

## Mathematical Physics

### JEST-2012

Q1. The value of the integral  $\int_0^{\infty} \frac{\ln x}{(x^2+1)^2} dx$  is

- (a) 0                                      (b)  $-\frac{\pi}{4}$                                       (c)  $-\frac{\pi}{2}$                                       (d)  $\frac{\pi}{2}$

Ans. : (b)

Solution:  $\int_0^{\infty} \frac{\ln x}{(x^2+1)^2} dx = \int_0^{\infty} \frac{\ln z}{(z^2+1)^2} dz$

Let us consider new function  $f(z) = \left(\frac{\ln z}{z^2+1}\right)^2$ , then  $I = \int_0^{\infty} \left(\frac{\ln z}{z^2+1}\right)^2 dz$

Pole at  $z = \pm i$  is simple pole of second order.

Residue at  $z = i$  is

$$= \frac{d}{dz} (z-i)^2 \frac{(\ln z)^2}{(z-i)^2(z+i)^2} = \frac{d}{dz} \frac{(\ln z)^2}{(z+i)^2}$$

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

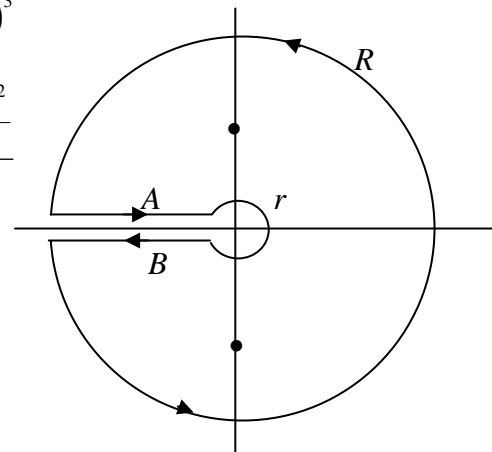
$$= \frac{(2i)2 \times \frac{1}{i} \ln i - (\ln i)^2 \cdot 2}{(2i)^3} = \frac{4\frac{i\pi}{2} - \left(\frac{i\pi}{2}\right)^2 \times 2}{-8i} = \frac{2\pi i + \frac{\pi^2}{2}}{-8i}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Res}|_{z=i} = \frac{-\pi}{4} + \frac{\pi^2}{16} i$$

Similarly, at  $z = -i$ ;  $\text{Res}|_{z=-i} = \frac{-\pi}{4} - \frac{\pi^2}{16} i$

$$I = \int_0^{\infty} \left(\frac{\ln z}{z^2+1}\right)^2 dz = 2\pi i \left(\frac{-\pi}{4} + \frac{\pi^2}{16} i - \frac{-\pi}{4} - \frac{\pi^2}{16} i\right) = -\pi^2 i$$

$$-\pi^2 i = \left( \int_R \int_A \int_B \int_r \right) f(z) dz = \left( \int_A \int_B \right) f(z) dz; \quad \left[ \because \int_A \int_B \text{ vanish} \right]$$



Along path A;  $z = -x + i\varepsilon$  and along path B;  $z = -x - i\varepsilon$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Thus } -\pi^2 i &= \left( \iint_{AB} \right) f(z) dz = -\int_{-\infty}^0 \left[ \frac{\ln(-x+i\varepsilon)}{(-x+i\varepsilon)^2+1} \right] dx - \int_0^{\infty} \left[ \frac{\ln(-x-i\varepsilon)}{(-x-i\varepsilon)^2+1} \right] dx \\ \Rightarrow -\pi^2 i &= \int_0^{\infty} \left[ \frac{\ln(-x+i\varepsilon)}{(-x+i\varepsilon)^2+1} \right]^2 dx - \int_0^{\infty} \left[ \frac{\ln(-x-i\varepsilon)}{(-x-i\varepsilon)^2+1} \right]^2 dx \\ \Rightarrow -\pi^2 i &= \int_0^{\infty} \left[ \frac{\ln(x)+i\pi}{1+x^2} \right]^2 dx - \int_0^{\infty} \left[ \frac{\ln(x)-i\pi}{1+x^2} \right]^2 dx; \quad \varepsilon \rightarrow 0 \\ \Rightarrow -\pi^2 i &= \int_0^{\infty} \frac{(\ln(x)+i\pi)^2 - (\ln(x)-i\pi)^2}{(1+x^2)^2} dx = 4\pi i \int_0^{\infty} \frac{\ln x}{(x^2+1)^2} dx \Rightarrow \int_0^{\infty} \frac{\ln x}{(x^2+1)^2} = \frac{-i\pi^2}{4\pi i} = \frac{-\pi}{4} \end{aligned}$$

Q2. If  $[x]$  denotes the greatest integer not exceeding  $x$ , then  $\int_0^{\infty} [x]e^{-x} dx$

- (a)  $\frac{1}{e-1}$                       (b) 1                      (c)  $\frac{e-1}{e}$                       (d)  $\frac{e}{e^2-1}$

Ans.: (a)

Solution:  $[x]$

$$0 \leq x < 1 = [x] = 0, \quad 1 \leq x < 2 = [x] = 1, \quad 2 \leq x < 3 = [x] = 2$$

$$\text{Now, } \int_0^{\infty} [x]e^{-x} dx = \int_0^1 [x]e^{-x} dx + \int_1^2 [x]e^{-x} dx + \int_2^3 [x]e^{-x} dx + \int_3^4 [x]e^{-x} dx + \dots$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 + \int_1^2 1 \cdot e^{-x} dx + \int_2^3 2 \cdot e^{-x} dx + \int_3^4 3 \cdot e^{-x} dx = [-e^{-x}]_1^2 + 2[-e^{-x}]_2^3 + 3[-e^{-x}]_3^4 + \dots$$

$$= e^{-1} - e^{-2} + 2e^{-2} - 2e^{-3} + 3e^{-3} - 3e^{-4} + 4e^{-4} - 4e^{-5} + \dots$$

$$= e^{-1} + e^{-2} + e^{-3} + e^{-4} + \dots \infty$$

$$= \frac{e^{-1}}{1-e^{-1}} = \frac{1}{e-1} \quad \left( \because r = \frac{e^{-2}}{e^{-1}} = e^{-2+1} = e^{-1} \right)$$

- Q3. As  $x \rightarrow 1$ , the infinite series  $x - \frac{1}{3}x^3 + \frac{1}{5}x^5 - \frac{1}{7}x^7 + \dots$
- (a) diverges (b) converges to unity  
 (c) converges to  $\frac{\pi}{4}$  (d) none of the above

Ans.: (c)

Solution:  $\tan^{-1} x = x - \frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{x^5}{5} - \frac{x^7}{7} + \dots \Rightarrow \tan^{-1} 1 = \frac{\pi}{4}$

- Q4. What is the value of the following series?

$$\left(1 + \frac{1}{2!} + \frac{1}{4!} + \dots\right)^2 - \left(1 + \frac{1}{3!} + \frac{1}{5!} + \dots\right)^2$$

(a) 0 (b)  $e$  (c)  $e^2$  (d) 1

Ans.: (d)

Solution:  $e^1 = 1 + 1 + \frac{1^2}{2!} + \frac{1^3}{3!} + \dots$ ,  $e^{-1} = 1 - 1 + \frac{1^2}{2!} - \frac{1^3}{3!} + \dots$

$$\cosh 1 = \frac{e^1 + e^{-1}}{2} = 1 + \frac{1}{2!} + \frac{1}{4!} + \dots$$

$$\sinh 1 = \frac{(e^1 - e^{-1})}{2} = 1 + \frac{1}{3!} + \frac{1}{5!} + \dots$$

i.e.,  $\cosh^2 1 - \sinh^2 1 = 1$

- Q5. An unbiased die is cast twice. The probability that the positive difference (bigger - smaller) between the two numbers is 2 is
- (a)  $\frac{1}{9}$  (b)  $\frac{2}{9}$  (c)  $\frac{1}{6}$  (d)  $\frac{1}{3}$

Ans.: (b)

Solution:  $p(2) = \frac{n(E)}{n(S)}$

The number of ways to come positive difference

$$[(3, 1), (4, 2), (5, 3), (6, 4), (1, 3), (2, 4), (3, 5), (4, 6)]$$

$$p(2) = \frac{8}{36} = \frac{2}{9}$$



Q9. The vector field  $xz\hat{i} + y\hat{j}$  in cylindrical polar coordinates is

- (a)  $\rho(z \cos^2 \phi + \sin^2 \phi)\hat{e}_\rho + \rho \sin \phi \cos \phi(1 - z)\hat{e}_\phi$
- (b)  $\rho(z \cos^2 \phi + \sin^2 \phi)\hat{e}_\rho + \rho \sin \phi \cos \phi(1 + z)\hat{e}_\phi$
- (c)  $\rho(z \sin^2 \phi + \cos^2 \phi)\hat{e}_\rho + \rho \sin \phi \cos \phi(1 + z)\hat{e}_\phi$
- (d)  $\rho(z \sin^2 \phi + \cos^2 \phi)\hat{e}_\rho + \rho \sin \phi \cos \phi(1 - z)\hat{e}_\phi$

Ans.: (a)

Solution:  $\vec{A} = xz\hat{i} + y\hat{j} \Rightarrow A_x = xz, A_y = y, A_z = 0$

$$A_\rho = \vec{A} \cdot \hat{e}_\rho = A_x(\hat{x} \cdot \hat{e}_\rho) + A_y(\hat{y} \cdot \hat{e}_\rho) + A_z(\hat{z} \cdot \hat{e}_\rho)$$

$$\Rightarrow A_\rho = \rho \cos \phi z (\cos \phi) + \rho \sin \phi (\sin \phi) + 0 \Rightarrow A_\rho = (\rho \cos^2 \phi z + \rho \sin^2 \phi)\hat{e}_\rho$$

$$A_\phi = \vec{A} \cdot \hat{e}_\phi = A_x(\hat{x} \cdot \hat{e}_\phi) + A_y(\hat{y} \cdot \hat{e}_\phi) + A_z(\hat{z} \cdot \hat{e}_\phi)$$

$$\Rightarrow A_\phi = \rho \cos \phi (-\sin \phi) z + \rho \sin \phi \cdot \cos \phi \Rightarrow A_\phi = \rho \cos \phi \cdot \sin \phi (1 - z)\hat{e}_\phi$$

$$\vec{A} = A_\rho \hat{e}_\rho + A_\phi \hat{e}_\phi + A_z \hat{e}_z = \rho(z \cos^2 \phi + \sin^2 \phi)\hat{e}_\rho + \rho \cos \phi \sin \phi (1 - z)\hat{e}_\phi$$

Q10. There are on average 20 buses per hour at a point, but at random times. The probability that there are no buses in five minutes is closest to

- (a) 0.07
- (b) 0.60
- (c) 0.36
- (d) 0.19

Ans.: (d)

Solution: From Poisson's distribution function,

$$P(n) = \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^n}{n!}$$

here,  $\lambda = 20$  buses per hour

$$\Rightarrow \lambda = \frac{5}{3} \text{ buses in five minutes}$$

Therefore, the probability that there are no buses in five minutes,

$$P(n=0) = \frac{e^{-\frac{5}{3}} \left(\frac{5}{3}\right)^0}{0!} = e^{-5/3} = 0.1886 \approx 0.19$$

Thus, option (d) is correct option.

Q11. Two drunks start out together at the origin, each having equal probability of making a step simultaneously to the left or right along the  $x$  axis. The probability that they meet after  $n$  steps is

- (a)  $\frac{1}{4^n} \frac{2n!}{n!^2}$       (b)  $\frac{1}{2^n} \frac{2n!}{n!^2}$       (c)  $\frac{1}{2^n} 2n!$       (d)  $\frac{1}{4^n} n!$

Ans.: (a)

Solution: The probability of taking ' $r$ ' steps out of  $N$  steps =  ${}^N C_r \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^r \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{N-r}$

Total steps =  $N = n + n = 2n$

For taking probability of  $n$  steps out of  $N$

$$P = {}^N C_n \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{N-n} = \frac{N!}{(N-n)!n!} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{N-n} = \frac{2n!}{n!n!} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{2n} = \frac{2n!}{(n!)^2 4^n}$$

Q12. What is the value of the following series?

$$\left(1 - \frac{1}{2!} + \frac{1}{4!} - \dots\right)^2 + \left(1 - \frac{1}{3!} + \frac{1}{5!} - \dots\right)^2$$

- (a) 0      (b)  $e$       (c)  $e^2$       (d) 1

Ans.: (d)

Solution:  $\cos \theta = 1 - \frac{\theta^2}{2!} + \frac{\theta^4}{4!} - \dots$ ,       $\sin \theta = \theta - \frac{\theta^3}{3!} + \frac{\theta^5}{5!} - \dots$

$$\Rightarrow \left(1 - \frac{1}{2!} + \frac{1}{4!} - \dots\right)^2 + \left(1 - \frac{1}{3!} + \frac{1}{5!} - \dots\right)^2 = \cos^2 1 + \sin^2 1 = 1 \quad [\because \sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta = 1]$$

Q13. If the distribution function of  $x$  is  $f(x) = xe^{-x/\lambda}$  over the interval  $0 < x < \infty$ , the mean value of  $x$  is

- (a)  $\lambda$       (b)  $2\lambda$       (c)  $\frac{\lambda}{2}$       (d) 0

Ans.: (b)

Solution: Since, it is distribution function so,

$$\langle x \rangle = \frac{\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} xf(x)dx}{\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x)dx} = \frac{\int_0^{\infty} x \cdot xe^{-x/\lambda} dx}{\int_0^{\infty} xe^{-x/\lambda} dx} = \frac{\int_0^{\infty} x^2 e^{-x/\lambda} dx}{\int_0^{\infty} xe^{-x/\lambda} dx} = 2\lambda$$

## JEST-2014

Q14. What are the solutions of  $f''(x) - 2f'(x) + f(x) = 0$ ?

- (a)  $c_1 e^x / x$                       (b)  $c_1 x + c_2 / x$                       (c)  $c_1 x e^x + c_2$                       (d)  $c_1 e^x + c_2 x e^x$

Ans.: (d)

Solution: Auxiliary equation is,  $D^2 - 2D + 1 = 0 \Rightarrow (D-1)^2 = 0 \Rightarrow D = +1, +1$

$\therefore$  Roots are equal, then  $f(x) = (c_1 + c_2 x)e^x \Rightarrow f(x) = c_1 e^x + c_2 x e^x$

Q15. The value of  $\int_{0.2}^{2.2} x e^x dx$  by using the one-segment trapezoidal rule is closed to

- (a) 11.672                      (b) 11.807                      (c) 20.099                      (d) 24.119

Ans.: (c)

Solution:  $h = 2.2 - 0.2 = 2 \Rightarrow I = \frac{h}{2} [y(2.2) + y(0.2)] = 20.099$  [ $\because y = x e^x$ ]

Q16. Given the fundamental constants  $\hbar$  (Planck's constant),  $G$  (universal gravitation constant) and  $c$  (speed of light), which of the following has dimension of length?

- (a)  $\sqrt{\frac{\hbar G}{c^3}}$                       (b)  $\sqrt{\frac{\hbar G}{c^5}}$                       (c)  $\frac{\hbar G}{c^3}$                       (d)  $\sqrt{\frac{\hbar c}{8\pi G}}$

Ans.: (a)

Solution:  $\left[ \frac{[ML^2T^{-1}][M^{-1}L^3T^{-2}]}{LT^{-3}} \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} = [L^2]^{\frac{1}{2}} = L$

$\hbar = [ML^2T^{-1}]$ ,  $G = \frac{gr^2}{m} = [M^{-1}L^3T^{-2}]$

Q17. The Laplace transformation of  $e^{-2t} \sin 4t$  is

- (a)  $\frac{4}{s^2 + 4s + 25}$                       (b)  $\frac{4}{s^2 + 4s + 20}$   
 (c)  $\frac{4s}{s^2 + 4s + 20}$                       (d)  $\frac{4s}{2s^2 + 4s + 20}$

Ans.: (b)

Solution:  $\because L[e^{-at} \sin bt] = \frac{b}{(s+a)^2 + b^2}$

$\Rightarrow L[e^{-2t} \sin 4t] = \frac{4}{(s+2)^2 + 4^2} = \frac{4}{s^2 + 4s + 20}$

Q18. Let us write down the Lagrangian of a system as  $L(x, \dot{x}, \ddot{x}) = m\dot{x}^2 + kx^2 + c\ddot{x}$ . What is the dimension of  $c$ ?

- (a)  $MLT^{-3}$                       (b)  $MT^{-2}$                       (c)  $MT$                       (d)  $ML^2T^{-1}$

Ans.: (c)

Solution: According to dimension rule same dimension will be added or subtracted then dimension of  $M\dot{x}^2 =$  dimension of  $C\ddot{x}$

$$[ML^2T^{-2}] = [C][L][LT^{-3}]$$

$$[C] = \frac{[ML^2T^{-2}]}{[L^2T^{-3}]} = [MT]$$

Q19. The Dirac delta function  $\delta(x)$  satisfies the relation  $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x)\delta(x)dx = f(0)$  for a well behaved function  $f(x)$ . If  $x$  has the dimension of momentum then

- (a)  $\delta(x)$  has the dimension of momentum  
 (b)  $\delta(x)$  has the dimension of (momentum)<sup>2</sup>  
 (c)  $\delta(x)$  is dimensionless  
 (d)  $\delta(x)$  has the dimension of (momentum)<sup>-1</sup>

Ans.: (d)

Solution:  $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x)\delta(x)dx = f(0)$

$$f(x) \delta(x) dx = f(0) \Rightarrow [f(x)]\delta(x) \cdot P = [f(0)] \Rightarrow \delta(x) = [P^{-1}]$$

Since,  $[f(x)] = [f(0)]$

If  $F(x) = \alpha x + \beta$  is force  $[M LT^{-2}]$

$$F(0) = \beta \text{ is also } [M LT^{-2}]$$

Q20. The value of limit

$$\lim_{z \rightarrow i} \frac{z^{10} + 1}{z^6 + 1}$$

is equal to

- (a) 1                      (b) 0                      (c)  $\frac{-10}{3}$                       (d)  $\frac{5}{3}$

Ans.: (d)

$$\text{Solution: } \lim_{z \rightarrow i} \frac{z^{10} + 1}{z^6 + 1} = \lim_{z \rightarrow i} \frac{10z^9}{6z^5} = \lim_{z \rightarrow i} \frac{10z^4}{6} = \frac{10}{6} = \frac{5}{3}$$



Q21. The value of integral

$$I = \oint_c \frac{\sin z}{2z - \pi} dz$$

with  $c$  a circle  $|z| = 2$ , is

- (a) 0                      (b)  $2\pi i$                       (c)  $\pi i$                       (d)  $-\pi i$

Ans.: (c)

Solution:  $I = \oint_c \frac{\sin z}{2z - \pi}$ , for pole  $2z - \pi = 0 \Rightarrow z = \frac{\pi}{2}$

Residue at  $z = \frac{\pi}{2}$   $\because |z| = 2$ , so pole will lie within the contour

$$I = \oint_c \frac{e^{iz}}{2\left(z - \frac{\pi}{2}\right)} = \sum R \times 2\pi i$$

$$\text{Res} \left|_{z=\frac{\pi}{2}} = \frac{\left(z - \frac{\pi}{2}\right) e^{iz}}{2\left(z - \frac{\pi}{2}\right)} = \frac{e^{i\pi/2}}{2} = \frac{i}{2} \text{ (taking imaginary part); Residue} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\text{Now, } I = \frac{1}{2} \times 2\pi i = \pi i$$



- Q24. What is the maximum number of extrema of the function  $f(x) = P_k(x)e^{-\left(\frac{x^4}{4} + \frac{x^2}{2}\right)}$ , where  $x \in (-\infty, \infty)$  and  $P_k(x)$  is an arbitrary polynomial of degree  $k$ ?
- (a)  $k + 2$                       (b)  $k + 6$                       (c)  $k + 3$                       (d)  $k$

Ans.: (c)

Solution:  $f(x) = P_k(x)e^{-\left(\frac{x^4}{4} + \frac{x^2}{2}\right)}$

$$f'(x) = \left[ P'_k(x) + P_k(x)(-1)(x^3 + x) \right] e^{-\left(\frac{x^4}{4} + \frac{x^2}{2}\right)}$$

For maximum number of extrema,

$$\Rightarrow f'(x) = 0 \Rightarrow \left[ P'_k(x)(x^3 + x) - P_k(x) \right] = 0 \text{ is polynomial of order } k + 3$$

From the sign scheme maximum number of extrema =  $k + 3$

- Q25. The Bernoulli polynomials  $B_n(s)$  are defined by,  $\frac{xe^{xs}}{e^x - 1} = \sum B_n(s) \frac{x^n}{n!}$ . Which one of the following relations is true?
- (a)  $\frac{xe^{x(1-s)}}{e^x - 1} = \sum B_n(s) \frac{x^n}{(n+1)!}$                       (b)  $\frac{xe^{x(1-s)}}{e^x - 1} = \sum B_n(s) (-1)^n \frac{x^n}{(n+1)!}$
- (c)  $\frac{xe^{x(1-s)}}{e^x - 1} = \sum B_n(-s) (-1)^n \frac{x^n}{n!}$                       (d)  $\frac{xe^{x(1-s)}}{e^x - 1} = \sum B_n(s) (-1)^n \frac{x^n}{n!}$

Ans.: (d)

Solution:  $\frac{xe^{xs}}{e^x - 1} = \sum B_n(s) \frac{x^n}{n!}$

Put  $s = (s-1)$ ,  $\frac{xe^{x(s-1)}}{e^x - 1} = \sum B_n(s-1) \frac{x^n}{n!}$

Since,  $B_n(s-1) = (-1)^n B_n(s)$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{xe^{x(s-1)}}{e^x - 1} = \sum B_n(s) (-1)^n \frac{x^n}{n!}$$

Q26. Consider the differential equation  $G'(x) + kG(x) = \delta(x)$ ; where  $k$  is a constant. Which of the following statements is true?

- (a) Both  $G(x)$  and  $G'(x)$  are continuous at  $x = 0$ .
- (b)  $G(x)$  is continuous at  $x = 0$  but  $G'(x)$  is not.
- (c)  $G(x)$  is discontinuous at  $x = 0$ .
- (d) The continuity properties of  $G(x)$  and  $G'(x)$  at  $x = 0$  depends on the value of  $k$ .

Ans.: (c)

Q27. The sum  $\sum_{m=1}^{99} \frac{1}{\sqrt{m+1} + \sqrt{m}}$  is equal to

- (a) 9
- (b)  $\sqrt{99} - 1$
- (c)  $\frac{1}{(\sqrt{99} - 1)}$
- (d) 11

Ans.: (a)

Solution: 
$$\sum_{m=1}^{99} \frac{1}{\sqrt{m+1} + \sqrt{m}} = \sum_{m=1}^{99} \frac{\sqrt{m+1} - \sqrt{m}}{(m+1) - m} = \sum_{m=1}^{99} \sqrt{m+1} - \sqrt{m}$$

$$= \sqrt{2} - \sqrt{1} + \sqrt{3} - \sqrt{2} \dots + \sqrt{100} - \sqrt{99} = \sqrt{100} - \sqrt{1} = 10 - 1 = 9$$

## JEST-2016

Q28. Given the condition  $\nabla^2 \phi = 0$ , the solution of the equation  $\nabla^2 \psi = k \vec{\nabla} \phi \cdot \vec{\nabla} \phi$  is given by

- (a)  $\psi = \frac{k\phi^2}{2}$       (b)  $\psi = k\phi^2$       (c)  $\psi = \frac{k\phi \ln \phi}{2}$       (d)  $\psi = \frac{k\phi \ln \phi}{2}$

Ans.: (a)

Solution:  $\nabla^2 \phi = 0 \Rightarrow \vec{\nabla} \cdot (\vec{\nabla} \phi) = 0 \Rightarrow \vec{\nabla} \cdot (\vec{\nabla} \phi) = 0 \Rightarrow \vec{\nabla} \phi = \alpha \hat{x} + \beta \hat{y} + \gamma \hat{z} \Rightarrow \phi = \alpha x + \beta y + \gamma z$

$$k \vec{\nabla} \phi \cdot \vec{\nabla} \phi = k(\alpha^2 + \beta^2 + \gamma^2)$$

$$\text{If } \psi = \frac{k\phi^2}{2} = \frac{k}{2}(\alpha x + \beta y + \gamma z)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \nabla^2 \psi = \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial z^2} = k(\alpha^2 + \beta^2 + \gamma^2) \Rightarrow \nabla^2 \psi = k \vec{\nabla} \phi \cdot \vec{\nabla} \phi$$

Q29. The mean value of random variable  $x$  with probability density

$$p(x) = \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} \cdot \exp\left[-\frac{(x^2 + \mu x)}{(2\sigma^2)}\right] \text{ is:}$$

- (a) 0      (b)  $\frac{\mu}{2}$       (c)  $\frac{-\mu}{2}$       (d)  $\sigma$

Ans.: (a)

Solution:  $\langle x \rangle = \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x \exp\left(-\frac{x^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) dx \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \exp\left(-\frac{\mu x}{2\sigma^2}\right) dx = 0$  (due to odd function)

Q30. Given a matrix  $M = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$ , which of the following represents  $\cos\left(\frac{\pi M}{6}\right)$

- (a)  $\frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$       (b)  $\frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$       (c)  $\frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$       (d)  $\frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \sqrt{3} \\ \sqrt{3} & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

Ans.: (b)

Solution: Given,  $M = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$

$$\text{For eigen value, } \begin{vmatrix} 2-\lambda & 1 \\ 1 & 2-\lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda = 1, 3$$

Now, for  $\lambda = 1$ ,

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = 1 \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2x_1 + x_2 = x_1 \Rightarrow x_1 = -x_2$$

Therefore, eigen vector associated with eigen value,

$$\lambda = 1 \text{ is } \phi_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Similarly, for  $\lambda = 3$ , we get associated eigen vector as,

$$\phi_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{Thus, } M = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\cos \frac{\pi}{6} M = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \cos \frac{\pi}{6} & 0 \\ 0 & \cos \frac{\pi}{2} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} & -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} \\ -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} & \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Therefore, } \cos \left( \frac{\pi M}{6} \right) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} & -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} \\ -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} & \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} \end{bmatrix} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Thus, option (b) is correct option.

Q31. The sum of the infinite series  $1 - \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{5} - \frac{1}{7} + \dots$  is

- (a)  $2\pi$                       (b)  $\pi$                       (c)  $\frac{\pi}{2}$                       (d)  $\frac{\pi}{4}$

Ans. : (d)

Solution: The series expansion of  $\tan^{-1} x$  in interval  $-1 < x \leq 1$  is,

$$\tan^{-1} x = x - \frac{1}{3}x^3 + \frac{1}{5}x^5 - \frac{1}{7}x^7 + \dots$$

Putting  $x = 1$ , we get,

$$\tan^{-1} 1 = 1 - \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{5} - \frac{1}{7} + \dots \Rightarrow 1 - \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{5} - \frac{1}{7} + \dots = \frac{\pi}{4}$$

Thus, option (d) is correct.

Q32. A semicircular piece of paper is folded to make a cone with the centre of the semicircle as the apex. The half-angle of the resulting cone would be:

- (a)  $90^\circ$                       (b)  $60^\circ$                       (c)  $45^\circ$                       (d)  $30^\circ$

Ans. : (d)

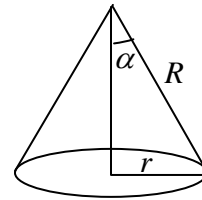
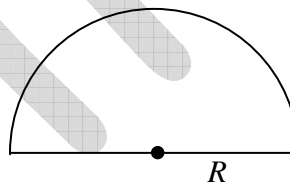
Solution: When the semicircular piece of paper is folded to make a cone, the circumference of base is equal to the circumference of the original semicircle. Let  $r$  be the radius of the base of the cone and  $R$  be the radius of the semicircle.

Hence,  $2\pi r = \pi R \Rightarrow r = \frac{R}{2}$ .

The slant height of the cone will also be  $R$ .

Hence,  $\sin \alpha = \frac{R/2}{R} = \frac{1}{2}$

Thus,  $\alpha = 30^\circ$



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Q33.  $\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} (x^2 + 1)\delta(x^2 - 3x + 2)dx = ?$

- (a) 1                      (b) 2                      (c) 5                      (d) 7

Ans. : (d)

Solution:  $\because (x^2 - 3x + 2) = (x^2 - x - 2x + 2) = x(x-1) - 2(x-1) = (x-1)(x-2)$

$$\Rightarrow \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (x^2 + 1)\delta(x^2 - 3x + 2)dx = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (x^2 + 1)\delta[(x-1)(x-2)]dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{|2-1|} [f(1) + f(2)] = [2+5] = 7$$

Q34. Which one is the image of the complex domain  $\{z | xy \geq 1, x + y > 0\}$  under the mapping

$f(z) = z^2$ , if  $z = x + iy$  ?

- (a)  $\{z | xy \geq 1, x + y > 0\}$                       (b)  $\{z | x \geq 2, x + y > 0\}$   
 (c)  $\{z | y \geq 2\forall x\}$                       (d)  $\{z | y \geq 1\forall x\}$

Q35. Let  $\Lambda = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 11 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $M = \begin{pmatrix} 10 & 3i \\ -3i & 2 \end{pmatrix}$ . Similarity, transformation of  $M$  to  $\Lambda$  can be performed by

- (a)  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{10}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3i \\ 3i & 1 \end{pmatrix}$       (b)  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{9}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -3i \\ 3i & 11 \end{pmatrix}$       (c)  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{10}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3i \\ -3i & 11 \end{pmatrix}$       (d)  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{9}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3i \\ -3i & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

Ans. : (a)

Solution:  $M = \begin{pmatrix} 10 & 3i \\ -3i & 2 \end{pmatrix}$

The eigen value of matrix  $M$  is 1,11 and corresponding eigen vector are:

$|\phi_1\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{10}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3i \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $|\phi_2\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{10}} \begin{pmatrix} 3i \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$  respectively.

Now,  $P = (|\phi_1\rangle \quad |\phi_2\rangle)$

$$P = \frac{1}{\sqrt{10}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3i \\ 3i & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$



Q36. Suppose that we toss two fair coins hundred times each. The probability that the same number of heads occur for both coins at the end of the experiment is

- (a)  $\left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^{100} \sum_{n=0}^{100} \binom{100}{n}$                       (b)  $2\left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^{100} \sum_{n=0}^{100} \binom{100}{n}^2$   
 (c)  $\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^{100} \sum_{n=0}^{100} \binom{100}{n}^2$                       (d)  $\left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^{100} \sum_{n=0}^{100} \binom{100}{n}^2$

Ans. : (d)

Solution: If we toss one fair coins hundred times, then probability of  $n$  number of head occurs at the end of 100 times is

$${}^{100}C_n \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{100-n}$$

Hence, the probability that same number of heads occur for both coins at the end of experiment is

$$\sum_{n=0}^{100} \left( {}^{100}C_n \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{100} \right) \cdot \left( {}^{100}C_n \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{100} \right) = \sum_{n=0}^{100} \left( {}^{100}C_n \right)^2 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{200} = \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^{100} \sum_{n=0}^{100} \left( {}^{100}C_n \right)^2$$

Q37. What is the equation of the plane which is tangent to the surface  $xyz = 4$  at the point  $(1, 2, 2)$ ?

- (a)  $x + 2y + 4z = 12$                       (b)  $4x + 2y + z = 12$   
 (c)  $x + 4y + z = 0$                       (d)  $2x + y + z = 6$

Ans. : (d)

Solution: The surface equation is given by

$$\phi = xyz = 4$$

The normal vector to the surface is

$$\vec{n} = \vec{\nabla} \phi = yz\hat{x} + xz\hat{y} + xy\hat{z}$$

At point  $(1, 2, 2)$ ,

$$\vec{n} = (4\hat{x} + 2\hat{y} + 2\hat{z}), \hat{n} = \frac{\vec{n}}{|\vec{n}|} = \frac{(4\hat{x} + 2\hat{y} + 2\hat{z})}{\sqrt{16+4+4}} = \frac{(2\hat{x} + \hat{y} + \hat{z})}{\sqrt{6}}$$

The equation of plane at point  $(1, 2, 2)$  is

$$[(x-1)\hat{x} + (y-2)\hat{y} + (z-2)\hat{z}] \cdot \hat{n} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 2(x-1) + 1(y-2) + 1(z-2) = 0 \Rightarrow 2x + y + z = 6$$

Q38. The integral  $I = \int_1^{\infty} \frac{\sqrt{x-1}}{(1+x)^2} dx$  is

- (a)  $\frac{\pi}{\sqrt{2}}$                       (b)  $\frac{\pi}{2\sqrt{2}}$                       (c)  $\frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2}$                       (d)  $\sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2}}$

Ans. : (b)

Solution:  $I = \int_1^{\infty} \frac{\sqrt{x-1}}{(1+x)^2} dx$

Put,  $x = (1+z^2)$ ,  $dx = 2zdz$

Hence,  $I = \int_0^{\infty} \frac{2z^2 dz}{(2+z^2)^2}$

Here poles,  $(2+z^2) = 0 \Rightarrow (z+i\sqrt{2})(z-i\sqrt{2}) = 0$

Only  $(z=i\sqrt{2})$  poles is allowed

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then } R(i\sqrt{2}) &= \lim_{z \rightarrow i\sqrt{2}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}-1} \frac{d}{dz} \left[ \frac{2z^2(z-i\sqrt{2})^2}{(z-i\sqrt{2})^2(z+i\sqrt{2})^2} \right] \\ &= \lim_{z \rightarrow i\sqrt{2}} \left[ \frac{(z+i\sqrt{2})^2 \cdot 4z - 2z^2 \cdot 2(z+i\sqrt{2})}{(z+i\sqrt{2})^4} \right] \\ &= \frac{(2i\sqrt{2})^2 \times 4(i\sqrt{2}) - 2(i\sqrt{2})^2 \cdot 2(2i\sqrt{2})}{(2i\sqrt{2})^4} = -\frac{32\sqrt{2}i + 16\sqrt{2}i}{64} = -\frac{16\sqrt{2}i}{64} = -\frac{i}{2\sqrt{2}} \end{aligned}$$

Hence,  $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{2z^2}{(2+z^2)^2} dz = 2\pi i \left( -\frac{i}{2\sqrt{2}} \right) = \frac{\pi}{\sqrt{2}}$

$$\Rightarrow \int_0^{\infty} \frac{2z^2}{(2+z^2)^2} dz = \frac{\pi}{2\sqrt{2}} \Rightarrow \int_1^{\infty} \frac{\sqrt{x-1}}{(1+x)^2} dx = \frac{\pi}{2\sqrt{2}}$$

Q39. The Fourier transform of the function  $\frac{1}{x^4 + 3x^2 + 2}$  up to proportionality constant is

- (a)  $\sqrt{2} \exp(-k^2) - \exp(-2k^2)$                       (b)  $\sqrt{2} \exp(-|k|) - \exp(-\sqrt{2}|k|)$   
 (c)  $\sqrt{2} \exp(-\sqrt{|k|}) - \exp(-\sqrt{2|k|})$                       (d)  $\sqrt{2} \exp(-\sqrt{2}k^2) - \exp(-2k^2)$

Ans. : (b)

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

Now, Fourier transform of  $f(x)$  is,

$$F(p) = A \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) e^{-ikx} dx$$

$$= A \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left[ \frac{1}{(x^2 + 1)} - \frac{1}{x^2 + (\sqrt{2})^2} \right] e^{-ikx} dx = A \left[ \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(x^2 + 1)} \times e^{-ikx} dx - \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{e^{-ikx}}{x^2 + (\sqrt{2})^2} dx \right]$$

$$\because \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(x^2 + a^2)} e^{-ikx} dx = \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{e^{-a|k|}}{a}$$

$$F(k) = A \left[ \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{e^{-|k|}}{1} - \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{e^{-\sqrt{2}|k|}}{\sqrt{2}} \right] = \frac{A\sqrt{\pi}}{2} \left[ \sqrt{2} \exp(-|k|) - \exp(-\sqrt{2}|k|) \right]$$

Q40. If  $\rho = \frac{1}{2} \left[ I + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} (\sigma_x + \sigma_y + \sigma_z) \right]$ , where  $\sigma$ 's are the Pauli matrices and  $I$  is the identity

matrix, then the trace of  $\rho^{2017}$  is

- (a)  $2^{2017}$                       (b)  $2^{-2017}$                       (c) 1                      (d)  $\frac{1}{2}$

Ans. : (c)

Solution: Given,  $\rho = \frac{1}{2} \left[ I + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} (\sigma_x + \sigma_y + \sigma_z) \right]$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now, } \rho^2 &= \frac{1}{4} \left[ I + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} (\sigma_x + \sigma_y + \sigma_z) \right] \left[ I + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} (\sigma_x + \sigma_y + \sigma_z) \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{4} \left[ I + \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} (\sigma_x + \sigma_y + \sigma_z) + \frac{1}{3} (\sigma_x + \sigma_y + \sigma_z)^2 \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{4} \left[ I + \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} (\sigma_x + \sigma_y + \sigma_z) + \frac{1}{3} (3I) \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{4} \left[ 2I + \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} (\sigma_x + \sigma_y + \sigma_z) \right] = \frac{1}{2} \left[ I + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} (\sigma_x + \sigma_y + \sigma_z) \right] \end{aligned}$$

$\rho^2 = \rho \Rightarrow \rho^n = \rho$ , where  $n$  can be any positive integer

therefore,  $\rho^{2017} = \rho$

$$\rho^{2017} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1+1/\sqrt{3}}{2} & \frac{1-i}{2\sqrt{3}} \\ \frac{1+i}{2\sqrt{3}} & \frac{1-1/\sqrt{3}}{2} \end{bmatrix}$$

since, Trace of a matrix is equal to sum of their diagonal element, so

$$\text{Trace of } \rho^{2017} = \frac{1+\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}}{2} + \frac{1-\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}}{2} = 1$$

Q41. The function  $f(x) = \cosh x$  which exists in the range  $-\pi \leq x \leq \pi$  is periodically repeated between  $x = (2m-1)\pi$  and  $(2m+1)\pi$ , where  $m = -\infty$  to  $\infty$ . Using Fourier series, indicate the correct relation at  $x = 0$

$$(a) \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{1-n^2} = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\pi}{\cosh \pi} - 1 \right)$$

$$(b) \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{1-n^2} = 2 \frac{\pi}{\cosh \pi}$$

$$(c) \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{-n}}{1+n^2} = 2 \frac{\pi}{\sinh \pi}$$

$$(d) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{1+n^2} = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\pi}{\sinh \pi} - 1 \right)$$

Ans. : (d)

Solution:  $f(x) = \cosh x$ ,  $-\pi \leq x \leq \pi$

$$\text{Here, } a_0 = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \cosh x dx = \frac{1}{2\pi} [\sinh x]_{-\pi}^{\pi} = \frac{\sinh \pi}{\pi}$$

$b_n = 0$ , due to even function

$$\text{and } a_n = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} (e^x + e^{-x}) \cos nx dx \quad \left[ \because \cosh x = \frac{1}{2}(e^x + e^{-x}) \right]$$

$$\begin{aligned} a_n &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \left[ \frac{e^x}{(1+n^2)} (\cos nx + n \sin nx) + \frac{e^{-x}}{1+n^2} (-\cos nx + n \sin nx) \right]_{-\pi}^{\pi} \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \left[ \frac{e^{\pi} (-1)^n}{(1+n^2)} - \frac{e^{-\pi} (-1)^n}{(1+n^2)} - \frac{e^{-\pi} (-1)^n}{(1+n^2)} + \frac{e^{\pi} (-1)^n}{(1+n^2)} \right] \\ &= \frac{2(-1)^n \cdot 2 \sinh \pi}{2\pi(1+n^2)} = \frac{2(-1)^n \sinh \pi}{\pi(1+n^2)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Hence, } f(x) = a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (a_n \cos nx + b_n \sin nx)$$

$$\Rightarrow \cosh x = \frac{\sinh \pi}{\pi} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2(-1)^n \sinh \pi}{\pi(1+n^2)} \cos nx$$

At  $x=0$ ,

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2(-1)^n \sinh \pi}{\pi(1+n^2)} = \left( 1 - \frac{\sinh \pi}{\pi} \right) \Rightarrow \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{(1+n^2)} = \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{\pi}{\sinh \pi} - 1 \right]$$