = \sum_{k=0}^{100} \alpha^{3k}$ , then  $a$  and  $b$  are the roots of the quadratic equation:  
[Jan. 8, 2020 (II)]

Options:

- A.  $x^2 + 101x + 100 = 0$
- B.  $x^2 - 102x + 101 = 0$
- C.  $x^2 - 101x + 100 = 0$
- D.  $x^2 + 102x + 101 = 0$

**Answer: B**

**Solution:**

Solution:

Let  $\alpha = \omega$ ,  $b = 1 + \omega^3 + \omega^6 + \dots = 101$

$$a = (1 + \omega)(1 + \omega^2 + \omega^4 + \dots + \omega^{198} + \omega^{200})$$
$$= (1 + \omega) \frac{(1 - (\omega^2)^{101})}{1 - \omega^2} = \frac{(\omega + 1)(\omega^{202} - 1)}{(\omega^2 - 1)}$$

$$\Rightarrow a = \frac{(1 + \omega)(1 - \omega)}{1 - \omega^2} = 1$$

Required equation  $= x^2 - (101 + 1)x + (101) \times 1 = 0$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 - 102x + 101 = 0$$

## Question 196

If  $\operatorname{Re}\left(\frac{z-1}{2z+i}\right) = 1$ , where  $z = x + iy$ , then the point  $(x, y)$  lies on a :

[Jan. 7, 2020 (I)]

**Options:**

A. circle whose centre is at  $\left(-\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{3}{2}\right)$ .

B. straight line whose slope is  $-\frac{2}{3}$ .

C. straight line whose slope is  $\frac{3}{2}$ .

D. circle whose diameter is  $\frac{\sqrt{5}}{2}$ .

**Answer: D**

**Solution:**

Solution:

$\because z = x + iy$

$$\left(\frac{z-1}{2z+i}\right) = \frac{(x-1)+iy}{2(x+iy)+i}$$
$$= \frac{(x-1)+iy}{2x+(2y+1)i} \times \frac{2x-(2y+1)i}{2x-(2y+1)i}$$

$$\operatorname{Re}\left(\frac{z-1}{2z+i}\right) = \frac{2x(x-1)+y(2y+1)}{(2x)^2+(2y+1)^2} = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(x + \frac{1}{2}\right)^2 + \left(y + \frac{3}{4}\right)^2 = \left(\frac{\sqrt{5}}{4}\right)^2$$

## Question 197

The number of real roots of the equation,  $e^{4x} + e^{3x} - 4e^{2x} + e^x + 1 = 0$  is:

[Jan. 9, 2020 (I)]

**Options:**

A. 1

B. 3

C. 2

D. 4

**Answer: A**

### Solution:

Solution:

Let  $e^x = t \in (0, \infty)$

Given equation

$$t^4 + t^3 - 4t^2 + t + 1 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow t^2 + t - 4 + \frac{1}{t} + \frac{1}{t^2} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(t^2 + \frac{1}{t^2}\right) + \left(t + \frac{1}{t}\right) - 4 = 0$$

$$\text{Let } t + \frac{1}{t} = y$$

$$(y^2 - 2) + y - 4 = 0 \Rightarrow y^2 + y - 6 = 0$$

$$y^2 + y - 6 = 0 \Rightarrow y = -3, 2$$

$$\Rightarrow y = 2 \Rightarrow t + \frac{1}{t} = 2$$

$$\Rightarrow e^x + e^{-x} = 2$$

$x = 0$ , is the only solution of the equation

Hence, there only one solution of the given equation.

## Question198

The least positive value of ' a ' for which the equation,  $2x^2 + (a - 10)x + \frac{33}{2} = 2a$  has real roots is

[Jan. 8, 2020 (I)]

**Answer: 8**

### Solution:

Solution:

Since,  $2x^2 + (a - 10)x + \frac{33}{2} = 2a$  has real roots,

$$\therefore D \geq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (a - 10)^2 - 4(2)\left(\frac{33}{2} - 2a\right) \geq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (a - 10)^2 - 4(33 - 4a) \geq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow a^2 - 4a - 32 \geq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (a - 8)(a + 4) \geq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow a \leq -4 \cup a \geq 8$$

$$\Rightarrow a \in (-\infty, -4] \cup [8, \infty)$$

## Question199

If the equation,  $x^2 + bx + 45 = 0$  ( $b \in \mathbb{R}$ ) has conjugate complex roots and they satisfy  $|z + 1| = 2\sqrt{10}$ , then:  
[Jan. 8, 2020 (I)]

Options:

A.  $b^2 - b = 30$

B.  $b^2 + b = 72$

C.  $b^2 - b = 42$

D.  $b^2 + b = 12$

**Answer: A**

### Solution:

Solution:

Let  $z = \alpha \pm i\beta$  be the complex roots of the equation

So, sum of roots  $= 2\alpha = -b$  and

Product of roots  $= \alpha^2 + \beta^2 = 45$

$(\alpha + 1)^2 + \beta^2 = 40$

Given,  $|z + 1| = 2\sqrt{10}$

$\Rightarrow (\alpha + 1)^2 - \alpha^2 = -5$  [ $\because \beta^2 = 45 - \alpha^2$ ]

$\Rightarrow 2\alpha + 1 = -5 \Rightarrow 2\alpha = -6$

Hence,  $b = 6$  and  $b^2 - b = 30$

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## Question200

Let  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  be the roots of the equation  $x^2 - x - 1 = 0$ . If  $p_k = (\alpha)^k + (\beta)^k$ ,  $k \geq 1$ , then which one of the following statements is not true?

[Jan. 7, 2020 (II)]

Options:

A.  $p_3 = p_5 - p_4$

B.  $p_5 = 11$

C.  $(p_1 + p_2 + p_3 + p_4 + p_5) = 26$

D.  $p_5 = p_2 \cdot p_3$

Answer: D

Solution:

Solution:

$$\alpha^5 = 5\alpha + 3$$

$$\beta^5 = 5\beta + 3$$

$$p_5 = 5(\alpha + \beta) + 6 = 5(1) + 6$$

$$\left[ \because \text{from } x^2 - x - 1 = 0, \alpha + \beta = \frac{-b}{a} = 1 \right]$$

$$p_5 = 11 \text{ and } p_5 = \alpha^2 + \beta^2 = \alpha + 1 + \beta + 1$$

$$p_2 = 3 \text{ and } p_3 = \alpha^3 + \beta^3 = 2\alpha + 1 + 2\beta + 1$$

$$= 2(1) + 2 = 4$$

$$p_2 \times p_3 = 12 \text{ and } p_5 = 11 \Rightarrow p_5 \neq p_2 \times p_3$$

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## Question201

Let  $\alpha$  and  $\bar{\beta}$  be two real roots of the equation  $(k + 1)\tan^2 x - \sqrt{2} \cdot \lambda \tan x = (1 - k)$ , where  $k(\neq -1)$  and  $\lambda$  are real numbers. If  $\tan^2(\alpha + \beta) = 50$ , then a value of  $\lambda$  is:

[Jan. 7, 2020 (I)]

Options:

A.  $10\sqrt{2}$

B. 10

C. 5

D.  $5\sqrt{2}$

Answer: B

Solution:

Solution:

$$(k+1)\tan^2 x - \sqrt{2}\lambda \tan x + (k-1) = 0$$

$$\tan \alpha + \tan \beta = \frac{\sqrt{2}\lambda}{k+1} \quad [\text{Sum of roots}]$$

$$\tan \alpha \cdot \tan \beta = \frac{k-1}{k+1} \quad [\text{Product of roots}]$$

$$\therefore \tan(\alpha + \beta) = \frac{\frac{\sqrt{2}\lambda}{k+1}}{1 - \frac{k-1}{k+1}} = \frac{\sqrt{2}\lambda}{2} = \frac{\lambda}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\tan^2(\alpha + \beta) = \frac{\lambda^2}{2} = 50$$

$$\lambda = 10$$

## Question202

Let  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $a \neq 0$  be such that the equation,  $ax^2 - 2bx + 5 = 0$  has a repeated root  $\alpha$ , which is also a root of the equation,  $x^2 - 2bx - 10 = 0$ . If  $\beta$  is the other root of this equation, then  $\alpha^2 + \beta^2$  is equal to :  
[Jan. 9, 2020 (II)]

**Options:**

A. 25

B. 26

C. 28

D. 24

**Answer: A**

**Solution:**

Solution:

$$ax^2 - 2bx + 5 = 0$$

If  $\alpha$  and  $\alpha$  are roots of equations, then sum of roots

$$2\alpha = \frac{2b}{a} \Rightarrow \alpha = \frac{b}{a}$$

$$\text{and product of roots} = \alpha^2 = \frac{5}{a} \Rightarrow \frac{b^2}{a^2} = \frac{5}{a}$$

$$\Rightarrow b^2 = 5a \quad (a \neq 0) \dots (i)$$

$$\text{For } x^2 - 2bx - 10 = 0$$

$$\alpha + \beta = 2b \dots (ii)$$

$$\text{and } \alpha\beta = -10 \dots (iii)$$

$$\alpha = \frac{b}{a} \text{ is also root of } x^2 - 2bx - 10 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow b^2 - 2ab^2 - 10a^2 = 0$$

$$\text{By eqn. (i)} \Rightarrow 5a - 10a^2 - 10a^2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 20a^2 = 5a$$

$$\Rightarrow a = \frac{1}{4} \text{ and } b^2 = \frac{5}{4}$$

$$\alpha^2 = 20 \text{ and } \beta^2 = 5$$

$$\text{Now, } \alpha^2 + \beta^2 = 5 + 20 = 25$$

## Question203

If the four complex numbers  $z$ ,  $\bar{z}$ ,  $\bar{z} - 2\text{Re}(\bar{z})$  and  $z - 2\text{Re}(z)$  represent the vertices of a square of side 4 units in the Argand plane, then  $|z|$  is equal to :  
[Sep. 05, 2020 (I)]

**Options:**

A.  $4\sqrt{2}$

B. 4

C.  $2\sqrt{2}$

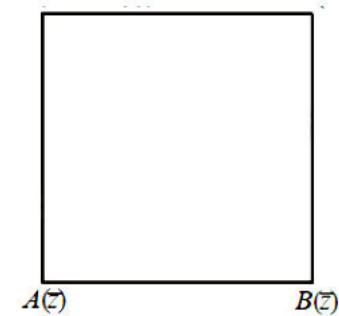
D. 2

**Answer: C**

**Solution:**

Solution:

$$D(z - 2\operatorname{Re}(z)) \quad C(\bar{z} - 2\operatorname{Re}(\bar{z}))$$



Let  $z = x + iy$

$\therefore$  Length of side of square = 4 units

Then,  $|z - \bar{z}| = 4 \Rightarrow |2iy| = 4 \Rightarrow |y| = 2$

Also,  $|z - (z - 2\operatorname{Re}(z))| = 4$

$\Rightarrow |2\operatorname{Re}(z)| = 4 \Rightarrow |2x| = 4 \Rightarrow |x| = 2$

$\therefore |z| = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} = \sqrt{4 + 4} = 2\sqrt{2}$

## Question204

The value of  $\left( \frac{-1 + i\sqrt{3}}{1 - i} \right)^{30}$  is:

[Sep. 05, 2020 (II)]

**Options:**

A.  $-2^{15}$

B.  $2^{15}i$

C.  $-2^{15}i$

D.  $6^5$

**Answer: C**

**Solution:**

Solution:

$$\therefore -1 + \sqrt{3}i = 2 \cdot e^{\frac{2\pi}{3}i} \text{ and } 1 - i = \sqrt{2} \cdot e^{-\frac{i\pi}{4}}$$

$$\therefore \left( \frac{-1 + \sqrt{3}i}{1 - i} \right)^{30} = \left( \sqrt{2} e^{\left( \frac{2\pi}{3} + \frac{\pi}{4} \right)i} \right)^{30}$$

$$= 2^{15} \cdot e^{-\frac{\pi}{2}i} = -2^{15} \cdot i.$$

## Question205

If  $\left( \frac{1+i}{1-i} \right)^{m/2} = \left( \frac{1+i}{i-1} \right)^{n/3} = 1$ , ( $n, m \in \mathbb{N}$ ), then the greatest common divisor of the least values of  $m$  and  $n$  is \_\_\_\_\_.

[Sep. 03, 2020 (I)]

**Answer: 4**

**Solution:**

Solution:

$$\text{Given that } \left( \frac{1+i}{1-i} \right)^{m/2} = \left( \frac{1+i}{i-1} \right)^{n/3} = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \left( \frac{(1+i)^2}{2} \right)^{m/2} = \left( \frac{(1+i)^2}{-2} \right)^{n/3} = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow i^{m/2} = (-i)^{n/3} = 1$$

$$m(\text{least}) = 8, n(\text{least}) = 12$$

$$\text{GCD}(8, 12) = 4$$

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## Question206

If  $Z_1, Z_2$  are complex numbers such that  $\text{Re}(z_1) = |Z_1 - 1|$ ,  $\text{Re}(Z_2) = |Z_2 - 1|$  and  $\arg(Z_1 - Z_2) = \frac{\pi}{6}$ , then  $\text{Im}(Z_1 + Z_2)$  is equal to:  
[Sep. 03, 2020 (II)]

**Options:**

A.  $\frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}$

B.  $2\sqrt{3}$

C.  $\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$

D.  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$

**Answer: B**

**Solution:**

Solution:

$$\text{Let } z_1 = x_1 + iy_1 \text{ and } z_2 = x_2 + iy_2$$

$$\because |z_1 - 1| = \text{Re}(z_1)$$

$$\Rightarrow (x_1 - 1)^2 + y_1^2 = x_1^2$$

$$\Rightarrow y_1^2 - 2x_1 + 1 = 0 \dots\dots(i)$$

$$|z_2 - 1| = \text{Re}(z_2) \Rightarrow (x_2 - 1)^2 + y_2^2 = x_2^2$$

$$\Rightarrow y_2^2 - 2x_2 + 1 = 0 \dots\dots(ii)$$

From eqn. (i) - (ii)

$$y_1^2 - y_2^2 - 2(x_1 - x_2) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow y_1 + y_2 = 2 \left( \frac{x_1 - x_2}{y_1 - y_2} \right) \dots\dots(iii)$$

$$\because \arg(z_1 - z_2) = \frac{\pi}{6}$$

$$\Rightarrow \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{y_1 - y_2}{x_1 - x_2} \right) = \frac{\pi}{6}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{y_1 - y_2}{x_1 - x_2} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{2}{y_1 + y_2} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \left[ \text{From, } \frac{y_1 - y_2}{x_1 - x_2} = \frac{2}{y_1 + y_2} \right]$$

$$\therefore y_1 + y_2 = 2\sqrt{3} \Rightarrow \text{Im}(z_1 + z_2) = 2\sqrt{3}$$

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## Question207

Let  $z = x + iy$  be a non-zero complex number such that  $z^2 = i |z|^2$ , where  $i = \sqrt{-1}$ , then  $z$  lies on the:  
[Sep. 06, 2020 (II)]



**Options:**

- A. line,  $y = -x$
- B. imaginary axis
- C. line,  $y = x$
- D. real axis

**Answer: C**

**Solution:**

Solution:

Let  $z = x + iy$

$$\because z^2 = i \mid z|^2$$

$$\therefore x^2 - y^2 + 2ixy = i(x^2 + y^2)$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 - y^2 = 0 \text{ and } 2xy = x^2 + y^2$$

$$\Rightarrow (x - y)(x + y) = 0 \text{ and } (x - y)^2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x = y$$

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## Question208

If  $a$  and  $b$  are real numbers such that  $(2 + \alpha)^4 = a + b\alpha$ , where  $\alpha = \frac{-1 + i\sqrt{3}}{2}$ , then  $a + b$  is equal to :  
[Sep. 04, 2020 (II)]

**Options:**

- A. 9
- B. 24
- C. 33
- D. 57

**Answer: A**

**Solution:**

Solution:

$$\text{Given that, } \alpha = \frac{-1 + \sqrt{3}i}{2} = \omega$$

$$\therefore (2 + \omega)^4 = a + b\omega \Rightarrow (4 + \omega^2 + 4\omega)^2 = a + b\omega$$

$$\Rightarrow (\omega^2 + 4(1 + \omega))^2 = a + b\omega$$

$$\Rightarrow (\omega^2 - 4\omega^2)^2 = a + b\omega$$

$$[\because 1 + \omega = -\omega^2]$$

$$\Rightarrow (-3\omega^2)^2 = a + b\omega \Rightarrow 9\omega^4 = a + b\omega$$

$$\Rightarrow 9\omega = a + b\omega (\because \omega^3 = 1)$$

$$\text{On comparing, } a = 0, b = 9$$

$$\Rightarrow a + b = 0 + 9 = 9$$

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## Question209

The value of  $\left( \frac{1 + \sin \frac{2\pi}{9} + i \cos \frac{2\pi}{9}}{1 + \sin \frac{2\pi}{9} - i \cos \frac{2\pi}{9}} \right)^3$  is :

[Sep. 02, 2020 (I)]

**Options:**

- A.  $\frac{1}{2}(1 - i\sqrt{3})$

B.  $\frac{1}{2}(\sqrt{3} - i)$

C.  $-\frac{1}{2}(\sqrt{3} - i)$

D.  $-\frac{1}{2}(1 - i\sqrt{3})$

**Answer: C**

**Solution:**

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} & \left( \frac{1 + \cos \frac{5\pi}{18} + i \sin \frac{5\pi}{18}}{1 + \cos \frac{5\pi}{18} - i \sin \frac{5\pi}{18}} \right)^3 \\ &= \left( \frac{2 \cos^2 \frac{5\pi}{36} + i 2 \sin \frac{5\pi}{36} \cdot \cos \frac{5\pi}{36}}{2 \cos^2 \frac{5\pi}{36} - i 2 \sin \frac{5\pi}{36} \cdot \cos \frac{5\pi}{36}} \right)^3 \\ &= \left( \frac{\cos \frac{5\pi}{36} + i \sin \frac{5\pi}{36}}{\cos \frac{5\pi}{36} - i \sin \frac{5\pi}{36}} \right)^3 = \left( \cos \frac{5\pi}{36} + i \sin \frac{5\pi}{36} \right)^6 \\ &= \cos \left( 6 \times \frac{5\pi}{36} \right) + i \sin \left( 6 \times \frac{5\pi}{36} \right) = \cos \frac{5\pi}{6} + i \sin \frac{5\pi}{6} \\ &= -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} + i \frac{1}{2} = -\frac{1}{2}(\sqrt{3} - i) \end{aligned}$$


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## Question 210

The imaginary part of  $(3 + 2\sqrt{-54})^{1/2} - (3 - 2\sqrt{-54})^{1/2}$  can be:  
[Sep. 02, 2020 (II)]

**Options:**

A.  $-\sqrt{6}$

B.  $-2\sqrt{6}$

C. 6

D.  $\sqrt{6}$

**Answer: B**

**Solution:**

Solution:

$$3 + 2\sqrt{-54} = 3 + 6\sqrt{6}i$$

$$\text{Let } \sqrt{3 + 6\sqrt{6}i} = a + ib$$

$$\Rightarrow a^2 - b^2 = 3 \text{ and } ab = 3\sqrt{6}$$

$$\Rightarrow a^2 + b^2 = \sqrt{(a^2 - b^2)^2 + 4a^2b^2} = 15$$

$$\text{So, } a = \pm 3 \text{ and } b = \pm \sqrt{6}$$

$$\sqrt{3 + 6\sqrt{6}i} = \pm(3 + \sqrt{6}i)$$

$$\text{Similarly, } \sqrt{3 - 6\sqrt{6}i} = \pm(3 - \sqrt{6}i)$$

$$\text{Im}(\sqrt{3 + 6\sqrt{6}i} - \sqrt{3 - 6\sqrt{6}i}) = \pm 2\sqrt{6}$$


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## Question 211

If  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  be two roots of the equation  $x^2 - 64x + 256 = 0$ .

Then the value of  $\left(\frac{\alpha^3}{\beta^5}\right)^{\frac{1}{8}} + \left(\frac{\beta^3}{\alpha^5}\right)^{\frac{1}{8}}$  is:

[Sep. 06, 2020 (I)]

Options:

- A. 2
- B. 3
- C. 1
- D. 4

Answer: A

Solution:

Solution:

$$\because \alpha + \beta = 64, \alpha\beta = 256$$

$$\frac{\alpha^{3/8}}{\beta^{5/8}} + \frac{\beta^{3/8}}{\alpha^{5/8}} = \frac{\alpha + \beta}{(\alpha\beta)^{5/8}} = \frac{64}{(2^8)^{5/8}} = \frac{64}{32} = 2$$

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## Question 212

If  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are the roots of the equation  $2x(2x + 1) = 1$ , then  $\beta$  is equal to:

[Sep. 06, 2020 (II)]

Options:

- A.  $2\alpha(\alpha + 1)$
- B.  $-2\alpha(\alpha + 1)$
- C.  $2\alpha(\alpha - 1)$
- D.  $2\alpha^2$

Answer: B

Solution:

Solution:

Let  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  be the roots of the given quadratic equation,

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

$$\text{Then, } \alpha + \beta = -\frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow -1 = 2\alpha + 2\beta$$

$$\text{and } 4\alpha^2 + 2\alpha - 1 = 0 \quad [\because \alpha \text{ is root of eq. (i)}]$$

$$\Rightarrow 4\alpha^2 + 2\alpha + 2\alpha + 2\beta = 0 \Rightarrow \beta = -2\alpha(\alpha + 1)$$

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## Question 213

The product of the roots of the equation  $9x^2 - 18|x| + 5 = 0$ , is:

[Sep. 05, 2020 (I)]

Options:

- A.  $\frac{5}{9}$
- B.  $\frac{25}{81}$

C.  $\frac{5}{27}$

D.  $\frac{25}{9}$

**Answer: B**

**Solution:**

Solution:

Let  $|x| = y$  then

$$9y^2 - 18y + 5 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 9y^2 - 15y - 3y + 5 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (3y - 1)(3y - 5) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow y = \frac{1}{3} \text{ or } \frac{5}{3} \Rightarrow |x| = \frac{1}{3} \text{ or } \frac{5}{3}$$

$$\text{Roots are } \pm \frac{1}{3} \text{ and } \pm \frac{5}{3}$$

$$\text{Product} = \frac{25}{81}$$

## Question214

If  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are the roots of the equation,  $7x^2 - 3x - 2 = 0$  the the value of  $\frac{\alpha}{1-\alpha^2} + \frac{\beta}{1-\beta^2}$  is equal to :

[Sep. 05, 2020 (II)]

**Options:**

A.  $\frac{27}{32}$

B.  $\frac{1}{24}$

C.  $\frac{3}{8}$

D.  $\frac{27}{16}$

**Answer: D**

**Solution:**

Solution:

Let  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  be the roots of the quadratic equation  $7x^2 - 3x - 2 = 0$

$$\therefore \alpha + \beta = \frac{3}{7}, \alpha\beta = \frac{-2}{7}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now, } & \frac{\alpha}{1-\alpha^2} + \frac{\beta}{1-\beta^2} \\ &= \frac{\alpha - \alpha\beta(\alpha + \beta) + \beta}{1 - (\alpha^2 + \beta^2) + (\alpha\beta)^2} \\ &= \frac{(\alpha + \beta) - \alpha\beta(\alpha + \beta)}{1 - (\alpha + \beta)^2 + 2\alpha\beta + (\alpha\beta)^2} \\ &= \frac{\frac{3}{7} + \frac{2}{7} \times \frac{3}{7}}{1 - \frac{9}{49} + 2 \times \frac{-2}{7} + \frac{4}{49}} = \frac{27}{16} \end{aligned}$$

## Question215

Let  $u = \frac{2z+i}{z-ki}$ ,  $z = x + iy$  and  $k > 0$ . If the curve represented by  $\text{Re}(u) + \text{Im}(u) = 1$  intersects the  $y$ -axis at the points P and Q where  $PQ = 5$ , then the value of  $k$  is :

[Sep. 04, 2020 (I)]

**Options:**

A.  $3/2$

B.  $1/2$

C. 4

D. 2

**Answer: D**

**Solution:**

Solution:

$$u = \frac{2(x+iy)+i}{(x+iy)-ki} = \frac{2x+i(2y+1)}{x+i(y-k)}$$

$$\text{Real part of } u = \operatorname{Re}(u) = \frac{2x^2+(y-K)(2y+1)}{x^2+(y-K)^2}$$

Imaginary part of  $u$

$$= \operatorname{Im}(u) = \frac{-2x(y-K)+x(2y+1)}{x^2+(y-K)^2}$$

$$\because \operatorname{Re}(u) + \operatorname{Im}(u) = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow 2x^2 + 2y^2 - 2Ky + y - K - 2xy + 2Kx + 2xy + x$$

$$= x^2 + y^2 + K^2 - 2Ky$$

Since, the curve intersect at  $y$ -axis

$$\therefore x = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow y^2 + y - K(K+1) = 0$$

Let  $y_1$  and  $y_2$  are roots of equations if  $x = 0$

$$\therefore y_1 + y_2 = -1$$

$$y_1 y_2 = -(K^2 + K)$$

$$\therefore (y_1 - y_2)^2 = (1 + 4K^2 + 4K)$$

$$\text{Given } PQ = 5 \Rightarrow |y_1 - y_2| = 5$$

$$\Rightarrow 4K^2 + 4K - 24 = 0 \Rightarrow K = 2 \text{ or } -3$$

$$\text{as } K > 0, \therefore K = 2$$

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## Question 216

Let  $\lambda \neq 0$  be in  $\mathbf{R}$ . If  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are roots of the equation,  $x^2 - x + 2\lambda = 0$  and  $\alpha$  and  $\gamma$  are the roots of the equation,  $3x^2 - 10x + 27\lambda = 0$ , then  $\frac{\beta\gamma}{\lambda}$  is equal to

[Sep. 04, 2020 (II)]

**Options:**

A. 27

B. 18

C. 9

D. 36

**Answer: B**

**Solution:**

Solution:

Since  $\alpha$  is common root of  $x^2 - x + 2\lambda = 0$  and  $3x^2 - 10x + 27\lambda = 0$

$$\therefore 3\alpha^2 - 10\alpha + 27\lambda = 0 \dots\dots(i)$$

$$3\alpha^2 - 3\alpha + 6\lambda = 0 \dots\dots(ii)$$

$$\therefore \text{On subtract, we get } \alpha = 3\lambda$$

$$\text{Now, } \alpha\beta = 2\lambda \Rightarrow 3\lambda \cdot \beta = 2\lambda \Rightarrow \beta = \frac{2}{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha + \beta = 1 \Rightarrow 3\lambda + \frac{2}{3} = 1 \Rightarrow \lambda = \frac{1}{9} \text{ and}$$

$$\alpha\gamma = 9\lambda \Rightarrow 3\lambda \cdot \gamma = 9\lambda \Rightarrow \gamma = 3$$

$$\therefore \frac{\beta\gamma}{\lambda} = 18$$

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## Question 217

If  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are the roots of the equation  $x^2 + px + 2 = 0$  and  $\frac{1}{\alpha}$  and  $\frac{1}{\beta}$  are the roots of the equation

$2x^2 + 2qx + 1 = 0$  then  $\left(\alpha - \frac{1}{\alpha}\right)\left(\beta - \frac{1}{\beta}\right)\left(\alpha + \frac{1}{\beta}\right)\left(\beta + \frac{1}{\alpha}\right)$  is equal to

[Sep. 03, 2020 (I)]

**Options:**

A.  $\frac{9}{4}(9 + q^2)$

B.  $\frac{9}{4}(9 - q^2)$

C.  $\frac{9}{4}(9 + p^2)$

D.  $\frac{9}{4}(9 - p^2)$

**Answer: D**

**Solution:**

Solution:

$$\alpha \cdot \beta = 2 \text{ and } \alpha + \beta = -p \text{ also } \frac{1}{\alpha} + \frac{1}{\beta} = -q$$

$$\Rightarrow p = 2q$$

$$\text{Now } \left(\alpha - \frac{1}{\alpha}\right)\left(\beta - \frac{1}{\beta}\right)\left(\alpha + \frac{1}{\beta}\right)\left(\beta + \frac{1}{\alpha}\right)$$

$$= \left[\alpha\beta + \frac{1}{\alpha\beta} - \frac{\alpha}{\beta} - \frac{\beta}{\alpha}\right]\left[\alpha\beta + \frac{1}{\alpha\beta} + 2\right]$$

$$= \frac{9}{2}\left[\frac{5}{2} - \frac{\alpha^2 + \beta^2}{2}\right] = \frac{9}{4}[5 - (p^2 - 4)]$$

$$= \frac{9}{4}(9 - p^2) \quad [\because \alpha^2 + \beta^2 = (\alpha + \beta)^2 - 2\alpha\beta]$$

## Question 218

The set of all real values of  $\lambda$  for which the quadratic equations,  $(\lambda^2 + 1)x^2 - 4\lambda x + 2 = 0$  always have exactly one root in the interval (0,1) is :

[Sep. 03, 2020 (II)]

**Options:**

A. (0,2)

B. (2,4]

C. (1,3]

D. (-3,-1)

**Answer: C**

**Solution:**

Solution:

The given quadratic equation is

$$(\lambda^2 + 1)x^2 - 4\lambda x + 2 = 0$$

$\therefore$  One root is in the interval (0,1)

$$\therefore f(0)f(1) \leq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 2(\lambda^2 + 1 - 4\lambda + 2) \leq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 2(\lambda^2 - 4\lambda + 3) \leq 0$$

$$(\lambda - 1)(\lambda - 3) \leq 0 \Rightarrow \lambda \in [1, 3]$$

But at  $\lambda = 1$ , both roots are 1 so  $\lambda \neq 1$

$$\therefore \lambda \in (1, 3]$$

## Question219

Let  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  be the roots of the equation,  $5x^2 + 6x - 2 = 0$ .

If  $S_n = \alpha^n + \beta^n$ ,  $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ , then :

[Sep. 02, 2020 (I)]

Options:

A.  $6S_6 + 5S_5 = 2S_4$

B.  $6S_6 + 5S_5 + 2S_4 = 0$

C.  $5S_6 + 6S_5 = 2S_4$

D.  $5S_6 + 6S_5 + 2S_4 = 0$

Answer: C

Solution:

Solution:

Since,  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are the roots of the equation

$$5x^2 + 6x - 2 = 0$$

$$\text{Then, } 5\alpha^2 + 6\alpha - 2 = 0, 5\beta^2 + 6\beta - 2 = 0$$

$$5\alpha^2 + 6\alpha = 2$$

$$5S_6 + 6S_5 = 5(\alpha^6 + \beta^6) + 6(\alpha^5 + \beta^5)$$

$$= (5\alpha^4 + 6\alpha^5) + (5\beta^6 + 6\beta^5)$$

$$= \alpha^4(5\alpha^2 + 6\alpha) + \beta^4(5\beta^2 + 6\beta)$$

$$= 2(\alpha^4 + \beta^4) = 2S_4$$

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## Question220

If  $\lambda$  be the ratio of the roots of the quadratic equation in  $x$ ,  $3m^2x^2 + m(m-4)x + 2 = 0$ , then the least value of  $m$  for which  $\lambda + \frac{1}{\lambda} = 1$ , is:

[Jan. 12, 2019 (I)]

Options:

A.  $2 - \sqrt{3}$

B.  $4 - 3\sqrt{2}$

C.  $-2 + \sqrt{2}$

D.  $4 - 2\sqrt{3}$

Answer: B

Solution:

Solution:

Let roots of the quadratic equation are  $\alpha, \beta$ .

$$\text{Given, } \lambda = \frac{\alpha}{\beta} \text{ and } \lambda + \frac{1}{\lambda} = 1 \Rightarrow \frac{\alpha}{\beta} + \frac{\beta}{\alpha} = 1$$

$$\frac{(\alpha + \beta)^2 - 2\alpha\beta}{\alpha\beta} = 1 \dots (i)$$

The quadratic equation is,  $3m^2x^2 + m(m-4)x + 2 = 0$

$$\therefore \alpha + \beta = \frac{m(4-m)}{3m^2} = \frac{4-m}{3m} \text{ and } \alpha\beta = \frac{2}{3m^2}$$

Put these values in eq (1)

$$\frac{\left(\frac{4-m}{3m}\right)^2}{\frac{2}{3m^2}} = 3$$

$$\Rightarrow (m-4)^2 = 18 \Rightarrow m = 4 \pm \sqrt{18}$$

Therefore, least value is

$$4 - \sqrt{18} = 4 - 3\sqrt{2}$$


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## Question221

If one real root of the quadratic equation  $81x^2 + kx + 256 = 0$  is cube of the other root, then a value of k is :

[Jan. 11, 2019 (I)]

Options:

- A. -81
- B. 100
- C. 144
- D. -300

Answer: D

Solution:

Solution:

Let  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  be the roots of the equation,

$$81x^2 + kx + 256 = 0$$

$$\text{Given } (\alpha)^{\frac{1}{3}} = \beta \Rightarrow \alpha = \beta^3$$

$$\therefore \text{Product of the roots} = \frac{256}{81}$$

$$\therefore (\alpha)(\beta) = \frac{256}{81}$$

$$\Rightarrow \beta^4 = \left(\frac{4}{3}\right)^4 \Rightarrow \beta = \frac{4}{3} \Rightarrow \alpha = \frac{64}{27}$$

$$\text{Sum of the roots} = -\frac{k}{81}$$

$$\therefore \alpha + \beta = -\frac{k}{81} \Rightarrow \frac{4}{3} + \frac{64}{27} = -\frac{k}{81}$$

$$\Rightarrow k = -300$$


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## Question222

Consider the quadratic equation  $(c-5)x^2 - 2cx + (c-4) = 0$   $c \neq 5$ . Let S be the set of all integral values of c for which one root of the equation lies in the interval (0,2) and its other root lies in the interval (2,3).

. Then the number of elements in S is:

[Jan. 10, 2019 (I)]

Options:

- A. 18
- B. 12
- C. 10
- D. 11

Answer: D

Solution:

Solution:

Consider the quadratic equation

$$(c-5)x^2 - 2cx + (c-4) = 0$$

Now,  $f(0), f(3) > 0$  and  $f(0) \cdot f(2) < 0$

$$\Rightarrow (c-4)(4c-49) > 0 \text{ and } (c-4)(c-24) < 0$$



$$\Rightarrow c \in (-\infty, 4) \cup \left( \frac{49}{4}, \infty \right) \text{ and } c \in (4, 24)$$

$$\Rightarrow c \in \left( \frac{49}{4}, 24 \right)$$

Integral values in the interval  $\left( \frac{49}{4}, 24 \right)$  are 13, 14, ..., 23

$$\therefore S = \{13, 14, \dots, 23\}$$


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## Question 223

The value of  $\lambda$  such that sum of the squares of the roots of the quadratic equation,  $x^2 + (3 - \lambda)x + 2 = \lambda$  has the least value is:

[Jan. 10, 2019 (II)]

Options:

A.  $\frac{15}{8}$

B. 1

C.  $\frac{4}{9}$

D. 2

Answer: D

Solution:

Solution:

The given quadratic equation is

$$x^2 + (3 - \lambda)x + 2 = \lambda$$

$$\text{Sum of roots} = \alpha + \beta = \lambda - 3$$

$$\text{Product of roots} = \alpha\beta = 2 - \lambda$$

$$\alpha^2 + \beta^2 = (\alpha + \beta)^2 - 2\alpha\beta$$

$$= (\lambda - 3)^2 - 2(2 - \lambda)$$

$$= \lambda^2 - 4\lambda + 5 = (\lambda - 2)^2 + 1$$

$$\text{For least } (\alpha^2 + \beta^2)\lambda = 2$$


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## Question 224

Let  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  be two roots of the equation  $x^2 + 2x + 2 = 0$ , then  $\alpha^{15} + \beta^{15}$  is equal to:

[Jan. 9, 2019 (I)]

Options:

A. -256

B. 512

C. -512

D. 256

Answer: A

Solution:

Solution:

Consider the equation

$$x^2 + 2x + 2 = 0$$

$$x = \frac{-2 \pm \sqrt{4 - 8}}{2} = -1 \pm i$$

$$\text{Let } \alpha = -1 + i, \beta = -1 - i$$

$$\alpha^{15} + \beta^{15} = (-1 + i)^{15} + (-1 - i)^{15}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \left( \sqrt{2} e^{i \frac{3\pi}{4}} \right)^{15} + \left( \sqrt{2} e^{-i \frac{3\pi}{4}} \right)^{15} \\
&= (\sqrt{2})^{15} \left[ e^{\frac{i45\pi}{4}} + e^{\frac{-i45\pi}{4}} \right] \\
&= (\sqrt{2})^{15} \cdot 2 \cos \frac{45\pi}{4} = (\sqrt{2})^{15} \cdot 2 \cos \frac{3\pi}{4} \\
&= \frac{-2}{\sqrt{2}} (\sqrt{2})^{15} \\
&= -2(\sqrt{2})^{14} = -256
\end{aligned}$$


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## Question 225

The number of all possible positive integral values of  $\alpha$  for which the roots of the quadratic equation,  $6x^2 - 11x + \alpha = 0$  are rational numbers is:

[Jan. 09, 2019 (II)]

Options:

- A. 3
- B. 2
- C. 4
- D. 5

Answer: A

Solution:

Solution:

The roots of  $6x^2 - 11x + \alpha = 0$  are rational numbers.

$\therefore$  Discriminant D must be perfect square number.

$$D = (-11)^2 - 4 \cdot 6 \cdot \alpha$$

$$= 121 - 24\alpha \text{ must be a perfect square}$$

Hence, possible values for  $\alpha$  are

$$\alpha = 3, 4, 5$$

$\therefore$  3 positive integral values are possible.

## Question 226

If both the roots of the quadratic equation  $x^2 - mx + 4 = 0$  are real and distinct and they lie in the interval  $[1, 5]$ , then  $m$  lies in the interval:

[Jan. 09, 2019 (II)]

Options:

- A. (-5, -4)
- B. (4, 5)
- C. (5, 6)
- D. (3, 4)

Answer: B

Solution:

Solution:

Given quadratic equation is:  $x^2 - mx + 4 = 0$

Both the roots are real and distinct.

So, discriminant  $B^2 - 4AC > 0$

$$\therefore m^2 - 4 \cdot 1 \cdot 4 > 0$$

$$\therefore (m-4)(m+4) > 0$$

$$\therefore m \in (-\infty, -4) \cup (4, \infty) \dots\dots(i)$$

Since, both roots lie in  $[1, 5]$

$$\therefore -\frac{m}{2} \in (1, 5)$$

$$\Rightarrow m \in (2, 10)$$

$$\text{And } 1 \cdot (1 - m + 4) > 0 \Rightarrow m < 5$$

$$\therefore m \in (-\infty, 5) \dots \text{(iii)}$$

$$\text{And } 1 \cdot (25 - 5m + 4) > 0 \Rightarrow m < \frac{29}{5}$$

$$\therefore m \in \left(-\infty, \frac{29}{5}\right) \dots \text{(iv)}$$

From (i), (ii), (iii) and (iv),  $m \in (4, 5)$

## Question227

Let  $z_0$  be a root of the quadratic equation,  $x^2 + x + 1 = 0$ . If  $z = 3 + 6iz_0^{81} - 3iz_0^{93}$ , then  $\arg z$  is equal to:  
[Jan. 09, 2019 (II)]

Options:

A.  $\frac{\pi}{4}$

B.  $\frac{\pi}{6}$

C.  $\frac{\pi}{3}$

D. 0

**Answer: A**

**Solution:**

Solution:

$\because z_0$  is a root of quadratic equation

$$x^2 + x + 1 = 0$$

$$\therefore z_0 = \omega \text{ or } \omega^2 \Rightarrow z_0^3 = 1$$

$$\therefore z = 3 + 6iz_0^{81} - 3iz_0^{93}$$

$$= 3 + 6i((z_0)^3)^{27} - 3i((z_0)^3)^{31}$$

$$= 3 + 6i - 3i$$

$$= 3 + 3i$$

$$\therefore \arg(z) \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{3}{3}\right) = \frac{\pi}{4}$$

## Question228

If 5, 5r,  $5r^2$  are the lengths of the sides of a triangle, then r cannot be equal to:  
[Jan. 10, 2019 (I)]

Options:

A.  $\frac{3}{4}$

B.  $\frac{5}{4}$

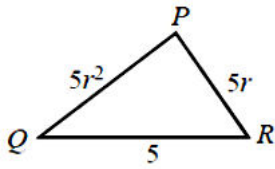
C.  $\frac{7}{4}$

D.  $\frac{3}{2}$

**Answer: C**

**Solution:**

Solution:



$\Delta PQR$  is possible if

$$5 + 5r > 5r^2$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 + r > r^2$$

$$\Rightarrow r^2 - r - 1 < 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(r - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{5}}{2}\right) \left(r - \frac{1}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{5}}{2}\right) < 0$$

$$\Rightarrow r \in \left(\frac{-\sqrt{5}+1}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{5}+1}{2}\right)$$

$$\therefore \frac{7}{4} \notin \left(\frac{-\sqrt{5}+1}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{5}+1}{2}\right) \therefore r \neq \frac{7}{4}$$

## Question 229

If  $\frac{z-\alpha}{z+\alpha}$  ( $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ ) is a purely imaginary number and  $|z| = 2$ , then a value of  $\alpha$  is:

[Jan. 12, 2019 (I)]

Options:

A. 2

B. 1

C.  $\frac{1}{2}$

D.  $\sqrt{2}$

**Answer: A**

**Solution:**

Solution:

$$\text{Let } t = \frac{z-\alpha}{z+\alpha}$$

$\therefore t$  is purely imaginary number.

$$\therefore t + \bar{t} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{z-\alpha}{z+\alpha} + \frac{\bar{z}-\alpha}{\bar{z}+\alpha} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (z-\alpha)(\bar{z}+\alpha) + (\bar{z}-\alpha)(z+\alpha) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow z\bar{z} - \alpha^2 + z\bar{z} - \alpha^2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow z\bar{z} - \alpha^2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow |z|^2 - \alpha^2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha^2 = 4$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha = \pm 2$$

## Question 230

Let  $z_1$  and  $z_2$  be two complex numbers satisfying  $|z_1| = 9$  and  $|z_2| - |3| - |4i| = |4|$ . Then the minimum value of  $|z_1 - z_2|$  is :

[Jan. 12, 2019 (II)]

Options:

A. 0

B.  $\sqrt{2}$

C. 1

D. 2

**Answer: A**

**Solution:**

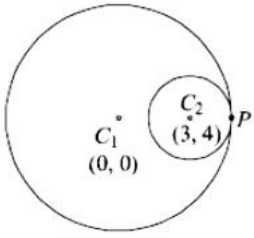
Solution:

$$|z_1| = 9, |z_2 - 3 - 4i| = 4$$

$z_1$  lies on a circle with centre  $C_1(0, 0)$  and radius  $r_1 = 9$

$z_2$  lies on a circle with centre  $C_2(3, 4)$  and radius  $r_2 = 4$

So, minimum value of  $|z_1 - z_2|$  is zero at point of contact (i.e. A)



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## Question231

Let  $z$  be a complex number such that  $|z| + z = 3 + i$  ( where  $i = \sqrt{-1}$  ) Then  $|z|$  is equal to :  
[Jan. 11, 2019 (II)]

**Options:**

A.  $\frac{\sqrt{34}}{3}$

B.  $\frac{5}{3}$

C.  $\frac{\sqrt{41}}{4}$

D.  $\frac{5}{4}$

**Answer: B**

**Solution:**

Solution:

Since,  $|z| + z = 3 + i$

Let  $z = a + ib$ , then

$$|z| + z = 3 + i \Rightarrow \sqrt{a^2 + b^2} + a + ib = 3 + i$$

Compare real and imaginary coefficients on both sides

$$b = 1, \sqrt{a^2 + b^2} + a = 3$$

$$\sqrt{a^2 + 1} = 3 - a$$

$$a^2 + 1 = a^2 + 9 - 6a$$

$$6a = 8 \Rightarrow a = \frac{4}{3}$$

Then

$$|z| = \sqrt{\left(\frac{4}{3}\right)^2 + 1} = \sqrt{\frac{16}{9} + 1} = \frac{5}{3}$$

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## Question232

Let  $z_1$  and  $z_2$  be any two non-zero complex numbers such that  $3|z_1| = 4|z_2|$ . If  $z = \frac{3z_1}{2z_2} + \frac{2z_2}{3z_1}$  then  
[Jan. 10 2019 (II)]

**Options:**

A.  $\operatorname{Re}(z) = 0$

B.  $|z| = \sqrt{\frac{5}{2}}$

C.  $|z| = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{17}{2}}$

D.  $\operatorname{Im}(z) = 0$

E. None of Above

**Answer: E**

**Solution:**

Solution:  
(none)

Let  $z_1 = r_1 e^{i\theta}$  and  $z_2 = r_2 e^{i\phi}$

$3|z_1| = 4|z_2| \Rightarrow 3r_1 = 4r_2$

$z = \frac{3z_1}{2z_2} + \frac{2z_2}{3z_1} = \frac{3r_1}{2r_2} e^{i(\theta-\phi)} + \frac{2}{3} \frac{r_2}{r_1} e^{i(\phi-\theta)}$

$= \frac{3}{2} \times \frac{4}{3} (\cos(\theta-\phi) + i \sin(\theta-\phi)) +$

$\frac{2}{3} \times \frac{3}{4} [\cos(\theta-\phi) - i \sin(\theta-\phi)]$

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

$\therefore |z| = \sqrt{\frac{25}{4} \cos^2(\theta-\phi) + \frac{9}{4} \sin^2(\theta-\phi)}$

$= \sqrt{\frac{16}{4} \cos^2(\theta-\phi) + \frac{9}{4}} \Rightarrow \frac{3}{2} \leq |z| \leq \frac{5}{2}$

## Question 233

Let  $A = \left\{ \theta \in \left(-\frac{\pi}{2}, \pi\right) : \frac{3+2i \sin \theta}{1-2i \sin \theta} \text{ is purely imaginary} \right\}$ .

Then the sum of the elements in A is:

[Jan. 9 2019 (I)]

**Options:**

A.  $\frac{5\pi}{6}$

B.  $\pi$

C.  $\frac{3\pi}{4}$

D.  $\frac{2\pi}{3}$

**Answer: D**

**Solution:**

Solution:

Suppose  $z = \frac{3+2i \sin \theta}{1-2i \sin \theta}$

Since,  $z$  is purely imaginary, then  $z + \bar{z} = 0$

$\Rightarrow \frac{3+2i \sin \theta}{1-2i \sin \theta} + \frac{3-2i \sin \theta}{1+2i \sin \theta} = 0$

$\Rightarrow \frac{(3+2i \sin \theta)(1+2i \sin \theta) + (3-2i \sin \theta)(1-2i \sin \theta)}{1+4 \sin^2 \theta}$

$= 0$

$\Rightarrow \sin^2 \theta = \frac{3}{4} \Rightarrow \sin \theta = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$

$\Rightarrow \theta = -\frac{\pi}{3}, \frac{\pi}{3}, \frac{2\pi}{3}$

Now, the sum of elements in A  $= -\frac{\pi}{3} + \frac{\pi}{3} + \frac{2\pi}{3} = \frac{2\pi}{3}$

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## Question 234

Let  $\left(-2 - \frac{1}{3}i\right)^3 = \frac{x+iy}{27}$  ( $i = \sqrt{-1}$ ), where  $x$  and  $y$  are real numbers then  $y - x$  equals:

[Jan. 11, 2019 (I)]

Options:

- A. 91
- B. -85
- C. 85
- D. -91

Answer: A

Solution:

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} -(6+i)^3 &= x+iy \\ \Rightarrow -[216+i^3+18i(6+i)] &= x+iy \\ \Rightarrow -[216-i+108i-18] &= x+iy \\ \Rightarrow -216+i-108i+18 &= x+iy \\ \Rightarrow -198-107i &= x+iy \\ \Rightarrow x &= -198, y = -107 \\ \Rightarrow y-x &= -107+198 = 91 \end{aligned}$$

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## Question 235

Let  $z = \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} + \frac{i}{2}\right)^5 + \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} - \frac{i}{2}\right)^5$ . If  $R(z)$  and  $I(z)$  respectively denote the real and imaginary parts of  $z$ ,

then:

[Jan. 10, 2019 (II)]

Options:

- A.  $I(z) = 0$
- B.  $R(z) > 0$  and  $I(z) > 0$
- C.  $R(z) < 0$  and  $I(z) > 0$
- D.  $R(z) = -(c)$

Answer: A

Solution:

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} z &= \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} + \frac{i}{2}\right)^5 + \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} - \frac{i}{2}\right)^5 \\ &= \left(\cos \frac{\pi}{6} + i \sin \frac{\pi}{6}\right)^5 + \left(\cos \frac{\pi}{6} - i \sin \frac{\pi}{6}\right)^5 \\ &= \left(e^{i\frac{\pi}{6}}\right)^5 + \left(e^{-i\frac{\pi}{6}}\right)^5 = 2 \cos \frac{\pi}{6} = \sqrt{3} \\ \Rightarrow I(z) &= 0, \text{Re}(z) = \sqrt{3} \end{aligned}$$

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## Question 236

Let  $z \in \mathbb{C}$  with  $\operatorname{Im}(z) = 10$  and it satisfies  $\frac{2z-n}{2z+n} = 2i - 1$  for some natural number  $n$ . Then:  
[April 12, 2019 (II)]

Options:

- A.  $n = 20$  and  $\operatorname{Re}(z) = -10$
- B.  $n = 40$  and  $\operatorname{Re}(z) = 10$
- C.  $n = 40$  and  $\operatorname{Re}(z) = -10$
- D.  $n = 20$  and  $\operatorname{Re}(z) = 10$

Answer: C

Solution:

Solution:

Let  $\operatorname{Re}(z) = x$  i.e.,  $z = x + 10i$

$$2z - n = (2i - 1)(2z + n)$$

$$(2x - n) + 20i = (2i - 1)((2x + n) + 20i)$$

On comparing real and imaginary parts,

$$-(2x + n) - 40 = 2x - n \text{ and } 20 = 4x + 2n - 20$$

$$\Rightarrow 4x = -40 \text{ and } 40 = -40 + 2n$$

$$\Rightarrow x = -10 \text{ and } n = 40$$

Hence,  $\operatorname{Re}(z) = -10$

## Question 237

The equation  $|Z - i| = |Z - 1|$ ,  $i = \sqrt{-1}$ , represents:  
[April 12, 2019 (I)]

Options:

- A. a circle of radius  $\frac{1}{2}$
- B. the line through the origin with slope 1.
- C. a circle of radius 1.
- D. the line through the origin with slope -1.

Answer: B

Solution:

Solution:

Given equation is,  $|z - 1| = |z - i|$

$$\Rightarrow (x - 1)^2 + y^2 = x^2 + (y - 1)^2 \quad [\text{Here } z = x + iy]$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 - 2x = 1 - 2y \Rightarrow x - y = 0$$

Hence, locus is straight line with slope 1.

## Question 238

if  $a > 0$  and  $Z = \frac{(1+i)^2}{a-i}$ , has magnitude  $\sqrt{\frac{2}{5}}$ , then  $\bar{z}$  is equal to:

[April 10, 2019 (I)]

Options:

- A.  $-\frac{1}{2} - \frac{3}{5}i$
- B.  $-\frac{3}{5} - \frac{1}{5}i$



C.  $\frac{1}{5} - \frac{3}{5}i$

D.  $-\frac{1}{5} + \frac{3}{5}i$

**Answer: A**

**Solution:**

Solution:

$$z = \frac{(1+i)^2}{a-i} \times \frac{a+i}{a+i}$$

$$z = \frac{(1-1+2i)(a+i)}{a^2+1} = \frac{2ai-2}{a^2+1}$$

$$|z| = \sqrt{\left(\frac{-2}{a^2+1}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{2a}{a^2+1}\right)^2} = \sqrt{\frac{4+4a^2}{(a^2+1)^2}}$$

$$\Rightarrow |z| = \sqrt{\frac{4(1+a^2)}{(1+a^2)^2}} = \frac{2}{\sqrt{1+a^2}} \dots\dots(i)$$

Since, it is given that  $|z| = \sqrt{\frac{2}{5}}$

Then, from equation (i),

$$\sqrt{\frac{2}{5}} = \frac{2}{\sqrt{1+a^2}}$$

Now, square on both side; we get

$$\Rightarrow 1+a^2 = 10 \Rightarrow a = \pm 3$$

Since, it is given that  $a > 0 \Rightarrow a = 3$  Then,  $z = \frac{(1+i)^2}{a-i} = \frac{1+i^2+2i}{3-i} = \frac{2i}{3-i}$

$$= \frac{2i(3+i)}{10} = \frac{-1+3i}{5}$$

Hence,  $\bar{z} = -\frac{1}{5} - \frac{3}{5}i$

## Question239

If  $z$  and  $\omega$  are two complex numbers such that  $|z\omega| = 1$  and  $\arg(z) - \arg(\omega) = \frac{\pi}{2}$ , then:  
[April 10, 2019 (II)]

**Options:**

A.  $\bar{z}\omega = i$

B.  $\bar{z}\omega = \frac{-1+i}{\sqrt{2}}$

C.  $\bar{z}\omega = -i$

D.  $\bar{z}\omega = \frac{1-i}{\sqrt{2}}$

**Answer: C**

**Solution:**

Solution:

Given  $|z\omega| = 1 \dots (i)$

and  $\arg\left(\frac{z}{\omega}\right) = \frac{\pi}{2}$

$$\therefore \frac{z}{\omega} + \frac{\bar{z}}{\bar{\omega}} = 0 \quad \left[ \because \operatorname{Re}\left(\frac{z}{\omega}\right) = 0 \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow z\bar{\omega} = -z\omega$$

from equation (i),  $z\bar{z}\omega\bar{\omega} = 1$  [ using  $z\bar{z} = |z|^2$  ]

$$(\bar{z}\omega)^2 = -1 \Rightarrow \bar{z}\omega = \pm i$$

from equation (ii),  $-\arg(\bar{z}) - \arg \omega = \frac{\pi}{2} - \arg(\bar{z}\omega) = \frac{-\pi}{2}$

Hence,  $\bar{z}\omega = -i$

## Question240

Let  $z \in \mathbb{C}$  be such that  $|z| < 1$ . If  $\omega = \frac{5+3z}{5(1-z)}$ , then :  
**[April 09, 2019 (II)]**

**Options:**

A.  $5\operatorname{Re}(\omega) > 4$

B.  $4\operatorname{Im}(\omega) > 5$

C.  $5\operatorname{Re}(\omega) > 1$

D.  $5\operatorname{Im}(\omega) < 1$

**Answer: C**

**Solution:**

Solution:

$$\omega = \frac{5+3z}{5-5z} \Rightarrow 5\omega - 5\omega z = 5 + 3z$$

$$\Rightarrow 5\omega - 5 = z(3 + 5\omega) \Rightarrow z = \frac{5(\omega - 1)}{3 + 5\omega}$$

$$\because |z| < 1, \therefore 5|\omega - 1| < |3 + 5\omega|$$

$$\Rightarrow 25(\omega\bar{\omega} - \omega - \bar{\omega} + 1) < 9 + 25\omega\bar{\omega} + 15\omega + 15\bar{\omega}$$

$$(\because |z|^2 = z\bar{z})$$

$$\Rightarrow 16 < 40\omega + 40\bar{\omega} \Rightarrow \omega + \bar{\omega} > \frac{2}{5} \Rightarrow 2\operatorname{Re}(\omega) > \frac{2}{5}$$

$$\Rightarrow \operatorname{Re}(\omega) > \frac{1}{5}$$

## Question241

If  $z = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} + \frac{i}{2}(i = \sqrt{-1})$ , then  $(1 + iz + z^5 + iz^8)^9$  is equal to:  
**[April 08, 2019 (II)]**

**Options:**

A. 0

B. 1

C.  $(-1 + 2i)^9$

D. -1

**Answer: D**

**Solution:**

Solution:

$$\left( \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} + \frac{i}{2} = -i \left( -\frac{1}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}i \right) = -i\omega$$

where  $\omega$  is imaginary cube root of unity.

$$\text{Now, } (1 + iz + z^5 + iz^8)^9$$

$$= (1 + \omega - i\omega^2 + i\omega^2)^9 = (1 + \omega)^9$$

$$= (-\omega^2)^9 = -\omega^{18} = -1 \quad (\because 1 + \omega + \omega^2 = 0)$$

## Question242

If  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are the roots of the quadratic equation,  $x^2 + x \sin \theta - 2 \sin \theta = 0$ ,  $\theta \in \left( 0, \frac{\pi}{2} \right)$ , then

$\frac{\alpha^{12} + \beta^{12}}{(\alpha^{-12} + \beta^{-12})(\alpha - \beta)^{24}}$  is equal to :

**[April 10, 2019 (I)]**

**Options:**

A.  $\frac{2^{12}}{(\sin \theta - 4)^{12}}$

B.  $\frac{2^{12}}{(\sin \theta + 8)^{12}}$

C.  $\frac{2^{12}}{(\sin \theta - 8)^6}$

D.  $\frac{2^6}{(\sin \theta + 8)^{12}}$

**Answer: B**

**Solution:**

Solution:

Given equation is,

$$x^2 + x \sin \theta - 2 \sin \theta = 0$$

$$\alpha + \beta = -\sin \theta \text{ and } \alpha\beta = -2 \sin \theta$$

$$\frac{(\alpha^{12} + \beta^{12})\alpha^{12}\beta^{12}}{(\alpha^{12} + \beta^{12})(\alpha - \beta)^{24}} = \frac{(\alpha\beta)^{12}}{(\alpha - \beta)^{24}}$$

$$\therefore |\alpha - \beta| = \sqrt{(\alpha + \beta)^2 - 4\alpha\beta} = \sqrt{\sin^2 \theta + 8 \sin \theta}$$

$$\therefore \frac{(\alpha\beta)^{12}}{(\alpha - \beta)^{24}} = \frac{(2 \sin \theta)^{12}}{\sin^{12} \theta (\sin \theta + 8)^{12}} = \frac{2^{12}}{(\sin \theta + 8)^{12}}$$

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## Question243

The number of real roots of the equation  $5 + |2^x - 1| = 2^x(2^x - 2)$  is:  
[April 10, 2019 (II)]

**Options:**

A. 3

B. 2

C. 4

D. 1

**Answer: D**

**Solution:**

Solution:

$$\text{Let } 2^x - 1 = t$$

$$5 + |t| = (t+1)(t-1) \Rightarrow |t| = t^2 - 6$$

$$\text{When } t > 0, t^2 - t - 6 = 0 \Rightarrow t = 3 \text{ or } -2$$

$$t = -2 \text{ (rejected)}$$

$$\text{When } t < 0, t^2 + t - 6 = 0 \Rightarrow t = -3 \text{ or } 2 \text{ (both rejected)}$$

$$\therefore 2^x - 1 = 3 \Rightarrow 2^x = 4 \Rightarrow x = 2$$

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## Question244

Let  $p, q \in \mathbb{R}$ . If  $2 - \sqrt{3}$  is a root of the quadratic equation,  $x^2 + px + q = 0$ , then:  
[April 10, 2019 (II)]

**Options:**

A.  $p^2 - 4q + 12 = 0$

B.  $q^2 - 4p - 16 = 0$

C.  $q^2 + 4p + 14 = 0$

D.  $p^2 - 4q - 12 = 0$

**Answer: D**

**Solution:**

Solution:

Since  $2 - \sqrt{3}$  is a root of the quadratic equation

$$x^2 + px + q = 0$$

$\therefore 2 + \sqrt{3}$  is the other root

$$\Rightarrow x^2 + px + q = [x - (2 - \sqrt{3})][x - (2 + \sqrt{3})]$$

$$= x^2 - (2 + \sqrt{3})x - (2 - \sqrt{3})x + (2^2 - (\sqrt{3})^2)$$

$$= x^2 - 4x + 1$$

Now, by comparing  $p = -4$ ,  $q = 1$

$$\Rightarrow p^2 - 4q - 12 = 16 - 4 - 12 = 0$$

## Question245

If  $m$  is chosen in the quadratic equation  $(m^2 + 1)x^2 - 3x + (m^2 + 1)^2 = 0$  such that the sum of its roots is greatest, then the absolute difference of the cubes of its roots is:

[April 09, 2019 (II)]

**Options:**

A.  $10\sqrt{5}$

B.  $8\sqrt{3}$

C.  $8\sqrt{5}$

D.  $4\sqrt{3}$

**Answer: C**

**Solution:**

Solution:

$$\text{Sum of roots} = \frac{3}{m^2 + 1}$$

$\therefore$  sum of roots is greatest.  $\therefore m = 0$

Hence equation becomes  $x^2 - 3x + 1 = 0$

$$\text{Now, } \alpha + \beta = 3, \alpha\beta = 1 \Rightarrow |-\alpha - \beta| = \sqrt{5}$$

$$|\alpha^3 - \beta^3| = |(\alpha - \beta)(\alpha^2 + \alpha\beta + \beta^2)| = \sqrt{5}(9 - 1) = 8\sqrt{5}$$

## Question246

The sum of the solutions of the equation  $|\sqrt{x} - 2| + \sqrt{x}(\sqrt{x} - 4) + 2 = 0$ , ( $x > 0$ ) is equal to:

[April 8, 2019 (I)]

**Options:**

A. 9

B. 12

C. 4

D. 10

**Answer: D**

**Solution:**

Solution:

Let  $\sqrt{x} = a$

$\therefore$  given equation will become:

$$|a-2| + a(a-4) + 2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow |a-2| + a^2 - 4a + 4 - 2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow |a-2| + (a-2)^2 - 2 = 0$$

Let  $|a-2| = y$  (Clearly  $y \geq 0$ )

$$\Rightarrow y + y^2 - 2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow y = 1 \text{ or } -2 \text{ (rejected)} \Rightarrow |a-2| = 1 \Rightarrow a = 1, 3$$

When  $\sqrt{x} = 1 \Rightarrow x = 1$

When  $\sqrt{x} = 3 \Rightarrow x = 9$

Hence, the required sum of solutions of the equation

= 10

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## Question247

If  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  be the roots of the equation  $x^2 - 2x + 2 = 0$ , then the least value of  $n$  for which  $\left(\frac{\alpha}{\beta}\right)^n = 1$  is:

[April 8, 2019 (I)]

Options:

A. 2

B. 5

C. 4

D. 3

Answer: C

Solution:

Solution:

The given quadratic equation is  $x^2 - 2x + 2 = 0$

Then, the roots of the this equation are  $\frac{2 \pm \sqrt{-4}}{2} = 1 \pm i$

$$\text{Now, } \frac{\alpha}{\beta} = \frac{1-i}{1+i} = \frac{(1-i)^2}{1-i^2} = i$$

$$\text{or } \frac{\alpha}{\beta} = \frac{1-i}{1+i} = \frac{(1-i)^2}{1-i^2} = -i \text{ So, } \frac{\alpha}{\beta} = \pm i$$

$$\text{Now, } \left(\frac{\alpha}{\beta}\right)^n = 1 \Rightarrow (\pm i)^n = 1$$

$\Rightarrow n$  must be a multiple of 4

Hence, the required least value of  $n = 4$

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## Question248

The set of all  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ , for which  $w = \frac{1+(1-8\alpha)z}{1-z}$  is a purely imaginary number, for all  $z \in \mathbb{C}$  satisfying  $|z| = 1$  and  $\operatorname{Re} z \neq 1$ , is

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Options:

A.  $\{0\}$

B. an empty set

C.  $\left\{0, \frac{1}{4}, -\frac{1}{4}\right\}$

D. equal to  $\mathbb{R}$

Answer: A

### Solution:

Solution:

$$\because |z| = 1 \text{ \& } \operatorname{Re} z \neq 1$$

$$\text{Suppose } z = x + iy \Rightarrow x^2 + y^2 = 1 \dots\dots (i)$$

$$\text{Now, } w = \frac{1 + (1 - 8\alpha)z}{1 - z}$$

$$\Rightarrow w = \frac{1 + (1 - 8\alpha)(x + iy)}{1 - (x + iy)}$$

$$\Rightarrow w = \frac{1 + (1 - 8\alpha)(x + iy)((1 - x) + iy)}{1 - (x + iy)((1 - x) + iy)}$$

$$\Rightarrow w = \frac{[(1 + x(1 - 8\alpha)(1 - x) - (1 - 8\alpha)y^2] + i \frac{[(1 + x(1 - 8\alpha))y - (1 - 8\alpha)y(1 - x)]}{(1 - x)^2 + y^2}}{(1 - x)^2 + y^2}$$

As, w is purely imaginary. So,

$$\operatorname{Re} w = \frac{[(1 + x(1 - 8\alpha))(1 - x) - (1 - 8\alpha)y^2]}{(1 - x)^2 + y^2} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (1 - x) + x(1 - 8\alpha)(1 - x) = (1 - 8\alpha)y^2$$

$$\Rightarrow (1 - x) + x(1 - 8\alpha) - x^2(1 - 8\alpha) = (1 - 8\alpha)y^2$$

$$\Rightarrow (1 - x) + x(1 - 8\alpha) = 1 - 8\alpha \text{ [ From (i), } x^2 + y^2 = 1 \text{ ]}$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 - 8\alpha = 1 \Rightarrow \alpha = 0$$

$$\therefore \alpha \in \{0\}$$

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## Question249

The least positive integer n for which  $\left(\frac{1+i\sqrt{3}}{1-i\sqrt{3}}\right)^n = 1$ , is

[Online April 16, 2018]

Options:

A. 2

B. 6

C. 5

D. 3

Answer: D

### Solution:

Solution:

$$\text{Let } 1 = \left(\frac{1+i\sqrt{3}}{1-i\sqrt{3}}\right)$$

$$\therefore 1 = \left(\frac{1+i\sqrt{3}}{1-i\sqrt{3}}\right) \times \left(\frac{1+i\sqrt{3}}{1+i\sqrt{3}}\right)$$

$$= \left(\frac{-2+i2\sqrt{3}}{4}\right) = \left(\frac{1-i\sqrt{3}}{-2}\right)$$

$$\text{Also, } 1 = \left(\frac{1+i\sqrt{3}}{1-i\sqrt{3}}\right) \times \left(\frac{1-i\sqrt{3}}{1-i\sqrt{3}}\right)$$

$$= \left(\frac{4}{-2-i2\sqrt{3}}\right) = \left(\frac{-2}{1+i\sqrt{3}}\right)$$

$$\text{Now, } \left(\frac{1+i\sqrt{3}}{1-i\sqrt{3}}\right)^3 = \left(\frac{1+i\sqrt{3}}{1-i\sqrt{3}}\right) \times \left(\frac{1+i\sqrt{3}}{1-i\sqrt{3}}\right) \times \left(\frac{1+i\sqrt{3}}{1-i\sqrt{3}}\right)$$

$$= \left(\frac{1+i\sqrt{3}}{1-i\sqrt{3}}\right) \times \left(\frac{-2}{1+i\sqrt{3}}\right) \times \left(\frac{1-i\sqrt{3}}{-2}\right) = 1$$

$\therefore$  least positive integer n is 3 .

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## Question250

Let p, q and r be real numbers ( $p \neq q$ ,  $r \neq 0$ ), such that the roots of the equation  $\frac{1}{x+p} + \frac{1}{x+q} = \frac{1}{r}$  are equal in magnitude but opposite in sign, then the sum of squares of these roots is equal to.

[Online April 16, 2018]

Options:

A.  $p^2 + q^2 + r^2$

B.  $p^2 + q^2$

C.  $2(p^2 + q^2)$

D.  $\frac{p^2 + q^2}{2}$

Answer: B

Solution:

Solution:

$$\frac{1}{x+p} + \frac{1}{x+q} = \frac{1}{r}$$
$$\frac{x+p+x+q}{(x+p)(x+q)} = \frac{1}{r}$$

$$(2x+p+q)r = x^2 + px + qx + pq$$

$$x^2 + (p+q-2r)x + pq - pr - qr = 0$$

Let  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  be the roots.

$$\therefore \alpha + \beta = -(p+q-2r) \dots\dots(i)$$

$$\&\alpha\beta = pq - pr - qr \dots\dots(ii)$$

$$\therefore \alpha = -\beta \text{ (given)}$$

$\therefore$  in eq. (1), we get

$$\Rightarrow -(p+q-2r) = 0 \dots\dots(iii)$$

$$\text{Now, } \alpha^2 + \beta^2 = (\alpha + \beta)^2 - 2\alpha\beta$$

$$= (-(p+q-2r))^2 - 2(pq - pr - qr) \dots \text{ ( from (i) and (ii) )}$$

$$= p^2 + q^2 + 4r^2 + 2pq - 4pr - 4qr - 2pq + 2pr + 2qr$$

$$= p^2 + q^2 + 4r^2 - 2pr - 2qr$$

$$= p^2 + q^2 + 2r(2r - p - q) \dots \text{ (from (iii))}$$

$$= p^2 + q^2 + 0$$

$$= p^2 + q^2$$

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## Question251

If an angle A of a  $\triangle ABC$  satisfies  $5 \cos A + 3 = 0$ , then the roots of the quadratic equation,  $9x^2 + 27x + 20 = 0$  are.

[Online April 16, 2018]

Options:

A.  $\sin A$ ,  $\sec A$

B.  $\sec A$ ,  $\tan A$

C.  $\tan A$ ,  $\cos A$

D.  $\sec A$ ,  $\cot A$

Answer: B

Solution:

Solution:

$$\text{Here, } 9x^2 + 27x + 20 = 0$$

$$\therefore x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{-27 \pm \sqrt{27^2 - 4 \times 9 \times 20}}{2 \times 9}$$

$$\Rightarrow x = -\frac{4}{3}, -\frac{5}{3}$$

$$\text{Given, } \cos A = -\frac{3}{5}$$

$$\therefore \sec A = \frac{1}{\cos A} = -\frac{5}{3}$$

Here, A is an obtuse angle.

$$\therefore \tan A = -\sqrt{\sec^2 A - 1} = -\frac{4}{3}$$

Hence, roots of the equation are  $\sec A$  and  $\tan A$

## Question252

If  $\tan A$  and  $\tan B$  are the roots of the quadratic equation,  $3x^2 - 10x - 25 = 0$  then the value of  $3\sin^2(A + B) - 10 \sin(A + B) \cdot \cos(A + B) - 25\cos^2(A + B)$  is  
[Online April 15, 2018]

Options:

A. 25

B. -25

C. -10

D. 10

Answer: B

Solution:

Solution:

As  $\tan A$  and  $\tan B$  are the roots of  $3x^2 - 10x - 25 = 0$ ,

$$\text{So, } \tan(A + B) = \frac{\tan A + \tan B}{1 - \tan A \tan B} = \frac{\frac{10}{3}}{1 + \frac{25}{3}} = \frac{10/3}{28/3} = \frac{5}{14}$$

Now,  $\cos 2(A + B) = -1 + 2\cos^2(A + B)$

$$= \frac{1 - \tan^2(A + B)}{1 + \tan^2(A + B)} \Rightarrow \cos^2(A + B) = \frac{196}{221}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore 3\sin^2(A + B) - 10 \sin(A + B) \cos(A + B) - 25\cos^2(A + B) \\ = \cos^2(A + B)[3\tan^2(A + B) - 10 \tan(A + B) - 25] \\ = \frac{75 - 700 - 4900}{196} \times \frac{196}{221} = -\frac{5525}{196} \times \frac{196}{221} = -25 \end{aligned}$$

## Question253

If  $f(x)$  is a quadratic expression such that  $f + f' = 0$  and -1 is a root of  $f(x) = 0$ , then the other root of  $f(x) = 0$  is  
[Online April 15, 2018]

Options:

A.  $-\frac{5}{8}$

B.  $-\frac{8}{5}$

C.  $\frac{5}{8}$

D.  $\frac{8}{5}$

Answer: D

Solution:

Solution:

If  $a$  and -1 are the roots of the polynomial, then we get

$$f(x) = x^2 + (1 - a)x - a$$



$$\therefore f(1) = 2 - 2a$$

$$\text{and } f(2) = 6 - 3a$$

$$\text{As, } f(1) + f(2) = 0 \Rightarrow 2 - 2a + 6 - 3a = 0 \Rightarrow a = \frac{8}{5}$$

Therefore, the other root is  $\frac{8}{5}$

## Question 254

If  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{C}$  are the distinct roots, of the equation  $x^2 - x + 1 = 0$ , then  $\alpha^{101} + \beta^{107}$  is equal to :  
[2018]

**Options:**

- A. 0
- B. 1
- C. 2
- D. -1

**Answer: B**

**Solution:**

Solution:

$\alpha, \beta$  are roots of  $x^2 - x + 1 = 0$

$$\therefore \alpha = -\omega \text{ and } \beta = -\omega^2$$

where  $\omega$  is cube root of unity

$$\therefore \alpha^{101} + \beta^{107} = (-\omega)^{101} + (-\omega)^{107}$$

$$= -[\omega^2 + \omega] = -[-1] = 1$$

## Question 255

If  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$  is such that the sum of the cubes of the roots of the equation,  $x^2 + (2 - \lambda)x + (10 - \lambda) = 0$  is minimum, then the magnitude of the difference of the roots of this equation is  
[Online April 15, 2018]

**Options:**

- A. 20
- B.  $2\sqrt{5}$
- C.  $2\sqrt{7}$
- D.  $4\sqrt{2}$

**Answer: B**

**Solution:**

Solution:

Let, the roots of the equation,  $x^2 + (2 - \lambda)x + (10 - \lambda) = 0$  are  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$

Also roots of the given equation are

$$\frac{\lambda - 2 \pm \sqrt{4 - 4\lambda + \lambda^2 - 40 + 4\lambda}}{2} = \frac{\lambda - 2 \pm \sqrt{\lambda^2 - 36}}{2}$$

The magnitude of the difference of the roots is  $|\sqrt{\lambda^2 - 36}|$

$$\text{So, } \alpha^3 + \beta^3 = \frac{(\lambda - 2)^3}{4} + \frac{3(\lambda - 2)(\lambda^2 - 36)}{4}$$

$$= \frac{(\lambda - 2)(4\lambda^2 - 4\lambda - 104)}{4} = (\lambda - 2)(\lambda^2 - \lambda - 26) = f(\lambda)$$

As  $f(\lambda)$  attains its minimum value at  $\lambda = 4$

Therefore, the magnitude of the difference of the roots is

$$|\sqrt{20}| = 2\sqrt{5}$$

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## Question 256

If  $|z - 3 + 2i| \leq 4$  then the difference between the greatest value and the least value of  $|z|$  is  
[Online April 15, 2018]

Options:

- A.  $\sqrt{13}$
- B.  $2\sqrt{13}$
- C. 8
- D.  $4 + \sqrt{13}$

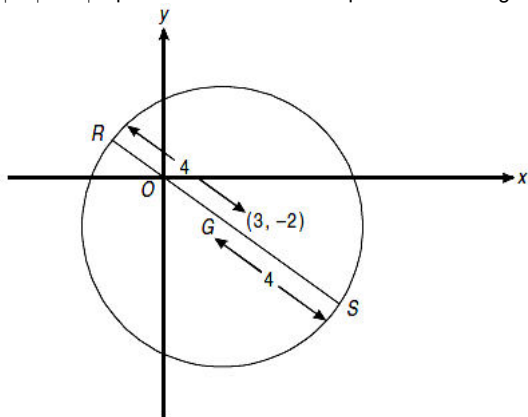
Answer: B

Solution:

Solution:

$|z - (3 - 2i)| \leq 4$  represents a circle whose centre is (3,-2) and radius = 4

$|z| = |z - 0|$  represents the distance of point z from origin (0,0)



Suppose RS is the normal of the circle passing through origin 'O' and G is its center (3,-2).

Here, OR is the least distance and OS is the greatest distance

$OR = RG - OG$  and  $OS = OG + GS$

As,  $RG = GS = 4$

$OG = \sqrt{3^2 + (-2)^2} = \sqrt{9+4} = \sqrt{13}$

From (i),  $OR = 4 - \sqrt{13}$  and  $OS = 4 + \sqrt{13}$

So, required difference =  $(4 + \sqrt{13}) - (4 - \sqrt{13})$

$= \sqrt{13} + \sqrt{13} = 2\sqrt{13}$

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## Question 257

If, for a positive integer n, the quadratic equation,  $x(x+1) + (x+1)(x+2) + \dots + (x+n-1)(x+n) = 10n$  has two consecutive integral solutions, then n is equal to:  
[2017]

Options:

- A. 11
- B. 12
- C. 9
- D. 10

Answer: A

Solution:

Solution:

We have,  $\sum_{r=1}^n (x+r-1)(x+r) = 10n$

$$\sum_{r=1}^n (x^2 + xr + (r-1)x + r^2 - r) = 10n$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{r=1}^n (x^2 + (2r-1)x + r(r-1)) = 10n$$

$$\Rightarrow nx^2 + \{1+3+5+\dots+(2n-1)\}x + \{1.2+2.3+\dots+(n-1)n\} = 10n$$

$$\Rightarrow nx^2 + n^2x + \frac{(n-1)n(n+1)}{3} = 10n$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 + nx + \frac{n^2-31}{3} = 0$$

Let  $\alpha$  and  $\alpha+1$  be its two solutions

( $\because$  it has two consecutive integral solutions)

$$\Rightarrow \alpha + (\alpha+1) = -n$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha = \frac{-n-1}{2} \dots\dots(i)$$

$$\text{Also } \alpha(\alpha+1) = \frac{n^2-31}{3} \dots\dots(ii)$$

Putting value of (i) in (ii), we get

$$-\left(\frac{n+1}{2}\right)\left(\frac{1-n}{2}\right) = \frac{n^2-31}{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow n^2 = 121 \Rightarrow n = 11$$

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## Question258

The sum of all the real values of  $x$  satisfying the equation  $2^{(x-1)(x^2+5x-50)} = 1$  is:  
[Online April 9, 2017]

Options:

- A. 16
- B. 14
- C. -4
- D. -5

Answer: C

Solution:

Solution:

$$(x-1)(x^2+5x-50) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (x-1)(x+10)(x-5) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 1, 5, -10$$

$$\text{Sum} = -4$$

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## Question259

Let  $p(x)$  be a quadratic polynomial such that  $p(0) = 1$ . If  $p(x)$  leaves remainder 4 when divided by  $x-1$  and it leaves remainder 6 when divided by  $x+1$ ; then  
[Online April 8, 2017]

Options:

- A.  $p(b) = 11$
- B.  $p(b) = 19$
- C.  $p(-2) = 19$
- D.  $p(-2) = 11$

Answer: C

### Solution:

Solution:

$$\text{Let } p(x) = ax^2 + bx + c$$

$$\therefore p(0) = 1 \Rightarrow c = 1$$

$$\text{Also, } p(1) = 4 \text{ \& } p(-1) = 6$$

$$\Rightarrow a + b + 1 = 4 \text{ \& } a - b + 1 = 6$$

$$\Rightarrow a + b = 3 \text{ \& } a - b = 5$$

$$\Rightarrow a = 4 \text{ \& } b = -1$$

$$p(x) = 4x^2 - x + 1$$

$$p(b) = 16 - 2 + 1 = 15$$

$$p(-2) = 16 + 2 + 1 = 19$$

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## Question260

A value of  $\theta$  for which  $\frac{2 + 3i \sin \theta}{1 - 2i \sin \theta}$  is purely imaginary, is:  
[2016]

Options:

A.  $\sin^{-1} \left( \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} \right)$

B.  $\sin^{-1} \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \right)$

C.  $\frac{\pi}{3}$

D.  $\frac{\pi}{6}$

Answer: B

### Solution:

Solution:

Rationalizing the given expression  $\frac{(2 + 3i \sin \theta)(1 + 2i \sin \theta)}{1 + 4\sin^2 \theta}$

For the given expression to be purely imaginary, real part of the above expression should be equal to zero.

$$\Rightarrow \frac{2 - 6\sin^2 \theta}{1 + 4\sin^2 \theta} = 0 \Rightarrow \sin^2 \theta = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin \theta = \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \Rightarrow \theta = \sin^{-1} \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \right)$$

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## Question261

The point represented by  $2 + i$  in the Argand plane moves 1 unit eastwards, then 2 units northwards and finally from there  $2\sqrt{2}$  units in the south-westwards direction. Then its new position in the Argand plane is at the point represented by :  
[Online April 9, 2016]

Options:

A.  $1 + i$

B.  $2 + 2i$

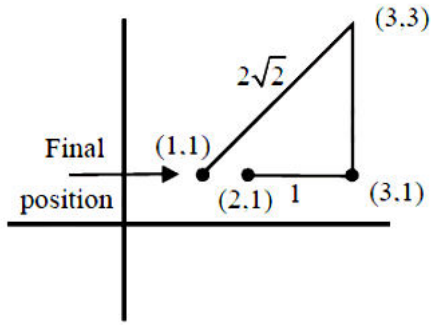
C.  $-2 - 2i$

D.  $-1 - i$

Answer: A

Solution:

Solution:



So new position is at the point  $1 + i$

## Question262

The sum of all real values of  $x$  satisfying the equation  $(x^2 - 5x + 5)^{x^2 + 4x - 60} = 1$  is:  
[2016]

Options:

- A. 6
- B. 5
- C. 3
- D. -4

Answer: C

Solution:

Solution:

$$(x^2 - 5x + 5)^{x^2 + 4x - 60} = 1$$

Case I

$x^2 - 5x + 5 = 1$  and  $x^2 + 4x - 60$  can be any real number  $\Rightarrow x = 1, 4$

Case II

$x^2 - 5x + 5 = -1$  and  $x^2 + 4x - 60$  has to be an even number

$\Rightarrow x = 2, 3$

where 3 is rejected because for  $x = 3$ ,

$x^2 + 4x - 60$  is odd

Case III

$x^2 - 5x + 5$  can be any real number and

$$x^2 + 4x - 60 = 0$$

$\Rightarrow x = -10, 6$

$\Rightarrow$  Sum of all values of  $x$

$$= -10 + 6 + 2 + 1 + 4 = 3$$

## Question263

If  $x$  is a solution of the equation,  $\sqrt{2x+1} - \sqrt{2x-1} = 1$ ,  $\left(x \geq \frac{1}{2}\right)$ , then  $\sqrt{4x^2 - 1}$  is equal to:  
[Online April 10, 2016]

Options:

- A.  $\frac{3}{4}$
- B.  $\frac{1}{2}$
- C.  $2\sqrt{2}$
- D. 2

**Answer: A**

**Solution:**

Solution:

$$\sqrt{2x+1} - \sqrt{2x-1} = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow 2x+1+2x-1-2\sqrt{4x^2-1} = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow 4x-1 = 2\sqrt{4x^2-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow 16x^2 - 8x + 1 = 16x^2 - 4$$

$$\Rightarrow 8x = 5$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{5}{8} \text{ which satisfies equation (i)}$$

$$\text{So, } \sqrt{4x^2-1} = \frac{3}{4}$$

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## Question264

If the equations  $x^2 + bx - 1 = 0$  and  $x^2 + x + b = 0$  have a common root different from  $-1$ , then  $|b|$  is equal to :

[Online April 9, 2016]

**Options:**

A. 2

B. 3

C.  $\sqrt{3}$

D.  $\sqrt{2}$

**Answer: C**

**Solution:**

Solution:

$$x^2 + bx - 1 = 0 \text{ common root}$$

$$x^2 + x + b = 0$$

$$x = \frac{b+1}{b-1}$$

$$\text{Put } x = \frac{b+1}{b-1} \text{ in equation}$$

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

$$\text{Put } x = \frac{b+1}{b-1} \text{ in equation}$$

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

$$(b+1)^2 + (b+1)(b-1) + b(b-1)^2 = 0$$

$$b^2 + 1 + 2b + b^2 - 1 + b(b^2 - 2b + 1) = 0$$

$$2b^2 + 2b + b^3 - 2b^2 + b = 0$$

$$b^3 + 3b = 0$$

$$b(b^2 + 3) = 0$$

$$b^2 = -3$$

$$b = \pm\sqrt{3}i$$

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

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## Question265

If  $z$  is a non-real complex number, then the minimum value of  $\frac{1mz^5}{(1mz)^5}$  is :

[Online April 11, 2015]

**Options:**

A. -1

B. -4

C. -2

D. -5

**Answer: B**

**Solution:**

Solution:

Let  $z = re^{i\theta}$

Consider  $\frac{Imz^5}{(Imz)^5} = \frac{r^5(\sin 5\theta)}{r^5(\sin \theta)^5}$

$(\because e^{i\theta} = \cos \theta + i \sin \theta)$

$$= \frac{\sin 5\theta}{\sin^5 \theta} = \frac{16\sin^5 \theta - 20\sin^3 \theta + 5\sin \theta}{\sin^5 \theta}$$

$$= \frac{16\sin^5 \theta}{\sin^5 \theta} - \frac{20\sin^3 \theta}{\sin^5 \theta} + \frac{5\sin \theta}{\sin^5 \theta}$$

$$= 5\operatorname{cosec}^4 \theta - 20\operatorname{cosec}^2 \theta + 16$$

minimum value of  $\frac{Imz^5}{(Imz)^5}$  is -4

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## Question 266

A complex number  $z$  is said to be unimodular if  $|z| = 1$ .

Suppose  $z_1$  and  $z_2$  are complex numbers such that  $\frac{z_1 - 2z_2}{2 - z_1 z_2}$  is unimodular and  $z_2$  is not unimodular. Then the point  $z_1$  lies on a:

[2015]

**Options:**

A. circle of radius 2.

B. circle of radius  $\sqrt{2}$ .

C. straight line parallel to x -axis

D. straight line parallel to y-axis.

**Answer: A**

**Solution:**

Solution:

$$\left| \frac{z_1 - 2z_2}{2 - z_1 z_2} \right| = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow |z_1 - 2z_2|^2 = |2 - z_1 \bar{z}_2|^2$$

$$\Rightarrow (z_1 - 2z_2)(\overline{z_1 - 2z_2}) = (2 - z_1 \bar{z}_2)(\overline{2 - z_1 \bar{z}_2})$$

$$\Rightarrow (z_1 - 2z_2)(\bar{z}_1 - 2\bar{z}_2) = (2 - z_1 \bar{z}_2)(2 - \bar{z}_1 z_2)$$

$$\Rightarrow (z_1 \bar{z}_1) - 2z_1 \bar{z}_2 - 2\bar{z}_1 z_2 + 4\bar{z}_2 z_2$$

$$= 4 - 2z_1 \bar{z}_2 - 2\bar{z}_1 z_2 + z_1 \bar{z}_1 z_2 \bar{z}_2$$

$$\Rightarrow |z_1|^2 + 4|z_2|^2 = 4 + |z_1|^2 |z_2|^2$$

$$\Rightarrow |z_1|^2 + 4|z_2|^2 - 4 - |z_1|^2 |z_2|^2 = 0$$

$$(|z_1|^2 - 4)(1 - |z_2|^2) = 0$$

$$\because |z_2| \neq 1$$

$$\therefore |z_1|^2 = 4$$

$$\Rightarrow |z_1| = 2$$

$\Rightarrow$  Point  $z_1$  lies on circle of radius 2

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## Question 267

Let  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  be the roots of equation  $x^2 - 6x - 2 = 0$ . If  $a_n = \alpha^n - \beta^n$ , for  $n \geq 1$ , then the value of  $\frac{a_{10} - 2a_8}{2a_9}$  is equal to:  
[2015]

Options:

- A. 3
- B. -3
- C. 6
- D. -6

Answer: A

Solution:

Solution:

$$\alpha, \beta = \frac{6 \pm \sqrt{36 + 8}}{2} = 3 \pm \sqrt{11}$$

$$\alpha = 3 + \sqrt{11}, \beta = 3 - \sqrt{11}$$

$$\therefore a_n = (3 + \sqrt{11})^n - (3 - \sqrt{11})^n \frac{a_{10} - 2a_8}{2a_9}$$

$$= \frac{(3 + \sqrt{11})^{10} - (3 - \sqrt{11})^{10} - 2(3 + \sqrt{11})^8 + 2(3 - \sqrt{11})^8}{2[(3 + \sqrt{11})^9 - (3 - \sqrt{11})^9]}$$

$$= \frac{(3 + \sqrt{11})^8[(3 + \sqrt{11})^2 - 2] + (3 - \sqrt{11})^8[2 - (3 - \sqrt{11})^2]}{2[(3 + \sqrt{11})^9 - (3 - \sqrt{11})^9]}$$

$$= \frac{(3 + \sqrt{11})^8(9 + 11 + 6\sqrt{11} - 2) + (3 - \sqrt{11})^8(2 - 9 - 11 + 6\sqrt{11})}{2[(3 + \sqrt{11})^9 - (3 - \sqrt{11})^9]}$$

$$= \frac{6(3 + \sqrt{11})^9 - 6(3 - \sqrt{11})^9}{2[(3 + \sqrt{11})^9 - (3 - \sqrt{11})^9]} = \frac{6}{2} = 3$$

## Question 268

If the two roots of the equation,  $(a - 1)(x^4 + x^2 + 1) + (a + 1)(x^2 + x + 1)^2 = 0$  are real and distinct, then the set of all values of 'a' is  
[Online April 11, 2015]

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Options:

- A.  $\left(0, \frac{1}{2}\right)$
- B.  $\left(-\frac{1}{2}, 0\right) \cup \left(0, \frac{1}{2}\right)$
- C.  $\left(-\frac{1}{2}, 0\right)$
- D.  $(-\infty, -2) \cup (2, \infty)$

Answer: B

Solution:

Solution:

$$(a - 1)(x^4 + x^2 + 1) + (a + 1)(x^2 + x + 1)^2 = 0$$

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

$$\Rightarrow (x^2 + x + 1)[(a - 1)(x^2 - x + 1) + (a + 1)(x^2 + x + 1)] = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (x^2 + x + 1)(ax^2 + x + a) = 0$$

For roots to be distinct and real,  $a \neq 0$  and  $1 - 4a^2 > 0$



$$\Rightarrow a \neq 0 \text{ and } a^2 < \frac{1}{4}$$

$$\Rightarrow a \in \left(-\frac{1}{2}, 0\right) \cup \left(0, \frac{1}{2}\right)$$

## Question 269

If  $2 + 3i$  is one of the roots of the equation  $2x^3 - 9x^2 + kx - 13 = 0$ ,  $k \in \mathbb{R}$ , then the real root of this equation:

[Online April 10, 2015]

Options:

A. exists and is equal to  $-\frac{1}{2}$ .

B. exists and is equal to  $\frac{1}{2}$

C. exists and is equal to 1 .

D. does not exist.

**Answer: B**

**Solution:**

Solution:

$$\alpha = 2 + 3i; \beta = 2 - 3i, \gamma = ?$$

$$\alpha\beta\gamma = \frac{13}{2} \left[ \text{since product of roots} = \frac{d}{a} \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow (4 + 9)\gamma = \frac{13}{2} \Rightarrow \gamma = \frac{1}{2}$$

## Question 270

If  $z$  is a complex number such that  $|z| \geq 2$ , then the minimum value of  $\left|z + \frac{1}{2}\right|$ :

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Options:

A. is strictly greater than  $\frac{5}{2}$

B. is strictly greater than  $\frac{3}{2}$  but less than  $\frac{5}{2}$

C. is equal to  $\frac{5}{2}$

D. lie in the interval (1,2)

**Answer: D**

**Solution:**

Solution:

We know minimum value of  $|Z_1 + Z_2|$  is

$$|Z_1| - |Z_2|. \text{ Thus minimum value of } \left|Z + \frac{1}{2}\right| \text{ is } |Z| - \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\leq \left|Z + \frac{1}{2}\right| \leq |Z| + \frac{1}{2}$$

Since,  $|Z| \geq 2$  therefore

$$2 - \frac{1}{2} < \left|Z + \frac{1}{2}\right| < 2 + \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{3}{2} < \left|Z + \frac{1}{2}\right| < \frac{5}{2}$$

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## Question 271

For all complex numbers  $z$  of the form  $1 + i\alpha$ ,  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ , if  $z^2 = x + iy$ , then  
[Online April 19, 2014]

Options:

A.  $y^2 - 4x + 2 = 0$

B.  $y^2 + 4x - 4 = 0$

C.  $y^2 - 4x - 4 = 0$

D.  $y^2 + 4x + 2 = 0$

Answer: B

Solution:

Solution:

Let  $z = 1 + i\alpha$ ,  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$

$$z^2 = (1 + i\alpha)(1 + i\alpha)$$

$$x + iy = (1 + 2i\alpha - \alpha^2)$$

On comparing real and imaginary parts, we get

$$x = 1 - \alpha^2, y = 2\alpha$$

Now, consider option (b), which is

$$y^2 + 4x - 4 = 0$$

$$\text{LHS : } y^2 + 4x - 4 = (2\alpha)^2 + 4(1 - \alpha^2) - 4$$

$$= 4\alpha^2 + 4 - 4\alpha^2 - 4$$

$$= 0 = \text{R.H.S.}$$

$$\text{Hence, } y^2 + 4x - 4 = 0$$

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## Question 272

Let  $z \neq -i$  be any complex number such that  $\frac{z-i}{z+i}$  is a purely imaginary number.

Then  $z + \frac{1}{z}$  is:

[Online April 12, 2014]

Options:

A. zero

B. any non-zero real number other than 1.

C. any non-zero real number.

D. a purely imaginary number.

Answer: C

Solution:

Solution:

Let  $z = x + iy$

$\frac{z-i}{z+i}$  is purely imaginary means its real part is zero.

$$\frac{x + iy - i}{x + iy + i} = \frac{x + i(y-1)}{x + i(y+1)} \times \frac{x - i(y+1)}{x - i(y+1)}$$

$$= \frac{x^2 - 2ix(y+1) + xi(y-1) + y^2 - 1}{x^2 + (y+1)^2}$$

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

for pure imaginary, we have

$$\frac{x^2 + y^2 - 1}{x^2 + (y+1)^2} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 + y^2 = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow (x + iy)(x - iy) = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow x + iy = \frac{1}{x - iy} = z$$

$$\text{and } \frac{1}{z} = x - iy$$

$$z + \frac{1}{z} = (x + iy) + (x - iy) = 2x$$

$$\left( z + \frac{1}{z} \right) \text{ is any non-zero real number}$$

## Question 273

If  $z_1, z_2$  and  $z_3, z_4$  are 2 pairs of complex conjugate numbers, then  $\arg\left(\frac{z_1}{z_4}\right) + \arg\left(\frac{z_2}{z_3}\right)$  equals:

[Online April 11, 2014]

Options:

A. 0

B.  $\frac{\pi}{2}$

C.  $\frac{3\pi}{2}$

D.  $\pi$

Answer: A

Solution:

Solution:

$$\text{Consider } \arg\left(\frac{z_1}{z_4}\right) + \arg\left(\frac{z_2}{z_3}\right)$$

$$= \arg(z_1) - \arg(z_4) + \arg(z_2) - \arg(z_3)$$

$$= (\arg(z_1) + \arg(z_2)) - (\arg(z_3) + \arg(z_4))$$

$$\text{given } \begin{pmatrix} z_2 = \bar{z}_1 \\ z_4 = \bar{z}_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= (\arg(z_1) + \arg(\bar{z}_1)) - (\arg(z_3) + \arg(\bar{z}_3))$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{also } (\arg(\bar{z}_1) = -\arg(z_1)) \\ \arg(\bar{z}_3) = -\arg(z_3) \end{array} \right\}$$

$$= (\arg(z_1) - \arg(z_1)) - (\arg(z_3) - \arg(z_3))$$

$$= 0 - 0 = 0$$

## Question 274

Let  $w$  ( $w \neq 0$ ) be a complex number. Then the set of all complex number  $z$  satisfying the equation  $w - wz = k(1 - z)$ , for some real number  $k$ , is

[Online April 9, 2014]

Options:

A.  $\{z: |z| = 1\}$

B.  $\{z: z = \bar{z}\}$

C.  $\{z: z \neq 1\}$

D.  $\{z: |z| = 1, z \neq 1\}$

Answer: D

### Solution:

Solution:

Consider the equation

$$w - \overline{wz} = k(1 - z), k \in \mathbb{R}$$

Clearly  $z \neq 1$  and  $\frac{w - \overline{wz}}{1 - z}$  is purely real

$$\therefore \frac{\overline{w - \overline{wz}}}{\overline{1 - z}} = \frac{w - \overline{wz}}{1 - z}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\overline{w - \overline{wz}}}{1 - z} = \frac{w - \overline{wz}}{1 - z}$$

$$\Rightarrow \overline{w - \overline{wz}} - \overline{wz} + \overline{wzz} = w - \overline{wz} - \overline{wz} + \overline{wzz}$$

$$\Rightarrow \overline{w} + \overline{w} |z|^2 = w + \overline{w} |z|^2$$

$$\Rightarrow (w - \overline{w})(|z|^2) = w - \overline{w}$$

$$\Rightarrow |z|^2 = 1 \quad (\because w - \overline{w} \neq 0)$$

$$\Rightarrow |z| = 1 \text{ and } z \neq 1$$

$\therefore$  The required set is  $\{z: |z| = 1, z \neq 1\}$

## Question 275

If  $a \in \mathbb{R}$  and the equation  $-3(x - [x])^2 + 2(x - [x]) + a^2 = 0$  (where  $[x]$  denotes the greatest integer  $\leq x$ ) has no integral solution, then all possible values of  $a$  lie in the interval:

[2014]

Options:

A.  $(-2, -1)$

B.  $(-\infty, -2) \cup (2, \infty)$

C.  $(-1, 0) \cup (0, 1)$

D.  $(1, 2)$

Answer: C

### Solution:

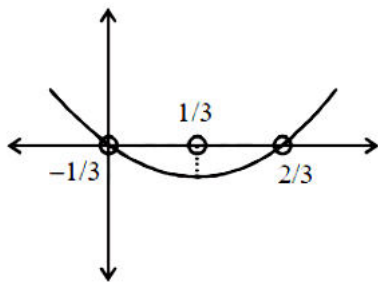
Solution:

$$\text{Consider } -3(x - [x])^2 + 2(x - [x]) + a^2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 3\{x\}^2 - 2\{x\} - a^2 = 0 \quad (\because x - [x] = \{x\})$$

$$\Rightarrow 3\left(\{x\}^2 - \frac{2}{3}\{x\}\right) = a^2, a \neq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow a^2 = 3\{x\}\left(\{x\} - \frac{2}{3}\right)$$



Now,  $\{x\} \in (0, 1)$  and  $\frac{-2}{3} \leq a^2 < 1$  (by graph)

Since,  $x$  is not an integer

$$\therefore a \in (-1, 1) - \{0\}$$

$$\Rightarrow a \in (-1, 0) \cup (0, 1)$$

## Question 276

The equation  $\sqrt{3x^2 + x + 5} = x - 3$ , where  $x$  is real, has;

[Online April 19, 2014]

Options:

- A. no solution
- B. exactly one solution
- C. exactly two solution
- D. exactly four solution

**Answer: A**

**Solution:**

Solution:

Consider  $\sqrt{3x^2 + x + 5} = x - 3$

Squaring both the sides, we get

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

$$\Rightarrow 3x^2 + x + 5 = x^2 + 9 - 6x$$

$$\Rightarrow 2x^2 + 7x - 4 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 2x^2 + 8x - x - 4 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 2x(x + 4) - 1(x + 4) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{1}{2} \text{ or } x = -4$$

For  $x = \frac{1}{2}$  and  $x = -4$

L.H.S.  $\neq$  R.H.S. of equation,  $\sqrt{3x^2 + x + 5} = x - 3$

Also, for every  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ , L.H.S.  $\neq$  R.H.S. of the given equation.

$\therefore$  Given equation has no solution.

## Question 277

**The sum of the roots of the equation,  $x^2 + |2x - 3| - 4 = 0$ , is:  
[Online April 12, 2014]**

**Options:**

- A. 2
- B. -2
- C.  $\sqrt{2}$
- D.  $-\sqrt{2}$

**Answer: C**

**Solution:**

Solution:

$$x^2 + |2x - 3| - 4 = 0$$

$$|2x - 3| = \begin{cases} (2x - 3) & \text{if } x > \frac{3}{2} \\ -(2x - 3) & \text{if } x < \frac{3}{2} \end{cases}$$

$$\text{for } x > \frac{3}{2}, \quad x^2 + 2x - 3 - 4 = 0$$

$$x^2 + 2x - 7 = 0$$

$$x = \frac{-2 \pm \sqrt{4 + 28}}{2} = \frac{-2 \pm 4\sqrt{2}}{2} = -1 \pm 2\sqrt{2}$$

$$\text{Here } x = 2\sqrt{2} - 1 \quad \left\{ 2\sqrt{2} - 1 < \frac{3}{2} \right\}$$

$$\text{for } x < \frac{3}{2}$$

$$x^2 - 2x + 3 - 4 = 0$$

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

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{2 \pm \sqrt{4 + 4}}{2} = \frac{2 \pm 2\sqrt{2}}{2} = 1 \pm \sqrt{2}$$

$$\text{Here } x = 1 - \sqrt{2} \quad \left\{ (1 - \sqrt{2}) < \frac{3}{2} \right\}$$

$$\text{Sum of roots : } (2\sqrt{2} - 1) + (1 - \sqrt{2}) = \sqrt{2}$$

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## Question278

If  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are roots of the equation,  $x^2 - 4\sqrt{2}kx + 2e^{4\ln k} - 1 = 0$  for some  $k$ , and  $\alpha^2 + \beta^2 = 66$ , then  $\alpha^3 + \beta^3$  is equal to:

[Online April 11, 2014]

Options:

- A.  $248\sqrt{2}$
- B.  $280\sqrt{2}$
- C.  $-32\sqrt{2}$
- D.  $-280\sqrt{2}$

Answer: D

Solution:

Solution:

$$x^2 - 4\sqrt{2}kx + 2e^{4\ln k} - 1 = 0$$

$$\text{or, } x^2 - 4\sqrt{2}kx + 2k^4 - 1 = 0$$

$$\alpha + \beta = 4\sqrt{2}k \text{ and } \alpha \cdot \beta = 2k^4 - 1$$

Squaring both sides, we get

$$(\alpha + \beta)^2 = (4\sqrt{2}k)^2 \Rightarrow \alpha^2 + \beta^2 + 2\alpha\beta = 32k^2$$

$$66 + 2\alpha\beta = 32k^2$$

$$66 + 2(2k^4 - 1) = 32k^2$$

$$66 + 4k^4 - 2 = 32k^2 \Rightarrow 4k^4 - 32k^2 + 64 = 0$$

$$\text{or, } k^4 - 8k^2 + 16 = 0 \Rightarrow (k^2)^2 - 8k^2 + 16 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (k^2 - 4)(k^2 - 4) = 0 \Rightarrow k^2 = 4, k^2 = 4$$

$$\Rightarrow k = \pm 2$$

$$\text{Now, } \alpha^3 + \beta^3 = (\alpha + \beta)(\alpha^2 + \beta^2 - \alpha\beta)$$

$$\therefore \alpha^3 + \beta^3 = (4\sqrt{2}k)[66 - (2k^4 - 1)]$$

Putting  $k = -2$ , ( $k = +2$  cannot be taken because it does not satisfy the above equation)

$$\therefore \alpha^3 + \beta^3 = (4\sqrt{2}(-2))[66 - 2(-2)^4 - 1]$$

$$\alpha^3 + \beta^3 = (-8\sqrt{2})(66 - 32 + 1) = (-8\sqrt{2})$$

$$\therefore \alpha^3 + \beta^3 = -280\sqrt{2}$$

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## Question279

If  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{\alpha}}$  and  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{\beta}}$  are the roots of the equation,  $ax^2 + bx + 1 = 0$  ( $a \neq 0, a, b, \in \mathbb{R}$ ), then the equation,

$x(x + b^3) + (a^3 - 3abx) = 0$  as roots :

[Online April 9, 2014]

Options:

- A.  $\alpha^{3/2}$  and  $\beta^{3/2}$
- B.  $\alpha\beta^{1/2}$  and  $\alpha^{1/2}\beta$
- C.  $\sqrt{\alpha\beta}$  and  $\alpha\beta$
- D.  $\alpha^{-\frac{3}{2}}$  and  $\beta^{-3}$  ?

Answer: A

Solution:

Solution:

Let  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{\alpha}}$  and  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{\beta}}$  be the roots of  $ax^2 + bx + 1 = 0$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{\alpha}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{\beta}} = \left( \frac{\sqrt{\alpha} + \sqrt{\beta}}{\sqrt{\alpha\beta}} \right) = -\frac{b}{a}$$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{\alpha}\sqrt{\beta}} = \frac{1}{a} \Rightarrow a = \sqrt{\alpha\beta}$$

$$b = -(\sqrt{\alpha} + \sqrt{\beta})$$

$$x(x + b^3) + (a^3 - 3abx) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 + (b^3 - 3ab)x + a^3 = 0$$

Putting values of a and b, we get

$$x^2 + [(-\sqrt{\alpha} + \sqrt{\beta})^3 + 3(\sqrt{\alpha\beta})(\sqrt{\alpha} + \sqrt{\beta})] + (\alpha\beta)^{3/2} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 - [\alpha^{3/2} + \beta^{3/2} + 3\sqrt{\alpha\beta}(\sqrt{\alpha} + \sqrt{\beta}) - 3\sqrt{\alpha\beta}(\sqrt{\alpha} + \sqrt{\beta})]x + (\alpha\beta)^{3/2} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 - (\alpha^{3/2} + \beta^{3/2})x + \alpha^{3/2}\beta^{3/2} = 0$$

Roots of this equation are  $\alpha^{3/2}, \beta^{3/2}$

## Question280

If non-zero real numbers b and c are such that  $\min f(x) > \max g(x)$ , where  $f(x) = x^2 + 2bx + 2c^2$  and

$g(x) = -x^2 - 2cx + b^2 (x \in \mathbb{R})$  then  $\left| \frac{c}{b} \right|$  lies in the interval:

[Online April 19, 2014]

Options:

A.  $\left( 0, \frac{1}{2} \right)$

B.  $\left[ \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \right)$

C.  $\left[ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \sqrt{2} \right]$

D.  $(\sqrt{2}, \infty)$

Answer: D

Solution:

Solution:

We have

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

$$\text{and } g(x) = -x^2 - 2cx + b^2, (x \in \mathbb{R})$$

$$\Rightarrow f(x) = (x + b)^2 + 2c^2 - b^2$$

$$\text{and } g(x) = -(x + c)^2 + b^2 + c^2$$

$$\text{Now, } f_{\min} = 2c^2 - b^2 \text{ and } g_{\max} = b^2 + c^2$$

$$\text{Given : } \min f(x) > \max g(x)$$

$$\Rightarrow 2c^2 - b^2 > b^2 + c^2$$

$$\Rightarrow c^2 > 2b^2$$

$$\Rightarrow |c| > |b| \sqrt{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{|c|}{|b|} > \sqrt{2} \Rightarrow \left| \frac{c}{b} \right| > \sqrt{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left| \frac{c}{b} \right| \in (\sqrt{2}, \infty)$$

## Question281

If equations  $ax^2 + bx + c = 0 (a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}, a \neq 0)$  and  $2x^2 + 3x + 4 = 0$  have a common root, then a : b : c equals:

[Online April 9, 2014]

Options:

A. 1: 2: 3

B. 2: 3: 4

C. 4: 3: 2

D. 3: 2: 1

**Answer: B**

**Solution:**

Solution:

Let  $\alpha, \beta$  be the common roots of both the equations.

For first equation  $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$

we have

$$\alpha + \beta = \frac{-b}{a} \dots (i)$$

$$\alpha \cdot \beta = \frac{c}{a} \dots (ii)$$

For second equation  $2x^2 + 3x + 4 = 0$

we have

$$\alpha + \beta = \frac{-3}{2} \dots (iii)$$

$$\alpha \cdot \beta = \frac{4}{2} \dots (iv)$$

Now, from (i) & (iii) & from (ii) & (iv)

$$\frac{-b}{a} = \frac{-3}{2} \quad \frac{c}{a} = \frac{4}{2}$$

$$\frac{b}{a} = \frac{3}{2}$$

Therefore on comparing we get  $a = 1, b = \frac{3}{2}$  &  $c = 2$

putting these values in first equation, we get

$$x^2 + \frac{3}{2}x + 2 = 0 \text{ or } 2x^2 + 3x + 4 = 0$$

from this, we get  $a = 2, b = 3; c = 4$

or  $a : b : c = 2 : 3 : 4$

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## Question282

If  $z$  is a complex number of unit modulus and argument  $\theta$ , then  $\arg\left(\frac{1+z}{1+\bar{z}}\right)$  equals:

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**Options:**

A.  $-\theta$

B.  $\frac{\pi}{2} - \theta$

C.  $\theta$

D.  $\pi - \theta$

**Answer: C**

**Solution:**

Solution:

Given  $|z| = 1, \arg z = \theta$

$$\Rightarrow \bar{z} = \frac{1}{z}$$

$$\therefore \arg\left(\frac{1+z}{1+\bar{z}}\right) = \arg\left(\frac{1+z}{1+\frac{1}{z}}\right) = \arg(z) = \theta$$

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## Question283

Let  $z$  satisfy  $|z| = 1$  and  $z = 1 - \bar{z}$ .

Statement 1 :  $z$  is a real number.



**Statement 2: Principal argument of  $z$  is  $\frac{\pi}{3}$**

**[Online April 25, 2013]**

**Options:**

- A. Statement 1 is true Statement 2 is true; Statement 2 is a correct explanation for Statement 1 .
- B. Statement 1 is false; Statement 2 is true
- C. Statement 1 is true, Statement 2 is false.
- D. Statement 1 is true; Statement 2 is true; Statement 2 is not a correct explanation for Statement 1 .

**Answer: B**

**Solution:**

Solution:

$$\text{Let } z = x + iy, \bar{z} = x - iy$$

$$\text{Now, } z = 1 - \bar{z}$$

$$\Rightarrow x + iy = 1 - (x - iy)$$

$$\Rightarrow 2x = 1 \Rightarrow x = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\text{Now, } |z| = 1 \Rightarrow x^2 + y^2 = 1 \Rightarrow y^2 = 1 - x^2$$

$$\Rightarrow y = \pm \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

$$\text{Now, } \tan \theta = \frac{y}{x} \quad (\theta \text{ is the argument})$$

$$= \frac{\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}}{\frac{1}{2}} \quad (+ \text{ve since only principal argument})$$

$$= \sqrt{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow \theta = \tan^{-1} \sqrt{3} = \frac{\pi}{3}$$

Hence,  $z$  is not a real number

So, statement- 1 is false and 2 is true.

## Question284

**Let  $a = \operatorname{Im} \left( \frac{1+z^2}{2iz} \right)$ , where  $z$  is any non-zero complex number.**

**The set  $A = \{a : |z| = 1 \text{ and } z \neq \pm 1\}$  is equal to:**

**[Online April 23, 2013]**

**Options:**

- A.  $(-1,1)$
- B.  $[-1,1]$
- C.  $[0,1)$
- D.  $(-1,0]$

**Answer: A**

**Solution:**

Solution:

$$\text{Let } z = x + iy \Rightarrow z^2 = x^2 - y^2 + 2ixy$$

$$\text{Now, } \frac{1+z^2}{2iz} = \frac{1+x^2-y^2+2ixy}{2i(x+iy)} = \frac{(x^2-y^2+1)+2ixy}{2ix-2y}$$

$$= \frac{(x^2-y^2+1)+2ixy}{-2y+2ix} \times \frac{-2y-2ix}{-2y-2ix}$$

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

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

$$\text{Since, } |z| = 1 \Rightarrow \sqrt{x^2+y^2} = 1 \Rightarrow x^2+y^2 = 1$$

$$\therefore a = \frac{x(1+1)}{2 \times 1} = x$$

Also  $z \neq 1 \Rightarrow x + iy \neq 1$

$$\therefore A = (-1, 1)$$

## Question 285

If  $Z_1 \neq 0$  and  $Z_2$  be two complex numbers such that  $\frac{Z_2}{Z_1}$  is a purely imaginary number, then  $\left| \frac{2Z_1 + 3Z_2}{2Z_1 - 3Z_2} \right|$  is equal to:  
[Online April 9, 2013]

Options:

A. 2

B. 5

C. 3

D. 1

Answer: D

Solution:

Solution:

Let  $z_1 = 1 + i$  and  $z_2 = 1 - i$

$$\frac{z_2}{z_1} = \frac{1-i}{1+i} = \frac{(1-i)(1-i)}{(1+i)(1-i)} = -i$$

$$\frac{2z_1 + 3z_2}{2z_1 - 3z_2} = \frac{2 + 3\left(\frac{z_2}{z_1}\right)}{2 - 3\left(\frac{z_2}{z_1}\right)} = \frac{2 - 3i}{2 + 3i}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \frac{2z_1 + 3z_2}{2z_1 - 3z_2} \right| &= \left| \frac{2 - 3i}{2 + 3i} \right| = \left| \frac{2 - 3i}{2 + 3i} \right| \left[ \because \left| \frac{z_1}{z_2} \right| = \frac{|z_1|}{|z_2|} \right] \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{4+9}}{\sqrt{4+9}} = 1 \end{aligned}$$

## Question 286

If  $p$  and  $q$  are non-zero real numbers and  $\alpha^3 + \beta^3 = -p$ ,  $\alpha\beta = q$ , then a quadratic equation whose roots are  $\frac{\alpha^2}{\beta}$ ,  $\frac{\beta^2}{\alpha}$  is:  
[Online April 25, 2013]

Options:

A.  $px^2 - qx + p^2 = 0$

B.  $qx^2 + px + q^2 = 0$

C.  $px^2 + qx + p^2 = 0$

D.  $qx^2 - px + q^2 = 0$

Answer: B

Solution:

Solution:

Given  $\alpha^3 + \beta^3 = -p$  and  $\alpha\beta = q$

Let  $\frac{\alpha^2}{\beta}$  and  $\frac{\beta^2}{\alpha}$  be the root of required quadratic equation.

$$\text{So, } \frac{\alpha^2}{\beta} + \frac{\beta^2}{\alpha} = \frac{\alpha^3 + \beta^3}{\alpha\beta} = \frac{-p}{q}$$

$$\text{and } \frac{\alpha^2}{\beta} \times \frac{\beta^2}{\alpha} = \alpha\beta = q$$

Hence, required quadratic equation is

$$x^2 - \left(\frac{-p}{q}\right)x + q = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 + \frac{p}{q}x + q = 0 \Rightarrow qx^2 + px + q^2 = 0$$

## Question 287

If  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are roots of the equation  $x^2 + px + \frac{3p}{4} = 0$  such that  $|\alpha - \beta| = \sqrt{10}$ , then  $p$  belongs to the set :  
[Online April 22, 2013]

Options:

A.  $\{2, -5\}$

B.  $\{-3, 2\}$

C.  $\{-2, 5\}$

D.  $\{3, -5\}$

Answer: C

Solution:

Solution:

Given quadratic eqn. is

$$x^2 + px + \frac{3p}{4} = 0$$

$$\text{So, } \alpha + \beta = -p, \alpha\beta = \frac{3p}{4}$$

$$\text{Now, given } |\alpha - \beta| = \sqrt{10}$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha - \beta = \pm\sqrt{10}$$

$$\Rightarrow (\alpha - \beta)^2 = 10 \Rightarrow \alpha^2 + \beta^2 - 2\alpha\beta = 10$$

$$\Rightarrow (\alpha + \beta)^2 - 4\alpha\beta = 10$$

$$\Rightarrow p^2 - 4 \times \frac{3p}{4} = 10 \Rightarrow p^2 - 3p - 10 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow p = -2, 5 \Rightarrow p \in \{-2, 5\}$$

## Question 288

If a complex number  $z$  satisfies the equation  $z + \sqrt{2} |z + 1| + i = 0$ , then  $|z|$  is equal to :  
[Online April 22, 2013]

Options:

A. 2

B.  $\sqrt{3}$

C.  $\sqrt{5}$

D. 1

Answer: C

Solution:

Solution:

Given equation is

$$z + \sqrt{2} |z + 1| + i = 0$$

put  $z = x + iy$  in the given equation.

$$(x + iy) + \sqrt{2} |x + iy + 1| + i = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x + iy + \sqrt{2} [\sqrt{(x+1)^2 + y^2}] + i = 0$$

Now, equating real and imaginary part, we get

$$x + \sqrt{2} \sqrt{(x+1)^2 + y^2} = 0 \text{ and}$$

$$y + 1 = 0 \Rightarrow y = -1$$

$$\Rightarrow x + \sqrt{2} \sqrt{(x+1)^2 + (-1)^2} = 0 \quad (\because y = -1)$$

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

$$\Rightarrow 2[(x+1)^2 + 1] = x^2$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 + 4x + 4 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x = -2$$

$$\text{Thus, } z = -2 + i(-1) \Rightarrow |z| = \sqrt{5}$$

## Question 289

If the equations  $x^2 + 2x + 3 = 0$  and  $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$   $a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}$ , have a common root, then  $a : b : c$  is [2013]

Options:

A. 1: 2: 3

B. 3: 2: 1

C. 1: 3: 2

D. 3: 1: 2

Answer: A

Solution:

Solution:

Given equations are

$$x^2 + 2x + 3 = 0 \quad \dots (i)$$

$$ax^2 + bx + c = 0 \quad \dots (ii)$$

Roots of equation (i) are imaginary roots in order pair.

According to the question (ii) will also have both roots same as (i).

$$\text{Thus } \frac{a}{1} = \frac{b}{2} = \frac{c}{3} = \lambda \text{ (say)}$$

$$\Rightarrow a = \lambda, b = 2\lambda, c = 3\lambda$$

Hence, required ratio is 1: 2: 3

## Question 290

The least integral value  $\alpha$  of  $x$  such that  $\frac{x-5}{x^2+5x-14} > 0$  satisfies:

[Online April 23, 2013]

Options:

A.  $\alpha^2 + 3\alpha - 4 = 0$

B.  $\alpha^2 - 5\alpha + 4 = 0$

C.  $\alpha^2 - 7\alpha + 6 = 0$

D.  $\alpha^2 + 5\alpha - 6 = 0$

Answer: A

Solution:

Solution:

$$\frac{x-5}{x^2+5x-14} > 0 \Rightarrow x^2 + 5x - 14 < x - 5$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 + 4x - 9 < 0$$

$\Rightarrow \alpha = -5, -4, -3, -2, -1, 0, 1$   
 $\alpha = -5$  does not satisfy any of the options  
 $\alpha = -4$  satisfy the option (a)  $\alpha^2 + 3\alpha - 4 = 0$

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## Question 291

The values of 'a' for which one root of the equation  $x^2 - (a+1)x + a^2 + a - 8 = 0$  exceeds 2 and the other is lesser than 2, are given by :  
 [Online April 9, 2013]

**Options:**

- A.  $3 < a < 10$
- B.  $a \geq 10$
- C.  $-2 < a < 3$
- D.  $a \leq -2$

**Answer: C**

**Solution:**

Solution:  
 $x^2 - (a+1)x + a^2 + a - 8 = 0$   
 Since roots are different, therefore  $D > 0$   
 $\Rightarrow (a+1)^2 - 4(a^2 + a - 8) > 0$   
 $\Rightarrow (a-3)(3a+1) < 0$   
 There are two cases arises  
 Case I.  $a-3 > 0$  and  $3a+1 < 0$   
 $\Rightarrow a > 3$  and  $a < -\frac{11}{3}$   
 Hence, no solution in this case  
 Case II :  $a-3 < 0$  and  $3a+1 > 0$   
 $\Rightarrow a < 3$  and  $a > -\frac{11}{3}$   
 $\therefore -\frac{11}{3} < a < 3 \Rightarrow -2 < a < 3$

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## Question 292

$|z_1 + z_2|^2 + |z_1 - z_2|^2$  is equal to  
 [Online May 26, 2012]

**Options:**

- A.  $2(|z_1| + |z_2|)$
- B.  $2(|z_1|^2 + |z_2|^2)$
- C.  $|z_1| |z_2|$
- D.  $|z_1|^2 + |z_2|^2$

**Answer: B**

**Solution:**

Solution:  
 $|z_1 + z_2|^2 + |z_1 - z_2|^2$   
 $= |z_1|^2 + |z_2|^2 + 2|z_1||z_2| + |z_1|^2 + |z_2|^2 - 2|z_1||z_2|$   
 $= 2|z_1|^2 + 2|z_2|^2 = 2[|z_1|^2 + |z_2|^2]$

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## Question293

Let  $Z$  and  $W$  be complex numbers such that  $|Z| = |W|$ , and  $\arg Z$  denotes the principal argument of  $Z$ .

**Statement 1:** If  $\arg Z + \arg W = \pi$ , then  $Z = -\overline{W}$

**Statement 2:**  $|Z| = |W|$ , implies  $\arg Z - \arg \overline{W} = \pi$

[Online May 19, 2012]

**Options:**

- A. Statement 1 is true, Statement 2 is false.
- B. Statement 1 is true, Statement 2 is true, Statement 2 is a correct explanation for Statement 1 .
- C. Statement 1 is true, Statement 2 is true, Statement 2 is not a correct explanation for Statement 1 .
- D. Statement 1 is false, Statement 2 is true.

**Answer: A**

**Solution:**

Solution:

Let  $|Z| = |W| = r \Rightarrow Z = re^{i\theta}, W = re^{i\phi}$

where  $\theta + \phi = \pi$

$\therefore \overline{W} = re^{-i\phi}$

Now,  $Z = re^{i(\pi - \phi)} = re^{i\pi} \times e^{-i\phi} = -re^{-i\phi}$   
 $= -\overline{W}$

Thus, statement- 1 is true but statement- 2 is false.

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## Question294

Let  $Z_1$  and  $Z_2$  be any two complex number. **Statement 1:**  $|Z_1 - Z_2| \geq |Z_1| - |Z_2|$

**Statement 2:**  $|Z_1 + Z_2| \leq |Z_1| + |Z_2|$

[Online May 7, 2012]

**Options:**

- A. Statement 1 is true, Statement 2 is true, Statement 2 is a correct explanation of Statement 1 .
- B. Statement 1 is true, Statement 2 is true, Statement 2 is not a correct explanation of Statement 1 .
- C. Statement 1 is true, Statement 2 is false.
- D. Statement 1 is false, Statement 2 is true.

**Answer: B**

**Solution:**

Solution:

Statement -1 and 2 both are true. It is fundamental property. But Statement -2 is not correct explanation for Statement -1.

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## Question295

If  $z \neq 1$  and  $\frac{z^2}{z-1}$  is real, then the point represented by the complex number  $z$  lies:  
[2012]

**Options:**

- A. either on the real axis or on a circle passing through the origin.
- B. on a circle with centre at the origin

C. either on the real axis or on a circle not passing through the origin.

D. on the imaginary axis.

**Answer: A**

**Solution:**

Solution:

$$\frac{z^2}{z-1} = \frac{\bar{z}^2}{\bar{z}-1} \left[ \because \left( \frac{z_1}{z_2} \right) = \frac{\bar{z}_1}{\bar{z}_2} \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{z^2}{z-1} - \frac{\bar{z}^2}{\bar{z}-1} = z \cdot \bar{z} \cdot \frac{\bar{z}-z}{(\bar{z}-1)(z-1)}$$

$$\Rightarrow |z|^2 \cdot \frac{z-\bar{z}}{z-1} = |z|^2 \cdot \frac{\bar{z}-z}{\bar{z}-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow |z|^2 (z-\bar{z}) - (z-\bar{z})(z+\bar{z}) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (z-\bar{z})(|z|^2 - (z+\bar{z})) = 0$$

$$\text{Either } z = \bar{z} = 0 \text{ or } |z|^2 - (z+\bar{z}) = 0$$

Either  $z = \bar{z} \Rightarrow$  real axis

$$\text{or } |z|^2 = z + \bar{z} \Rightarrow z\bar{z} - z - \bar{z} = 0$$

represents a circle passing through origin.

## Question 296

Let  $p, q, r \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $r > p > 0$ . If the quadratic equation  $px^2 + qx + r = 0$  has two complex roots  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ , then  $|\alpha| + |\beta|$  is

[Online May 19, 2012]

**Options:**

A. equal to 1

B. less than 2 but not equal to 1

C. greater than 2

D. equal to 2

**Answer: C**

**Solution:**

Solution:

Given quadratic equation is  $px^2 + qx + r = 0$

$$D = q^2 - 4pr$$

Since  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are two complex roots

$$\therefore \beta = \bar{\alpha} \Rightarrow |\beta| = |\bar{\alpha}| \Rightarrow |\beta| = |\alpha| \quad (\because |\bar{\alpha}| = |\alpha|)$$

Consider

$$|\alpha| + |\beta| = |\alpha| + |\alpha| \quad (\because |\beta| = |\alpha|)$$

$$= 2|\alpha| > 2 \quad (\because |\alpha| > 1)$$

Hence,  $|\alpha| + |\beta|$  is greater than 2

## Question 297

If the sum of the square of the roots of the equation  $x^2 - (\sin \alpha - 2)x - (1 + \sin \alpha) = 0$  is least, then  $\alpha$  is equal to

[Online May 12, 2012]

**Options:**

A.  $\frac{\pi}{6}$

B.  $\frac{\pi}{4}$

C.  $\frac{\pi}{3}$

D.  $\frac{\pi}{2}$

**Answer: D**

**Solution:**

Solution:

Given equation is

$$x^2 - (\sin \alpha - 2)x - (1 + \sin \alpha) = 0$$

Let  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  be two roots of quadratic equation

$$\therefore x_1 + x_2 = \sin \alpha - 2 \text{ and } x_1 x_2 = -(1 + \sin \alpha)$$

$$(x_1 + x_2)^2 = (\sin \alpha - 2)^2 = \sin^2 \alpha + 4 - 4 \sin \alpha$$

$$\Rightarrow x_1^2 + x_2^2 = \sin^2 \alpha + 4 - 4 \sin \alpha - 2x_1 x_2$$

$$= \sin^2 \alpha + 4 - 4 \sin \alpha + 2(1 + \sin \alpha)$$

$$= \sin^2 \alpha - 2 \sin \alpha + 6$$

Now, By putting

$$\alpha = \frac{\pi}{6}, \alpha = \frac{\pi}{4}, \alpha = \frac{\pi}{3} \text{ and } \alpha = \frac{\pi}{2} \text{ in (i) one by one}$$

We get least value of  $x_1^2 + x_2^2$  at  $\frac{\pi}{2}$

$$\text{Hence, } \alpha = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

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## Question298

The value of  $k$  for which the equation  $(k - 2)x^2 + 8x + k + 4 = 0$  has both roots real, distinct and negative is

[Online May 7, 2012]

**Options:**

A. 6

B. 3

C. 4

D. 1

**Answer: B**

**Solution:**

Solution:

$$(k - 2)x^2 + 8x + k + 4 = 0$$

If real roots then,

$$8^2 - 4(k - 2)(k + 4) > 0$$

$$\Rightarrow k^2 + 2k - 8 < 16$$

$$\Rightarrow k^2 + 6k - 4k - 24 < 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (k + 6)(k - 4) < 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -6 < k < 4$$

If both roots are negative

then  $\alpha\beta$  is +ve

$$\Rightarrow \frac{k + 4}{k - 2} > 0 \Rightarrow k > -4$$

$$\text{Also, } \frac{k - 2}{k + 4} > 0 \Rightarrow k > 2$$

Roots are real so  $-6 < k < 4$

So, 6 and 4 are not correct.

Since,  $k > 2$ , so 1 is also not correct value of  $k$ .

$$\therefore k = 3$$

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## Question299

If  $\omega (\neq 1)$  is a cube root of unity, and  $(1 + \omega)^7 = A + B\omega$ . Then  $(A, B)$  equals [2011]



**Options:**

- A. (1,1)
- B. (1,0)
- C. (-1,1)
- D. (0,1)

**Answer: A**

**Solution:**

Solution:

$$(1 + \omega)^7 = A + B\omega$$

$$(-\omega^2)^7 = A + B\omega (\because \omega^{14} = \omega^{12} \cdot \omega^2 = \omega^2)$$

$$-\omega^2 = A + B\omega$$

$$1 + \omega = A + B\omega$$

$$\Rightarrow A = 1, B = 1$$

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## Question300

Let for  $a \neq a_1 \neq 0$   $f(x) = ax^2 + bx + c$ ,  $g(x) = a_1x^2 + b_1x + c_1$  and  $p(x) = f(x) - g(x)$ .

If  $p(x) = 0$  only for  $x = -1$  and  $p(-2) = 2$ , then the value of  $p(b)$  is :  
[2011 RS]

**Options:**

- A. 3
- B. 9
- C. 6
- D. 18

**Answer: D**

**Solution:**

Solution:

$$p(x) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow f(x) = g(x)$$

$$\Rightarrow ax^2 + bx + c = a_1x^2 + b_1x + c_1$$

$$\Rightarrow (a - a_1)x^2 + (b - b_1)x + (c - c_1) = 0$$

It has only one solution,  $x = -1$

$$\Rightarrow b - b_1 = a - a_1 + c - c_1 \dots (i)$$

$$\text{Sum of roots } \frac{-(b - b_1)}{(a - a_1)} = -1 - 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{b - b_1}{2(a - a_1)} = 1 \dots\dots(ii)$$

$$\Rightarrow b - b_1 = 2(a - a_1)$$

$$\text{Now } p(-2) = 2$$

$$\Rightarrow f(-2) - g(-2) = 2$$

$$\Rightarrow 4a - 2b + c - 4a_1 + 2b_1 - c_1 = 2$$

$$\Rightarrow 4(a - a_1) - 2(b - b_1) + (c - c_1) = 2 \dots (iii)$$

From equations, (i), (ii) and (iii)

$$a - a_1 = c - c_1 = \frac{1}{2}(b - b_1) = 2$$

$$\text{Now, } p(2) = f(2) - g(2)$$

$$= 4(a - a_1) + 2(b - b_1) + (c - c_1)$$

$$= 8 + 8 + 2 = 18$$

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## Question301

Sachin and Rahul attempted to solve a quadratic equation. Sachin made a mistake in writing down the constant term and ended up in roots (4,3) . Rahul made a mistake in writing down coefficient of x to get roots (3,2) . The correct roots of equation are :  
[2011 RS]

Options:

- A. 6,1
- B. 4,3
- C. -6,-1
- D. -4,-3

Answer: A

Solution:

Solution:

Let the correct equation be

$$ax^2 + bx + c = 0$$

Now, Sachin's equation

$$ax^2 + bx + c' = 0$$

Given that, roots found by Sachin's are 4 and 3

$$\Rightarrow -\frac{b}{a} = 7 \dots\dots(i)$$

Rahul's equation,  $ax^2 + b'x + c = 0$

Given that roots found by Rahul's are 3 and 2

$$\Rightarrow \frac{c}{a} = 6 \dots\dots(ii)$$

From (i) and (ii), roots of the correct equation

$$x^2 - 7x + 6 = 0 \text{ are } 6 \text{ and } 1$$

## Question302

Let  $\alpha, \beta$  be real and  $z$  be a complex number. If  $z^2 + \alpha z + \beta = 0$  has two distinct roots on the line  $\text{Re } z = 1$  then it is necessary that :  
[2011]

Options:

- A.  $\beta \in (-1, 0)$
- B.  $|\beta| = 1$
- C.  $\beta \in (1, \infty)$
- D.  $\beta \in (0, 1)$

Answer: C

Solution:

Solution:

Since both the roots of given quadratic equation lie in the line  $\text{Re } z = 1$  i.e.,  $x = 1$ , hence real part of both the roots are 1

Let both roots be  $1 + i\alpha$  and  $1 - i\alpha$

Product of the roots,  $1 + \alpha^2 = \beta$

$$\because \alpha^2 + 1 \geq 1$$

$$\therefore \beta \geq 1 \Rightarrow \beta \in (1, \infty)$$

## Question303

The number of complex numbers  $z$  such that  $|z - 1| = |z + 1| = |z - i|$  equals  
[2010]

**Options:**

- A. 1
- B. 2
- C.  $\infty$
- D. 0

**Answer: A**

**Solution:**

Solution:

Let  $z = x + iy$

$$|z - 1| = |z + 1| \Rightarrow (x - 1)^2 + y^2 = (x + 1)^2 + y^2$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 0 \Rightarrow \operatorname{Re} z = 0$$

$$|z - 1| = |z - i| \Rightarrow (x - 1)^2 + y^2 = x^2 + (y - 1)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow x = y$$

$$|z + 1| = |z - i| \Rightarrow (x + 1)^2 + y^2 = x^2 + (y - 1)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow x = -y$$

Only (0,0) will satisfy all conditions.

$\Rightarrow$  Number of complex number  $z = 1$

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## Question304

If  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are the roots of the equation  $x^2 - x + 1 = 0$ , then  $\alpha^{2009} + \beta^{2000} =$   
[2010]

**Options:**

- A. -1
- B. 1
- C. 2
- D. -2

**Answer: B**

**Solution:**

Solution:

$$x^2 - x + 1 = 0 \Rightarrow x = \frac{1 \pm \sqrt{1 - 4}}{2}$$

$$x = \frac{1 \pm \sqrt{3}i}{2}$$

$$\alpha = \frac{1}{2} + i \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} = -\omega^2$$

$$\beta = \frac{1}{2} - i \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} = -\omega$$

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha^{2009} + \beta^{2009} &= (-\omega^2)^{2009} + (-\omega)^{2009} \\ &= -\omega^2 - \omega = 1 \end{aligned}$$

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## Question305

If the roots of the equation  $bx^2 + cx + a = 0$  be imaginary, then for all real values of  $x$ , the expression  $3b^2x^2 + 6bcx + 2c^2$  is :  
[2009]

**Options:**

- A. less than  $4ab$

- B. greater than  $-4ab$
- C. less than  $-4ab$
- D. greater than  $4ab$

**Answer: B**

**Solution:**

Solution:

Given that roots of the equation

$bx^2 + cx + a = 0$  are imaginary

$$\therefore c^2 - 4ab < 0$$

$$\text{Let } y = 3b^2x^2 + 6bcx + 2c^2$$

$$\Rightarrow 3b^2x^2 + 6bcx + 2c^2 - y = 0$$

As  $x$  is real,  $D \geq 0$

$$\Rightarrow 36b^2c^2 - 12b^2(2c^2 - y) \geq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 12b^2(3c^2 - 2c^2 + y) \geq 0 [\because b^2 \geq 0]$$

$$\Rightarrow c^2 + y \geq 0 \Rightarrow y \geq -c^2$$

But from eqn. (i),  $c^2 < 4ab$  or  $-c^2 > -4ab$

$$\therefore \text{ we get } y \geq -c^2 > -4ab$$

$$\Rightarrow y > -4ab$$

## Question306

If  $z - \frac{4}{z} = 2$ , then the maximum value of  $|z|$  is equal to :

[2009]

**Options:**

- A.  $\sqrt{5} + 1$
- B. 2
- C.  $2 + \sqrt{2}$
- D.  $\sqrt{3} + 1$

**Answer: A**

**Solution:**

Solution:

$$\text{Given that } \left| z - \frac{4}{z} \right| = 2$$

$$|z| = \left| z - \frac{4}{z} + \frac{4}{z} \right| \leq \left| z - \frac{4}{z} \right| + \frac{4}{|z|}$$

$$\Rightarrow |z| \leq 2 + \frac{4}{|z|}$$

$$\Rightarrow |z|^2 - 2|z| - 4 \leq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \left( |z| - \frac{2 + \sqrt{20}}{2} \right) \left( |z| - \frac{2 - \sqrt{20}}{2} \right) \leq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (|z| - (1 + \sqrt{5}))(|z| - (1 - \sqrt{5})) \leq 0$$

$$\frac{+}{-\infty} \quad \frac{+}{\infty}$$

$$(1 - \sqrt{5})(1 + \sqrt{5})$$

$$\Rightarrow (-\sqrt{5} + 1) \leq |z| \leq (\sqrt{5} + 1)$$

$$\Rightarrow |z|_{\max} = \sqrt{5} + 1$$

## Question307

The quadratic equations  $x^2 - 6x + a = 0$  and  $x^2 - cx + 6 = 0$  have one root in common. The other roots of the first and second equations are integers in the ratio 4 : 3. Then the common root is

[2009]

Options:

- A. 1
- B. 4
- C. 3
- D. 2

Answer: D

Solution:

Solution:

Let the roots of equation  $x^2 - 6x + a = 0$  be  $\alpha$  and  $4\beta$  and that of the equation

$x^2 - cx + 6 = 0$  be  $\alpha$  and  $3\beta$ . Then

$\alpha + 4\beta = 6 \dots$  (i)  $4\alpha\beta = a \dots$  (ii)

and  $\alpha + 3\beta = c \dots$  (iii)  $3\alpha\beta = 6 \dots$  (iv)

$\Rightarrow a = 8$  (from (ii) and (iv))

$\therefore$  The equation becomes  $x^2 - 6x + 8 = 0$

$\Rightarrow (x - 2)(x - 4) = 0$

$\Rightarrow$  roots are 2 and 4

$\Rightarrow \alpha = 2, \beta = 1 \therefore$  Common root is 2

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## Question 308

The conjugate of a complex number is  $\frac{1}{i-1}$  then that complex number is

[2008]

Options:

- A.  $\frac{-1}{i-1}$
- B.  $\frac{1}{i+1}$
- C.  $\frac{-1}{i+1}$
- D.  $\frac{1}{i-1}$

Answer: C

Solution:

Solution:

$$\left( \frac{1}{i-1} \right) = \frac{1}{(i-1)} = \frac{1}{-i-1} = \frac{-1}{i+1}$$

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## Question 309

If  $|z + 4| \leq 3$ , then the maximum value of  $|z + 1|$  is

[2007]

Options:

- A. 6
- B. 0
- C. 4
- D. 10

**Answer: A**

**Solution:**

Solution:

$$|z+1| = |z+4-3| \leq |z+4| + |-3| \leq |3| + |-3| \\ \Rightarrow |z+1| \leq 6 \Rightarrow |z+1|_{\max} = 6$$

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## Question310

If the difference between the roots of the equation  $x^2 + ax + 1 = 0$  is less than  $\sqrt{5}$ , then the set of possible values of  $a$  is  
[2007]

**Options:**

- A.  $(3, \infty)$
- B.  $(-\infty, -3)$
- C.  $(-3, 3)$
- D.  $(-3, \infty)$

**Answer: C**

**Solution:**

Solution:

Let  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are roots of the equation

$$x^2 + ax + 1 = 0$$

$$\alpha + \beta = -a \text{ and } \alpha\beta = 1$$

$$\text{Given that } |\alpha - \beta| < \sqrt{5}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{(\alpha + \beta)^2 - 4\alpha\beta} < \sqrt{5}$$

$$(\because (\alpha - \beta)^2 = (\alpha + \beta)^2 - 4\alpha\beta)$$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{a^2 - 4} < \sqrt{5} \Rightarrow a^2 - 4 < 5$$

$$\Rightarrow a^2 - 9 < 0 \Rightarrow a^2 < 9 \Rightarrow -3 < a < 3$$

$$\Rightarrow a \in (-3, 3)$$

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## Question311

All the values of  $m$  for which both roots of the equation  $x^2 - 2mx + m^2 - 1 = 0$  are greater than  $-2$  but less than  $4$  lie in the interval  
[2006]

**Options:**

- A.  $-2 < m < 0$
- B.  $m > 3$
- C.  $-1 < m < 3$
- D.  $1 < m < 4$

**Answer: C**

**Solution:**

Solution:

$$\text{Given equation is } x^2 - 2mx + m^2 - 1 = 0$$

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

$$\Rightarrow (x - m + 1)(x - m - 1) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x = m - 1, m + 1$$

$$m-1 > -2 \text{ and } m+1 < 4 \\ \Rightarrow m > -1 \text{ and } m < 3 \Rightarrow -1 < m < 3$$


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## Question312

If the roots of the quadratic equation  $x^2 + px + q = 0$  are  $\tan 30^\circ$  and  $\tan 15^\circ$  respectively, then the value of  $2 + q - p$  is  
[2006]

Options:

- A. 2
- B. 3
- C. 0
- D. 1

Answer: B

Solution:

Solution:

Given that  $x^2 + px + q = 0$

Sum of roots  $= \tan 30^\circ + \tan 15^\circ = -p$

Product of roots  $= \tan 30^\circ \cdot \tan 15^\circ = q$

$$\tan 45^\circ = \frac{\tan 30^\circ + \tan 15^\circ}{1 - \tan 30^\circ \cdot \tan 15^\circ} \Rightarrow \frac{-p}{1-q} = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow -p = 1 - q \Rightarrow q - p = 1$$

$$\therefore 2 + q - p = 3$$


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## Question313

If  $z^2 + z + 1 = 0$ , where  $z$  is complex number, then the value of

$$\left(z + \frac{1}{z}\right)^2 + \left(z^2 + \frac{1}{z^2}\right)^2 + \left(z^3 + \frac{1}{z^3}\right)^2 + \dots + \left(z^6 + \frac{1}{z^6}\right)^2 \text{ is}$$

[2006]

Options:

- A. 18
- B. 54
- C. 6
- D. 12

Answer: D

Solution:

Solution:

$$z^2 + z + 1 = 0 \Rightarrow z = \omega \text{ or } \omega^2$$

$$\text{So, } z + \frac{1}{z} = \omega + \omega^2 = -1$$

$$\left[ \because \frac{1}{z} = \omega^2 \text{ and } 1 + \omega + \omega^2 = 0 \right]$$

$$z^2 + \frac{1}{z^2} = \omega^2 + \omega = -1$$

$$[\because \omega^3 = 1]$$

$$z^3 + \frac{1}{z^3} = \omega^3 + \omega^3 = 2$$

$$z^4 + \frac{1}{z^4} = -1, z^5 + \frac{1}{z^5} = -1$$

$$\text{and } z^6 + \frac{1}{z^6} = 2$$

$$\therefore \text{The given sum} = 1 + 1 + 4 + 1 + 1 + 4 = 12$$

## Question 314

If  $x$  is real, the maximum value of  $\frac{3x^2 + 9x + 17}{3x^2 + 9x + 7}$  is

[2006]

Options:

A.  $\frac{1}{4}$

B. 41

C. 1

D.  $\frac{17}{7}$

**Answer: B**

**Solution:**

Solution:

$$y = \frac{3x^2 + 9x + 17}{3x^2 + 9x + 7}$$

$$3x^2(y-1) + 9x(y-1) + 7y - 17 = 0$$

$$D \geq 0 \quad \because x \text{ is real}$$

$$81(y-1)^2 - 4 \times 3(y-1)(7y-17) \geq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (y-1)(y-41) \leq 0 \Rightarrow 1 \leq y \leq 41$$

$$\therefore \text{Max value of } y \text{ is } 41$$

## Question 315

If  $\omega = \frac{z}{z - \frac{1}{3}i}$  and  $|\omega| = 1$ , then  $z$  lies on

[2005]

Options:

A. an ellipse

B. a circle

C. a straight line

D. a parabola

**Answer: C**

**Solution:**

Solution:

$$\text{Given that } w = \frac{z}{z - \frac{1}{3}i}$$

$$\Rightarrow |w| = \frac{|z|}{\left|z - \frac{1}{3}i\right|} = 1 \quad \left[ \because \left|\frac{z_1}{z_2}\right| = \frac{|z_1|}{|z_2|} \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow |z| = \left|z - \frac{1}{3}i\right|$$



$\Rightarrow$  distance of  $z$  from origin and point  $\left(0, \frac{1}{3}\right)$  is same hence  $z$  lies on bisector of the line joining points  $(0,0)$  and  $(0, 1/3)$   
Hence  $z$  lies on a straight line.

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## Question316

If  $z_1$  and  $z_2$  are two non- zero complex numbers such that  $|z_1 + z_2| = |z_1| + |z_2|$ , then  $\arg z_1 - \arg z_2$  is equal to  
[2005]

Options:

A.  $\frac{\pi}{2}$

B.  $-\pi$

C. 0

D.  $\frac{-\pi}{2}$

Answer: C

Solution:

Solution:

$|z_1 + z_2| = |z_1| + |z_2| \Rightarrow z_1$  and  $z_2$  are collinear and are to the same side of origin; hence  $\arg z_1 - \arg z_2 = 0$ .

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## Question317

If the cube roots of unity are  $1, \omega, \omega^2$  then the roots of the equation  $(x-1)^3 + 8 = 0$ , are  
[2005]

Options:

A.  $-1, -1 + 2\omega, -1 - 2\omega^2$

B.  $-1, -1, -1$

C.  $-1, 1 - 2\omega, 1 - 2\omega^2$

D.  $-1, 1 + 2\omega, 1 + 2\omega^2$

Answer: C

Solution:

Solution:

$$\because (x-1)^3 + 8 = 0 \Rightarrow (x-1) = (-2)(1)^{1/3}$$

$$\Rightarrow x-1 = -2 \text{ or } -2\omega \text{ or } -2\omega^2$$

$$\text{or } x = -1 \text{ or } 1 - 2\omega \text{ or } 1 - 2\omega^2$$


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## Question318

In a triangle PQR,  $\angle R = \frac{\pi}{2}$ . If  $\tan\left(\frac{P}{2}\right)$  and  $-\tan\left(\frac{Q}{2}\right)$  are the roots of  $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$ ,  $a \neq 0$  then  
[2005]

Options:

A.  $a = b + c$

B.  $c = a + b$

C.  $b = c$

D.  $b = a + c$

**Answer: B**

**Solution:**

Solution:

$\tan\left(\frac{P}{2}\right), \tan\left(\frac{Q}{2}\right)$  are the roots of  $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$

$$\tan\left(\frac{P}{2}\right) + \tan\left(\frac{Q}{2}\right) = -\frac{b}{a}$$

$$\tan\left(\frac{P}{2}\right) \cdot \tan\left(\frac{Q}{2}\right) = \frac{c}{a}$$

$$\frac{\tan\left(\frac{P}{2}\right) + \tan\left(\frac{Q}{2}\right)}{1 - \tan\left(\frac{P}{2}\right)\tan\left(\frac{Q}{2}\right)} = \tan\left(\frac{P}{2} + \frac{Q}{2}\right) = 1$$

$$\left[ \because P + Q = \frac{\pi}{2} \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{-\frac{b}{a}}{1 - \frac{c}{a}} = 1 \Rightarrow -\frac{b}{a} = \frac{a - c}{a}$$

$$\Rightarrow -b = a - c \Rightarrow c = a + b$$

## Question319

If the roots of the equation  $x^2 - bx + c = 0$  be two consecutive integers, then  $b^2 - 4c$  equals [2005]

**Options:**

A. -2

B. 3

C. 2

D. 1

**Answer: D**

**Solution:**

Solution:

Let  $\alpha, \alpha + 1$  be roots

Then  $\alpha + \alpha + 1 = b =$  sum of roots

$\alpha(\alpha + 1) = c =$  product of roots

$$\therefore b^2 - 4c = (2\alpha + 1)^2 - 4\alpha(\alpha + 1) = 1$$

## Question320

If both the roots of the quadratic equation  $x^2 - 2kx + k^2 + k - 5 = 0$  are less than 5, then k lies in the interval [2005]

**Options:**

A. (5,6]

B. (6,  $\infty$ )

C. ( $-\infty$ , 4)

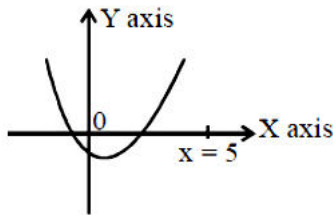
D. [4,5]

**Answer: C**

**Solution:**

Solution:

Given that both roots of quadratic equation are less than 5 then (i)



Discriminant  $\geq 0$

$$4k^2 - 4(k^2 + k - 5) \geq 0$$

$$4k^2 - 4k^2 - 4k + 20 \geq 0$$

$$4k \leq 20 \Rightarrow k \leq 5$$

(ii)  $p(5) > 0$

$$\Rightarrow f(5) > 0; 25 - 10k + k^2 + k - 5 > 0$$

$$\Rightarrow k^2 - 9k + 20 > 0$$

$$\Rightarrow k(k-4) - 5(k-4) > 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (k-5)(k-4) > 0$$



(iii)  $\frac{\text{Sum of roots}}{2} < 5$

$$\Rightarrow -\frac{b}{2a} = \frac{2k}{2} < 5$$

$$\Rightarrow k < 5$$

The intersection of (i), (ii) & (iii) gives

$$k \in (-\infty, 4)$$

## Question321

The value of  $a$  for which the sum of the squares of the roots of the equation  $x^2 - (a-2)x - a - 1 = 0$  assume the least value is  
[2005]

**Options:**

A. 1

B. 0

C. 3

D. 2

**Answer: A**

**Solution:**

Solution:

Given equation is  $x^2 - (a-2)x - a - 1 = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha + \beta = a - 2; \alpha\beta = -(a+1)$$

$$\alpha^2 + \beta^2 = (\alpha + \beta)^2 - 2\alpha\beta$$

$$= a^2 - 2a + 6 = (a-1)^2 + 5$$

For min. value of  $\alpha^2 + \beta^2$ ,  $a - 1 = 0$

$$\Rightarrow a = 1$$

## Question322

If  $z = x - iy$  and  $z^{\frac{1}{3}} = p + iq$ , then  $\left(\frac{x}{p} + \frac{y}{q}\right) / (p^2 + q^2)$  is equal to  
[2004]

Options:

- A. -2
- B. -1
- C. 2
- D. 1

Answer: A

Solution:

Solution:

Given that  $z^{\frac{1}{3}} = p + iq$

$$\Rightarrow z = p^3 + (iq)^3 + 3p(iq)(p + iq)$$

$$\Rightarrow x - iy = p^3 - 3pq^2 + i(3p^2q - q^3)$$

Comparing both side, we get

$$\therefore x = p^3 - 3pq^2 \Rightarrow \frac{x}{p} = p^2 - 3q^2 \dots\dots\dots (i)$$

$$\text{and } y = q^3 - 3p^2q \Rightarrow \frac{y}{q} = q^2 - 3p^2 \dots\dots\dots (ii)$$

Adding (i) and (ii), we get

$$\therefore \frac{x}{p} + \frac{y}{q} = -2p^2 - 2q^2 \quad \therefore \left(\frac{x}{p} + \frac{y}{q}\right) / (p^2 + q^2) = -2$$

## Question323

Let  $z$  and  $w$  be complex numbers such that  $\bar{z} + i\bar{w} = 0$  and  $\arg zw = \pi$ . Then  $\arg z$  equals  
[2004]

Options:

- A.  $\frac{5\pi}{4}$
- B.  $\frac{\pi}{2}$
- C.  $\frac{3\pi}{4}$
- D.  $\frac{\pi}{4}$

Answer: C

Solution:

Solution:

Given that  $\arg zw = \pi$

$$\Rightarrow \arg z + \arg w = \pi$$

$$\bar{z} + iw = 0 \Rightarrow z = -i\bar{w}$$

Replace  $i$  by  $-i$ , we get

$$\therefore z = iw \Rightarrow \arg z = \frac{\pi}{2} + \arg w$$

$$\Rightarrow \arg z = \frac{\pi}{2} + \pi - \arg z \quad (\text{from (i)})$$

$$\arg z = \frac{3\pi}{4}$$

## Question324

If  $|z^2 - 1| = |z|^2 + 1$ , then  $z$  lies on  
[2004]

Options:

- A. an ellipse
- B. the imaginary axis
- C. a circle
- D. the real axis

Answer: B

Solution:

Solution:

Given that  $|z^2 - 1| = |z|^2 + 1 \Rightarrow z^2 - 1 = (\bar{z}z + 1)^2$

$[\because |z|^2 = z\bar{z}]$

$\Rightarrow (z^2 - 1)(\bar{z}^2 - 1) = (\bar{z} + 1)^2 (\because \overline{z_1 - z_2} = \bar{z}_1 - \bar{z}_2)$

$\Rightarrow z^2\bar{z}^2 - z^2 - \bar{z}^2 + 1 = z^2\bar{z}^2 + 2z\bar{z} + 1$

$\Rightarrow z^2 + 2z\bar{z} + \bar{z}^2 = 0$

$\Rightarrow (z + \bar{z})^2 = 0 \Rightarrow z = -\bar{z}$

$\Rightarrow z$  is purely imaginary

## Question 325

If one root of the equation  $x^2 + px + 12 = 0$  is 4, while the equation  $x^2 + px + q = 0$  has equal roots, then the value of  $q$  is  
[2004]

Options:

- A. 4
- B. 12
- C. 3
- D.  $\frac{49}{4}$

Answer: D

Solution:

Solution:

Given that 4 is a root of  $x^2 + px + 12 = 0$

$\Rightarrow 16 + 4p + 12 = 0 \Rightarrow p = -7$

Now, the equation  $x^2 + px + q = 0$  has equal roots.

$\therefore D = 0$

$\Rightarrow p^2 - 4q = 0 \Rightarrow q = \frac{p^2}{4} = \frac{49}{4}$

## Question 326

If  $(1 - p)$  is a root of quadratic equation  $x^2 + px + (1 - p) = 0$  then its roots are  
[2004]

Options:

- A. -1, 2
- B. -1, 1

C. 0,-1

D. 0,1

**Answer: C**

**Solution:**

Solution:

Let the second root be  $\alpha$ .

Then  $\alpha + (1 - p) = -p \Rightarrow \alpha = -1$

Also  $\alpha \cdot (1 - p) = 1 - p$

$\Rightarrow (\alpha - 1)(1 - p) = 0 \Rightarrow p = 1 [\because \alpha = -1]$

$\therefore$  Roots are  $\alpha = -1$  and  $1 - p = 0$

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## Question 327

If  $\left( \frac{1+i}{1-i} \right)^x = 1$  then

**[2003]**

**Options:**

A.  $x = 2n + 1$ , where  $n$  is any positive integer

B.  $x = 4n$ , where  $n$  is any positive integer

C.  $x = 2n$ , where  $n$  is any positive integer

D.  $x = 4n + 1$ , where  $n$  is any positive integer.

**Answer: B**

**Solution:**

Solution:

Given that

$$\left( \frac{1+i}{1-i} \right)^x = 1 \Rightarrow \left[ \frac{(1+i)^2}{1-i^2} \right]^x = 1$$

$$\left( \frac{1+i^2+2i}{1+1} \right)^x = 1 \Rightarrow (i)^x = 1; \quad \therefore x = 4n; \quad n \in \mathbb{I}^+$$

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## Question 328

If  $z$  and  $\omega$  are two non-zero complex numbers such that  $|z\omega| = 1$  and  $\text{Arg}(z) - \text{Arg}(\omega) = \frac{\pi}{2}$ , then  $\overline{z}\omega$  is equal to

**[2003]**

**Options:**

A. -1

B. 1

C.  $-i$

D.  $i$

**Answer: A**

**Solution:**

Solution:

$$|z\omega| = |z| |\omega| = |z| |\omega| = |z\omega| = 1 [\because |z| = |z|]$$

$$\text{Arg}(z\omega) = \text{arg}(z) + \text{arg}(\omega)$$

$$= -\arg(z) + \arg \omega = -\frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$[\because \arg(\bar{z}) = -\arg(z)]$$

$$\therefore z\omega = -1$$


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## Question 329

The number of real solutions of the equation  $x^2 - 3|x| + 2 = 0$  is [2003]

Options:

- A. 3
- B. 2
- C. 4
- D. 1

Answer: C

Solution:

Solution:

$$\text{Given that } x^2 - 3|x| + 2 = 0 \Rightarrow |x|^2 - 3|x| + 2 = 0$$

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

$$\Rightarrow |x| = 1, 2 \Rightarrow x = \pm 1, \pm 2$$

$$\therefore \text{No. of solution} = 4$$


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## Question 330

The value of 'a' for which one root of the quadratic equation  $(a^2 - 5a + 3)x^2 + (3a - 1)x + 2 = 0$  is twice as large as the other is [2003]

Options:

- A.  $-\frac{1}{3}$
- B.  $\frac{2}{3}$
- C.  $-\frac{2}{3}$
- D.  $\frac{1}{3}$

Answer: B

Solution:

Solution:

Let one roots of given equation be  $\alpha$

$\therefore$  Second roots be  $2\alpha$  then

$$\alpha + 2\alpha = 3\alpha = \frac{1 - 3a}{a^2 - 5a + 3}$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha = \frac{1 - 3a}{3(a^2 - 5a + 3)} \dots\dots(i)$$

$$\text{and } \alpha \cdot 2\alpha = 2\alpha^2 = \frac{2}{a^2 - 5a + 3}$$

$$\therefore 2 \left[ \frac{1}{9} \frac{(1 - 3a)^2}{(a^2 - 5a + 3)^2} \right] = \frac{2}{a^2 - 5a + 3}$$

[from (i)]

$$\frac{(1 - 3a)^2}{(a^2 - 5a + 3)} = 9$$

$$\Rightarrow 9a^2 - 6a + 1 = 9a^2 - 45a + 27$$

$$\Rightarrow 39a = 26 \Rightarrow a = \frac{2}{3}$$


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## Question331

Let  $Z_1$  and  $Z_2$  be two roots of the equation  $Z^2 + aZ + b = 0$ ,  $Z$  being complex. Further, assume that the origin,  $Z_1$  and  $Z_2$  form an equilateral triangle. Then  
[2003]

**Options:**

A.  $a^2 = 4b$

B.  $a^2 = b$

C.  $a^2 = 2b$

D.  $a^2 = 3b$

**Answer: D**

**Solution:**

Solution:

Given that  $Z^2 + aZ + b = 0$ ;

$$Z_1 + Z_2 = -a \text{ \& } Z_1 Z_2 = b$$

$0, Z_1, Z_2$  form an equilateral triangle  $\therefore 0^2 + Z_1^2 + Z_2^2 = 0 \cdot Z_1 + Z_1 \cdot Z_2 + Z_2 \cdot 0$

(for an equilateral triangle,

$$Z_1^2 + Z_2^2 + Z_3^2 = Z_1 Z_2 + Z_2 Z_3 + Z_3 Z_1)$$

$$\Rightarrow Z_1^2 + Z_2^2 = Z_1 Z_2$$

$$\Rightarrow (Z_1 + Z_2)^2 = 3Z_1 Z_2$$

$$\therefore a^2 = 3b$$


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## Question332

If  $|z - 4| < |z - 2|$ , its solution is given by  
[2002]

**Options:**

A.  $\operatorname{Re}(z) > 0$

B.  $\operatorname{Re}(z) < 0$

C.  $\operatorname{Re}(z) > 3$

D.  $\operatorname{Re}(z) > 2$

**Answer: C**

**Solution:**

Solution:

Given that  $|z - 4| < |z - 2|$

Let  $z = x + iy$

$$\Rightarrow |(x - 4) + iy| < |(x - 2) + iy|$$

$$\Rightarrow (x - 4)^2 + y^2 < (x - 2)^2 + y^2$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 - 8x + 16 < x^2 - 4x + 4 \Rightarrow 12 < 4x$$

$$\Rightarrow x > 3 \Rightarrow \operatorname{Re}(z) > 3$$


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## Question333

**$z$  and  $w$  are two non zero complex numbers such that  $|z| = |w|$  and  $\text{Arg}z + \text{Arg}w = \pi$  then  $z$  equals [2002]**

**Options:**

A.  $\overline{\omega}$

B.  $-\overline{\omega}$

C.  $\omega$

D.  $-\omega$

**Answer: B**

**Solution:**

Solution:

Let  $|z| = |\omega| = r$

$\therefore z = re^{i\theta}, \omega = re^{i\varphi}$  where  $\theta + \varphi = \pi$

$\therefore z = re^{i(\pi - \varphi)} = re^{i\pi} \cdot e^{-i\varphi} = -re^{-i\varphi} = -\overline{\omega}$

[ $\because e^{i\pi} = -1$  and  $\overline{\omega} = re^{-i\varphi}$ ]

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## Question334

**The locus of the centre of a circle which touches the circle  $|z - z_1| = a$  and  $|z - z_2| = b$  externally ( $z, z_1$  &  $z_2$  are complex numbers) will be [2002]**

**Options:**

A. an ellipse

B. a hyperbola

C. a circle

D. none of these

**Answer: B**

**Solution:**

Solution:

Let the circle be  $|z - z_0| = r$ . Then according to given conditions  $|z_0 - z_1| = r + a \dots (i)$

$|z_0 - z_2| = r + b \dots (ii)$

Subtract (ii) from (i)

we get  $|z_0 - z_1| - |z_0 - z_2| = a - b$ .

$\therefore$  Locus of centre  $z_0$  is  $|z - z_1| - |z - z_2|$

$= a - b$ , which represents a hyperbola.

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## Question335

**If  $p$  and  $q$  are the roots of the equation  $x^2 + px + q = 0$ , then [2002]**

**Options:**

A.  $p = 1, q = -2$

B.  $p = 0, q = 1$

C.  $p = -2, q = 0$

D.  $p = -2, q = 1$

**Answer: A**

**Solution:**

Solution:

$$p + q = -p \Rightarrow q = 2p$$

$$\text{and } pq = q \Rightarrow q(p - 1) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow q = 0 \text{ or } p = 1$$

$$\text{If } q = 0, \text{ then } p = 0$$

$$\text{or } p = 1, \text{ then } q = -2.$$

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## Question 336

**Product of real roots of the equation  $t^2x^2 + |x| + 9 = 0$  [2002]**

**Options:**

A. is always positive

B. is always negative

C. does not exist

D. none of these

**Answer: A**

**Solution:**

Solution:

$$\text{Product of real roots} = \frac{c}{a} = \frac{9}{t^2} > 0, \forall t \in \mathbb{R}$$

$\therefore$  Product of real roots is always positive.

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## Question 337

**Difference between the corresponding roots of  $x^2 + ax + b = 0$  and  $x^2 + bx + a = 0$  is same and  $a \neq b$ , then [2002]**

**Options:**

A.  $a + b + 4 = 0$

B.  $a + b - 4 = 0$

C.  $a - b - 4 = 0$

D.  $a - b + 4 = 0$

**Answer: A**

**Solution:**

Solution:

Let  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are roots of the equation  $x^2 + ax + b = 0$  and  $\gamma$  and  $\delta$  be the roots of the equation  $x^2 + bx + a = 0$  respectively

$$\therefore \alpha + \beta = -a, \alpha\beta = b \text{ and } \gamma + \delta = -b, \gamma\delta = a$$

$$\text{Given } |\alpha - \beta| = |\gamma - \delta| \Rightarrow (\alpha - \beta)^2 = (\gamma - \delta)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow (\alpha + \beta)^2 - 4\alpha\beta = (\gamma + \delta)^2 - 4\gamma\delta$$

$$\Rightarrow a^2 - 4b = b^2 - 4a$$

$$\Rightarrow (a^2 - b^2) + 4(a - b) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow a + b + 4 = 0 \quad (\because a \neq b)$$

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## Question 338

If  $\alpha \neq \beta$  but  $\alpha^2 = 5\alpha - 3$  and  $\beta^2 = 5\beta - 3$  then the equation having  $\alpha/\beta$  and  $\beta/\alpha$  as its roots is [2002]

Options:

A.  $3x^2 - 19x + 3 = 0$

B.  $3x^2 + 19x - 3 = 0$

C.  $3x^2 - 19x - 3 = 0$

D.  $x^2 - 5x + 3 = 0$ .

Answer: A

Solution:

Solution:

Given that  $\alpha^2 = 5\alpha - 3$  and  $\beta^2 = 5\beta - 3$ ;

$\Rightarrow \alpha$  &  $\beta$  are roots of equation,  $x^2 = 5x - 3$

or  $x^2 - 5x + 3 = 0$

$\therefore \alpha + \beta = 5$  and  $\alpha\beta = 3$

Thus, the equation whose roots are  $\frac{\alpha}{\beta}$  and  $\frac{\beta}{\alpha}$  is

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

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

$$\text{or } 3x^2 - 19x + 3 = 0$$

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