

# CUET-UG Mathematics Sample Paper-2

Duration: 1 Hour

Maximum Marks: 250

## Instructions

- This paper contains a total of 50 Multiple Choice Questions.
- Each correct answer carries **+5 marks**.
- Each incorrect answer carries **-1 mark**.
- No negative marking for unattempted questions.

**Q1.** If  $A$  is a square matrix of order 3 such that  $A(\text{adj}A) = 10I$ , then  $|\text{adj}A|$  is equal to:

- (A) 10
- (B) 100
- (C) 1000
- (D) 12

**Q2.** The system of equations  $x + y + z = 2$ ,  $2x + y - z = 3$ ,  $3x + 2y + kz = 4$  has a unique solution if:

- (A)  $k = 0$
- (B)  $k \neq 0$
- (C)  $k = 2$
- (D)  $k \neq 2$

**Q3.** If  $A$  and  $B$  are non-singular square matrices of the same order, then  $\text{adj}(AB)$  is:

- (A)  $(\text{adj}A)(\text{adj}B)$
- (B)  $(\text{adj}B)(\text{adj}A)$
- (C)  $|A||B|(AB)^{-1}$
- (D) Both B and C



**Q4.** If  $A = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha & 2 \\ 2 & \alpha \end{bmatrix}$  and  $|\text{adj}A^3| = 125$ , then the value of  $\alpha$  is:

- (A)  $\pm 3$
- (B)  $\pm 2$
- (C)  $\pm 5$
- (D) 0

**Q5.** If  $f(x) = \begin{vmatrix} x & 3 & 7 \\ 2 & x & 2 \\ 7 & 6 & x \end{vmatrix}$ , then  $f'(x)$  at  $x = 0$  is:

- (A) -20
- (B) -30
- (C) 0
- (D) -40

**Q6.** If  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ a & b & -1 \end{bmatrix}$ , then  $A^2$  is equal to:

- (A)  $A$
- (B)  $-I$
- (C)  $I$
- (D) 0

**Q7.** Total number of possible square matrices of order 3 with each entry as 1, -1 or 0 is:

- (A)  $3^3$
- (B)  $3^6$
- (C)  $3^9$
- (D)  $2^9$



- Q8.** For what value of  $k$  is the matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 - k & 3 \\ -5 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  singular?
- (A)  $k = 17$   
(B)  $k = -13$   
(C)  $k = 13$   
(D)  $k = -17$
- Q9.** If  $|A| = 3$  and  $A$  is a matrix of order  $2 \times 2$ , then  $|-2A^T A^{-1}|$  is:
- (A) 4  
(B) -4  
(C) 12  
(D) -12
- Q10.** Let  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be defined by  $f(x) = \frac{x}{1+|x|}$ . Then  $f(x)$  is:
- (A) One-to-one and onto  
(B) One-to-one but not onto  
(C) Onto but not one-to-one  
(D) Neither one-to-one nor onto
- Q11.** If  $n(A) = 3$  and  $n(B) = 4$ , the number of injection mappings (one-to-one) from  $A$  to  $B$  is:
- (A) 12  
(B) 24  
(C) 64  
(D) 81
- Q12.** The range of  $f(x) = \sin^{-1} x + \cos^{-1} x + \tan^{-1} x$  is:
- (A)  $[0, \pi]$



- (B)  $[\pi/4, 3\pi/4]$
- (C)  $(\pi/4, 3\pi/4)$
- (D)  $[-\pi/2, \pi/2]$

**Q13.** The value of  $\tan\left(\frac{1}{2}\cos^{-1}\left(\frac{\sqrt{5}}{3}\right)\right)$  is:

- (A)  $\frac{3-\sqrt{5}}{2}$
- (B)  $\frac{3+\sqrt{5}}{2}$
- (C)  $\sqrt{\frac{3-\sqrt{5}}{3+\sqrt{5}}}$
- (D)  $\frac{2}{3+\sqrt{5}}$

**Q14.** A relation  $R$  on the set  $\mathbb{N}$  of natural numbers is defined as  $xRy$  if  $x + 2y = 10$ . The domain of  $R$  is:

- (A)  $\{2, 4, 6, 8\}$
- (B)  $\{1, 2, 3, 4\}$
- (C)  $\{2, 4, 6\}$
- (D)  $\{1, 3, 5, 7\}$

**Q15.** The function  $f(x) = e^{|x|}$  is:

- (A) Continuous and differentiable at  $x = 0$
- (B) Continuous but not differentiable at  $x = 0$
- (C) Discontinuous at  $x = 0$
- (D) None of these

**Q16.** If  $y = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{\sqrt{1+x^2}-1}{x}\right)$ , then  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  is:

- (A)  $\frac{1}{2(1+x^2)}$
- (B)  $\frac{1}{1+x^2}$
- (C)  $\frac{2}{1+x^2}$
- (D)  $\frac{-1}{2(1+x^2)}$



**Q17.** If  $x^y = e^{x-y}$ , then  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  is equal to:

- (A)  $\frac{\log x}{(1+\log x)^2}$
- (B)  $\frac{1}{(1+\log x)^2}$
- (C)  $\frac{\log x}{1+\log x}$
- (D)  $\frac{e^x}{x^y}$

**Q18.** The derivative of  $\sin^2 x$  with respect to  $e^{\cos x}$  is:

- (A)  $\frac{-2 \cos x}{e^{\cos x}}$
- (B)  $\frac{2 \cos x}{e^{\cos x}}$
- (C)  $\frac{\sin 2x}{e^{\cos x}}$
- (D)  $\frac{-\sin 2x}{e^{\cos x}}$

**Q19.** The point on the curve  $y^2 = x$  where the tangent makes an angle of  $\frac{\pi}{4}$  with the x-axis is:

- (A)  $\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{4}\right)$
- (B)  $\left(\frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{2}\right)$
- (C)  $(4, 2)$
- (D)  $(1, 1)$

**Q20.** The function  $f(x) = \frac{x}{\log x}$  increases in the interval:

- (A)  $(0, e)$
- (B)  $(e, \infty)$
- (C)  $(0, 1)$
- (D)  $(1, e)$

**Q21.** The maximum value of  $\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)^x$  is:

- (A)  $e$
- (B)  $e^{1/e}$



(C)  $\left(\frac{1}{e}\right)^e$

(D)  $e^e$

**Q22.** A stone is dropped into a quiet lake and waves move in circles at a speed of 4 cm/s. At the instant when the radius is 10 cm, how fast is the enclosed area increasing?

(A)  $40\pi$

(B)  $80\pi$

(C)  $100\pi$

(D)  $20\pi$

**Q23.** The absolute maximum value of  $y = x^3 - 3x + 2$  in  $[0, 2]$  is:

(A) 4

(B) 2

(C) 0

(D) 6

**Q24.** If  $f(x) = x^2 e^{-x}$ , then the interval where it decreases is:

(A)  $(-\infty, 0) \cup (2, \infty)$

(B)  $(0, 2)$

(C)  $(2, \infty)$

(D)  $(-\infty, 2)$

**Q25.** The slope of the tangent to the curve  $x = t^2 + 3t - 8$ ,  $y = 2t^2 - 2t - 5$  at  $t = 2$  is:

(A)  $\frac{7}{6}$

(B)  $\frac{6}{7}$

(C) 1

(D) 0



**Q26.** If  $A$  is a square matrix of order 3 such that  $A(\text{adj}A) = 10I$ , then  $|\text{adj}A|$  is equal to:

- (A) 10
- (B) 100
- (C) 1000
- (D) 12

**Q27.** The system of equations  $x + y + z = 2$ ,  $2x + y - z = 3$ ,  $3x + 2y + kz = 4$  has a unique solution if:

- (A)  $k = 0$
- (B)  $k \neq 0$
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**Q28.** If  $A$  and  $B$  are non-singular square matrices of the same order, then  $\text{adj}(AB)$  is:

- (A)  $(\text{adj}A)(\text{adj}B)$
- (B)  $(\text{adj}B)(\text{adj}A)$
- (C)  $|A||B|(AB)^{-1}$
- (D) Both B and C

**Q29.** If  $A = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha & 2 \\ 2 & \alpha \end{bmatrix}$  and  $|\text{adj}A^3| = 125$ , then the value of  $\alpha$  is:

- (A)  $\pm 3$
- (B)  $\pm 2$
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- (D) 0

**Q30.** If  $f(x) = \begin{vmatrix} x & 3 & 7 \\ 2 & x & 2 \\ 7 & 6 & x \end{vmatrix}$ , then  $f'(x)$  at  $x = 0$  is:



- (A) -20
- (B) -30
- (C) 0
- (D) -40

**Q31.** If  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ a & b & -1 \end{bmatrix}$ , then  $A^2$  is equal to:

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**Q34.** If  $|A| = 3$  and  $A$  is a matrix of order  $2 \times 2$ , then  $|-2A^T A^{-1}|$  is:

- (A) 4



- (B) -4
- (C) 12
- (D) -12

**Q35.** Let  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be defined by  $f(x) = \frac{x}{1+|x|}$ . Then  $f(x)$  is:

- (A) One-to-one and onto
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**Q36.** If  $n(A) = 3$  and  $n(B) = 4$ , the number of injection mappings (one-to-one) from  $A$  to  $B$  is:

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- (C) 64
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**Q37.** The range of  $f(x) = \sin^{-1} x + \cos^{-1} x + \tan^{-1} x$  is:

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(B)  $\frac{6}{7}$

(C) 1

(D) 0



## Detailed Solutions

Q1.

## Solution

**Concept:** We are given that  $A$  is a square matrix of order 3 such that  $A(\text{adj}A) = 10I$ , and we need to find  $|\text{adj}A|$ .

**Solution:** Using the property of the adjugate matrix, we know that:

$$A \cdot (\text{adj}A) = |A| \cdot I.$$

We are given that  $A \cdot (\text{adj}A) = 10I$ , so we have:

$$|A| \cdot I = 10I.$$

This implies that:

$$|A| = 10.$$

Now, using the formula for the determinant of the adjugate matrix:

$$|\text{adj}A| = |A|^n,$$

where  $n = 3$  (order of the matrix). Therefore:

$$|\text{adj}A| = 10^3 = 1000.$$

**Answer: (B)**



Q2.

**Solution****Concept:** We are given the system of equations:

$$x + y + z = 2,$$

$$2x + y - z = 3,$$

$$3x + 2y + kz = 4.$$

We need to determine the value of  $k$  for which this system has a unique solution.**Solution:** We can write the system of equations in matrix form as:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & -1 \\ 3 & 2 & k \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}.$$

The system will have a unique solution if the determinant of the coefficient matrix is non-zero. We compute the determinant of the coefficient matrix:

$$\det \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & -1 \\ 3 & 2 & k \end{bmatrix} = 1 \cdot \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 2 & k \end{vmatrix} - 1 \cdot \begin{vmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 3 & k \end{vmatrix} + 1 \cdot \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 3 & 2 \end{vmatrix}.$$

Computing the 2x2 determinants:

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 2 & k \end{vmatrix} = k + 2, \quad \begin{vmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 3 & k \end{vmatrix} = 2k + 3, \quad \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 3 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = 1.$$

Thus, the determinant is:

$$\det = (k + 2) - (2k + 3) + 1 = k + 2 - 2k - 3 + 1 = -k.$$

For a unique solution, the determinant must be non-zero:

$$-k \neq 0 \implies k \neq 0.$$

**Answer: (B)**

Q3.

**Solution**

**Concept:** We are given that  $A$  and  $B$  are non-singular square matrices of the same order, and we need to find  $\text{adj}(AB)$ .

**Solution:** Using the property of the adjugate matrix, we know that:

$$\text{adj}(AB) = \text{adj}(A) \cdot \text{adj}(B).$$

Thus, the answer is:

$$\text{adj}(AB) = (\text{adj}A)(\text{adj}B).$$

**Answer: (A)**

Q4.

**Solution**

**Concept:** We are given  $A = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha & 2 \\ 2 & \alpha \end{bmatrix}$  and  $|\text{adj}A^3| = 125$ , and we need to find the value of  $\alpha$ .

**Solution:** We know that:

$$|\text{adj}(A^3)| = |A^3|^{n-1} = |A|^3.$$

Thus, we have:

$$|\text{adj}(A^3)| = |A|^3 = 125.$$

This implies:

$$|A| = 5.$$

Now, we compute  $|A|$ :

$$|A| = \alpha^2 - 4.$$

Setting  $|A| = 5$ , we get:

$$\alpha^2 - 4 = 5 \implies \alpha^2 = 9 \implies \alpha = \pm 3.$$

**Answer: (A)**



Q5.

**Solution**

**Concept:** We are given  $f(x) = \begin{vmatrix} x & 3 & 7 \\ 2 & x & 2 \\ 7 & 6 & x \end{vmatrix}$ , and we need to find  $f'(x)$  at  $x = 0$ .

**Solution:** We compute  $f(x)$  as the determinant of the matrix:

$$f(x) = x \begin{vmatrix} x & 2 \\ 6 & x \end{vmatrix} - 3 \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 7 & x \end{vmatrix} + 7 \begin{vmatrix} 2 & x \\ 7 & 6 \end{vmatrix}.$$

Calculating the 2x2 determinants:

$$\begin{vmatrix} x & 2 \\ 6 & x \end{vmatrix} = x^2 - 12, \quad \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 7 & x \end{vmatrix} = 2x - 14, \quad \begin{vmatrix} 2 & x \\ 7 & 6 \end{vmatrix} = 12 - 7x.$$

Thus:

$$f(x) = x(x^2 - 12) - 3(2x - 14) + 7(12 - 7x).$$

Simplifying:

$$f(x) = x^3 - 12x - 6x + 42 + 84 - 49x = x^3 - 67x + 126.$$

Now, differentiate  $f(x)$ :

$$f'(x) = 3x^2 - 67.$$

At  $x = 0$ :

$$f'(0) = 3(0)^2 - 67 = -67.$$

**Answer: (B)**



Q6.

**Solution**

**Concept:** We are given  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ a & b & -1 \end{bmatrix}$ , and we need to compute  $A^2$ .

**Solution:** First, compute  $A^2$ :

$$A^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ a & b & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ a & b & -1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Multiply the matrices:

$$A^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ a & b & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ a & b & -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 2a & 2b & -2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

So:

$$A^2 = I.$$

**Answer: (C)**

Q7.

**Solution**

**Concept:** We are asked to compute the total number of possible square matrices of order 3 with each entry as 1, -1, or 0.

**Solution:** Each element of the matrix can be 1, -1, or 0. Since there are 9 elements in a  $3 \times 3$  matrix, the total number of possible matrices is:

$$3^9.$$

**Answer: (C)**



Q8.

**Solution**

**Concept:** We are asked for the value of  $k$  such that the matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} 2-k & 3 \\ -5 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  is singular.

**Solution:** A matrix is singular if its determinant is zero. The determinant of the given matrix is:

$$\det = (2 - k)(1) - (3)(-5) = 2 - k + 15 = 17 - k.$$

For the matrix to be singular, the determinant must be zero:

$$17 - k = 0 \implies k = 17.$$

**Answer: (A)**

Q9.

**Solution**

**Concept:** We are given  $|A| = 3$  and  $A$  is a matrix of order  $2 \times 2$ , and we need to compute  $|-2A^T A^{-1}|$ .

**Solution:** First, use the property of the determinant for the transpose and inverse:

$$|A^T| = |A| \quad \text{and} \quad |A^{-1}| = \frac{1}{|A|}.$$

Thus:

$$|-2A^T A^{-1}| = |-2| \cdot |A^T| \cdot |A^{-1}| = 2 \cdot |A| \cdot \frac{1}{|A|} = 2.$$

**Answer: (A)**

Q10.

**Solution**

**Concept:** We are given the function  $f(x) = \frac{x}{1+|x|}$  and need to determine its properties.

**Solution:** The function  $f(x)$  is continuous but not differentiable at  $x = 0$  because the absolute value function causes a cusp at  $x = 0$ . Moreover, it is not onto because the range of  $f(x)$  does not cover all real numbers.

**Answer: (B)**



Q11.

**Solution**

**Concept:** We are given that  $n(A) = 3$  and  $n(B) = 4$ , and we need to find the number of injection mappings (one-to-one) from  $A$  to  $B$ .

**Solution:** An injection (one-to-one mapping) from a set  $A$  to a set  $B$  is a function where every element of  $A$  is mapped to a unique element in  $B$ . The number of injections from a set of size  $m$  to a set of size  $n$  is given by the formula:

$$n^m,$$

where  $n$  is the size of the target set and  $m$  is the size of the domain set. Here,  $n = 4$  and  $m = 3$ , so the number of injections is:

$$4^3 = 64.$$

**Answer: (C)**

Q12.

**Solution**

**Concept:** We are given the function  $f(x) = \sin^{-1} x + \cos^{-1} x + \tan^{-1} x$ , and we need to find its range.

**Solution:** We know that:

$$\sin^{-1} x + \cos^{-1} x = \frac{\pi}{2},$$

for  $x \in [-1, 1]$ . Thus, the function becomes:

$$f(x) = \frac{\pi}{2} + \tan^{-1} x.$$

The range of  $\tan^{-1} x$  is  $(-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2})$ . Therefore, the range of  $f(x)$  is:

$$[0, \pi].$$

**Answer: (A)**

Q13.

**Solution**

**Concept:** We are asked to compute  $\tan\left(\frac{1}{2}\cos^{-1}\left(\frac{\sqrt{5}}{3}\right)\right)$ .

**Solution:** Let  $\theta = \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{\sqrt{5}}{3}\right)$ , so:

$$\cos \theta = \frac{\sqrt{5}}{3}.$$

We need to compute  $\tan\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)$ . Using the half-angle identity for tangent:

$$\tan\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) = \frac{1 - \cos \theta}{\sin \theta}.$$

First, compute  $\sin \theta$  using  $\sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta = 1$ :

$$\sin^2 \theta = 1 - \left(\frac{\sqrt{5}}{3}\right)^2 = 1 - \frac{5}{9} = \frac{4}{9},$$

so:

$$\sin \theta = \frac{2}{3}.$$

Now, substitute into the half-angle identity:

$$\tan\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) = \frac{1 - \frac{\sqrt{5}}{3}}{\frac{2}{3}} = \frac{3 - \sqrt{5}}{2}.$$

**Answer: (A)**



Q14.

**Solution**

**Concept:** We are given a relation  $R$  on the set  $\mathbb{N}$  of natural numbers, defined as  $xRy$  if  $x + 2y = 10$ , and we need to determine the domain of  $R$ .

**Solution:** For  $xRy$ , we have the equation:

$$x + 2y = 10.$$

We need to find the natural numbers  $x$  and  $y$  that satisfy this equation. Rearranging:

$$x = 10 - 2y.$$

For  $x$  to be a natural number,  $y$  must be such that  $10 - 2y$  is a positive natural number. Therefore,  $2y$  must be less than or equal to 10, implying:

$$y \in \{1, 2, 3, 4\}.$$

Thus, the domain of  $R$  is  $\{2, 4, 6, 8\}$ .

**Answer: (A)**

Q15.

**Solution**

**Concept:** We are given the function  $f(x) = e^{|x|}$ , and we need to determine its properties.

**Solution:** The function  $f(x) = e^{|x|}$  is continuous for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ , but it is not differentiable at  $x = 0$  because the absolute value function causes a sharp point at  $x = 0$ .

Thus,  $f(x)$  is continuous but not differentiable at  $x = 0$ .

**Answer: (B)**



Q16.

**Solution**

**Concept:** We are given  $y = \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{\sqrt{1+x^2}-1}{x} \right)$ , and we need to find  $\frac{dy}{dx}$ .

**Solution:** Differentiate  $y$  with respect to  $x$  using the chain rule:

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{d}{dx} \left( \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{\sqrt{1+x^2}-1}{x} \right) \right).$$

Let  $u = \frac{\sqrt{1+x^2}-1}{x}$ , so:

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{1+u^2} \cdot \frac{du}{dx}.$$

Now, compute  $\frac{du}{dx}$ :

$$u = \frac{\sqrt{1+x^2}-1}{x}, \quad \text{so differentiate with respect to } x.$$

Using differentiation rules, we find:

$$\frac{du}{dx} = \frac{1}{1+x^2}.$$

Thus, we have:

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{1 + \left( \frac{\sqrt{1+x^2}-1}{x} \right)^2}.$$

After simplifying, we find that the answer is  $\frac{1}{1+x^2}$ .

**Answer: (B)**



Q17.

**Solution**

**Concept:** We are given  $x^y = e^{x-y}$ , and we need to find  $\frac{dy}{dx}$ .

**Solution:** Take the natural logarithm of both sides of the equation:

$$\ln(x^y) = \ln(e^{x-y}),$$

$$y \ln x = x - y.$$

Now, differentiate both sides with respect to  $x$ :

$$\frac{d}{dx} (y \ln x) = \frac{d}{dx} (x - y),$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} \ln x + \frac{y}{x} = 1 - \frac{dy}{dx}.$$

Solve for  $\frac{dy}{dx}$ :

$$\frac{dy}{dx} (\ln x + 1) = 1 - \frac{y}{x},$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{\log x}{1 + \log x}.$$

**Answer: (C)**

Q18.

**Solution**

**Concept:** We are asked to find the derivative of  $\sin^2 x$  with respect to  $e^{\cos x}$ .

**Solution:** We use the chain rule to differentiate  $\sin^2 x$  with respect to  $e^{\cos x}$ :

$$\frac{d}{dx} (\sin^2 x) = 2 \sin x \cos x.$$

Now, differentiate  $e^{\cos x}$ :

$$\frac{d}{dx} (e^{\cos x}) = -e^{\cos x} \sin x.$$

Thus, the derivative is:

$$\frac{2 \sin x \cos x}{e^{\cos x}}.$$

**Answer: (D)**



Q19.

**Solution**

**Concept:** We are asked to find the point on the curve  $y^2 = x$  where the tangent makes an angle of  $\frac{\pi}{4}$  with the x-axis.

**Solution:** The slope of the tangent to the curve  $y^2 = x$  is given by:

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}}.$$

The tangent makes an angle  $\frac{\pi}{4}$  with the x-axis, so the slope is 1. Thus:

$$\frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}} = 1 \implies \sqrt{x} = \frac{1}{2} \implies x = \frac{1}{4}.$$

Substitute  $x = \frac{1}{4}$  into the equation  $y^2 = x$ :

$$y^2 = \frac{1}{4} \implies y = \pm \frac{1}{2}.$$

Thus, the point is  $(\frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{2})$ .

**Answer: (B)**

Q20.

**Solution**

**Concept:** We are given the function  $f(x) = x \log x$ , and we need to find the interval where it increases.

**Solution:** The first derivative of  $f(x) = x \log x$  is:

$$\frac{df}{dx} = \log x + 1.$$

For the function to increase,  $\frac{df}{dx} > 0$ , so:

$$\log x + 1 > 0 \implies \log x > -1 \implies x > \frac{1}{e}.$$

Thus, the function increases in the interval  $(1/e, \infty)$ .

**Answer: (B)**



Q21.

**Solution**

**Concept:** We are given  $\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)^x$ , and we need to find the maximum value of this expression.

**Solution:** Let  $f(x) = \left(\frac{1}{x}\right)^x = x^{-x}$ . To find the maximum, we first take the natural logarithm of both sides:

$$\ln f(x) = -x \ln x.$$

Now, differentiate with respect to  $x$ :

$$\frac{d}{dx} (\ln f(x)) = -\ln x - 1.$$

Set the derivative equal to zero to find the critical points:

$$-\ln x - 1 = 0 \implies \ln x = -1 \implies x = \frac{1}{e}.$$

Substitute  $x = \frac{1}{e}$  back into  $f(x)$  to get the maximum value:

$$f\left(\frac{1}{e}\right) = \left(\frac{1}{\frac{1}{e}}\right)^{\frac{1}{e}} = e^{\frac{1}{e}}.$$

**Answer: (B)**

Q22.

**Solution**

**Concept:** We are given that a stone is dropped into a quiet lake, and waves move in circles at a speed of 4 cm/s. At the instant when the radius is 10 cm, we need to find how fast the enclosed area is increasing.

**Solution:** Let  $r$  be the radius of the wave. The rate of change of the area of the circle is given by the formula:

$$\frac{dA}{dt} = \frac{dA}{dr} \cdot \frac{dr}{dt}.$$

The area  $A$  of the circle is  $A = \pi r^2$ , so:

$$\frac{dA}{dr} = 2\pi r.$$

Now, substitute  $r = 10$  cm and  $\frac{dr}{dt} = 4$  cm/s:

$$\frac{dA}{dt} = 2\pi(10) \cdot 4 = 80\pi \text{ cm}^2/\text{s}.$$

**Answer: (B)**



Q23.

**Solution**

**Concept:** We are asked to find the absolute maximum value of  $y = x^3 - 3x + 2$  in the interval  $[0, 2]$ .

**Solution:** The first derivative of  $y = x^3 - 3x + 2$  is:

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 3x^2 - 3.$$

Set  $\frac{dy}{dx} = 0$  to find the critical points:

$$3x^2 - 3 = 0 \implies x^2 = 1 \implies x = \pm 1.$$

Since  $x = -1$  is outside the interval  $[0, 2]$ , we check the values of  $y$  at the endpoints and at  $x = 1$ : - At  $x = 0$ ,  $y = 0^3 - 3(0) + 2 = 2$ , - At  $x = 1$ ,  $y = 1^3 - 3(1) + 2 = 0$ , - At  $x = 2$ ,  $y = 2^3 - 3(2) + 2 = 2$ . Thus, the absolute maximum value of  $y$  is 2.

**Answer: (A)**

Q24.

**Solution**

**Concept:** We are given the function  $f(x) = x^2e^{-x}$ , and we need to find the interval where it decreases.

**Solution:** The first derivative of  $f(x) = x^2e^{-x}$  is:

$$f'(x) = 2xe^{-x} - x^2e^{-x} = e^{-x}(2x - x^2).$$

To determine where  $f(x)$  is decreasing, set  $f'(x) < 0$ :

$$e^{-x}(2x - x^2) < 0.$$

Since  $e^{-x} > 0$  for all  $x$ , we solve:

$$2x - x^2 < 0 \implies x(2 - x) < 0.$$

This inequality holds when  $0 < x < 2$ , so the function decreases in the interval  $(0, 2)$ .

**Answer: (B)**



Q25.

**Solution**

**Concept:** We are given the parametric equations  $x = t^2 + 3t - 8$  and  $y = 2t^2 - 2t - 5$ , and we need to find the slope of the tangent at  $t = 2$ .

**Solution:** The slope of the tangent is given by  $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{\frac{dy}{dt}}{\frac{dx}{dt}}$ . First, compute the derivatives:

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = 2t + 3, \quad \frac{dy}{dt} = 4t - 2.$$

At  $t = 2$ :

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = 2(2) + 3 = 7, \quad \frac{dy}{dt} = 4(2) - 2 = 6.$$

Thus, the slope of the tangent is:

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{6}{7}.$$

**Answer: (B)**

Q26.

**Solution**

**Concept:** We are given  $A$  is a square matrix of order 3 such that  $A(\text{adj}A) = 10I$ , and we need to find  $|\text{adj}A|$ .

**Solution:** Using the property of the adjugate matrix, we know:

$$A \cdot (\text{adj}A) = |A| \cdot I.$$

We are given  $A \cdot (\text{adj}A) = 10I$ , so:

$$|A| \cdot I = 10I \implies |A| = 10.$$

The determinant of the adjugate matrix is given by:

$$|\text{adj}A| = |A|^2 = 10^2 = 100.$$

**Answer: (B)**



Q27.

**Solution**

**Concept:** We are given the system of equations:

$$x + y + z = 2,$$

$$2x + y - z = 3,$$

$$3x + 2y + kz = 4.$$

We need to determine the value of  $k$  for which this system has a unique solution.

**Solution:** The system will have a unique solution if the determinant of the coefficient matrix is non-zero. The coefficient matrix is:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & -1 \\ 3 & 2 & k \end{bmatrix}.$$

We compute the determinant of the matrix:

$$\det = 1 \cdot \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 2 & k \end{vmatrix} - 1 \cdot \begin{vmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 3 & k \end{vmatrix} + 1 \cdot \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 3 & 2 \end{vmatrix}.$$

Calculating the 2x2 determinants:

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 2 & k \end{vmatrix} = k + 2, \quad \begin{vmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 3 & k \end{vmatrix} = 2k + 3, \quad \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 3 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = 1.$$

Thus, the determinant is:

$$\det = (k + 2) - (2k + 3) + 1 = k + 2 - 2k - 3 + 1 = -k.$$

For a unique solution, the determinant must be non-zero:

$$-k \neq 0 \implies k \neq 0.$$

**Answer: (B)**



Q28.

**Solution**

**Concept:** We are given  $A$  and  $B$  are non-singular square matrices of the same order, and we need to compute  $\text{adj}(AB)$ .

**Solution:** Using the property of the adjugate matrix, we know that:

$$\text{adj}(AB) = \text{adj}(A) \cdot \text{adj}(B).$$

Thus, the answer is:

$$\text{adj}(AB) = (\text{adj}A)(\text{adj}B).$$

**Answer: (D)**

Q29.

**Solution**

**Concept:** We are given  $A = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha & 2 \\ 2 & \alpha \end{bmatrix}$  and  $|\text{adj}A^3| = 125$ , and we need to find the value of  $\alpha$ .

**Solution:** We know that:

$$|\text{adj}(A^3)| = |A^3|^{n-1} = |A|^3.$$

Thus, we have:

$$|\text{adj}(A^3)| = |A|^3 = 125.$$

This implies:

$$|A| = 5.$$

Now, we compute  $|A|$ :

$$|A| = \alpha^2 - 4.$$

Setting  $|A| = 5$ , we get:

$$\alpha^2 - 4 = 5 \implies \alpha^2 = 9 \implies \alpha = \pm 3.$$

**Answer: (A)**



Q30.

**Solution**

**Concept:** We are given  $f(x) = \begin{vmatrix} x & 3 & 7 \\ 2 & x & 2 \\ 7 & 6 & x \end{vmatrix}$ , and we need to find  $f'(x)$  at  $x = 0$ .

**Solution:** We compute  $f(x)$  as the determinant of the matrix:

$$f(x) = x \begin{vmatrix} x & 2 \\ 6 & x \end{vmatrix} - 3 \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 7 & x \end{vmatrix} + 7 \begin{vmatrix} 2 & x \\ 7 & 6 \end{vmatrix}.$$

Calculating the 2x2 determinants:

$$\begin{vmatrix} x & 2 \\ 6 & x \end{vmatrix} = x^2 - 12, \quad \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 7 & x \end{vmatrix} = 2x - 14, \quad \begin{vmatrix} 2 & x \\ 7 & 6 \end{vmatrix} = 12 - 7x.$$

Thus:

$$f(x) = x(x^2 - 12) - 3(2x - 14) + 7(12 - 7x).$$

Simplifying:

$$f(x) = x^3 - 12x - 6x + 42 + 84 - 49x = x^3 - 67x + 126.$$

Now, differentiate  $f(x)$ :

$$f'(x) = 3x^2 - 67.$$

At  $x = 0$ :

$$f'(0) = 3(0)^2 - 67 = -67.$$

**Answer: (D)**



Q31.

**Solution**

**Concept:** We are given  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ a & b & -1 \end{bmatrix}$ , and we need to compute  $A^2$ .

**Solution:** We compute  $A^2$  by multiplying the matrix by itself:

$$A^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ a & b & -1 \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ a & b & -1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Performing the matrix multiplication:

$$A^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \cdot 1 + 0 \cdot 0 + 0 \cdot a & 1 \cdot 0 + 0 \cdot 1 + 0 \cdot b & 1 \cdot 0 + 0 \cdot 0 + 0 \cdot (-1) \\ 0 \cdot 1 + 1 \cdot 0 + 0 \cdot a & 0 \cdot 0 + 1 \cdot 1 + 0 \cdot b & 0 \cdot 0 + 1 \cdot 0 + 0 \cdot (-1) \\ a \cdot 1 + b \cdot 0 + (-1) \cdot a & a \cdot 0 + b \cdot 1 + (-1) \cdot b & a \cdot 0 + b \cdot 0 + (-1) \cdot (-1) \end{bmatrix}.$$

Simplifying each entry:

$$A^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Thus,  $A^2 = I$ .

**Answer: (C)**

Q32.

**Solution**

**Concept:** We are asked to compute the total number of possible square matrices of order 3 with each entry as 1, -1 or 0.

**Solution:** Each element of the matrix can be one of three values: 1, -1, 0. Since the matrix is of order 3, it has 9 entries, and for each entry, there are 3 choices. Therefore, the total number of possible matrices is:

$$3^9 = 19683.$$

**Answer: (D)**



Q33.

**Solution**

**Concept:** We are given the matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & -k & 3 \\ -5 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ , and we need to determine for what value of  $k$  the matrix is singular.

**Solution:** A matrix is singular if its determinant is zero. We compute the determinant of the given matrix:

$$\det = \begin{vmatrix} 2 & -k & 3 \\ -5 & 1 & 0 \end{vmatrix}.$$

Using cofactor expansion along the first row:

$$\det = 2 \cdot \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{vmatrix} - (-k) \cdot \begin{vmatrix} -5 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{vmatrix} + 3 \cdot \begin{vmatrix} -5 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix}.$$

Calculating the 2x2 determinants:

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = 0, \quad \begin{vmatrix} -5 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = 0, \quad \begin{vmatrix} -5 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = (-5)(1) - (1)(1) = -6.$$

Thus:

$$\det = 2(0) + k(0) + 3(-6) = -18.$$

For this matrix to be singular, we require the determinant to be 0, but the determinant is always  $-18$ , so the matrix is non-singular.

**Answer: (D)**

Q34.

**Solution**

**Concept:** We are given  $|A| = 3$  and  $A$  is a matrix of order  $2 \times 2$ , and we need to compute  $|-2A^T A^{-1}|$ .

**Solution:** Using the properties of determinants:

$$|A^T| = |A| \quad \text{and} \quad |A^{-1}| = \frac{1}{|A|}.$$

Thus, the determinant of  $-2A^T A^{-1}$  is:

$$|-2A^T A^{-1}| = |-2| \cdot |A^T| \cdot |A^{-1}| = 2 \cdot |A| \cdot \frac{1}{|A|} = 2.$$

**Answer: (A)**



Q35.

**Solution**

**Concept:** We are asked to compute the range of the function  $f(x) = \sin^{-1} x + \cos^{-1} x + \tan^{-1} x$ .

**Solution:** We know that:

$$\sin^{-1} x + \cos^{-1} x = \frac{\pi}{2},$$

for  $x \in [-1, 1]$ . Thus, the function becomes:

$$f(x) = \frac{\pi}{2} + \tan^{-1} x.$$

The range of  $\tan^{-1} x$  is  $(-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2})$ . Therefore, the range of  $f(x)$  is:

$$[0, \pi].$$

**Answer: (A)**

Q36.

**Solution**

**Concept:** We are given that  $n(A) = 3$  and  $n(B) = 4$ , and we need to find the number of injection mappings (one-to-one) from  $A$  to  $B$ .

**Solution:** An injection (one-to-one mapping) from a set  $A$  to a set  $B$  is a function where every element of  $A$  is mapped to a unique element in  $B$ . The number of injections from a set of size  $m$  to a set of size  $n$  is given by the formula:

$$n^m,$$

where  $n$  is the size of the target set and  $m$  is the size of the domain set. Here,  $n = 4$  and  $m = 3$ , so the number of injections is:

$$4^3 = 64.$$

**Answer: (C)**



Q37.

**Solution**

**Concept:** We are given the function  $f(x) = \sin^{-1} x + \cos^{-1} x + \tan^{-1} x$ , and we need to find its range.

**Solution:** We know that:

$$\sin^{-1} x + \cos^{-1} x = \frac{\pi}{2},$$

for  $x \in [-1, 1]$ . Thus, the function becomes:

$$f(x) = \frac{\pi}{2} + \tan^{-1} x.$$

The range of  $\tan^{-1} x$  is  $(-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2})$ . Therefore, the range of  $f(x)$  is:

$$[0, \pi].$$

**Answer: (A)**

Q38.

**Solution**

**Concept:** We are asked to compute  $\tan\left(\frac{1}{2} \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{\sqrt{5}}{3}\right)\right)$ .

**Solution:** Let  $\theta = \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{\sqrt{5}}{3}\right)$ , so:

$$\cos \theta = \frac{\sqrt{5}}{3}.$$

We need to compute  $\tan\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)$ . Using the half-angle identity for tangent:

$$\tan\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) = \frac{1 - \cos \theta}{\sin \theta}.$$

First, compute  $\sin \theta$  using  $\sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta = 1$ :

$$\sin^2 \theta = 1 - \left(\frac{\sqrt{5}}{3}\right)^2 = 1 - \frac{5}{9} = \frac{4}{9},$$

so:

$$\sin \theta = \frac{2}{3}.$$

Now, substitute into the half-angle identity:

$$\tan\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) = \frac{1 - \frac{\sqrt{5}}{3}}{\frac{2}{3}} = \frac{3 - \sqrt{5}}{2}.$$

**Answer: (A)**



Q39.

**Solution**

**Concept:** We are given a relation  $R$  on the set  $\mathbb{N}$  of natural numbers, defined as  $xRy$  if  $x + 2y = 10$ , and we need to determine the domain of  $R$ .

**Solution:** For  $xRy$ , we have the equation:

$$x + 2y = 10.$$

We need to find the natural numbers  $x$  and  $y$  that satisfy this equation. Rearranging:

$$x = 10 - 2y.$$

For  $x$  to be a natural number,  $y$  must be such that  $10 - 2y$  is a positive natural number. Therefore,  $2y$  must be less than or equal to 10, implying:

$$y \in \{1, 2, 3, 4\}.$$

Thus, the domain of  $R$  is  $\{2, 4, 6, 8\}$ .

**Answer: (A)**

Q40.

**Solution**

**Concept:** We are given the function  $f(x) = e^{|x|}$ , and we need to determine its properties.

**Solution:** The function  $f(x) = e^{|x|}$  is continuous for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ , but it is not differentiable at  $x = 0$  because the absolute value function causes a sharp point at  $x = 0$ .

Thus,  $f(x)$  is continuous but not differentiable at  $x = 0$ .

**Answer: (B)**

Q41.

**Solution**

**Concept:** We are given  $y = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{\sqrt{1+x^2}-1}{x}\right)$ , and we need to find  $\frac{dy}{dx}$ .

**Solution:** We apply the chain rule to differentiate:

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{1 + \left(\frac{\sqrt{1+x^2}-1}{x}\right)^2} \cdot \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{\sqrt{1+x^2}-1}{x}\right).$$

Simplifying the derivative and solving, we find:

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{1+x^2}.$$

**Answer: (B)**



Q42.

**Solution**

**Concept:** We are given  $x^y = e^{x-y}$ , and we need to find  $\frac{dy}{dx}$ .

**Solution:** Taking the natural logarithm of both sides:

$$\ln(x^y) = \ln(e^{x-y}),$$

$$y \ln x = x - y.$$

Differentiating both sides with respect to  $x$ :

$$\frac{d}{dx} (y \ln x) = \frac{d}{dx} (x - y),$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} \ln x + \frac{y}{x} = 1 - \frac{dy}{dx}.$$

Solving for  $\frac{dy}{dx}$ , we get:

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{\log x}{1 + \log x}.$$

**Answer: (C)**

Q43.

**Solution**

**Concept:** We are given  $\frac{d}{dx} \sin^2 x$  with respect to  $e^{\cos x}$ .

**Solution:** We first apply the chain rule for differentiation:

$$\frac{d}{dx} (\sin^2 x) = 2 \sin x \cos x.$$

Now, applying the chain rule to  $e^{\cos x}$ , we differentiate and find:

$$\frac{d}{dx} (e^{\cos x}) = -e^{\cos x} \sin x.$$

Thus, we get:

$$\frac{d}{dx} (\sin^2 x) \text{ with respect to } e^{\cos x} = \frac{-2 \cos x}{e^{\cos x}}.$$

**Answer: (A)**



Q44.

**Solution**

**Concept:** We are asked to find the point on the curve  $y^2 = x$  where the tangent makes an angle of  $\frac{\pi}{4}$  with the x-axis.

**Solution:** The slope of the tangent to the curve  $y^2 = x$  is given by:

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}}.$$

The tangent makes an angle  $\frac{\pi}{4}$ , so the slope is 1. Thus:

$$\frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}} = 1 \implies \sqrt{x} = \frac{1}{2} \implies x = \frac{1}{4}.$$

Substitute  $x = \frac{1}{4}$  into the equation  $y^2 = x$ :

$$y^2 = \frac{1}{4} \implies y = \pm \frac{1}{2}.$$

Thus, the point is  $(\frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{2})$ .

**Answer: (B)**

Q45.

**Solution**

**Concept:** We are given the function  $f(x) = x \log x$ , and we need to find the interval where it increases.

**Solution:** The first derivative of  $f(x) = x \log x$  is:

$$f'(x) = \log x + 1.$$

For the function to increase,  $f'(x) > 0$ , so:

$$\log x + 1 > 0 \implies \log x > -1 \implies x > \frac{1}{e}.$$

Thus, the function increases in the interval  $(1/e, \infty)$ .

**Answer: (B)**



Q46.

**Solution**

**Concept:** We are given  $\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)^x$ , and we need to find the maximum value of this expression.

**Solution:** Let  $f(x) = \left(\frac{1}{x}\right)^x = x^{-x}$ . To find the maximum, we first take the natural logarithm of both sides:

$$\ln f(x) = -x \ln x.$$

Now, differentiate with respect to  $x$ :

$$\frac{d}{dx} (\ln f(x)) = -\ln x - 1.$$

Set the derivative equal to zero to find the critical points:

$$-\ln x - 1 = 0 \implies \ln x = -1 \implies x = \frac{1}{e}.$$

Substitute  $x = \frac{1}{e}$  back into  $f(x)$  to get the maximum value:

$$f\left(\frac{1}{e}\right) = \left(\frac{1}{\frac{1}{e}}\right)^{\frac{1}{e}} = e^{\frac{1}{e}}.$$

**Answer: (A)**

Q47.

**Solution**

**Concept:** We are given that a stone is dropped into a quiet lake, and waves move in circles at a speed of 4 cm/s. At the instant when the radius is 10 cm, we need to find how fast the enclosed area is increasing.

**Solution:** Let  $r$  be the radius of the wave. The rate of change of the area of the circle is given by the formula:

$$\frac{dA}{dt} = \frac{dA}{dr} \cdot \frac{dr}{dt}.$$

The area  $A$  of the circle is  $A = \pi r^2$ , so:

$$\frac{dA}{dr} = 2\pi r.$$

Now, substitute  $r = 10$  cm and  $\frac{dr}{dt} = 4$  cm/s:

$$\frac{dA}{dt} = 2\pi(10) \cdot 4 = 80\pi \text{ cm}^2/\text{s}.$$

**Answer: (B)**



Q48.

**Solution**

**Concept:** We are asked to find the absolute maximum value of  $y = x^3 - 3x + 2$  in the interval  $[0, 2]$ .

**Solution:** The first derivative of  $y = x^3 - 3x + 2$  is:

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 3x^2 - 3.$$

Set  $\frac{dy}{dx} = 0$  to find the critical points:

$$3x^2 - 3 = 0 \implies x^2 = 1 \implies x = \pm 1.$$

Since  $x = -1$  is outside the interval  $[0, 2]$ , we check the values of  $y$  at the endpoints and at  $x = 1$ : - At  $x = 0$ ,  $y = 0^3 - 3(0) + 2 = 2$ , - At  $x = 1$ ,  $y = 1^3 - 3(1) + 2 = 0$ , - At  $x = 2$ ,  $y = 2^3 - 3(2) + 2 = 2$ . Thus, the absolute maximum value of  $y$  is 2.

**Answer: (A)**

Q49.

**Solution**

**Concept:** We are given  $f(x) = x^2e^{-x}$ , and we need to find the interval where it decreases.

**Solution:** The first derivative of  $f(x) = x^2e^{-x}$  is:

$$f'(x) = 2xe^{-x} - x^2e^{-x} = e^{-x}(2x - x^2).$$

To determine where  $f(x)$  is decreasing, set  $f'(x) < 0$ :

$$e^{-x}(2x - x^2) < 0.$$

Since  $e^{-x} > 0$  for all  $x$ , we solve:

$$2x - x^2 < 0 \implies x(2 - x) < 0.$$

This inequality holds when  $0 < x < 2$ , so the function decreases in the interval  $(0, 2)$ .

**Answer: (B)**



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**Solution**

**Concept:** We are given the parametric equations  $x = t^2 + 3t - 8$  and  $y = 2t^2 - 2t - 5$ , and we need to find the slope of the tangent at  $t = 2$ .

**Solution:** The slope of the tangent is given by  $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{\frac{dy}{dt}}{\frac{dx}{dt}}$ . First, compute the derivatives:

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = 2t + 3, \quad \frac{dy}{dt} = 4t - 2.$$

At  $t = 2$ :

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = 2(2) + 3 = 7, \quad \frac{dy}{dt} = 4(2) - 2 = 6.$$

Thus, the slope of the tangent is:

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{6}{7}.$$

**Answer: (A)**



**Answer Key**

Q	Ans	Q	Ans	Q	Ans	Q	Ans	Q	Ans
1	B	2	B	3	A	4	A	5	B
6	C	7	C	8	A	9	A	10	B
11	C	12	A	13	A	14	A	15	B
16	B	17	C	18	D	19	B	20	B
21	B	22	B	23	A	24	B	25	B
26	B	27	B	28	D	29	A	30	D
31	C	32	D	33	D	34	A	35	A
36	C	37	A	38	A	39	A	40	B
41	B	42	C	43	A	44	B	45	B
46	A	47	B	48	A	49	B	50	A

