

Q1. The value of x which satisfies the equation $\log_2(x^2 - 3) - \log_2(6x - 10) + 1 = 0$

Solution: $x^2 - 3 > 0, 6x - 10 > 0 \Rightarrow x > \sqrt{3}$

Also $\log_2\left(\frac{x^2-3}{6x-10}\right) = -1 \Rightarrow \frac{x^2-3}{6x-10} = \frac{1}{2}$

$\Rightarrow x^2 - 3 = 3x - 5$

$\Rightarrow x^2 - 3x + 2 = 0 \Rightarrow x = 1, 2$

Thus, $x = 2$

Q2. Solve $\log_{10}(2^x + 1) + x = \log_{10}(6) + x \log_{10}(5)$.

A. 4

B. 5

C. 2

D. 1

Solution:

The given expression is

$$\log_{10}(2^x + 1) + x = \log_{10}(6) + x \log_{10}(5)$$

We know that $\log_m(x) + \log_m(y) = \log_m(xy)$ & $\log_m(x) + \log_m(y) = \log_m\left(\frac{x}{y}\right)$

$$\Rightarrow \log_{10}(2^x + 1) = x(\log_{10}(5) - \log_{10}(10)) + \log_{10}(6)$$

$$\Rightarrow \log_{10}(2^x + 1) = -\log_{10}(2)^x + \log_{10}(6)$$

$$\Rightarrow \log_{10}(2^x + 1) + \log_{10}(2^x) = \log_{10}(6)$$

$$\Rightarrow \log_{10}[(2^x)(2^x + 1)] = \log_{10}(6)$$

Taking antilog on both sides, we get

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$$\Rightarrow (2^x)(2^x + 1) = 6$$

$$\Rightarrow (2^x)^2 + 2^x - 6 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (2^x - 2)(2^x + 3) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 2^x = 2 \Rightarrow x = 1$$

Hence, $x = 1$

Q3. $\log_{\frac{1}{3}}(x^2 + 2x) > 0$, if x belongs to the set

A. $(-1 - \sqrt{2}, -1 + \sqrt{2})$

B. $(-\infty, -2) \cup (0, \infty)$

C. $(-1 - \sqrt{2}, -2) \cup (0, \sqrt{2} - 1)$

D. None of these

Solution: As we know that $\log_a(b) > 0$, if $0 < a < 1$ & $0 < b < 1$.

Given, $\log_{\frac{1}{3}}(x^2 + 2x) > 0$

$$\Rightarrow 0 < x^2 + 2x < 1$$

Breaking into two cases:

Case I : $x^2 + 2x > 0$

$$\Rightarrow x(x + 2) > 0$$

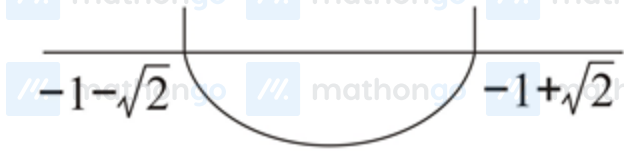
$$\Rightarrow x \in (-\infty, -2) \cup (0, \infty) \quad \dots(1)$$

Case II : $x^2 + 2x < 1$

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

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$$\Rightarrow (x + 1 + \sqrt{2})(x + 1 - \sqrt{2}) < 0$$



$$\Rightarrow -1 - \sqrt{2} < x < -1 + \sqrt{2} \quad \dots (2)$$

From equation (1) and (2), we get

$$x \in (-1 - \sqrt{2}, -2) \cup (0, \sqrt{2} - 1)$$

Thus, $(-1 - \sqrt{2}, -2) \cup (0, \sqrt{2} - 1)$ is correct option.

Q4. If $\log_{175}(5x) = \log_{343}7x$, then the value of $\log_{42}(x^4 - 2x^2 + 7)$ is equal to

A. 1

B. 2

C. 3

D. 4

Solution:

$$\log_{175} 5x = \log_{343} 7x = k$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{5}{7} = \left(\frac{175}{343}\right)^k \Rightarrow k = \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow x = \sqrt{7}.$$

Q5. Sum of all possible values of x which satisfy the equation $\log_3(x - 3) = \log_9(x - 1)$ is:

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A. 2

B. 5

C. 7

D. 10

Solution:

We have,

$$\log_3(x-3) = \log_9(x-1)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\log(x-3)}{\log 3} = \frac{\log(x-1)}{\log 9}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\log(x-3)}{\log 3} = \frac{\log(x-1)}{\log 3^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\log(x-3)}{\log 3} = \frac{\log(x-1)}{2 \log 3}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2 \log(x-3) = \log(x-1)$$

$$\Rightarrow \log(x-3)^2 = \log(x-1)$$

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

$$\Rightarrow x^2 - 7x + 10 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 2, 5$$

$x = 2$ is not possible as $\log_3(x-3)$ is not defined for $x = 2$.

Therefore, $x = 5$.

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Q6. $\left| \begin{array}{ccc} 5^{\sqrt{\log_5 3}} & 5^{\sqrt{\log_5 3}} & 5^{\sqrt{\log_5 3}} \\ 3^{-\log_{1/3}(4)} & (0.1)^{\log_{0.01}(4)} & 7^{\log_7(3)} \\ 7 & 3 & 5 \end{array} \right|$ is equal to

A. 0

B. $5^{\sqrt{\log_5 3}}$ C. $2 \cdot 5^{\sqrt{\log_5 3}}$

D. None of these

Solution:

Let

$$D = \left| \begin{array}{ccc} 5^{\sqrt{\log_5 3}} & 5^{\sqrt{\log_5 3}} & 5^{\sqrt{\log_5 3}} \\ 3^{-\log_{1/3}(4)} & (0.1)^{\log_{0.01}(4)} & 7^{\log_7(3)} \\ 7 & 3 & 5 \end{array} \right|$$

$$C_2 \leftrightarrow C_2 - C_1 \text{ and } C_3 \leftrightarrow C_3 - C_1$$

$$\Rightarrow D = \left| \begin{array}{ccc} 5^{\sqrt{\log_5 3}} & [5^{\sqrt{\log_5 3}} - 5^{\sqrt{\log_5 3}}] & [5^{\sqrt{\log_5 3}} - 5^{\sqrt{\log_5 3}}] \\ 3^{-\log_{1/3}(4)} & \left[(0.1)^{\log_{0.01}(4)} - 3^{-\log_{1/3}(4)} \right] & [7^{\log_7(3)} - 3^{-\log_{1/3}(4)}] \\ 7 & -4 & -2 \end{array} \right|$$

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$$\Rightarrow D = \left| \begin{array}{ccc} 5^{\sqrt{\log_5 3}} & 0 & 0 \\ 3^{-\log_{1/3}(4)} & [(4)^{\log_{0.01}(0.1)} - (4)^{-\log_{1/3}(3)}] & [3^{\log_7(7)} - (4)^{-\log_{1/3}(3)}] \\ 7 & -4 & -2 \end{array} \right|$$

$$[\because c^{\log_a(b)} = b^{\log_a(c)}]$$

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$$\Rightarrow D = \begin{vmatrix} 5\sqrt{\log_5 3} & 0 & 0 \\ 3^{-\log_{1/3}(4)} & [(4)^{\frac{1}{2}} - (4)^1] & [3^1 - (4)^1] \\ 7 & -4 & -2 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\left[\because \log_a(b) = \frac{1}{\log_b(a)} \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow D = \begin{vmatrix} 5\sqrt{\log_5 3} & 0 & 0 \\ 4 & -2 & -1 \\ 7 & -4 & -2 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

Q7. The set of all solutions of the equation $\log_3 x \log_4 x \log_5 x = \log_3 x \log_4 x + \log_4 x \log_5 x + \log_5 x \log_3 x$ is

- A. $\{1\}$
- B. $\{1, 60\}$
- C. $\{1, 5, 10, 60\}$
- D. $\{1, 4, 8, 60\}$

Solution: For $x = 1$, both parts of the equation vanish, consequently $x = 1$ is root of the equation. For $x \neq 1$

$$1 = \frac{1}{\log_5 x} + \frac{1}{\log_3 x} + \frac{1}{\log_4 x} = \log_x 5 + \log_x 3 + \log_x 4 \\ = \log_x 60$$

$\Rightarrow x = 60$. Thus the required set is $\{1, 60\}$.

Q8. If $n > 1$, the value of $\frac{1}{\log_2 n} + \frac{1}{\log_3 n} + \dots + \frac{1}{\log_{53} n}$ is

- A. $\frac{1}{\log_{53!} n}$
- B. 1
- C. $\frac{1}{\log_{n!} 53}$
- D. $\frac{1}{53}$

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Solution: The given expression is equal to

$$\log_n 2 + \log_n 3 + \dots + \log_n 53 \\ = \log_n (2 \cdot 3 \dots 53) = \log_n 53! = \frac{1}{\log_{53!} n}$$

Q9. The solution of the equation $4^{\log_2 \log x} = \log x - (\log x)^2 + 1$ is

A. $x = 1$

B. $x = 4$

C. $x = e$

D. $x = e^2$

Solution: $\log_2 \log x$ is meaningful if $x > 1$

Since $4^{\log_2 \log x} = 2^{2 \log_2 \log x} = (2^{\log_2 \log x})^2 = (\log x)^2$

$[a^{\log_a x} = x, a > 0, a \neq 1]$

So the given equation reduces to

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

$$\Rightarrow \log x = 1, \log x = -1/2. \text{ But for } x > 1$$

$$\log x > 0 \text{ so } \log x = 1 \text{ i.e. } x = e$$

Q10. Suppose $x, y, z > 0$ and distinct and $\ln x + \ln y + \ln z = 0$, if the value of

$x^{\frac{1}{\ln y} + \frac{1}{\ln z}} \cdot y^{\frac{1}{\ln z} + \frac{1}{\ln x}} \cdot z^{\frac{1}{\ln x} + \frac{1}{\ln y}}$ is e^{-k} , then $k =$

Solution: Let $X = x^{\frac{1}{\ln y} + \frac{1}{\ln z}} \cdot y^{\frac{1}{\ln z} + \frac{1}{\ln x}} \cdot z^{\frac{1}{\ln x} + \frac{1}{\ln y}}$

$$\Rightarrow \ln x = \ln x \left(\frac{1}{\ln y} + \frac{1}{\ln z} \right) + (\ln y) \left(\frac{1}{\ln z} + \frac{1}{\ln x} \right) + \left(\frac{1}{\ln x} + \frac{1}{\ln y} \right) (\ln z)$$

Now given $\ln x + \ln y + \ln z = 0$

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$$\therefore \frac{\ln x}{\ln y} + \frac{\ln z}{\ln y} = -1$$

Similarly $\frac{\ln y}{\ln x} + \frac{\ln z}{\ln x} = -1$ and

$$\frac{\ln x}{\ln z} + \frac{\ln y}{\ln z} = -1$$

$$\therefore R.H.S. = -3$$

$$\therefore \ln X = -3$$

$$X = e^{-3}$$

Q11. The solution set of $\log_{|\sin x|}(x^2 - 8x + 23) > \frac{3}{\log_2 |\sin x|}$ contains

A. $x \in (3, \pi) \cup \left(\pi, \frac{3\pi}{2}\right) \cup \left(\frac{3\pi}{2}, 5\right)$

B. $x \in (3, \pi) \cup (\pi, 5)$

C. $x \in \left(3, \frac{5\pi}{2}\right)$

D. $x \in (2, 5\pi/2)$

Solution: $x \in (2n + 1)\pi/2, n\pi$ where $n \in \mathbf{I}$. The given inequality can be written as $\frac{\log_2(x^2 - 8x + 23)}{\log_2 |\sin x|} > \frac{3}{\log_2 |\sin x|}$

As $\log_2 |\sin x| < 0$, we get

$$\log_2(x^2 - 8x + 23) < 3$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 - 8x + 23 < 2^3 = 8$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 - 8x + 15 < 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (x - 5)(x - 3) < 0 \Rightarrow 3 < x < 5$$

For $x \in (3, 5)$, $x \in \pi, \frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{3\pi}{2}$. Hence

$$x \in (3, \pi) \cup \left(\pi, \frac{3\pi}{2}\right) \cup \left(\frac{3\pi}{2}, 5\right)$$

Q12. The set of all x satisfying the equation $x^{\log_3 x^2 + (\log_3 x)^2 - 10} = 1/x^2$ is

- A. $\{1, 9\}$
- B. $\{1, 9, 1/81\}$
- C. $\{1, 4, 1/81\}$
- D. $\{9, 1/81\}$

Solution: Taking log of both the sides with base 3, we have

$$(\log_3 x^2 + (\log_3 x)^2 - 10)(\log_3 x) = -2 \log_3 x$$

This equation is equivalent to

$$\log_3 x = 0 \text{ or } 2 \log_3 x + (\log_3 x)^2 - 8 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 1, \log_3 x = -1 \pm 3 \text{ i.e. } \log_3 x = 2, \log_3 x = -4$$

$$\text{Hence } x = 1, 3^2, 3^{-4} = 1, 9, 1/81$$

Q13. Consider the value of x which satisfies the following relation:

$$\frac{6}{5} a^{\log_{11} x \cdot \log_{10} a \cdot \log_{10} 5} = 3^{\log_{10} \frac{x}{10}} + 9^{\log_{100} x + \log_4 2}$$

This value of x lies between:

- A. 10 and 20
- B. 30 and 40
- C. 75 and 85
- D. 95 and 105

Solution: We use the fact that $\log_b a = \frac{\log_c a}{\log_c b}$ to simplify both the sides.

$$\frac{6}{5} a^{\frac{\log x}{\log a} \cdot \frac{\log a}{\log 10} \cdot \frac{\log 5}{\log a}} = 3^{\log_{10} x - 1} + 9^{\frac{1}{\log_{10} x + \frac{1}{2}}} \dots (1)$$

Consider the term on the left side:

$$a^{\frac{\log x}{\log a} \cdot \frac{\log 5}{\log 10}} = a^{\log_u x \cdot \log_{10} 5} = x^{\log_{10} 5} = 5^{\log_{10} x} \quad (\text{how?})$$

Using this in (1), along with the substitution $\log_{10} x = t$, we have

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$$\frac{6}{5}5^t = 3^{t-1} + 9^{\frac{t+1}{2}} = 3^{t-1} + 3^{t+1} = 3^t \left(3 + \frac{1}{3} \right) = 10 \cdot 3^{t-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow 5^{t-2} = 3^{t-2} \Rightarrow t = 2 \Rightarrow x = 100$$

Thus, the correct option is (D).

Q14. Solution set of the inequality $\log_x(2x^2 + x - 1) > \log_x(2) - 1$ is

A. $(1/2, 1)$

B. $(1/2, 1) \cup (1, \infty)$

C. $(1, \infty)$

D. $(0, 1)$

Solution: For (1) to hold, we must have

$$x > 0, x \neq 1 \text{ and } 2x^2 + x - 1 > 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x > 0, x \neq 1 \text{ and } (2x - 1)(x + 1) > 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x > 1/2, x \neq 1$$

We can write (1) as

$$\log_x \left(\frac{2x^2 + x - 1}{2} \right) > -1 \quad (2)$$

For $1/2 < x < 1$, (2) can be written as

$$\frac{2x^2 + x - 1}{2} < \frac{1}{x}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2x^3 + x^2 - x < 2$$

$$\Rightarrow 2(x^3 - 1) + x(x - 1) < 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (x - 1)(2x^2 + 3x + 2) < 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x < 1 \quad [\because 2x^2 + 3x + 2 > 0 \forall x > 0]$$

For $x > 1$, (2) can be written as

$$\frac{2x^2 + x - 1}{2} > \frac{1}{x}$$

$$\Rightarrow (x - 1)(2x^2 + 3x + 2) > 0$$

This is true for each $x > 1$.

Thus, (1) holds for $1/2 < x < 1, x > 1$.

Q15. Consider the equation $\log_{\sqrt{2}\sin x} (1 + \cos x) = 2, x \in \left[-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{3\pi}{2}\right]$ If the sum of the roots is

$\frac{p\pi}{q}$, where $GCD(p, q) = 1$, then evaluate $p^2 + q^2$

Solution: $\log_{\sqrt{2}\sin x} (1 + \cos x) = 2$

$$\sqrt{2}\sin x \neq 1, \sqrt{2}\sin x > 0, 1 + \cos x > 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \sin x \neq \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \sin x > 0 \text{ and}$$

$$x \neq \text{odd multiple of } \pi \Rightarrow x \in (0, \pi) - \left\{\frac{\pi}{4}, \frac{3\pi}{4}\right\} \text{ (feasible region)}$$

$$(i) \Leftrightarrow (\sqrt{2}\sin x)^2 = 1 + \cos x$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 2\sin^2 x = 1 + \cos x$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 2\cos^2 x + \cos x - 1 = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (2\cos x - 1)(\cos x + 1) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos x = \frac{1}{2} \dots \left[\cos x + 1 > 0 \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{\pi}{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow p = 1, q = 3$$

$$\Rightarrow p^2 + q^2 = 10$$

Q16. Solve the inequality $\frac{(x-2)^{10000}(x+1)^{253}\left(x-\frac{1}{2}\right)^{971}(x+8)^4}{x^{500}(x-3)^{75}(x+2)^{93}} \geq 0$

A. $(-\infty, -2) \cup (-1, 0) \cup \left(0, \frac{1}{2}\right] \cup (3, \infty)$

B. $(-\infty, -2) \cup [-1, 0) \cup \left(0, \frac{1}{2}\right] \cup (3, \infty)$

C. $(-\infty, -1] \cup \left(0, \frac{1}{2}\right] \cup (3, \infty)$

D. None of these

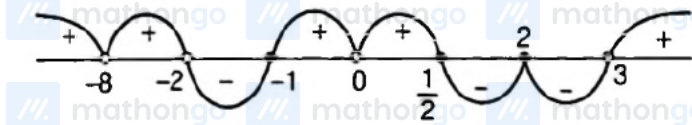
Solution: We have, $\frac{(x-2)^{10000}(x+1)^{253}\left(x-\frac{1}{2}\right)^{971}(x+8)^4}{x^{500}(x-3)^{75}(x+2)^{93}} \geq 0$

The critical points are $(-8), (-2), (-1), 0, \frac{1}{2}, 2, 3$

$$[\because x \neq -2, 0, 3]$$

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Hence, $x \in (-\infty, -8] \cup [-8, -2) \cup [-1, 0) \cup \left(0, \frac{1}{2}\right] \cup (3, \infty)$

or $x \in (-\infty, -2) \cup [-1, 0) \cup \left(0, \frac{1}{2}\right] \cup (3, \infty)$

$\{2\}$ also satisfy the given inequality.

Hence, answer is option 4.

Q17. Let $f(x) = \frac{(x-3)(x+2)(x+6)}{(x+1)(x-5)}$. Find where $f(x)$ is negative.

A. $(-\infty, -6) \cup (-2, -1) \cup (3, 5)$

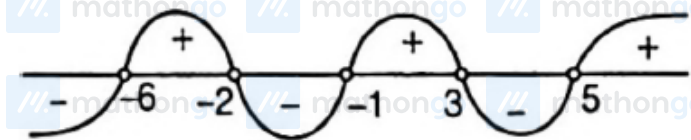
B. $(-\infty, -2) \cup (-1, 3) \cup (5, \infty)$

C. $(-\infty, -6] \cup (3, \infty)$

D. $(-\infty, -2) \cup (-1, 5)$

Solution: We have, $f(x) = \frac{(x-3)(x+2)(x+6)}{(x+1)(x-5)}$

The critical points are $(-6), (-2), (-1), 3, 5$



For $f(x) > 0, \forall x \in (-\infty, -6) \cup (-2, -1) \cup (5, \infty)$

For $f(x) < 0, \forall x \in (-6, -2) \cup (-1, 3) \cup (3, 5)$

Q18. Solve the equation $\left| \frac{x^2-8x+12}{x^2-10x+21} \right| = -\frac{x^2-8x+12}{x^2-10x+21}$

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A. $[2, 3) \cup [6, 7]$

B. $[2, 3] \cup [6, 7)$

C. $[2, 3) \cup [4, 8)$

D. $[2, 3) \cup [6, 7)$

Solution: This equation has the form $|f(x)| = -f(x)$

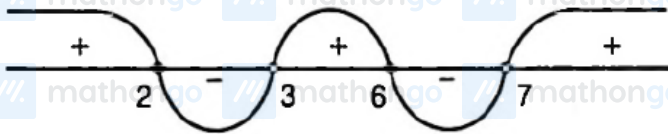
when, $f(x) = \frac{x^2 - 8x + 12}{x^2 - 10x + 21}$

such an equation is equivalent to the collection of systems

$$\begin{cases} f(x) = -f(x), & \text{if } f(x) \geq 0 \\ f(x) = f(x), & \text{if } f(x) < 0 \end{cases}$$

The first system is equivalent to $f(x) = 0$ and the second system is equivalent to $f(x) < 0$ the combining both systems, we get

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &\leq 0 \\ \therefore \frac{x^2 - 8x + 12}{x^2 - 10x + 21} &\leq 0 \\ \Rightarrow \frac{(x-2)(x-6)}{(x-3)(x-7)} &\leq 0 \end{aligned}$$



Hence, by Wavy curve method,

$$x \in [2, 3) \cup [6, 7)$$

Q19. Solve the inequality $(x+3)(3x-2)^5(7-x)^3(5x+8)^2 \geq 0$

A. $(-\infty, -3) \cup \left[\frac{2}{3}, 7\right) \cup \left\{-\frac{8}{5}\right\}$

B. $(-\infty, -3] \cup \left[\frac{2}{3}, 7\right] \cup \left\{-\frac{8}{5}\right\}$

C. $\left(-\infty, \frac{2}{3}\right] \cup [7, \infty)$

D. None of these

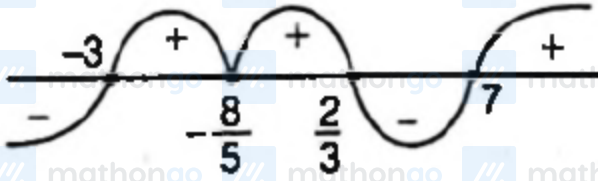
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Solution: We have, $(x+3)(3x-2)^5(7-x)^3(5x+8)^2 \geq 0$

$$\Rightarrow -(x+3)(3x-2)^5(x-7)^3(5x+8)^2 \geq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (x+3)(3x-2)^5(x-7)^3(5x+8)^2 \leq 0$$

[take before x , +ve sign in all brackets]



The critical points are $(-3), \left(-\frac{8}{5}\right), \frac{2}{3}, 7$

Hence, $x \in (-\infty, -3] \cup \left[\frac{2}{3}, 7\right] \cup \left\{-\frac{8}{5}\right\}$

Q20. Find the number of integral values of x satisfying the inequation: $\frac{x}{x+2} \leq \frac{1}{|x|}$.

Solution: $\frac{x|x|}{x+2} \leq 1$

$$\frac{x|x|-x-2}{x+2} \leq 0$$

Case I $x \in [0, \infty)$

$$\frac{x^2-x-2}{x+2} \leq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{(x-2)(x+1)}{x+2} \leq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x \leq 2$$

\Rightarrow integral values 0, 1, 2

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Case II $x \in (-\infty, 0)$

$$\frac{-x^2 - x - 2}{x + 2} \leq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x > -2$$

$$\Rightarrow x = -1$$

So 4 integral values

Q21. Solve the inequation $\sqrt{-x^2 + 4x - 3} > 6 - 2x$

A. $\left(\frac{12}{7}, 4\right)$

B. $\left(\frac{13}{5}, 4\right)$

C. $\left(\frac{13}{5}, 3\right)$

D. $\left(\frac{12}{7}, 3\right)$

Solution: We have, $\sqrt{-x^2 + 4x - 3} > 6 - 2x$

This inequation is equivalent to the collection of two systems, of inequations

$$\text{i.e. } \begin{cases} 6 - 2x \geq 0 \\ -x^2 + 4x - 3 > (6 - 2x)^2 \end{cases} \text{ and } \begin{cases} 6 - 2x < 0 \\ -x^2 + 4x - 3 \geq 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} x \leq 3 \\ (x - 3)(5x - 13) < 0 \end{cases} \text{ and } \begin{cases} x > 3 \\ (x - 1)(x - 3) \leq 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} x > 3 \\ \frac{13}{5} < x < 3 \end{cases} \text{ and } \begin{cases} x > 3 \\ 1 \leq x < 3 \end{cases}$$

The second system has no solution and the first system has solution in the interval $\left(\frac{13}{5} < x < 3\right)$

Hence, $x \in \left(\frac{13}{5}, 3\right)$ is the set of solution of the original inequation.

Q22. Let $[a]$ denotes the larger integer not exceeding the real number a . If x and y satisfy the equations $y = 2[x] + 3$ and $y = 3[x - 2]$ simultaneously, determine $[x + y]$

Solution: We have, $y = 2[x] + 3 = 3[x - 2] \dots (i)$

$$\Rightarrow 2[x] + 3 = 3([x] - 2) \quad [\text{from property (i)}]$$

$$\Rightarrow 2[x] + 3 = 3[x] - 6$$

$$\Rightarrow [x] = 9$$

$$\text{From Eq. (i), } y = 2 \times 9 + 3 = 21$$

$$\therefore [x + y] = [x + 21] = [x] + 21 = 9 + 21 = 30$$

Hence, the value of $[x + y]$ is 30

Q23. If $\{x\}$ and $[x]$ represent fractional and integral part of x respectively, find the value of

$$[x] + \sum_{r=1}^{2000} \frac{\{x+r\}}{2000}$$

A. x

B. $x + \{x\}$

C. $x + [x]$

D. $2x + [x]$

$$\text{Solution: } [x] + \sum_{r=1}^{2000} \frac{\{x+r\}}{2000} = [x] + \sum_{r=1}^{2000} \frac{\{x\}}{2000} \quad [\text{from property (i)}]$$

$$= [x] + \frac{\{x\}}{2000} \sum_{r=1}^{2000} 1 = [x] + \frac{\{x\}}{2000} \times 2000 = [x] + \{x\} = x$$

Q24. Solve the equation $|x - |4 - x|| - 2x = 4$

A. Two solutions

B. Three solutions

C. One solution

D. No solution

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Solution: This equation is equivalent to the collection of systems

$$\begin{cases} |x - (4 - x)| - 2x = 4, & \text{if } 4 - x \geq 0 \\ |x + (4 - x)| - 2x = 4, & \text{if } 4 - x < 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} |2x - 4| - 2x = 4, & \text{if } x \leq 4 \\ 4 - 2x = 4, & \text{if } x > 4 \end{cases} \dots(i)$$

The second system of this collection

gives $x = 0$

but $x > 4$

Hence, second system has no solution.

The first system of collection Eq. (i) is equivalent to the system of collection

$$\begin{cases} 2x - 4 - 2x = 4, & \text{if } 2x \geq 4 \\ -2x + 4 - 2x = 4, & \text{if } 2x < 4 \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} -4 = 4, & \text{if } x \geq 2 \\ -4x = 0, & \text{if } x < 2 \end{cases}$$

The first system is failed and second system gives $x = 0$.

Hence, $x = 0$ is unique solution of the given equation.

Q25. The number of solution(s) the equation $|x - 1| + |x - 2| + |x - 3| + |x - 4| = 3$ is

A. 2

B. 1

C. 0

D. 4

Solution:

As the minimum value of $|x - 1| + |x - 2| + |x - 3| + |x - 4|$ is 4.

Hence number of solutions = 0

Q26. Find the set of all x for which $\frac{2x}{(2x^2+5x+2)} > \frac{1}{(x+1)}$

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A. $\left(-2, -\frac{2}{3}\right) \cup \left(-\frac{1}{2}, \infty\right)$

B. $\left(-\infty, -2\right) \cup \left(-2, -\frac{2}{3}\right)$

C. $\left(-2, -1\right) \cup \left(-\frac{2}{3}, -\frac{1}{2}\right)$

D. $\left(-2, -\frac{2}{3}\right) \cup \left(-\frac{1}{2}, 0\right)$

Solution: We have, $\frac{2x}{(2x^2+5x+2)} > \frac{1}{(x+1)}$

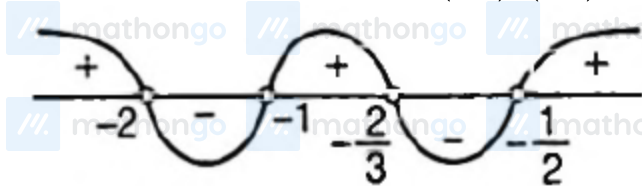
$$\Rightarrow \frac{2x}{(x+2)(2x+1)} - \frac{1}{(x+1)} > 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{(2x^2+2x) - (2x^2+5x+2)}{(x+2)(x+1)(2x+1)} > 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -\frac{(3x+2)}{(x+2)(x+1)(2x+1)} > 0$$

or $\frac{(3x+2)}{(x+2)(x+1)(2x+1)} < 0$

The critical points are $(-2), (-1), \left(-\frac{2}{3}\right), \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)$



Hence, $x \in (-2, -1) \cup \left(-\frac{2}{3}, -\frac{1}{2}\right)$

Q27. Number of integral values of x satisfying the inequation

$$\frac{(x^2-2x+8)(e^x+2)(x-3)(x-8)}{(\log_2(x^2+3))(x-5)^2} \leq 0 \text{ are}$$

Solution:

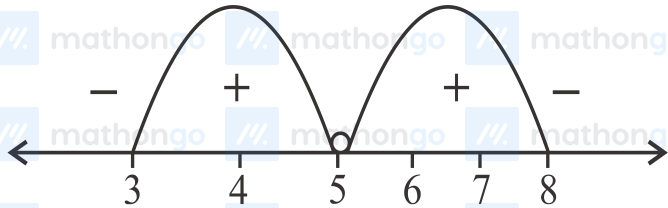
$$\frac{(x^2-2x+8)(e^x+2)(x-3)(x-8)}{(\log_2(x^2+3))(x-5)^2} \leq 0$$

$x^2 - 2x + 8, e^x + 2$ and $\log_2(x^2 + 3)$ are positive quantities

Next we have to find condition for $(x-3), (x-5)$ and $(x-8)$

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At $x = 5$, the denominator $= 0$. So $x = 5$ is not a solution. Therefore, number of integral solutions will be between 3 and 8 excluding 5 (using wavy curve method)



Thus, we have 5 integral values possible.

Q28. Solution set of equation $|1 - \log_{\frac{1}{6}} x| + |\log_2 x| + 2 = |3 - \log_{\frac{1}{6}} x + \log_{\frac{1}{2}} x|$ is

$\left[\frac{a}{b}, a\right]$, $a, b \in N$, then the value of $\frac{(a+b)}{2}$ is

A. 5

B. 6

C. 7

D. 8

Solution: If $|a + b + c| = |a| + |b| + |c|$ then a, b, c have same sign

$$|1 - \log_{1/6} x| + |-\log_2 x| + |2| = |3 - \log_{1/6} x - \log_2 x|$$

$$\therefore 1 - \log_{1/6} x \geq 0$$

$$\frac{1}{6} \leq x$$

$$-\log_2 x \geq 0$$

$$x \leq 2$$

$$\therefore x \in \left[\frac{1}{6}, 2\right], a = 2 \text{ and } b = 12$$

$$\frac{a+b}{2} = 7$$

Q29. Solve the inequation $\left|1 - \frac{|x|}{1+|x|}\right| \geq \frac{1}{2}$.

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A. $[-1, 0]$

B. $[0, 1]$

C. $[-1, 1]$

D. $[-\infty, -1]$

Solution: The given inequation is equivalent to the collection of systems

$$\begin{cases} \left|1 - \frac{x}{1+x}\right| \geq \frac{1}{2}, & \text{if } x \geq 0 \\ \left|1 + \frac{x}{1-x}\right| \geq \frac{1}{2}, & \text{if } x < 0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} \frac{1}{|1+x|} \geq \frac{1}{2}, & \text{if } x \geq 0 \\ \frac{1}{|1-x|} \geq \frac{1}{2}, & \text{if } x < 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} \frac{1}{1+x} \geq \frac{1}{2}, & \text{if } x \geq 0 \\ \frac{1}{1-x} \geq \frac{1}{2}, & \text{if } x < 0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} \frac{1-x}{1+x} \geq 0, & \text{if } x \geq 0 \\ \frac{1+x}{1-x} \geq 0, & \text{if } x < 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} \frac{x-1}{x+1} \leq 0, & \text{if } x \geq 0 \\ \frac{x+1}{x-1} \leq 0, & \text{if } x < 0 \end{cases}$$

For $\frac{x-1}{x+1} \leq 0, \text{ if } x \geq 0$



$$\therefore 0 \leq x \leq 1 \quad \dots(i)$$

For $\frac{x+1}{x-1} \leq 0, \text{ if } x < 0$



$$\therefore -1 \leq x < 0 \quad \dots(ii)$$

Hence, from Eqs. (i) and (ii), the solution of the given equation is $x \in [-1, 1]$

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$$\left| 1 - \frac{|x|}{1+|x|} \right| \geq \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow \left| \frac{1}{1+|x|} \right| \geq \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{1+|x|} \geq \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow 1 + |x| \leq 2 \text{ or } |x| \leq 1$$

$$\therefore -1 \leq x \leq 1 \text{ or } x \Rightarrow [-1, 1]$$

Q30. Find the number of solution of the equation $[2x] - [x + 1] = 2x$ where $[\cdot]$ represent the greatest integer function.

A. 2

B. 3

C. 1

D. More than 3

Solution:

$$[2x] - [x + 1] = 2x \quad \dots (1)$$

$$-[x + 1] = \{2x\}, \quad 0 \leq \{2x\} < 1,$$

$$-[x + 1] = 0, \quad [x + 1] = 0$$

$$-1 \leq x < 0, \quad -2 \leq 2x < 0$$

$$[2x] = -2, -1$$

from equation (1)

$$[2x] - 0 = 2x, \quad 2x = -2, -1$$

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

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Q1 (2)	Q2 (4)	Q3 (3)	Q4 (1)
Q5 (2)	Q6 (1)	Q7 (2)	Q8 (1)
Q9 (3)	Q10 (3)	Q11 (1)	Q12 (2)
Q13 (4)	Q14 (2)	Q15 (10)	Q16 (4)
Q17 (1)	Q18 (4)	Q19 (2)	Q20 (4)
Q21 (3)	Q22 (30)	Q23 (1)	Q24 (3)
Q25 (3)	Q26 (3)	Q27 (5)	Q28 (3)
Q29 (3)	Q30 (1)		