

Q1 - 24 January - Shift 1

If A and B are two non-zero $n \times n$ matrices such that $A^2 + B = A^2 B$, then

- (1) $AB = I$
- (2) $A^2 B = I$
- (3) $A^2 = I$ or $B = I$
- (4) $A^2 B = BA^2$

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Q2 - 24 January - Shift 2

The number of square matrices of order 5 with entries from the set $\{0, 1\}$, such that the sum of all the elements in each row is 1 and the sum of all the elements in each column is also 1, is

- (1) 225
- (2) 120
- (3) 150
- (4) 125

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Q3 - 24 January - Shift 2

Let A be a 3×3 matrix such that $|\text{adj}(\text{adj}(\text{adj} A))| = 12^4$. Then $|A^{-1} \text{adj} A|$ is equal

- to
- (1) $2\sqrt{3}$
 - (2) $\sqrt{6}$
 - (3) 12
 - (4) 1

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Q4 - 25 January - Shift 1

Let $x, y, z > 1$ and

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \log_x y & \log_x z \\ \log_y x & 2 & \log_y z \\ \log_z x & \log_z y & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Then $|\text{adj}(\text{adj } A^2)|$ is equal to

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

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Q5 - 25 January - Shift 2

Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{10}} & \frac{3}{\sqrt{10}} \\ -3 & 1 \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{10}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{10}} \end{bmatrix}$ and $B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -i \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$, where

$i = \sqrt{-1}$. If $M = A^T B A$, then the inverse of the matrix $A M^{2023} A^T$ is

- (1) $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2023i \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$
- (2) $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -2023i & 1 \end{bmatrix}$
- (3) $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 2023i & 1 \end{bmatrix}$
- (4) $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2023i \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

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Q6 - 25 January - Shift 2

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Let A, B, C be 3×3 matrices such that A is symmetric and B and C are skew-symmetric. Consider the statements

- (S1) $A^{13}B^{26} - B^{26}A^{13}$ is symmetric
 (S2) $A^{26}C^{13} - C^{13}A^{26}$ is symmetric

Then,

- (1) Only S2 is true
 (2) Only S1 is true
 (3) Both S1 and S2 are false
 (4) Both S1 and S2 are true

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Q7 - 29 January - Shift 1

Let α and β be real numbers. Consider a 3×3 matrix A such that $A^2 = 3A + \alpha I$. If $A^4 = 21A + \beta I$, then

- (1) $\alpha = 1$ (2) $\alpha = 4$
 (3) $\beta = 8$ (4) $\beta = -8$

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Q8 - 29 January - Shift 2

The set of all values of $t \in \mathbb{R}$, for which the matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} e^t & e^{-t}(\sin t - 2\cos t) & e^{-t}(-2\sin t - \cos t) \\ e^t & e^{-t}(2\sin t + \cos t) & e^{-t}(\sin t - 2\cos t) \\ e^t & e^{-t}\cos t & e^{-t}\sin t \end{bmatrix}$$

is invertible, is

- (1) $\left\{(2k+1)\frac{\pi}{2}, k \in \mathbb{Z}\right\}$ (2) $\left\{k\pi + \frac{\pi}{4}, k \in \mathbb{Z}\right\}$
 (3) $\{k\pi, k \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ (4) \mathbb{R}

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Q9 - 29 January - Shift 2

Let A be a symmetric matrix such that $|A| = 2$ and

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 3 & \frac{3}{2} \end{bmatrix} A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ \alpha & \beta \end{bmatrix}. \text{ If the sum of the diagonal}$$

elements of A is s, then $\frac{\beta s}{\alpha^2}$ is equal to _____.

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Q10 - 30 January - Shift 1

Let $A = \begin{pmatrix} m & p \\ p & q \end{pmatrix}$, $d = |A| \neq 0$ $|A - d(\text{Adj } A)| = 0$

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. Then

(1) $(1 + d)^2 = (m + q)^2$

(2) $1 + d^2 = (m + q)^2$

(3) $(1 + d)^2 = m^2 + q^2$

(4) $1 + d^2 = m^2 + q^2$

Q11 - 30 January - Shift 2

If P is a 3×3 real matrix such that $P^T = aP + (a - 1)I$, where $a > 1$, then

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(1) P is a singular matrix

(2) $|\text{Adj } P| > 1$

(3) $|\text{Adj } P| = \frac{1}{2}$

(4) $|\text{Adj } P| = 1$

Q12 - 31 January - Shift 1

Questions with Solutions

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Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 4 & -1 \\ 0 & 12 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$. Then the sum of the

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diagonal elements of the matrix $(A + I)^{11}$ is equal

to:

- (1) 6144 (2) 4094
(3) 4097 (4) 2050

Q13 - 31 January - Shift 2

Let $A = [a_{ij}]$, $a_{ij} \in \mathbb{Z} \cap [0, 4]$, $1 \leq i, j \leq 2$. The number of matrices A such that the sum of all entries is a prime number $p \in (2, 13)$ is

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Q14 - 31 January - Shift 2

Let A be a $n \times n$ matrix such that $|A| = 2$. If the determinant of the matrix $\text{Adj}(2 \cdot \text{Adj}(2A^{-1}))$ is 2^{84} , then n is equal to _____.

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Q15 - 01 February - Shift 2

If $A = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \sqrt{3} \\ -\sqrt{3} & 1 \end{bmatrix}$, then:

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- (1) $A^{30} - A^{25} = 2I$
(2) $A^{30} + A^{25} + A = I$
(3) $A^{30} + A^{25} - A = I$
(4) $A^{30} = A^{25}$

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Answer Key

(As per Official NTA Key released on 2 Feb)

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Q1 (4)

$$A^2 + B = A^2 B$$

$$(A^2 - I)(B - I) = I \dots \dots (1)$$

$$A^2 + B = A^2 B$$

$$A^2 (B - I) = B$$

$$A^2 = B(B - I)^{-1}$$

$$A^2 = B(A^2 - I)$$

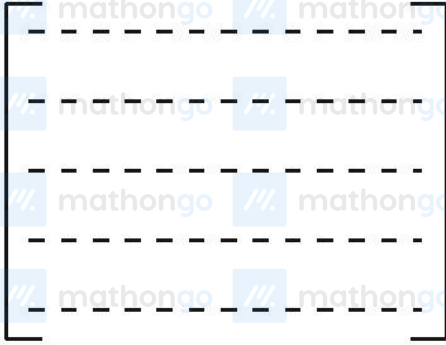
$$A^2 = BA^2 - B$$

$$A^2 + B = BA^2$$

$$A^2 B = BA^2$$

Q2 (2)

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In each row and each column exactly one is to be placed –

$$\therefore \text{No. of such materials} = 5 \times 4 \times 3 \times 2 \times 1 = 120$$

Alternate :

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} \rightarrow 5 \text{ ways} \\ \rightarrow 4 \text{ ways} \\ \rightarrow 3 \text{ ways} \\ \rightarrow 2 \text{ ways} \\ \rightarrow 1 \text{ ways} \end{matrix}$$

Step-1 : Select any 1 place for 1's in row 1.

Automatically some column will get filled with 0's.

Step-2 : From next now select 1 place for 1's.

Automatically some column will get filled with 0's.

\Rightarrow Each time one less place will be available for putting 1's.

Repeat step-2 till last row.

$$\text{Req. ways} = 5 \times 4 \times 3 \times 2 \times 1 = 120$$

$$3\sqrt{3}$$

Q3 (1)

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$$\text{Given } |\text{adj}(\text{adj}(\text{adj} A))| = 12^4$$

$$\Rightarrow |A|^{(n-1)^3} = 12^4$$

$$\text{Given } n = 3$$

$$\Rightarrow |A|^8 = 12^4$$

$$\Rightarrow |A|^2 = 12$$

$$|A| = 2\sqrt{3}$$

We are asked

$$|A^{-1} \cdot \text{adj} A|$$

$$= |A^{-1}| \cdot |\text{adj} A|$$

$$= \frac{1}{|A|} \cdot |A|^{3-1}$$

$$= |A| = 2\sqrt{3}$$

Q4 (2)

$$|A| = \frac{1}{\log x \cdot \log y \cdot \log z} \begin{vmatrix} \log x & \log y & \log z \\ \log x & 2\log y & \log z \\ \log x & \log y & 3\log z \end{vmatrix} = 2$$

$$\Rightarrow |\text{adj}(\text{adj} A^2)| = |A^2|^4 = 2^8$$

Q5 (4)

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$$AA^T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ \sqrt{10} & \sqrt{10} \\ -3 & 1 \\ \sqrt{10} & \sqrt{10} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 \\ \sqrt{10} & \sqrt{10} \\ 3 & 1 \\ \sqrt{10} & \sqrt{10} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$B^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -i \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -i \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2i \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$B^3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3i \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\vdots$$

$$\vdots$$

$$\vdots$$

$$B^{2023} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2023i \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$M = A^T B A$$

$$M^2 = M.M = A^T B A A^T B A = A^T B^2 A$$

$$M^3 = M^2.M = A^T B^2 A A^T B A = A^T B^3 A$$

$$\vdots$$

$$\vdots$$

$$\vdots$$

$$M^{2023} = \dots\dots\dots A^T B^{2023} A$$

$$A M^{2023} A^T = \underbrace{A A^T}_{I} B^{2023} \underbrace{A A^T}_{I} = B^{2023}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2023i \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Inverse of } (A M^{2023} A^T) \text{ is } \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2023i \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Q6 (1)

$$\text{Given, } A^T = A, B^T = -B, C^T = -C$$

$$\text{Let } M = A^{13} B^{26} - B^{26} A^{13}$$

$$\text{Then, } M^T = (A^{13} B^{26} - B^{26} A^{13})^T$$

$$= (A^{13} B^{26})^T - (B^{26} A^{13})^T$$

$$= (B^T)^{26} (A^T)^{13} - (A^T)^{13} (B^T)^{26}$$

$$= B^{26} A^{13} - A^{13} B^{26} = -M$$

Hence, M is skew symmetric

$$\text{Let, } N = A^{26} C^{13} - C^{13} A^{26}$$

$$\text{then, } N^T = (A^{26} C^{13})^T - (C^{13} A^{26})^T$$

$$= -(C^{13} A^{26}) + A^{26} C^{13} = N$$

Hence, N is symmetric.

\therefore Only S2 is true.

Q7 (4)

$$A^2 = 3A + \alpha I$$

$$A^3 = 3A^2 + \alpha A$$

$$A^3 = 3(3A + \alpha I) + \alpha A$$

$$A^3 = 9A + \alpha A + 3\alpha I$$

$$A^4 = (9 + \alpha)A^2 + 3\alpha A$$

$$= (9 + \alpha)(3A + \alpha I) + 3\alpha A$$

$$= A(27 + 6\alpha) + \alpha(9 + \alpha)$$

$$\Rightarrow 27 + 6\alpha = 21 \Rightarrow \alpha = -1$$

$$\Rightarrow \beta = \alpha(9 + \alpha) = -8$$

Q8 (4)

If its invertible, then determinant value $\neq 0$

So,

$$\begin{vmatrix} e^t & e^{-t}(\sin t - 2\cos t) & e^{-t}(-2\sin t - \cos t) \\ e^t & e^{-t}(2\sin t + \cos t) & e^{-t}(\sin t - 2\cos t) \\ e^t & e^{-t}\cos t & e^{-t}\sin t \end{vmatrix} \neq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow e^t \cdot e^{-t} \cdot e^{-t} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & \sin t - 2\cos t & -2\sin t - \cos t \\ 1 & 2\sin t + \cos t & \sin t - 2\cos t \\ 1 & \cos t & \sin t \end{vmatrix} \neq 0$$

Applying, $R_1 \rightarrow R_1 - R_2$ then $R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - R_3$

We get

$$e^{-t} \begin{vmatrix} 0 & -\sin t - \cos t & -3\sin t + \cos t \\ 0 & 2\sin t & -2\cos t \\ 1 & \cos t & \sin t \end{vmatrix} \neq 0$$

By expanding we have,

$$e^{-t} \times 1(2\sin t \cos t + 6\cos^2 t + 6\sin^2 t - 2\sin t \cos t) \neq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow e^{-t} \times 6 \neq 0$$

for $\forall t \in \mathbb{R}$

Q9 (5)

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 3 & \frac{3}{2} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ b & c \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ \alpha & \beta \end{bmatrix}$$

Now $ac - b^2 = 2$ and $2a + b = 1$
and $2b + c = 2$

solving all these above equations we get

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

$$\Rightarrow (1-b)^2 - b^2 = 2$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 - 2b = 2$$

$$\Rightarrow b = -\frac{1}{2} \text{ and } a = \frac{3}{4} \text{ and } c = 3$$

$$\text{Hence } \alpha = 3a + \frac{3b}{2} = \frac{9}{4} - \frac{3}{4} = \frac{3}{2}$$

$$\text{and } \beta = 3b + \frac{3c}{2} = -\frac{3}{2} + \frac{9}{2} = 3$$

$$\text{also } s = a + c = \frac{15}{4}$$

$$\therefore \frac{\beta s}{\alpha^2} = \frac{3 \times \frac{15}{4}}{\frac{9}{4}} = 5$$

Q10 (1)

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} m & n \\ p & q \end{bmatrix}, \quad |A - d(\text{adj } A)| = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow |A - d(\text{adj } A)| = \left| \begin{bmatrix} m & n \\ p & q \end{bmatrix} - d \begin{bmatrix} q & -n \\ -p & m \end{bmatrix} \right|$$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} m - qd & n(1 + d) \\ p(1 + d) & q - md \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (m - qd)(q - md) - np(1 + d)^2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow mq - m^2d - q^2d + mqd^2 - np(1 + d)^2 = 0$$

$$(mq - np) + d^2(mq - np) - d(m^2 + q^2 + 2np) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow d + d^3 - d((m + q)^2 - 2d) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 + d^2 = (m + q)^2 - 2d$$

$$\Rightarrow (1 + d)^2 = (m + q)^2$$

\therefore Option (1) is correct.

Q11 (4)

$$P^t = aP + (a - 1)I$$

$$\Rightarrow P = aP^T + (a - 1)I$$

$$\Rightarrow P^T - P = a(P - P^T)$$

$$\Rightarrow P = P^T, \text{ as } a \neq -1$$

$$\text{Now, } P = aP + (a - 1)I$$

$$\Rightarrow P = -I \Rightarrow |P| = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow |\text{Adj } P| = 1$$

Q12 (3)

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$$A^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 & -1 \\ 0 & 12 & -3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 & -1 \\ 0 & 12 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 & -1 \\ 0 & 12 & -3 \end{bmatrix} = A$$

$$\Rightarrow A^3 = A^4 = \dots = A$$

$$(A + I)^{11} = {}^{11}C_0 A^{11} + {}^{11}C_1 A^{10} + \dots + {}^{11}C_{10} A + {}^{11}C_{11} I$$

$$= ({}^{11}C_0 + {}^{11}C_1 + \dots + {}^{11}C_{10}) A + I$$

$$= (2^{11} - 1) A + I = 2047A + I$$

$$\therefore \text{Sum of diagonal elements} = 2047(1 + 4 - 3) + 3$$

$$= 4094 + 3 = 4097$$

Q13 (196)

As given $a + b + c + d = 3$ or 5 or 7 or 11

if sum = 3

$$(1 + x + x^2 + \dots + x^4)^4 \rightarrow x^3$$

$$(1 - x^5)^4 (1 - x)^{-4} \rightarrow x^3$$

$$\therefore {}^{4+3-1}C_3 = {}^6C_3 = 20$$

If sum = 5

$$(1 - 4x^5)(1 - x)^{-4} \rightarrow x^5$$

$$\Rightarrow {}^{4+5-1}C_5 - 4x {}^{4+0-1}C_0 = {}^8C_5 - 4 = 52$$

If sum = 7

$$(1 - 4x^5)(1 - x)^{-4} \rightarrow x^7$$

$$\Rightarrow {}^{4+5-1}C_4 - {}^{4+0-1}C_0 = {}^8C_5 - 4 = 52$$

If sum = 11

$$(1 - 4x^5 + 6x^{10})(1 - x)^{-4} \rightarrow x^{11}$$

$$\Rightarrow {}^{4+11-1}C_{11} - 4 \cdot {}^{4+6-4}C_6 + 6 \cdot {}^{4+1-1}C_1$$

$$= {}^{14}C_{11} - 4 \cdot {}^9C_6 + 6 \cdot 4 = 364 - 336 + 24 = 52$$

$$\therefore \text{Total matrices} = 20 + 52 + 80 + 52 = 204$$

Q14 (5)

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \left| \text{Adj}(2\text{Adj}(2A^{-1})) \right| \\
 &= \left| 2\text{Adj}(\text{Adj}(2A^{-1})) \right|^{n-1} \\
 &= 2^{n(n-1)} \left| \text{Adj}(2A^{-1}) \right|^{n-1} \\
 &= 2^{n(n-1)} \left| (2A^{-1}) \right|^{(n-1)(n-1)} \\
 &= 2^{n(n-1)} 2^{n(n-1)(n-1)} \left| A^{-1} \right|^{(n-1)(n-1)} \\
 &= 2^{n(n-1)+n(n-1)(n-1)} \frac{1}{\left| A \right|^{(n-1)^2}} \\
 &= \frac{2^{n(n-1)+n(n-1)(n-1)}}{2^{(n-1)^2}} \\
 &= 2^{n(n-1)+n(n+1)^2-(n-1)^2} \\
 &= 2^{(n-1)(n^2-n+1)} \\
 &\text{Now, } 2^{(n-1)(n^2-n+1)} \\
 &2^{(n-1)(n^2-n+1)} = 2^{84} \\
 &\text{So, } n = 5
 \end{aligned}$$

Q15 (3)

$$A = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \sqrt{3} \\ -\sqrt{3} & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} \cos 60^\circ & \sin 60^\circ \\ -\sin 60^\circ & \cos 60^\circ \end{bmatrix}$$

If $A = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \alpha & \sin \alpha \\ -\sin \alpha & \cos \alpha \end{bmatrix}$ Here $\alpha = \frac{\pi}{3}$

$$A^2 = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \alpha & \sin \alpha \\ -\sin \alpha & \cos \alpha \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \cos \alpha & \sin \alpha \\ -\sin \alpha & \cos \alpha \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \cos 2\alpha & \sin 2\alpha \\ -\sin 2\alpha & \cos 2\alpha \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A^{30} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos 30\alpha & \sin 30\alpha \\ -\sin 30\alpha & \cos 30\alpha \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A^{30} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = I$$

$$A^{25} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos 25\alpha & \sin 25\alpha \\ -\sin 25\alpha & \cos 25\alpha \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \\ -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A^{25} = A$$

$$A^{25} - A = 0$$