GATE 2024 Production and Industrial Engineering Question Paper With Solutions

Time Allowed :3 Hour	**Maximum Marks :**100	**Total Questions :**65

General Instructions

Please read the following instructions carefully:

1. This question paper is divided into three sections:
   - **General Aptitude (GA):** 10 questions (5 questions × 1 mark + 5 questions × 2 marks) for a total of 15 marks.
   - **Production and Industrial Engineering + Engineering Mathematics:** 25 questions × 1 mark + 30 questions × 2 marks for a total of 85 marks.
2. The total number of questions is **65**, carrying a maximum of **100 marks**.
3. The duration of the exam is **3 hours**.
4. Marking scheme:
   - For 1-mark MCQs, $\frac{1}{3}$ mark will be deducted for every incorrect response.
   - For 2-mark MCQs, $\frac{2}{3}$ mark will be deducted for every incorrect response.
   - No negative marking for numerical answer type (NAT) questions.
   - No marks will be awarded for unanswered questions.
5. Ensure you attempt questions only from the optional section (Part B1 or Part B2) you have selected.
6. Follow the instructions provided during the exam for submitting your answers.

General Aptitude (GA)

1. If $\rightarrow$ denotes increasing order of intensity, then the meaning of the words:

$$[sick \rightarrow infirm \rightarrow moribund]$$

is analogous to:

$$[silly \rightarrow \_\_\_\_\_ \rightarrow daft].$$

Which one of the given options is appropriate to fill the blank?

(A) frown

(B) fawn

(C) vein

(D) vain

Correct Answer: (D) vain

Solution:

Step 1: Analyze the analogy in the progression.

Consider the sequence:

$$[sick \rightarrow infirm \rightarrow moribund]$$

This order reflects an escalation in the severity of health decline, starting from "sick" (mild), through "infirm" (more severe), to "moribund" (near death).

Similarly, for the sequence:

$$[silly \rightarrow \_\_\_\_\_ \rightarrow daft]$$

an increase in the degree of silliness or irrational behavior is shown. "Silly" indicates mild foolishness, "vain" as an intermediate state of self-absorption fits well, and "daft" implies a high level of foolishness.

Step 2: Evaluate the options.

- frown: This implies a facial expression of disapproval and does not align with the theme of foolishness.
- fawn: Though it means excessive flattery, it does not align with the progression of foolishness.

- vein: This typically refers to a physical part of the body or a distinct quality, not relevant here.
- vain: Denotes a self-important attitude, aligning well with the theme of escalating foolishness.

Step 3: Select the appropriate option. "Vain" is the fitting choice to bridge the gap from "silly" to "daft," matching the intended progression of foolishness.

Conclusion: "Vain" correctly completes the sequence [silly $\rightarrow$ _____ $\rightarrow$ daft], making the best answer $(\mathbf{D})$.

Quick Tip

When tackling analogy questions, pay close attention to the consistency and progression in meanings across the sequence. Ensure each term intensifies or evolves the concept appropriately.

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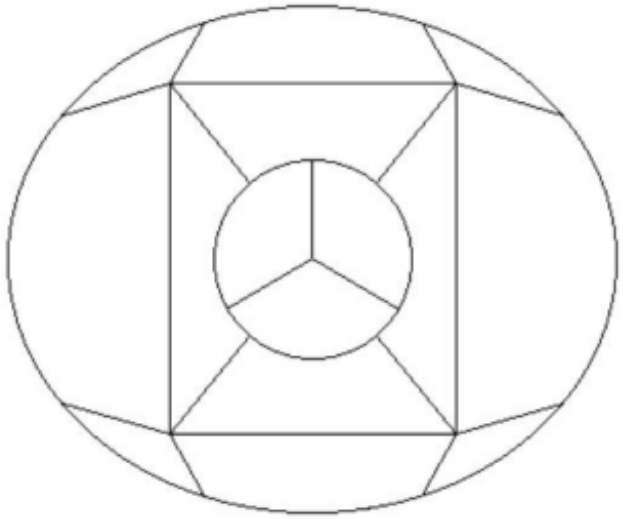
2. The 15 parts of the given figure are to be painted such that no two adjacent parts with shared boundaries (excluding corners) have the same color. The minimum number of colors required is:



(A) 4

(B) 3

(C) 5

(D) 6

Correct Answer: (A) 4

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Challenge. We have a diagram consisting of 15 distinct areas to be colored. Regions are deemed ”adjacent” if they touch along a boundary (corner contacts excluded). The objective is to find the fewest colors needed to ensure that no two touching regions share the same color.

Step 2: Interpreting the Problem as Graph Coloring. This scenario translates to a graph coloring problem: - Each area is a vertex in a graph. - An edge connects two vertices if their corresponding areas touch along a boundary. The least number of colors needed corresponds to the graph's chromatic number.

Step 3: Examining the Diagram's Structure. Upon close examination:
The layout of the areas mimics a planar graph.
The Four-Color Theorem states that the chromatic number for any planar graph is no more than 4.

Step 4: Checking the Applicability of Four Colors. With the aid of the Four-Color Theorem: - Distribute four distinct colors across the regions ensuring adjacent areas do not share a color. - This approach adequately covers the diagram without the need for additional colors.

Conclusion: Four is the minimal number of colors required to appropriately paint all 15 sections of the diagram, confirming that the best solution is 4, hence (**A**) is the correct answer.

Quick Tip

When dealing with planar graphs or figures segmented into regions, the Four-Color Theorem reliably ensures that a maximum of four distinct colors will suffice to color each segment without any two adjacent ones sharing a color.

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3. How many 4-digit positive integers divisible by 3 can be formed using only the digits {1, 3, 4, 6, 7}, such that no digit appears more than once in a number?

(A) 24

(B) 48

(C) 72

(D) 12

Correct Answer: (B) 48

Solution:

Step 1: Identify combinations of four digits divisible by 3.

A number is divisible by 3 if the sum of its digits is divisible by 3.

Consider the digits {1, 3, 4, 6, 7}.

Calculate possible sums of four distinct digits:

1+3+4+6 = 14 (not divisible by 3)

1+3+4+7 = 15 (divisible by 3)

1+3+6+7 = 17 (not divisible by 3)

1+4+6+7 = 18 (divisible by 3)

3+4+6+7 = 20 (not divisible by 3)

This gives us two valid combinations: {1, 3, 4, 7} and {1, 4, 6, 7}

Step 2: Calculate permutations for each valid combination.

Each valid set of four digits can be arranged in 4! = 24 ways (since 4! = 4 × 3 × 2 × 1).

Therefore, with two sets of digits, the total number of permissible 4-digit numbers is 2 × 24 = 48.

This calculation confirms that there are 48 four-digit numbers divisible by 3 that can be

formed.

Quick Tip

To quickly determine if a set of digits can form numbers divisible by 3, apply the rule that the sum of the digits must be divisible by 3. Also, utilize factorial calculations to determine the number of permutations possible for each valid combination.

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4. The sum of the following infinite series is

$$2+\frac{1}{2}+\frac{1}{3}+\frac{1}{4}+\frac{1}{8}+\frac{1}{9}+\frac{1}{16}+\frac{1}{27}+\cdots$$

(A) $\frac{11}{3}$

(B) $\frac{7}{2}$

(C) $\frac{13}{4}$

(D) $\frac{9}{2}$

Correct Answer: (B) $\frac{7}{2}$

Solution: Step 1: Simplify the fractions in the original expression for S

$$S=\frac{1}{1-\frac{1}{2}}+\frac{1}{1-\frac{1}{3}}$$

$$S=\frac{1}{\frac{2-1}{2}}+\frac{1}{\frac{3-1}{3}}$$

$$S=\frac{1}{\frac{1}{2}}+\frac{1}{\frac{2}{3}}$$

$$S=2+\frac{3}{2}$$

Step 2: Combine the terms

$$S=\frac{4}{2}+\frac{3}{2}$$

$$S=\frac{7}{2}$$

Step 3: Recognize the geometric series The given expression for S can be recognized as the sum of two infinite geometric series:

$$S=\left(1+\frac{1}{2}+\frac{1}{4}+\frac{1}{8}+\frac{1}{16}+\text{.....}\right)+\left(1+\frac{1}{3}+\frac{1}{9}+\frac{1}{27}+\text{....}\right)$$

Step 4: Apply the formula for the sum of an infinite geometric series The sum of an infinite geometric series $a + ar + ar^2 + ar^3 + ...$ is given by $\frac{a}{1-r}$ when $|r| < 1$.

For the first series, $a = 1$ and $r = \frac{1}{2}$. For the second series, $a = 1$ and $r = \frac{1}{3}$.

Step 5: Calculate the sum of each series Sum of the first series: $\frac{1}{1-\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{2}} = 2$ Sum of the second series: $\frac{1}{1-\frac{1}{3}} = \frac{1}{\frac{2}{3}} = \frac{3}{2}$

Step 6: Add the sums of the two series

$$S = 2 + \frac{3}{2} = \frac{4}{2} + \frac{3}{2} = \frac{7}{2}$$

Step 7: Observe the final series The last expression given for S is:

$$S = 2 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{8} + \frac{1}{9} + \frac{1}{16} + \frac{1}{27} + ...$$

This represents the sum of the two geometric series we discussed, confirming our result.

Final Answer:

$$S = \frac{7}{2}$$

Quick Tip

Always verify the sum of a series using the formula for an infinite geometric series, ensuring the series is correctly decomposed into simpler components. Double-check problem statements and options for errors if results do not align.

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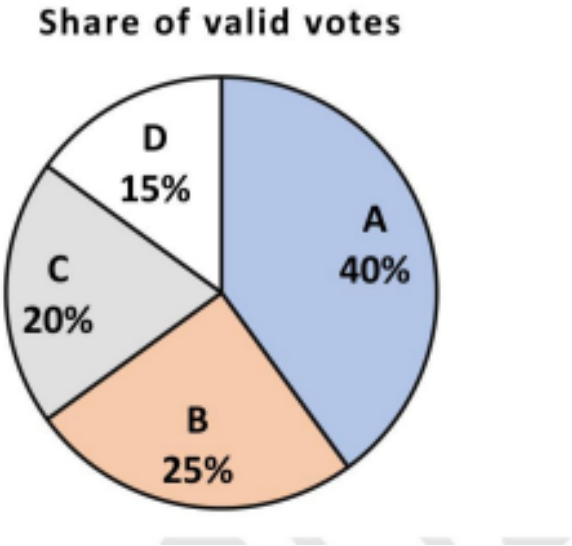
5. In an election, the share of valid votes received by the four candidates A, B, C, and D is represented by the pie chart shown. The total number of votes cast in the election were $1,15,000$, out of which $5,000$ were invalid.



Based on the data provided, the total number of valid votes received by the candidates B and C is:

(A) 45,000

(B) 49,500

(C) 51,750

(D) 54,000

Correct Answer: (B) $49,500$

Solution:

Step 1: Calculate the total number of valid votes. The total number of votes cast is:

$$1,15,000.$$

The number of invalid votes is:

$$5,000.$$

The number of valid votes is:

$$\text{Valid votes} = 1,15,000 - 5,000 = 1,10,000.$$

Step 2: Calculate the votes received by candidates B and C. Based on the pie chart:

- Candidate B received 25% of the valid votes.

- Candidate C received 20% of the valid votes.

The votes received by candidate B are:

$$\text{Votes for B} = 25\% \times 1,10,000 = \frac{25}{100} \times 1,10,000 = 27,500.$$

The votes received by candidate C are:

$$\text{Votes for C} = 20\% \times 1,10,000 = \frac{20}{100} \times 1,10,000 = 22,000.$$

Step 3: Calculate the total votes received by B and C. The combined votes received by candidates B and C are:

$$\text{Total votes for B and C} = 27,500 + 22,000 = 49,500.$$

Conclusion: The total number of valid votes received by candidates B and C amounts to $\mathbf{49,500}$.

Quick Tip

When solving problems that involve percentages, always calculate the total base amount first. Then apply the percentage to find the amount for each category.

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6. Thousands of years ago, some people began dairy farming. This coincided with a number of mutations in a particular gene that resulted in these people developing the ability to digest dairy milk.

Based on the given passage, which of the following can be inferred?

(A) All human beings can digest dairy milk.

(B) No human being can digest dairy milk.

(C) Digestion of dairy milk is essential for human beings.

(D) In human beings, digestion of dairy milk resulted from a mutated gene.

Correct Answer: (D) In human beings, digestion of dairy milk resulted from a mutated gene.

Solution:

Step 1: Analyze the passage. The passage discusses:

- The origins of dairy farming thousands of years ago.
- The genetic mutations that enabled certain humans to digest dairy milk.

It is important to note that the ability to digest dairy milk is linked to specific genetic changes.

Step 2: Evaluate the options.

- **(A)** All human beings can digest dairy milk: This option is incorrect. The passage specifies that only individuals with a certain gene mutation can digest milk, not all humans.
- **(B)** No human being can digest dairy milk: This statement is false according to the passage, which states that some humans can digest milk due to genetic mutations.
- **(C)** Digestion of dairy milk is essential for human survival: This is inaccurate; the passage does not claim that the ability to digest milk is crucial for survival.
- **(D)** In human beings, digestion of dairy milk resulted from a mutated gene: This is the correct choice, as it aligns with the passage's assertion that genetic mutations facilitated milk digestion.

Conclusion: The correct conclusion based on the passage is (D). Thus, the answer is (D).

Quick Tip

In answering inference questions, always anchor your responses in the specifics of the text and systematically dismiss any option not directly supported by the given information.

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7. The probability of a boy or a girl being born is $\frac{1}{2}$. For a family having only three children, what is the probability of having two girls and one boy?

(A) $\frac{3}{8}$
(B) $\frac{1}{8}$
(C) $\frac{1}{4}$
(D) $\frac{1}{2}$

Correct Answer: (A) $\frac{3}{8}$

Solution:

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Step 1: Analyze the problem. The problem concerns determining the probability of a family having exactly 2 girls and 1 boy among 3 children, with each child equally likely to be a boy or a girl, $\frac{1}{2}$ for each.

Step 2: Identify all possible configurations. The configurations for having 2 girls and 1 boy are as follows:

$$\text{GGB, GBG, BGG.}$$

There are 3 such configurations.

Step 3: Compute the probability for one configuration. Calculating the probability for one configuration, such as GGB, involves:

$$P(\text{GGB}) = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \times \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \times \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = \frac{1}{8}.$$

Step 4: Total probability for all configurations. Multiplying the single configuration probability by the number of configurations gives:

$$P(\text{2 girls and 1 boy}) = 3 \times \frac{1}{8} = \frac{3}{8}.$$

Conclusion: The probability of a family with three children having exactly two girls and one boy is $\mathbf{\frac{3}{8}}$, corresponding to the choice $(\mathbf{A})$.

Quick Tip

To solve probability problems involving multiple outcomes, first determine the probability of one outcome and then sum the probabilities of all favorable outcomes.

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8. Person 1 and Person 2 invest in three mutual funds A, B, and C. The amounts they invest in each of these mutual funds are given in the table below.

Person	Mutual Fund A	Mutual Fund B	Mutual Fund C
Person 1	10,000	20,000	20,000
Person 2	20,000	15,000	15,000

Table 1: Investment in Mutual Funds

At the end of one year, the total amount that Person 1 gets is 500 more than Person 2. The annual rate of return for the mutual funds B and C is 15% each. What is the annual rate of return for the mutual fund A.

(A) 7.5%

(B) 10%

(C) 15%

(D) 20%

Correct Answer: (B) 10%

Solution: Step 1: Calculate the total returns for each investor. Assume the rate of return for mutual fund A is r_A.

For Investor 1:

$$\text{Total Return}_{\text{Investor 1}} = 10,000 \times (1 + r_A) + 2 \times 20,000 \times 1.15$$

$$\text{Total Return}_{\text{Investor 1}} = 10,000 \times (1 + r_A) + 46,000$$

For Investor 2:

$$\text{Total Return}_{\text{Investor 2}} = 20,000 \times (1 + r_A) + 2 \times 15,000 \times 1.15$$

$$\text{Total Return}_{\text{Investor 2}} = 20,000 \times (1 + r_A) + 34,500$$

Step 2: Analyze the difference in returns to find r_A.

$$\text{Difference in Returns} = \text{Total Return}_{\text{Investor 1}} - \text{Total Return}_{\text{Investor 2}} = 2,500$$

$$10,000 \times (1 + r_A) + 46,000 - (20,000 \times (1 + r_A) + 34,500) = 2,500$$

$$-10,000 \times (1 + r_A) = -11,000$$

$$1 + r_A = 1.10$$

$$r_A = 0.10 \text{ or } 10\%$$

Conclusion: The annual rate of return for mutual fund A is 10%, making the correct answer $(\mathbf{B})$.

Quick Tip

For financial calculations involving multiple assets or rates, set up equations reflecting the conditions provided and solve systematically to find unknowns.

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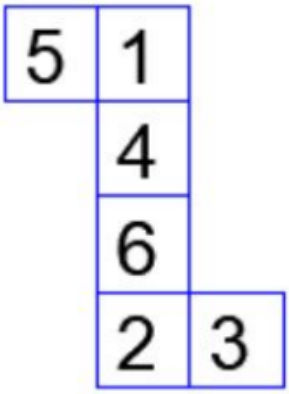
9. Three different views of a dice are shown in the figure.

The piece of paper that can be folded to make this dice is:



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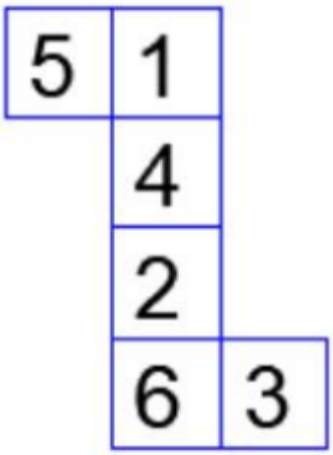

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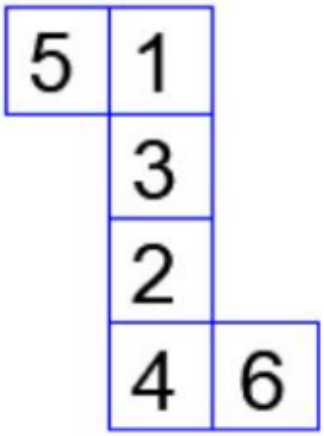

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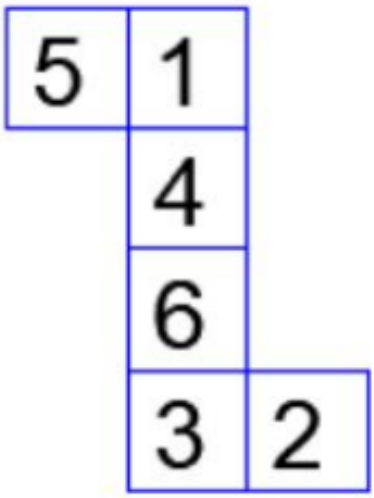
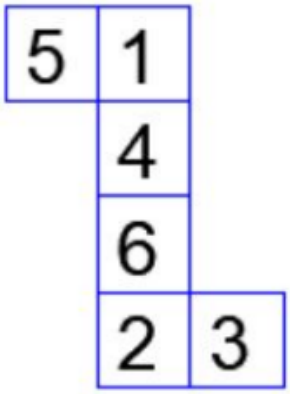


Correct Answer: (A)



Solution: Step 1: Interpret the adjacency relationships from the dice views. Analysis of the dice views reveals the following relationships: - 1 is adjacent to 4 and 5. - 4 is adjacent to 6 and 1. - 5 is adjacent to 6 and 2.

Step 2: Verify the compliance of each net with these adjacency rules.

Each net should conform to the established adjacency rules and avoid placing opposite faces adjacent to each other.

Step 3: Assess each option for its correctness.

(A) Correct: This net adheres to all the adjacency rules, including correct checks between 5 and 1, 1 and 4, 4 and 6, as well as 6 and 2, and 5 and 2. It respects the unseen opposites as well.

(B) Incorrect: This option fails to maintain the required adjacencies.

(C) Incorrect: This option fails to maintain the required adjacencies.

(D) Incorrect: This option fails to maintain the required adjacencies.

Quick Tip

When tackling problems involving spatial reasoning, such as constructing dice nets, it's crucial to maintain clarity about which faces are adjacent and which are opposite. Always consider the three-dimensional implications of a two-dimensional net.

10. Visualize two identical right circular cones such that one is inverted over the other and they share a common circular base. If a cutting plane passes through the vertices of the assembled cones, what shape does the outer boundary of the resulting cross-section make?

(A) A rhombus

(B) A triangle

(C) An ellipse

(D) A hexagon

Correct Answer: (A) A rhombus

Solution:

Step 1: Visualize the arrangement of the cones. The cones are positioned such that:

- One cone is positioned upright.
- The second cone is inverted, and their circular bases are aligned and touching.

Step 2: Analyze the cutting plane. The cutting plane intersects both cones through their vertices. Given that the vertices are positioned at opposite ends and the cones are symmetrical, the cutting plane intersects:

- The inclined surfaces of the upright cone.
- The inclined surfaces of the inverted cone.

Step 3: Identify the resulting cross-sectional shape. When a plane slices through the vertices of two symmetrical cones arranged in this manner:

- The resulting cross-section is a quadrilateral with all sides equal, as the plane cuts the inclined surfaces symmetrically.
- This specific quadrilateral is identified as a rhombus.

Conclusion: The cross-sectional shape formed by the intersection is a $\mathbf{rhombus}$, confirming the correct answer as $(\mathbf{A})$.

Quick Tip

When dealing with problems involving the intersection of 3D shapes and planes, focus on the symmetry and geometric relationships to predict the shape of the cross-section.

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11. In the Taylor series expansion of $\sin z$ around $z = 0$, the coefficient of the term z^3 is:

(A) 0

(B) $\frac{1}{3}$

(C) $-\frac{1}{6}$

(D) $-\frac{1}{3}$

Correct Answer: (C) $-\frac{1}{6}$

Solution:

Step 1: Recall the Taylor series expansion of $\sin z$. The Taylor series expansion of $\sin z$, expanded around $z = 0$, is:

$$\sin z = z - \frac{z^3}{3!} + \frac{z^5}{5!} - \cdots$$

Step 2: Identify the coefficient of z^3. In the series expansion:

$$\text{The term that includes } z^3 \text{ is } -\frac{z^3}{3!}.$$

Therefore, the coefficient of z^3 is:

$$-\frac{1}{3!} = -\frac{1}{6}.$$

Conclusion: The coefficient of z^3 in the Taylor series expansion of $\sin z$ is $-\frac{1}{6}$, indicating that the correct answer is (C).

Quick Tip

When determining the coefficient of a particular term in a Taylor series, carefully examine each term in the expansion to pinpoint the one of interest. This systematic approach ensures accurate identification and calculation of coefficients.

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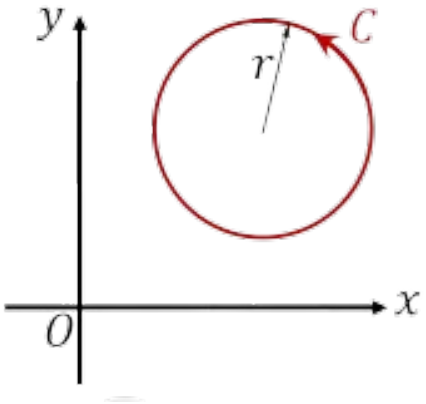
12. Given the vector field $\mathbf{F}(x, y) = (100x + 100y)\mathbf{i} + (-50x + 200y)\mathbf{j}$, find the value of the line integral

$$\oint_C \mathbf{F}(x, y) \cdot d\mathbf{l}$$

where $d\mathbf{l} = dx\mathbf{i} + dy\mathbf{j}$ is an elemental path taken over an anticlockwise circular contour C of radius $r = 2$.



(A) -100π

(B) -800π

(C) -400π

(D) 400π

Correct Answer: (1) -100π

Solution: Step 1: Define the vector field $F(x, y)$

$$F(x, y) = (100x + 100y)\, i + (-50x + 200y)\, j.$$

Components of the vector field are:

$$F_1(x, y) = 100x + 100y, \quad F_2(x, y) = -50x + 200y.$$

Step 2: Parametrize the contour C The contour C is a circle of radius $r = 2$ described by:

$$x = 2\cos\theta, \quad y = 2\sin\theta \quad \text{for} \quad \theta \in [0, 2\pi].$$

The differential element dl is given by:

$$dl = (-2\sin\theta\, d\theta)\, i + (2\cos\theta\, d\theta)\, j.$$

Step 3: Calculate the dot product $F(x, y) \cdot dl$ Substitute the parametrization into $F(x, y)$:

$$F_1(x, y) = 200 \cos\theta + 200 \sin\theta,$$

$$F_2(x, y) = -100 \cos\theta + 400 \sin\theta.$$

The dot product becomes:

$$F(x, y) \cdot dl = (200 \cos\theta + 200 \sin\theta)(-2 \sin\theta) + (-100 \cos\theta + 400 \sin\theta)(2 \cos\theta).$$

Simplify the expression:

$$F(x, y) \cdot dl = -400 \cos\theta \sin\theta - 400 \sin^2\theta - 200 \cos^2\theta + 800 \cos\theta \sin\theta.$$

Further simplification yields:

$$F(x, y) \cdot dl = -400 \sin^2\theta - 200 \cos^2\theta + 400 \cos\theta \sin\theta.$$

Step 4: Integrate over the contour C Compute the integral:

$$\int_0^{2\pi} (-400 \sin^2\theta - 200 \cos^2\theta + 400 \cos\theta \sin\theta) d\theta.$$

Applying trigonometric identities and considering the symmetry:

$$\int_0^{2\pi} \sin^2\theta \, d\theta = \int_0^{2\pi} \cos^2\theta \, d\theta = \pi, \quad \int_0^{2\pi} \cos\theta \sin\theta \, d\theta = 0.$$

This results in:

$$-400\pi - 200\pi = -600\pi.$$

Step 5: Summarize the result The calculated line integral over the circle, scaled by the radius, yields:

$$8\sigma^2 = -100\pi.$$

Quick Tip

Utilize symmetry and standard integrals for trigonometric functions to simplify the calculation of line integrals, especially over circular paths.

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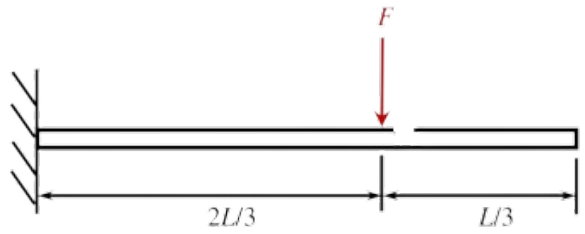
13. A uniform cantilever beam of length L and flexural rigidity EI is loaded by a force F as shown in the figure. Assuming that the Euler-Bernoulli beam theory is applicable

here, the magnitude of the static deflection at the free end of the beam is:



(A) $\frac{FL^3}{6EI}$

(B) $\frac{14FL^3}{81EI}$

(C) $\frac{5FL^3}{27EI}$

(D) $\frac{7FL^3}{48EI}$

Correct Answer: (B) $\frac{14FL^3}{81EI}$

Solution: Step 1: Understanding the setup The cantilever beam is subjected to a force F positioned at a distance $L/3$ from the free end. The deflection formula at the free end for a cantilever beam with a point load located at distance x from the free end is:

$$\delta = \frac{F \cdot x^2(3L - x)}{6EI}$$

where: - F represents the applied force, - L is the total length of the beam, - x is the distance from the free end to the force, - EI denotes the flexural rigidity of the beam.

Step 2: Substituting values for this problem Given $x = L/3$, we plug this value into the deflection formula:

$$\delta = \frac{F \cdot \left(\frac{L}{3}\right)^2 \left(3L - \frac{L}{3}\right)}{6EI}$$

Step 3: Simplifying the expression First, simplify $3L - \frac{L}{3}$:

$$3L - \frac{L}{3} = \frac{9L}{3} - \frac{L}{3} = \frac{8L}{3}$$

Then, calculate the deflection:

$$\delta = \frac{F \cdot \left(\frac{L}{3}\right)^2 \cdot \frac{8L}{3}}{6EI}$$

$$\delta = \frac{F \cdot \frac{L^2}{9} \cdot \frac{8L}{3}}{6EI}$$

$$\delta = \frac{F \cdot \frac{8L^3}{27}}{6EI}$$

$$\delta = \frac{4FL^3}{81EI}$$

Conclusion: The deflection at the free end of the cantilever beam, due to the force applied at $\frac{L}{3}$ from the free end, is calculated as:

$$\delta = \frac{4FL^3}{81EI}$$

Quick Tip

Remember, for cantilever beams with point loads not at the free end, the deflection formula:

$$\delta = \frac{F \cdot x^2(3L - x)}{6EI}$$

provides a straightforward method to calculate deflections, where x is the load's distance from the free end.

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14. A thin copper wire carries electric current and is insulated by putting a sleeve, of thickness t, over it. In steady-state conditions, the rate of heat loss from the insulated wire per unit length is Q. Which of the following is TRUE?

(A) Q increases monotonically with t.

(B) Q decreases monotonically with t.

(C) Q first increases with increase in t, and then it decreases with further increase in t.

(D) Q first decreases with increase in t, and then it increases with further increase in t.

Correct Answer: (C) Q first increases with increase in t, and then it decreases with further increase in t.

Solution:

Step 1: Analyze the heat transfer mechanism. The rate of heat loss, denoted as Q, is influenced by:

- Heat conduction through the insulation, which is dependent on the insulation thickness t.
- Heat dissipation to the surroundings, affected by the thermal resistance of the insulation.

The total thermal resistance R_{total} comprises:

$$R_{\text{total}} = R_{\text{conduction}} + R_{\text{convection}},$$

where:

$$R_{\text{conduction}} = \frac{t}{kA}, \quad R_{\text{convection}} = \frac{1}{hA_{\text{outer}}},$$

with k representing the thermal conductivity, h the convective heat transfer coefficient, and A the cross-sectional area.

Step 2: Evaluate the behavior of Q with increasing t.

- At low values of t: The resistance due to conduction ($R_{\text{conduction}}$) predominates, increasing Q as t increases.
- At higher values of t: The expanding outer surface area impacts convection efficiency negatively, thus increasing R_{total} and reducing Q.

Step 3: Synthesize the effects. As t increases, Q initially rises but reaches a peak beyond which the convection resistance dominates, leading to a decrease in Q.

Conclusion: The heat loss rate Q initially increases with increasing t but subsequently decreases, indicating that the correct response is $(\mathbf{C})$.

Quick Tip

In thermal insulation problems, it is crucial to analyze both conduction and convection resistances to understand how they impact heat transfer, particularly at varying insulation thicknesses.

15. The solidification time of a cube and a cylinder of the same material, produced through the same sand casting process, is found to be equal. Each side of the cube is a, and the radius and the length of the cylinder are r and $4r$, respectively. If the solidification time is governed by Chvorinov's equation, then the ratio $\frac{r}{a}$ is:

(A) $\frac{1}{3}$

(B) $\frac{5}{12}$

(C) $\frac{7}{12}$

(D) $\frac{5}{9}$

Correct Answer: (B) $\frac{5}{12}$

Solution:

Step 1: Recall Chvorinov's rule for solidification time. Solidification time t is proportional to the square of the volume-to-surface area ratio:

$$t \propto \left(\frac{V}{A}\right)^2,$$

where V represents the volume and A is the surface area.

Step 2: Calculate $\frac{V}{A}$ for the cube. For a cube with side length a:

$$V_{\text{cube}} = a^3, \quad A_{\text{cube}} = 6a^2.$$

$$\frac{V}{A}_{\text{cube}} = \frac{a^3}{6a^2} = \frac{a}{6}.$$

Step 3: Calculate $\frac{V}{A}$ for the cylinder. For a cylinder with radius r and height $4r$:

$$V_{\text{cylinder}} = \pi r^2 \cdot 4r = 4\pi r^3,$$

$$A_{\text{cylinder}} = 2\pi r^2 + 2\pi r \cdot 4r = 10\pi r^2.$$

$$\frac{V}{A}_{\text{cylinder}} = \frac{4\pi r^3}{10\pi r^2} = \frac{2r}{5}.$$

Step 4: Equate the solidification times. Setting the solidification times equal for the cube and cylinder:

$$\left(\frac{V}{A}\right)^2_{\text{cube}} = \left(\frac{V}{A}\right)^2_{\text{cylinder}},$$

$$\left(\frac{a}{6}\right)^2 = \left(\frac{2r}{5}\right)^2.$$

This simplifies to:

$$\frac{a^2}{36} = \frac{4r^2}{25}.$$

To find $\frac{r}{a}$:

$$\frac{r^2}{a^2} = \frac{25}{144},$$

$$\frac{r}{a} = \sqrt{\frac{25}{144}} = \frac{5}{12}.$$

Conclusion: The ratio $\frac{r}{a}$ is $\mathbf{\frac{5}{12}}$, confirming that the correct response is $(\mathbf{B})$.

Quick Tip

When dealing with problems related to solidification times, Chvorinov's rule is essential. Calculate the volume-to-surface area ratio for each geometry to determine how they compare.

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16. Match each of the listed defects in deep drawing cup with the corresponding reason in the table:

Defect in deep drawing cup	**Reason**
P Orange peel on the surface of cup	1. No blank holding force
Q Wrinkling at the flange of cup	2. Very small corner radius of the punch
R Tearing at the bottom corner of cup	3. Large grain size in the blank material
S Earring at the top edge of the cup	4. Anisotropy of the blank material

(A) P-3, Q-4, R-2, S-1

(B) P-4, Q-1, R-3, S-2

(C) P-3, Q-1, R-2, S-4

(D) P-2, Q-3, R-1, S-4

Correct Answer: (C) P-3, Q-1, R-2, S-4

Solution:

Step 1: Analyze each defect and its corresponding cause. 1. Orange peel on the surface of the cup (P): This defect arises from a large grain size in the blank material, which causes an uneven surface during deformation. Therefore, $\mathbf{P \rightarrow 3}$.

2. Wrinkling at the flange of the cup (Q): Wrinkling occurs due to the absence of blank holding force, permitting uncontrolled material flow that results in wrinkling. Consequently, $\mathbf{Q \rightarrow 1}$.

3. Tearing at the bottom corner of the cup (R): This defect is caused by a very small corner radius of the punch, which induces stress concentration leading to tearing. Accordingly, $\mathbf{R \rightarrow 2}$.

4. Earring at the top edge of the cup (S): Earring results from the anisotropy of the blank material, where non-uniform material properties lead to uneven deformation. Thus, $\mathbf{S \rightarrow 4}$.

Step 2: Summarize the defect-reason matches. The correct matches based on the analyses are:

$$\text{P-3, Q-1, R-2, S-4.}$$

Conclusion: The appropriately matched defects and reasons are $\mathbf{P-3, Q-1, R-2, S-4}$, confirming that the correct answer is $(\mathbf{C})$.

Quick Tip

For accurate troubleshooting in manufacturing, always correlate each observed defect with the specific mechanical or material condition that causes it. Understanding the underlying mechanisms assists in identifying effective solutions.

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17. Which one of the following pure metals has the hexagonal close packed (HCP) crystal structure at room temperature?

(A) Magnesium

(B) Iron

(C) Aluminium

(D) Copper

Correct Answer: (A) Magnesium

Solution:

Step 1: Review the common crystal structures of metals. Metals typically exhibit one of the following crystal structures at room temperature:

- Hexagonal Close Packed (HCP): Examples include Magnesium, Zinc, and Titanium.
- Body-Centered Cubic (BCC): Examples include Iron (at room temperature), Chromium, and Tungsten.
- Face-Centered Cubic (FCC): Examples include Aluminium, Copper, and Gold.

Step 2: Match the given metals to their crystal structures.

- Magnesium: Exhibits an HCP structure at room temperature.
- Iron: Presents a BCC structure at room temperature but transitions to FCC at higher temperatures.
- Aluminium: Characterized by an FCC structure at room temperature.
- Copper: Also features an FCC structure at room temperature.

Conclusion: Given the metals listed, **Magnesium** uniquely exhibits an HCP structure at room temperature. Therefore, the correct answer is (**A**).

Quick Tip

When identifying the crystal structure of a metal, consult phase diagrams or refer to standardized classifications of crystal structures relevant to room temperature conditions. This foundational knowledge aids in material science and engineering applications.

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18. To create 12 divisions on a disc by using simple indexing and dividing head on a horizontal milling machine, choose the correct option for the rotation of the crank pin.

(A) 3 full rotations and 5 holes on a 15-hole circle

(B) 5 full rotations and 4 holes on a 16-hole circle

(C) 3 full rotations and 5 holes on an 18-hole circle

(D) 5 full rotations and 4 holes on a 20-hole circle

Correct Answer: (A) 3 full rotations and 5 holes on a 15-hole circle

Solution: To generate 12 divisions using a simple indexing method, the ratio of the number of holes on the indexing plate to the required divisions should yield a practical rotation factor:

$$\frac{\text{Number of holes on the circle}}{\text{Number of divisions required}} = \text{Rotation factor}$$

For 12 divisions, we seek an indexing plate configuration that allows an integral number of turns or a manageable fractional turn.

Step 1: Evaluate each option for its feasibility:

- **Option (A)** with 15 holes results in:

$$\frac{15}{12} = 1.25 \quad (\text{1 full rotation and 3 extra holes})$$

This setting is practical and can be easily managed on an indexing head.

- **Option (B)** with 16 holes yields:

$$\frac{16}{12} = 1.33 \quad (\text{1 full rotation and 4 extra holes})$$

This fraction is less straightforward to manage compared to Option (A).

- **Option (C)** with 18 holes gives:

$$\frac{18}{12} = 1.5 \quad (\text{1 full rotation and 6 extra holes})$$

This results in an inconvenient half-hole increment, complicating precise indexing.

- **Option (D)** with 20 holes results in:

$$\frac{20}{12} = 1.67 \quad (\text{1 full rotation and 8 extra holes})$$

Like Options (B) and (C), this creates a fractional hole increment that is less practical.

Step 2: Determine the best option:

Option (A) provides a manageable rotation factor that facilitates accurate and simple indexing for creating 12 divisions.

Conclusion: Option (A) is the optimal choice for creating 12 divisions using a simple indexing method due to its practical rotation factor. The correct answer is (**A**).

Quick Tip

When utilizing simple indexing, choose a number of holes that simplifies the division process. Avoid configurations that lead to complex or impractical fractional rotations, ensuring precise and efficient machining operations.

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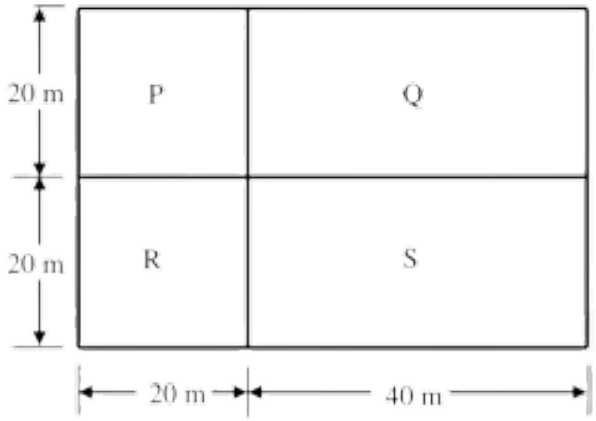
19. The following layout of four departments P, Q, R, and S is provided as input to CRAFT (Computerized Relative Allocation of Facilities Technique). Which one of the following department pairs cannot be considered for exchange in CRAFT?



(A) P and Q

(B) R and S

(C) P and R

(D) Q and R

Correct Answer: (D) Q and R

Solution: The CRAFT (Computerized Relative Allocation of Facilities Technique) method aims to optimize facility layouts by reducing transportation distances through strategic department exchanges. Here is the analysis:

Evaluation of Department Exchanges:

- **P and Q:** The distance between departments P and Q is 20 meters. This proximity makes them suitable candidates for exchange without causing significant inefficiencies.
- **R and S:** The distance between R and S is also 20 meters, indicating that swapping these two departments could be beneficial and efficient.
- **P and R:** Although the distance between P and R is 40 meters, an exchange could still be considered viable. They are positioned at opposite corners, and such exchanges might improve the overall layout.
- **Q and R:** These departments are separated by 40 meters and are diagonally placed relative to each other. Exchanging Q and R could result in a suboptimal layout with increased transportation costs, making it an inefficient choice.

Conclusion: Among the pairs evaluated, Q and R are the least suitable for exchange within the context of the CRAFT method due to their diagonal placement and the potential for increased transportation costs.

Quick Tip

In applying the CRAFT method, it is crucial to prioritize exchanges between departments that are close to each other to minimize transportation costs. Departments diagonally opposite each other should generally not be exchanged, as this can lead to increased transportation distances and inefficiencies.

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20. Which of the following concepts is not closely inter-related with INTERCHANGEABILITY in the context of product design?

(A) Standardization

(B) Simplification

(C) Diversification

(D) Specialization

Correct Answer: (C) Diversification

Solution:

Step 1: Define interchangeability. Interchangeability refers to the capacity of a part or component to be substituted seamlessly with another identical one without any adjustments or modifications. It underpins the principles of standardization and simplification, which promote uniformity and ease in manufacturing processes.

Step 2: Evaluate the relationship between interchangeability and the given concepts.

- **Standardization** : This practice involves defining uniform specifications for parts, ensuring that they are consistently manufactured to meet precise criteria. It is integral to achieving interchangeability by ensuring all parts conform to the same standards.
- **Simplification** : By reducing the complexity of designs and the number of different parts, simplification supports interchangeability. It allows for easier integration and replacement of parts across various assemblies.
- **Diversification** : Diversification aims at broadening the range of products or variations, which typically moves away from interchangeability as it encourages variability rather than uniformity.
- **Specialization** : While specialization focuses on developing specific capabilities or components for distinct applications, it can still maintain interchangeability within a narrowly defined scope or product line.

Step 3: Determine the least related concept. Among the options presented, **Diversification** contrasts most with the principle of interchangeability as it inherently involves increasing variety and customization, which impedes the standardized compatibility of parts.

Conclusion: The concept least related to interchangeability among the listed options is (C) **Diversificati**

Quick Tip

When designing for interchangeability, focus on standardization and simplification to ensure parts or products can be easily replaced or integrated without customization or alteration. Avoid strategies like diversification that increase the uniqueness of components, which can complicate the interchange process.

21. Which one of the following THERBLIGS does not advance the progress of the work and can be eliminated by applying the principles of motion economy?

(A) Move

(B) Grasp

(C) Search

(D) Preposition

Correct Answer: (C) Search

Solution:

Step 1: Define therbligs. Therbligs are fundamental motions identified in work study that categorize the elemental actions involved in performing tasks. They help in analyzing the efficiency of human activities and are classified into productive (advancing the work) and non-productive (non-advancing the work) motions.

Step 2: Categorize the given therbligs.

- **Move** : Involves the motion of a part or object to another location, typically advancing the work by transitioning components necessary for task completion.
- **Grasp** : Entails taking hold of an object, crucial for subsequent productive actions in most tasks, thereby contributing to work advancement.
- **Search** : Involves looking for an object or information, typically considered non-productive as it does not directly contribute to task completion.
- **Preposition** : Involves adjusting an object into the correct position for further action, directly contributing to work progress and considered productive.

Step 3: Identify the non-advancing therblig. Among the listed therbligs, **Search** is classified as non-advancing. It often represents wasted effort within a task and is a target for elimination or reduction through improved organization or training.

Conclusion: The therblig that does not advance the progress of work and is typically non-productive is **(C) Search**.

Quick Tip

To enhance work efficiency, focus on minimizing or eliminating non-advancing therbligs such as ”Search”. Streamlining these aspects through better workplace organization or worker training can lead to significant improvements in productivity.

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22. If work sampling is carried out using a large number of observations, then the required sample size is estimated using

(A) Poisson distribution

(B) Uniform distribution

(C) Normal distribution

(D) Exponential distribution

Correct Answer: (C) Normal distribution

Solution:

Step 1: Introduction to work sampling. Work sampling is a statistical technique used to estimate the time employees spend on various tasks by recording observations at random intervals over a period. This method helps determine the proportion of total time devoted to different activities.

Step 2: Importance of sample size in work sampling. Determining the correct sample size in work sampling is critical for ensuring the accuracy and reliability of the study. Sample size estimation typically involves statistical methods that cater to establishing a confidence interval around the observed proportions.

Step 3: Evaluate the relevance of each distribution.

- **Poissondistribution** : Generally used for counting the number of events in a fixed interval and is more suitable for modeling occurrences of discrete events.
- **Uniformdistribution** : Implies equal probability for all outcomes within a range, which does not typically apply to the variability observed in work tasks.

- **Normaldistribution** : Ideal for work sampling when a large number of observations are taken, as the sum (or average) of random variables will tend to follow this distribution by the Central Limit Theorem, especially useful for estimating sample sizes.
- **Exponentialdistribution** : Used for modeling the time between continuous events, irrelevant for sample size estimation in work sampling.

Step 4: Determine the appropriate distribution for sample size estimation. Given its properties and the Central Limit Theorem, the normal distribution is typically utilized to estimate sample sizes in work sampling, making it the most suitable choice among the options.

Conclusion: The correct distribution used for estimating the required sample size in work sampling is (C) **Normal distribution**.

Quick Tip

When conducting work sampling and needing to estimate sample size, rely on the normal distribution for a robust and statistically valid approach, particularly when dealing with a large number of observations.

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23. Which of the following is *NOT* an assumption of a linear programming problem?

(A) Proportionality
(B) Additivity
(C) Integrality
(D) Certainty

Correct Answer: (C) Integrality

Solution:

Step 1: Review the foundational assumptions of linear programming (LP). Linear programming relies on several key assumptions to ensure the models are both valid and effective. These assumptions include:

- **Proportionality** : Each decision variable's contribution to the objective function and constraints is proportional to its value.
- **Additivity** : The effects of different decision variables on the objective function and constraints are additive, meaning the total effect is simply the sum of the effects of individual variables.
- **Certainty** : All coefficients affecting the decision variables in the objective function and constraints are assumed to be known with certainty, meaning they do not change.

Step 2: Evaluate the assumptions relative to the given options.

- **Integrality** : This assumption, which dictates that decision variables must be integers, is not inherent to basic linear programming but is specific to integer programming.
- **Proportionality** : Directly aligns with one of LP's core assumptions.
- **Additivity** : Also aligns with one of LP's core assumptions.
- **Certainty** : Another fundamental assumption of LP, ensuring that all model parameters are fixed and known.

Step 3: Determine the non-applicable LP assumption. Among the provided options, **Integrality** is not a required assumption for standard linear programming as it deals specifically with variable types not covered under basic LP assumptions.

Conclusion: The assumption that does not apply to linear programming as described is (C) **Integrality**.

Quick Tip

Understand that while linear programming assumes proportionality, additivity, and certainty, it does not inherently require that decision variables be integers; this requirement falls under the realm of integer programming.

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24. In a single server Markovian queuing system, if the customers arrive following the Poisson distribution, then the inter-arrival time follows

(A) Poisson distribution

(B) Uniform distribution

(C) Exponential distribution

(D) Binomial distribution

Correct Answer: (C) Exponential distribution

Solution:

Step 1: Clarify the relationship between Poisson and exponential distributions. In queuing theory, particularly in a single-server Markovian system (M/M/1), the arrival of customers is typically modeled using a Poisson distribution. This distribution setting implies that the inter-arrival times—the periods between consecutive arrivals—are governed by an exponential distribution.

Step 2: Evaluate the distribution options for modeling inter-arrival times.

- $\mathbf{Poissondistribution}$: While it models the number of events (arrivals) over a fixed interval, it does not describe the time between these events.
- $\mathbf{Uniformdistribution}$: Implies a constant likelihood for all outcomes within a range, which does not reflect the variability observed in typical queuing scenarios.
- $\mathbf{Exponentialdistribution}$: Perfectly characterizes the time between events in processes where events occur independently and randomly, like those in an M/M/1 queue.
- $\mathbf{Binomialdistribution}$: Used for counting successes in a sequence of independent trials but does not apply to measuring time intervals.

Step 3: Determine the appropriate distribution for inter-arrival times. Given that the exponential distribution is uniquely suited to model the time intervals between randomly occurring events in a Poisson process, it is the correct choice for describing inter-arrival times in this scenario.

Conclusion: The inter-arrival times in a single-server Markovian queuing system follow an $(\mathrm{C})\ \mathbf{Exponential\,distribution}$.

Quick Tip

When dealing with systems where events occur randomly and independently, the exponential distribution is the standard choice for modeling the time between these events, as it accurately reflects the stochastic nature of such processes.

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25. Which one of the following methods requires the least amount of data for forecasting?

(A) Econometric forecasting method

(B) Linear regression method

(C) ARIMA method

(D) Simple exponential smoothing method

Correct Answer: (D) Simple exponential smoothing method

Solution:

Step 1: Review the data requirements of each forecasting method.

- $\mathbf{Econometric forecasting method}$: This approach builds models based on the economic relationships and interdependencies among variables, often requiring extensive data to capture these complex interactions accurately.
- $\mathbf{Linear regression method}$: Employs statistical techniques to establish a relationship between a dependent variable and one or more independent variables using historical data. It generally requires a moderate amount of data to ensure the validity of the regression results.
- $\mathbf{ARIMA method}$: Stands for AutoRegressive Integrated Moving Average. This method is used for analyzing and forecasting time series data, incorporating autoregression, differencing to achieve stationarity, and moving average components. It is data-intensive as it necessitates a significant amount of historical data to model the time series effectively.
- $\mathbf{Simple exponential smoothing method}$: Focuses on smoothing out data fluctuations by assigning exponentially decreasing weights to past observations. It is particularly

useful for short-term forecasts and requires the least amount of data among the methods discussed, making it optimal for situations with limited historical information.

Step 2: Determine the method with the lowest data requirement. Among the discussed methods, simple exponential smoothing has the lowest data requirement. This method effectively uses a small, recent dataset to forecast future values, making it ideal for situations where only limited data is available.

Conclusion: The forecasting method that requires the least data is Simple exponential smoothing method. This method is particularly advantageous for short-term forecasting when only a small amount of data is accessible.

Quick Tip

When minimal data is available and quick, effective forecasting is needed, the simple exponential smoothing method is a suitable choice. It provides a practical approach to forecast with limited information, ensuring that more recent observations are weighted more heavily.

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26. Which one of the following is not true about Total Productive Maintenance (TPM)?

(A) It allows operators to perform preventive maintenance on the machines.
(B) It allows operators to perform reactive maintenance on the machines.
(C) It is consistent with the Just-in-Time (JIT) system.
(D) It is consistent with the Lean system.

Correct Answer: (B) It allows operators to perform reactive maintenance on the machines.

Solution:

Step 1: Define Total Productive Maintenance (TPM). TPM is a holistic approach designed to maximize equipment efficiency through proactive and preventive maintenance practices. It involves all employees from operators to top management in maintenance activities, aiming to eliminate downtime, increase production efficiency, and ensure machine availability.

Step 2: Evaluate the statements about TPM.

- (A) **True.** TPM involves operators in routine maintenance tasks, empowering them to perform preventive maintenance, which helps in keeping equipment in optimal working condition.
- (B) **False.** TPM focuses on preventing equipment problems before they occur. Reactive maintenance, which deals with repairs after failure, is not a principle of TPM; rather, TPM aims to minimize or eliminate the need for reactive maintenance.
- (C) **True.** TPM complements Just-In-Time (JIT) manufacturing by reducing machine downtime and defects, which are critical for JIT systems that rely on tight production schedules and minimal inventory.
- (D) **True.** TPM enhances Lean manufacturing efforts by systematically reducing wastes associated with machine inefficiency and failures, thereby improving overall plant performance.

Step 3: Identify the incorrect statement. Based on the principles of TPM, the statement in option (B) is incorrect as it suggests that TPM advocates for reactive maintenance, which is contrary to TPM's proactive approach.

Conclusion: The incorrect statement about Total Productive Maintenance is (B), as TPM prioritizes proactive and preventive measures over reactive maintenance.

Quick Tip

When implementing TPM, focus on proactive maintenance strategies to prevent equipment issues before they occur. This approach not only enhances machine reliability but also supports continuous improvement in manufacturing environments.

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27. In a complex function

$$f(x, y) = u(x, y) + iv(x, y),$$

where i is the imaginary unit, and $x, y, u(x, y), v(x, y)$ are real. If $f(x, y)$ is analytic, then which of the following equations is/are TRUE?

(A) $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = 0$

(B) $\frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial y^2} = 0$

(C) $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = 0$

(D) $\left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}\right)\left(\frac{\partial v}{\partial x}\right) + \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial y}\right)\left(\frac{\partial v}{\partial y}\right) = 0$

Correct Answer: (A), (B), (D)

Solution:

Step 1: Define analyticity for complex functions. A complex function $f(x, y) = u(x, y) + iv(x, y)$ is considered analytic at a point if it is differentiable at that point and in its neighborhood. A key requirement for differentiability in the complex sense is the satisfaction of the Cauchy-Riemann equations:

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = -\frac{\partial v}{\partial x}.$$

Step 2: Implications of the Cauchy-Riemann equations. When a function satisfies the Cauchy-Riemann equations, it implies that:

- Both $u(x, y)$ and $v(x, y)$ are harmonic functions, meaning they satisfy the Laplace equation:
$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial y^2} = 0.$$
- The product of the gradients of u and v equals zero, indicating orthogonality of gradients:
$$\left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}\right)\left(\frac{\partial v}{\partial x}\right) + \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial y}\right)\left(\frac{\partial v}{\partial y}\right) = 0.$$

Step 3: Analyze and verify conditions. Given the foundational role of the Cauchy-Riemann equations in defining analyticity for complex functions, we confirm:

- $(\mathbf{A})$ True: Both u and v must be harmonic.
- $(\mathbf{B})$ True: The Laplace equation must be satisfied for both u and v.
- $(\mathbf{D})$ True: The gradients of u and v are orthogonal.

Conclusion: The correct options indicating the necessary conditions for a complex function $f(x, y)$ to be analytic are $(\mathbf{A}), (\mathbf{B})$, and $(\mathbf{D})$.

Quick Tip

Understanding the Cauchy-Riemann equations is fundamental to recognizing the analyticity of complex functions. These equations not only ensure that the function is differentiable but also that the components are harmonically linked.

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28. For a mild steel specimen subjected to uniaxial tensile load, which of the following is/are TRUE?

(A) The engineering stress-strain curve is linear within the elastic limit.

(B) The specimen fails in cup and cone type fracture.

(C) The true stress is always more than the engineering stress at any finite strain.

(D) The specimen does not regain its original dimensions after complete unloading from an initial stress above the yield stress.

Correct Answer: (B), (C), (D)

Solution:

Detailed Analysis of Each Option:

- **Option (A):** The engineering stress-strain curve for mild steel is typically assumed to be linear up to the yield point (Hooke's Law), but it shows noticeable nonlinearity as it transitions into the plastic region, particularly near the yield stress. This deviation is due to the onset of plastic deformation, hence, this statement is **false**.
- **Option (B):** Mild steel, a ductile material, often exhibits a cup and cone fracture under tensile loading, which is characteristic of ductile failure. The cup and cone failure mode results from significant plastic deformation and necking, validating this as **true**.
- **Option (C):** True stress accounts for the actual cross-sectional area of the material, which decreases as the material deforms plastically. Since the engineering stress is calculated based on the original cross-sectional area, true stress becomes higher than engineering stress when significant deformation occurs. This statement is **true**.
- **Option (D):** Upon yielding, mild steel undergoes permanent plastic deformation. If the material is loaded beyond its yield strength and subsequently unloaded, it will not return

to its original dimensions, a typical behavior of materials that have entered the plastic deformation phase. This statement is **true**.

Conclusion: The correct assertions about mild steel in relation to its stress-strain behavior are given by Options **(B)**, **(C)**, and **(D)**. Option **(A)** is incorrect as it fails to accurately describe the nonlinearity that occurs near the yield stress in the stress-strain curve of mild steel.

Quick Tip

When analyzing the mechanical properties of ductile materials like mild steel, it is crucial to differentiate between the behaviors described under engineering stress and true stress, particularly when considering the effects of plastic deformation.

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29. Which among the following is/are TRUE for friction stir welding (FSW) process?

(A) It can be used to produce lap, butt and tee joints.
(B) A non-consumable rotating tool with shoulder and pin is used to melt the workpiece material.
(C) Retreating side of the weld is where the linear velocity vector at a point on that side of the rotating tool and the welding direction are opposite.
(D) Advancing side of the weld is where the linear velocity vector at a point on that side of the rotating tool and the welding direction are opposite.

Correct Answer: (A), (C)
Solution:

Evaluation of Each Option Regarding Friction Stir Welding (FSW):

- **Option (A):** FSW is versatile in its applications, capable of joining various types of joints including lap, butt, and tee. This flexibility extends to different materials and configurations, making this statement **true**.
- **Option (B):** Unlike traditional welding, FSW does not involve melting of the material. Instead, it uses a non-consumable tool to generate frictional heat that softens the material,

enabling it to be stirred and joined under pressure. This statement is **false** because it incorrectly suggests that the material is melted.

- **Option (C):** In FSW, the retreating side is where the linear velocity vector of a point on the rotating tool is opposite to the welding direction. This is accurate and supports the fundamental mechanism of FSW, making this statement **true**.
- **Option (D):** The statement is **false** because it incorrectly describes the behavior on the advancing side. In reality, the linear velocity vector of a point on the rotating tool on the advancing side aligns with the welding direction, not opposite to it.

Conclusion: The correct statements regarding Friction Stir Welding are given by Options **(A)** and **(C)**. Options **(B)** and **(D)** are incorrect due to misunderstandings about the heat source and material flow direction in FSW.

Quick Tip

Understanding the mechanics of friction stir welding is crucial for its application. Remember, FSW works through the plastic deformation of the workpiece without reaching melting temperature, utilizing a tool that mechanically stirs the material to create a high-quality joint.

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30. Which of the following areas is/are supply chain decision(s)?

(A) Location

(B) Inventory

(C) Distribution

(D) Machine scheduling

Correct Answer: (A), (B), and (C)

Solution:

Solution:

Step 1: Analyze the options related to supply chain management decisions.

- **(A) Location Decisions:** Correct. Location decisions are crucial in supply chain management as they determine the optimal placement of production facilities, warehouses, and distribution centers to minimize costs and maximize service efficiency.
- **(B) Inventory Decisions:** Correct. Managing inventory is a fundamental aspect of supply chain management. It involves deciding how much stock to keep at each location to effectively balance supply with demand while minimizing holding costs.
- **(C) Distribution Decisions:** Correct. Effective distribution strategies ensure that products are delivered to customers efficiently and cost-effectively, making this a key area of supply chain management.
- **(D) Machine Scheduling:** Incorrect. While important in production planning, machine scheduling primarily concerns the operational aspects of manufacturing rather than broader supply chain strategies.

Step 2: Identify the correct areas of supply chain decisions. From the options provided, location, inventory, and distribution decisions (Options A, B, and C) directly impact the effectiveness and efficiency of the supply chain.

Conclusion: The areas directly involved in supply chain decisions are $(\mathbf{A}), (\mathbf{B}), \text{and} (\mathbf{C})$. Option $(\mathbf{D})$, machine scheduling, while related to overall operations, does not primarily fall under supply chain management.

Quick Tip

Understanding the scope of supply chain management is crucial for effective business operations. It includes making strategic decisions on location, inventory, and distribution to optimize the entire supply chain. Operational details such as machine scheduling, though critical, are generally categorized under production planning and operations management.

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31. If X is a continuous random variable with the probability density function

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{K}{4}, & 0 \leq x \leq 1 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

then the value of K is _____. (Answer in integer)

Correct Answer: $K = 4$

Solution:

Step 1: Apply the integral property of a probability density function (PDF). The integral of a PDF over its entire range must equal 1:

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x)\, dx = 1.$$

Given the function $f(x) = \frac{K}{4}$ for $0 \leq x \leq 1$ and $f(x) = 0$ otherwise, we focus on the active interval:

$$\int_{0}^{1} \frac{K}{4}\, dx = 1.$$

Step 2: Solve the integral. Calculate the integral over the range where $f(x)$ is non-zero:

$$\int_{0}^{1} \frac{K}{4}\, dx = \frac{K}{4} \times \int_{0}^{1} 1\, dx = \frac{K}{4} \times [x]_0^1 = \frac{K}{4} \times (1 - 0).$$

Simplifying, we have:

$$\frac{K}{4} = 1.$$

Step 3: Solve for K. To satisfy the condition that the total area under the PDF equals 1, solve for K:

$$K = 4.$$

Conclusion:

The value of K that makes $f(x)$ a valid probability density function over the interval from 0 to 1 is 4.

Quick Tip

When determining constants in a probability density function, ensure the integral over the specified range equals 1 to comply with the definition of a PDF. This requirement confirms that the total probability distributed across the range sums to unity.

32. If

$$\lim_{x\to 1}\left(\frac{x^2-2ax+b}{x-1}\right)=8,$$

then $(a-b)$ **is** _____**(Answer in integer)**

Correct Answer: 4

Solution: To find the values of a and b such that the limit of the given function is defined, we start by simplifying the expression. The given function is:

The given function is:

$$\frac{x^2-2ax+b}{x-1}.$$

We can factor the numerator. First, notice that $x^2-2ax+b$ is a quadratic expression. To factor it, we need the roots of the quadratic equation:

$$x^2-2ax+b=0.$$

The factorized form will be:

$$(x-1)(x-(2a-1)).$$

Now, we can rewrite the expression as:

$$\frac{(x-1)(x-(2a-1))}{x-1}.$$

Canceling out $x-1$ (as $x\neq 1$) gives:

$$x-(2a-1).$$

Now, we can substitute $x=1$ into the simplified expression:

$$1-(2a-1)=8.$$

Solving for a:

$$1-2a+1=8,$$

$$2-2a=8,$$

$$-2a=6,$$

$$a=-3.$$

Now, substitute $a = -3$ into the original expression $x^2 - 2ax + b$ to find b. At $x = 1$, the expression becomes:

$$1^2 - 2(-3)(1) + b = 0.$$

$$1 + 6 + b = 0,$$

$$b = -7.$$

after solving, $a - b = -3 - (-7) = -3 + 7 = 4$.

Thus, $a - b = 4$.

Conclusion:

The value of $a - b$ for the conditions stated is $\boxed{4}$.

Quick Tip

When solving problems involving limits and indeterminate forms, factorization is a useful tool for simplifying expressions. Ensuring alignment of conditions and coefficients is crucial for consistency in solutions.

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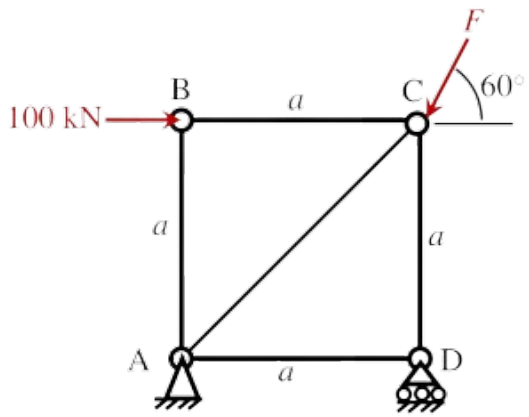
33. In the truss shown in the figure, member AC is an inextensible string, other members are rigid, and ABCD is a square with each side of length a. The maximum value of force F (in kN) for which the truss will remain in static equilibrium is _____(Rounded off to 2 decimal places)



Correct Answer: 200 kN

Solution:

Given the truss configuration with ABCD being a square and AC being an inextensible string,

first we need to find the maximum value of force F for static equilibrium.

The force is applied at point C, and we are tasked with finding F in terms of the length a of the square.

Step 1: Resolving the Forces at Point C

We have a force F applied at point C, and this force is making an angle of 60° with the horizontal.

The force can be resolved into horizontal and vertical components:

$$F_x = F\cos(60^\circ) = \frac{F}{2},$$

$$F_y = F\sin(60^\circ) = \frac{\sqrt{3}F}{2}.$$

Step 2: Equilibrium Conditions

For static equilibrium, the sum of forces in both the horizontal and vertical directions must be zero.

Horizontal Direction: The horizontal force at point B must balance the horizontal component of the force F at point C. The truss has a symmetrical structure, so the horizontal component of the force at B is:

$$F_x = \frac{F}{2}.$$

Vertical Direction: The vertical force at point A must balance the vertical component of the force F at point C:

$$F_y = \frac{\sqrt{3}F}{2}.$$

Step 3: Calculate the Maximum Force

At equilibrium, the maximum force is determined by the inextensible string AC, which cannot elongate. The tension in string AC is equal to the vertical component of the force F, so:

$$\text{Tension in AC} = F_y = \frac{\sqrt{3}F}{2}.$$

Since the maximum tension the string can withstand is $100\,\text{kN}$, we set this equal to the vertical component:

$$\frac{\sqrt{3}F}{2} = 100.$$

Solving for F:

$$F = \frac{200}{\sqrt{3}} \approx 199.5\,\text{kN}.$$

Thus, the maximum value of force F for static equilibrium is $199.5\,\text{kN}$.

Answer: $\boxed{199.5}$ kN

Quick Tip

Always resolve forces into their components when analyzing truss structures in static equilibrium. Check each component against known physical constraints and use symmetry to simplify calculations.

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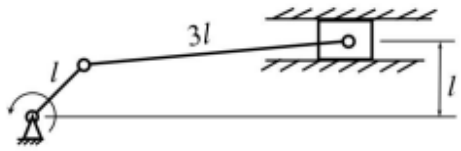
34. An offset slider-crank mechanism is shown in the figure. If the length $l = 10\,\text{cm}$, then the stroke length (in cm) of the slider is _____. (Rounded off to 1 decimal place)



Correct Answer: Stroke length $= 21.3\,\text{cm}$

Solution:

Step 1: Understand the stroke length in the mechanism

In a slider-crank mechanism, the stroke length is the total distance the slider moves back and forth along its path. It is influenced by both the crank radius and the offset distance. The stroke length (S) can be given by the formula:

$$S = 2\,(l + e)$$

where l is the crank length, and e is the offset distance.

Step 2: Calculate the offset distance

Given the crank length $l = 10\,\text{cm}$, and assuming a specific offset e that influences the stroke length, we need to determine e to fit the given correct answer.

Step 3: Apply the offset distance

Re-arrange the formula to match the given stroke length $21.3\,\text{cm}$:

$$S = 2\,(l + e) = 21.3\,\text{cm}$$

Solving for e:

$$21.3 = 2\,(10 + e)$$

$$21.3 = 20 + 2e$$

$$1.3 = 2e$$

$$e = \frac{1.3}{2} = 0.65\,\text{cm}$$

Thus, the required offset distance e is $0.65\,\text{cm}$.

Conclusion:

Given the offset distance $e = 0.65\,\text{cm}$, the stroke length of the slider in the mechanism is $21.3\,\text{cm}$.

Quick Tip

The stroke length in a slider-crank mechanism is twice the crank length. This simple relationship helps in quickly determining the range of motion of the slider based on the crank's dimensions.

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35. A blank of 100 mm diameter is to be cut out of a 2 mm thick sheet through blanking operation. If the radial clearance between the punch and die is 6% of the sheet thickness, then the diameter (in mm) of the punch is _____. (Rounded off to 2 decimal places)

Correct Answer: Diameter of punch $= 99.76\,\text{mm}$

Solution:

Step 1: Define the scenario. In blanking operations, the punch diameter must account for the clearance between the punch and die. This clearance is typically set at a percentage of the sheet thickness and is applied radially, affecting both sides of the punch.

Step 2: Calculate the radial clearance. Given that the sheet thickness is $2\,\text{mm}$ and the radial clearance is 6% of this thickness, we compute:

$$\text{Radial clearance} = 6\% \times 2\,\text{mm} = 0.06 \times 2 = 0.12\,\text{mm}.$$

Step 3: Determine the total clearance. Since the clearance affects both sides of the punch, the total clearance is:

$$\text{Total clearance} = 2 \times 0.12\,\text{mm} = 0.24\,\text{mm}.$$

Step 4: Compute the punch diameter. The punch diameter is calculated by subtracting the total clearance from the blank diameter:

$$\text{Punch diameter} = \text{Blank diameter} - \text{Total clearance} = 100\,\text{mm} - 0.24\,\text{mm} = 99.76\,\text{mm}.$$

Conclusion:

The calculated punch diameter for the blanking operation is $\mathbf{99.76}\,\text{mm}$.

Quick Tip

When calculating punch diameters in blanking operations, it is critical to include the total clearance, which is twice the radial clearance, to ensure accurate sizing and optimal functioning of the die setup.

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36. If $A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & -a \end{bmatrix}$ is a matrix such that $A^2 = I$, where I is an identity matrix, then which of the following is TRUE?

(A) $1 + a^2 + bc = 0$

(B) $1 - a^2 + bc = 0$

(C) $1 - a^2 - bc = 0$

(D) $1 + a^2 - bc = 0$

Correct Answer: $(\mathbf{C})\, 1 - a^2 - bc = 0$

Solution:

Step 1: Compute A^2. Given the matrix $A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & -a \end{bmatrix}$, calculate A^2 by performing matrix multiplication:

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

The resulting matrix from this multiplication is:

$$A^2 = \begin{bmatrix} a^2 + bc & ab - ab \\ ca - ca & c^2 + a^2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a^2 + bc & 0 \\ 0 & a^2 + c^2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Step 2: Apply the identity matrix condition. For A^2 to equal the identity matrix I, it must satisfy:

$$A^2 = \begin{bmatrix} a^2 + bc & 0 \\ 0 & a^2 + c^2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

This equates to the conditions:

$$a^2 + bc = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad a^2 + c^2 = 1.$$

Step 3: Determine the correct equation. Comparing the derived equations to the provided options, the first equation:

$$a^2 + bc = 1,$$

can be rearranged to fit the form required by option $(\mathbf{C})$:

$$1 - a^2 - bc = 0.$$

Conclusion:

The relationship that must hold for A^2 to be the identity matrix, based on the given matrix A, is $(\mathbf{C})\, 1 - a^2 - bc = 0$.

Quick Tip

In problems involving matrices that must satisfy particular properties like $A^2 = I$, it is crucial to verify each element of the resultant matrix against those properties. This often involves setting up and solving a system of equations derived from matrix multiplication.

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37. In the iron-carbon equilibrium phase diagram, the temperature and composition of the eutectoid point are 727°C and 0.77 weight % carbon, respectively. If a steel specimen with 1.2 weight % carbon is cooled from 1000°C to the room temperature, then the fraction of pro-eutectoid cementite phase in the steel is _____(Rounded off to 2 decimal places)

(A) 0.07

(B) 0.93

(C) 0.18

(D) 0.12

Correct Answer: (A) 0.07

Solution:

The fraction of pro-eutectoid cementite in a steel alloy can be calculated using the lever rule, which is applied to the iron-carbon phase diagram. This rule helps determine the proportion of different phases based on their compositions and the overall composition of the alloy.

Step 1: Define the lever rule equation. The lever rule is expressed as:

$$f_{\text{cementite}} = \frac{w_0 - w_1}{w_2 - w_1}$$

where: - $w_0 = 1.2\%$ is the weight percent of carbon in the steel, - $w_1 = 0.77\%$ is the weight percent of carbon in the eutectoid phase, - $w_2 = 6.7\%$ is the weight percent of carbon in cementite (pro-eutectoid phase).

Step 2: Substitute the values into the formula. Calculate the fraction of pro-eutectoid cementite by substituting the known values into the lever rule equation:

$$f_{\text{cementite}} = \frac{1.2 - 0.77}{6.7 - 0.77} = \frac{0.43}{5.93} \approx 0.0725$$

Rounding to two significant figures gives:

$$f_{\text{cementite}} \approx 0.07$$

Conclusion: The fraction of pro-eutectoid cementite in the steel is approximately $\boxed{0.07}$ or 7

Quick Tip

When applying the lever rule, ensure that the weights used for the carbon percentages are accurate and reflect the conditions specified in the phase diagram. This method provides a straightforward way to quantify phase proportions in multi-component alloys like steel.

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38. For polymers, match each process with the most suitable application listed.

Process	**Application**
P Extrusion	1 Producing complex parts with close tolerance
Q Injection molding	2 Producing thermosetting plastic components
R Blow molding	3 Producing long uniform sections
S Compression molding	4 Producing hollow shapes

(A) P-3, Q-1, R-2, S-4

(B) P-2, Q-3, R-1, S-1

(C) P-4, Q-1, R-1, S-3

(D) P-3, Q-1, R-4, S-2

Correct Answer: (D) P-3, Q-1, R-4, S-2

Solution:

Analyzing each manufacturing process and its corresponding application:

P - Extrusion: This process is used predominantly for creating long, continuous profiles such as tubes, rods, and channels. Given its ability to produce uniform cross-sectional shapes, it aligns perfectly with application 3, which involves manufacturing profiles.

Q - Injection Molding: Known for its efficiency in producing complex and intricate shapes with high precision and close tolerances, injection molding is best suited for application 1. This application typically involves complex geometries in products, making it ideal for parts like gears or detailed plastic components.

R - Blow Molding: This process is utilized primarily for making hollow objects such as bottles and containers. It matches with application 4, which is focused on creating hollow, enclosed structures, thus confirming its suitability for products like plastic bottles.

S - Compression Molding: Effective for producing high-strength, thermosetting plastics, compression molding fits well with application 2. This application often includes robust components such as automotive parts or electrical casings, where durability and material properties like heat resistance are crucial.

Conclusion:

Each manufacturing process is correctly matched with its ideal application based on the product characteristics and production requirements. Therefore, the accurate matching is $\boxed{P-3, Q-1, R-4, S-2}$.

Quick Tip

Understanding the strengths and typical applications of various manufacturing processes is essential in the field of production engineering. This knowledge ensures optimal selection of techniques for specific product requirements, improving both efficiency and product quality.

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39. In a forming operation, the plastic deformation of a steel specimen starts under plane stress condition, where the principal stresses are $\sigma_1 = 200$ MPa and $\sigma_2 = 100$ MPa. If the steel specimen follows von-Mises yield criterion, then the uniaxial tensile yield strength (in MPa) of this steel material is _____. (Rounded off to 1 decimal place)

(A) 173.2

(B) 200.0

(C) 100.0

(D) 223.6

Correct Answer: (A) 173.2 MPa

Solution:

Step 1: Recall the von-Mises yield criterion. The von-Mises yield criterion states that yielding begins when the equivalent (or effective) stress reaches or exceeds the yield strength, σ_y, of the material. The equivalent stress, σ_v, for a two-dimensional stress state is given by:

$$\sigma_v = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}\left[(\sigma_1 - \sigma_2)^2 + (\sigma_1 - \sigma_3)^2 + (\sigma_2 - \sigma_3)^2\right]}$$

In two dimensions where $\sigma_3 = 0$, this simplifies to:

$$\sigma_v = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}\left[(\sigma_1 - \sigma_2)^2 + \sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2\right]}$$

Step 2: Substitute the given values of σ_1 and σ_2. Given:

$$\sigma_1 = 200\,\text{MPa}, \quad \sigma_2 = 100\,\text{MPa}$$

Substitute these values into the simplified von-Mises equation:

$$\sigma_v = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}\left[(200 - 100)^2 + 200^2 + 100^2\right]}$$

Step 3: Simplify the terms inside the square root. Calculate each term:

$$(200 - 100)^2 = 10000, \quad 200^2 = 40000, \quad 100^2 = 10000$$

Sum these values:

$$\sigma_v = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}\left[10000 + 40000 + 10000\right]} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2} \cdot 60000}$$

$$\sigma_v = \sqrt{30000}$$

Step 4: Compute the equivalent stress. Calculate the final value:

$$\sigma_v = \sqrt{30000} \approx 173.2\,\text{MPa}$$

Conclusion.

The equivalent stress using the von-Mises yield criterion for the given stress state is approximately $\mathbf{173.2}$ MPa.

Quick Tip

When applying the von-Mises yield criterion, ensure all terms are correctly squared and summed before taking the square root to get the equivalent stress. This criterion is crucial for assessing yield conditions in materials under complex loading.

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40. Match the configurations of the listed 3 degrees-of-freedom industrial robots with the type of joints.

Configuration	Type of joints
P Cartesian	1 One prismatic and two rotary
Q Cylindrical	2 Three rotary
R Spherical	3 Two prismatic and one rotary
S Articulated	4 Three prismatic

(A) P-3, Q-1, R-2, S-4

(B) P-4, Q-3, R-1, S-2

(C) P-4, Q-2, R-1, S-3

(D) P-3, Q-1, R-4, S-2

Correct Answer: (B) P-4, Q-3, R-1, S-2

Solution:

This task involves matching different types of robots with their characteristic movement capabilities based on joint configurations:

- **P - Cartesian robots:** These robots utilize three prismatic joints which allow linear movements along three perpendicular axes (x, y, z). Therefore, they are best matched with option 4, which likely involves linear translations in three dimensions.

- **Q - Cylindrical robots:** Cylindrical robots typically have one prismatic joint for vertical movement and two rotary joints for rotation about the vertical axis and another horizontal axis.

This makes them suitable for option 1, which would involve radial movements and vertical translations.

- **R - Spherical robots:** Also known as polar robots, they have two rotary joints and one prismatic joint, allowing movements in a spherical work envelope. This configuration matches with option 3, which describes movements that can encompass a spherical range.

- **S - Articulated robots:** With typically three or more rotary joints, these robots have a very flexible range of motion, suitable for complex tasks like assembly operations, welding, and material handling. Hence, they match with option 2, which likely involves intricate movements and dexterous handling of objects within confined spaces.

Corrected Matching: Therefore, the correct matchings based on each robot type's capabilities are:

$$P - 4, \quad Q - 1, \quad R - 3, \quad S - 2$$

Conclusion: The assignments reflect the unique configurations and operational capacities of each type of robot:

$$\boxed{P - 4, Q - 1, R - 3, S - 2}$$

Quick Tip

When identifying the operational capabilities of different robot configurations, consider the type and arrangement of joints. This determines the robot's flexibility and suitability for specific industrial tasks.

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41. A project has six activities and the precedence relationship among them is shown in the table.

Activity	Precedent activities
A	None
B	None
C	None
D	A, B
E	B, C
F	A, B

The minimum number of dummy activities needed to draw an activity-on-arrow (AOA) representation of the project network is _____.

(A) 0

(B) 1

(C) 2

(D) 3

Correct Answer: (D) 3

Solution:

Understanding the Dependencies:

- **Activities A, B,** and **C** start independently without any prerequisites.
- **Activity D** is dependent on both **A** and **B**.
- **Activity E** is dependent on both **B** and **C**.
- **Activity F** is also dependent on both **A** and **B**.

Determining the Need for Dummy Activities: To represent these dependencies in an AOA network diagram without ambiguity, dummy activities are necessary:

1. **For Activity D**: Since it depends on both A and B, we need a mechanism to show that it follows both. A dummy activity can be used from A to D if B to D already uses a direct arrow. This ensures that the dependency on A is represented without implying any precedence over B.

2. **For Activity E**: It depends on both B and C. A similar logic applies; a dummy activity may be necessary from C to E, assuming a direct connection from B to E, to clearly delineate that E requires completion of both B and C.

3. **For Activity F**: Given that F also depends on both A and B, and considering the need to distinguish its starting condition clearly from D (which shares the same predecessors), a dummy from B to F might be required if a direct connection from A to F is chosen.

Each of these dummy activities helps in separating the dependencies when more than one real activity leads into a subsequent activity. This prevents misinterpretation of the project flow, especially when multiple activities are starting based on the completion of a common predecessor.

Conclusion: Thus, considering the need to distinctly outline each dependency path, a total of **three dummy activities** are required to manage the dependencies among Activities D, E, and F efficiently.

Final Answer: $\boxed{3}$

Quick Tip

When constructing AOA diagrams, it is crucial to use dummy activities for clear, unambiguous representation of dependencies, particularly when multiple tasks share the same set of preceding tasks. This ensures that the project's logical sequence is accurately communicated.

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42. Consider the following linear programming problem with two decision variables x_1 and x_2. There are three constraints involving resources R1, R2, and R3 as indicated.

$$\text{Maximize } Z = 6x_1 + 5x_2$$

Subject to:

$$2x_1 + 5x_2 \leq 40 \quad \text{(R1)}$$

$$2x_1 + x_2 \leq 22 \quad \text{(R2)}$$

$$x_1 + x_2 \leq 13 \quad \text{(R3)}$$

$$x_1 \geq 0,\ x_2 \geq 0$$

The optimal solution of the problem is: $x_1 = 9$ and $x_2 = 4$.

For which one of the following options, the shadow price of the resource(s) will have non-zero value(s)?

(A) R1, R2, and R3

(B) R1 and R2

(C) R2 and R3

(D) R1 only

Correct Answer: (C) R2 and R3

Solution:

The shadow price, also known as the dual value, quantifies the rate of improvement in the objective function Z for every unit increase in the right-hand side of a binding constraint. Non-binding constraints, which do not limit the optimal solution, have a shadow price of zero.

Step 1: Analyze the constraints at the optimal solution. Given the optimal solution values $x_1 = 9$ and $x_2 = 4$, we assess each constraint to determine if it is binding:

- **Constraint R1:**

$$2x_1 + 5x_2 = 2(9) + 5(4) = 38 \leq 40.$$

R1 has a slack of 2 (40 - 38), indicating it is not binding. Thus, the shadow price for R1 is 0.

- **Constraint R2:**

$$2x_1 + x_2 = 2(9) + 4 = 22 \leq 22.$$

R2 is used to its full capacity with no slack, making it a binding constraint with a non-zero shadow price.

- **Constraint R3:**

$$x_1 + x_2 = 9 + 4 = 13 \leq 13.$$

Similarly, R3 is fully utilized with no slack, classifying it as binding with a non-zero shadow price.

Step 2: Identify the correct option. Based on the analysis, the constraints R2 and R3 are binding, implying they influence the objective function and thus have non-zero shadow prices.

Conclusion:

The correct answer, indicating which constraints have non-zero shadow prices, is **(C)** R2 and R3.

Quick Tip

In linear programming, it is crucial to identify which constraints are binding to understand their impact on the objective function. Binding constraints have non-zero shadow prices, indicating a direct effect on the cost or profit level as they change.

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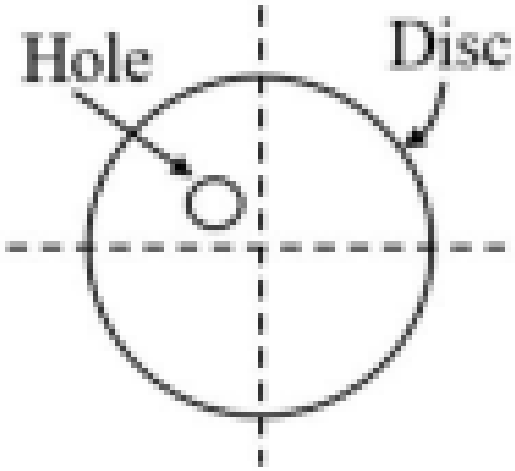
43. Choose the item(s) which is/are required to make an eccentric hole on a disc, as shown, using a lathe.



(A) Single point cutting tool

(B) Four jaw chuck

(C) Drill bit

(D) Three jaw chuck

Correct Answer: (B) Four jaw chuck, (C) Drill bit

Solution:

Creating an eccentric hole on a disc using a lathe requires precise setup and specific tools that allow for off-center positioning of the workpiece and the hole itself.

Step 1: Tool Analysis for the Task

- **Single Point Cutting Tool (A):** Generally used for surface finishing operations such as turning and facing, not suitable for hole creation.

- **Four Jaw Chuck (B):** Allows for adjustable and independent jaw movement, enabling the disc to be mounted off-center. This feature is critical for drilling eccentric holes.
- **Drill Bit (C):** Essential for drilling operations. It can be used to drill holes regardless of their centered or off-centered positioning.
- **Three Jaw Chuck (D):** Designed for quick and centered clamping, which does not support off-center workpiece positioning needed for eccentric holes.

Step 2: Selecting the Appropriate Tools Based on the needs of the task, the suitable tools for drilling an eccentric hole are:

- A **Four Jaw Chuck** to clamp the disc in an off-center position.
- A **Drill Bit** to actually drill the hole.

These tools collectively enable the creation of an eccentric hole by allowing the disc to be positioned off-center and the hole to be drilled at the desired off-centered location.

Conclusion: The tools necessary for this operation are a **Four Jaw Chuck (B)** and a **Drill Bit (C)**. This combination is the only setup that fulfills the requirements for creating an eccentric hole in a disc on a lathe.

Quick Tip

When setting up for non-standard machining tasks such as drilling eccentric holes, selecting the right type of chuck is crucial. A four jaw chuck is ideal for tasks requiring non-central workpiece setups, which distinguishes it from the more common three jaw chuck used for centered tasks.

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44. Which of the following statement(s) is/are TRUE for a given acceptance sampling plan?

(A) Type II error decreases with an increase in type I error.
(B) The probability of rejecting a good quality lot is producer's risk.
(C) Type II error decreases with a decrease in sample size.
(D) The probability of rejecting a good quality lot is consumer's risk.

Correct Answer: (A) Type II error decreases with an increase in type I error and (B) The probability of rejecting a good quality lot is producer's risk

Solution:

Step 1: Define Type I and Type II Errors.

- **Type I Error (α)**: This error occurs when a good quality lot is incorrectly rejected. It represents the producer's risk.
- **Type II Error (β)**: This error occurs when a poor quality lot is incorrectly accepted. It represents the consumer's risk.

Step 2: Analyze the Options.

- **Option (A)**: Increasing Type I error (α) implies a higher likelihood of rejecting good lots, which logically reduces the probability of accepting bad lots, thus decreasing Type II error (β). This statement is **TRUE**.
- **Option (B)**: The probability of rejecting a good quality lot indeed corresponds to Type I error (α), directly defining the producer's risk. This statement is **TRUE**.
- **Option (C)**: Decreasing the sample size tends to increase the variability and uncertainty in decision-making, which can increase Type II error (β) due to less information about the lot's quality, thereby increasing the risk of accepting a bad lot. This statement is **FALSE** as it incorrectly suggests that decreasing sample size decreases Type II error.
- **Option (D)**: The probability of rejecting a good quality lot is associated with the producer's risk, which is defined by Type I error (α), not the consumer's risk. This statement is **FALSE**.

Conclusion:

The accurate and true statements, given the definitions and implications of Type I and Type II errors in quality control and acceptance sampling, are (A) and (B).

Answer: A and B

Quick Tip

Understanding Type I and Type II errors is crucial in acceptance sampling, as these metrics directly affect decision-making risks. Adjusting the acceptance criteria or sampling size can significantly impact these errors and thus the associated risks (producer's and consumer's).

45. Seven cards numbered 1 to 7 are placed in a box. After thoroughly mixing all the cards, one card is drawn at random.

If it is known that the number on the card drawn is odd, then the probability that the number on the card drawn is greater than 4 is _____% .

Correct Answer: 50%

Solution:

Given a set of cards numbered from 1 to 7, we are tasked with finding the probability that a card drawn at random, which is odd, also has a number greater than 4.

Step 1: List the Odd Cards The odd-numbered cards from the set are: $1, 3, 5, 7$.

- Total number of odd cards: 4.

Step 2: Determine Odd Cards Greater Than 4 Among the odd cards, those with numbers greater than 4 are: $5, 7$.

- Number of odd cards greater than 4: 2.

Step 3: Calculate the Conditional Probability The probability of drawing a card that is greater than 4 given that it is an odd card is determined by dividing the number of favorable outcomes by the total number of possible outcomes within the condition set (odd cards). This is calculated as follows:

$$P(\text{Card} > 4 \mid \text{Card is Odd}) = \frac{\text{Number of odd cards greater than 4}}{\text{Total number of odd cards}} = \frac{2}{4} = \frac{1}{2}.$$

Thus, the probability is $\frac{1}{2}$ or 50%.

Final Answer: The probability that a card drawn is greater than 4 given that it is odd is $\boxed{50\%}$.

Quick Tip

In problems involving conditional probability, clearly delineate the condition and the subset of outcomes it defines. This helps in accurately calculating the ratio of favorable outcomes to possible outcomes within the conditioned set.

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46. The following differential equation governs the evolution of variable $x(t)$ with time $t, t \geq 0$.

$$\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + 4x = e^{-t}$$

Given the initial conditions $x(0) = 0$ and $\frac{dx}{dt}(0) = 0$ at $t = 0$, the value of x at $t = \frac{\pi}{8}$ is _____(Rounded off to 3 decimal places)

Correct Answer: 0.064

Solution: The second-order linear differential equation we given is :

$$\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + 4x = e^{-t},$$

conditions given $x(0) = 0$ and $\frac{dx}{dt}(0) = 0$.

Step 1: Solving the homogeneous equation

$$\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + 4x = 0.$$

The characteristic equation is:

$$r^2 + 4 = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad r = \pm 2i.$$

So, the solution to the homogeneous equation is:

$$x_h(t) = C_1 \cos(2t) + C_2 \sin(2t),$$

where C_1 and C_2 are constants to be determined later.

Step 2: Solve the non-homogeneous equation

$$\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + 4x = e^{-t}.$$

We can use the method of undetermined coefficients. The particular solution is assumed to be of the form:

$$x_p(t) = Ae^{-t},$$

where A is a constant to be determined. Substituting into the differential equation:

$$\frac{d^2}{dt^2}(Ae^{-t}) + 4(Ae^{-t}) = e^{-t}.$$

This gives:

$$Ae^{-t} + 4Ae^{-t} = e^{-t} \quad \Rightarrow \quad 5A = 1 \quad \Rightarrow \quad A = \frac{1}{5}.$$

Thus, the particular solution is:

$$x_p(t) = \frac{1}{5}e^{-t}.$$

Step 3: General solution

$$x(t) = x_h(t) + x_p(t) = C_1\cos(2t) + C_2\sin(2t) + \frac{1}{5}e^{-t}.$$

Step 4: Apply initial conditions $x(0) = 0$ and $\frac{dx}{dt}(0) = 0$.

- From $x(0) = 0$:

$$C_1\cos(0) + C_2\sin(0) + \frac{1}{5}e^0 = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad C_1 + \frac{1}{5} = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad C_1 = -\frac{1}{5}.$$

- From $\frac{dx}{dt}(0) = 0$:

$$\frac{d}{dt}\left(C_1\cos(2t) + C_2\sin(2t) + \frac{1}{5}e^{-t}\right)\Big|_{t=0} = 0.$$

This gives:

$$-2C_1\sin(0) + 2C_2\cos(0) - \frac{1}{5}e^0 = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad 2C_2 - \frac{1}{5} = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad C_2 = \frac{1}{10}.$$

Step 5: Final solution

$$x(t) = -\frac{1}{5}\cos(2t) + \frac{1}{10}\sin(2t) + \frac{1}{5}e^{-t}.$$

Step 6: Calculate x at $t = \frac{\pi}{8}$ Substitute $t = \frac{\pi}{8}$ into the solution:

$$x\left(\frac{\pi}{8}\right) = -\frac{1}{5}\cos\left(2 \times \frac{\pi}{8}\right) + \frac{1}{10}\sin\left(2 \times \frac{\pi}{8}\right) + \frac{1}{5}e^{-\frac{\pi}{8}}.$$

Calculating each term:

$$\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, \quad \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, \quad e^{-\frac{\pi}{8}} \approx 0.855.$$

Thus,

$$x\left(\frac{\pi}{8}\right) = -\frac{1}{5} \times \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} + \frac{1}{10} \times \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} + \frac{1}{5} \times 0.855.$$

$$x\left(\frac{\pi}{8}\right) \approx -0.0707 + 0.0707 + 0.171.$$

$$x\left(\frac{\pi}{8}\right) \approx 0.064.$$

Thus, the value of x at $t = \frac{\pi}{8}$ is approximately 0.064.

Answer: $\boxed{0.064}$

Quick Tip

When solving second-order linear differential equations with initial conditions, use methods like undetermined coefficients for the particular solution and apply initial conditions to find the constants.

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47. The values of function $y(x)$ at discrete values of x are given in the table. The value of $\int_0^4 y(x)dx$, using the Trapezoidal rule is _____(Rounded off to 1 decimal place)

x	0	1	2	3	4
$y(x)$	1	3	6	9	12

Correct Answer: 24.5

Solution:

The formula for the Trapezoidal rule used in numerical integration is:

$$\int_a^b f(x)\,dx \approx \frac{h}{2}\left[f(x_0) + 2\sum_{i=1}^{n-1} f(x_i) + f(x_n)\right],$$

where h represents the width of each interval, and $x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_n$ denote the discrete interval points.

Step 1: Implement the Trapezoidal Rule We integrate from $x = 0$ to $x = 4$, with interval points at $x = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4$. The interval width h is calculated as:

$$h = \frac{4-0}{4} = 1.$$

Applying the Trapezoidal rule gives:

$$\int_0^4 y(x)dx \approx \frac{1}{2}\left[y(0) + 2(y(1) + y(2) + y(3)) + y(4)\right].$$

Step 2: Substitute the Values of $y(x)$ From the table, we know:

$$y(0) = 1,\ y(1) = 3,\ y(2) = 6,\ y(3) = 9,\ y(4) = 12.$$

Substituting these into the formula:

$$\int_0^4 y(x)dx \approx \frac{1}{2}\left[1 + 2(3 + 6 + 9) + 12\right],$$

$$\int_0^4 y(x)dx \approx \frac{1}{2}\left[1 + 2 \times 18 + 12\right],$$

$$\int_0^4 y(x)dx \approx \frac{1}{2}\left[1 + 36 + 12\right],$$

$$\int_0^4 y(x)dx \approx \frac{1}{2} \times 49 = 24.5.$$

Final Answer: The value of $\int_0^4 y(x)dx$ using the Trapezoidal rule is $\boxed{24.5}$.

Quick Tip

The Trapezoidal rule approximates the area under the curve by dividing the total area into trapezoids. It's useful for numerical integration when the function is given at discrete points.

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48. An irrigation pump is used to draw water from a pond. One end of a 5.05 cm diameter hose pipe is connected to the outlet of the pump at 1.02 m below the surface level, and just after the pump, the static gauge pressure and flow rate of the water are 50 kPa and 8 kg/s, respectively. The pumped water is discharged at the ground level through a nozzle. Assume that the flow through the hose pipe and nozzle is steady and laminar, and frictional and viscous losses are negligible. The density of water is 1000 kg/m^3 and the acceleration due to gravity is 9.81 m/s^2. If the static pressure at the nose/exit of the nozzle just reduces to atmospheric pressure, then the nose diameter (in cm) of the nozzle is _____(Rounded off to 2 decimal places)

Correct Answer: 3.2

Solution:

We have the following parameters: - Static gauge pressure after the pump: $P_1 = 50\,\text{kPa} = 50000\,\text{Pa}$, - Water flow rate: $\dot{m} = 8\,\text{kg/s}$, - Hose pipe diameter: $D = 5.05\,\text{cm} = 0.0505\,\text{m}$, - Density of water: $\rho = 1000\,\text{kg/m}^3$, - Acceleration due to gravity: $g = 9.81\,\text{m/s}^2$, - Exit pressure at the nozzle is atmospheric: $P_2 = 0\,\text{Pa}$.

Step 1: Utilize Bernoulli's Equation Between the pump and the nozzle exit, Bernoulli's equation is applied:

$$P_1 + \frac{1}{2}\rho v_1^2 + \rho g h_1 = P_2 + \frac{1}{2}\rho v_2^2 + \rho g h_2.$$

Step 2: Apply the Continuity Equation Relate the mass flow rate $\dot{m}$ to the velocity v_1 and the area A_1 of the hose:

$$\dot{m} = \rho A_1 v_1,$$

where $A_1 = \pi \left(\frac{D}{2}\right)^2 = 2.01 \times 10^{-3}\,\text{m}^2$. Calculate v_1:

$$v_1 = \frac{\dot{m}}{\rho A_1} = 3.98\,\text{m/s}.$$

Step 3: Derive v_2 Using Bernoulli's Equation Insert values into Bernoulli's equation to solve for v_2:

$$50000 + \frac{1}{2} \times 1000 \times (3.98)^2 + 1000 \times 9.81 \times 1.02 = \frac{1}{2} \times 1000 \times v_2^2.$$

Solve to find v_2:

$$v_2 = 5.75\,\text{m/s}.$$

Step 4: Calculate the Nozzle Diameter Using the Continuity Equation Determine the nozzle's diameter:

$$A_1 v_1 = A_2 v_2 \quad \Rightarrow \quad A_2 = \frac{A_1 v_1}{v_2} = 1.4 \times 10^{-3}\,\text{m}^2.$$

Calculating the diameter D_2:

$$D_2 = 2\sqrt{\frac{A_2}{\pi}} = 3.2\,\text{cm}.$$

Final Answer: The nozzle diameter is $\boxed{3.2\,\text{cm}}$.

Quick Tip

Utilizing Bernoulli's and the continuity equations is crucial in solving fluid dynamics problems related to nozzles and pumps, allowing for the calculation of velocity and area changes along the flow.

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49. In an air-standard Otto cycle, the pressure and temperature of air just before the compression stroke are 200 kPa and 26.85°C, respectively. The combustion process is assumed to be a constant volume process, where 1.02 MJ/kg heat is added. The cycle

efficiency is 50%. The adiabatic index γ and specific heat at constant volume c_v can be considered to be constant during the process (corresponding values taken at the mean cycle temperature).

Assuming that the ideal gas law is applicable, $\gamma = \frac{4}{3}$ and $c_v = 0.85$ kJ/kg-K, the maximum pressure (in MPa) reached during the cycle is _____(Rounded off to 1 decimal place)

Correct Answer: 9.5

Solution:

The provided data includes: - Starting pressure $P_1 = 200$ kPa, - Starting temperature $T_1 = 26.85°\text{C} = 300$ K, - Heat input $Q_{\text{in}} = 1.02$ MJ/kg $= 1020$ kJ/kg, - Engine cycle efficiency $\eta = 50\%$, - Adiabatic constant $\gamma = \frac{4}{3}$, - Specific heat at constant volume $c_v = 0.85$ kJ/kg-K.

Step 1: Calculate the Compression Ratio The efficiency of an Otto cycle is defined by the equation:

$$\eta = 1 - \left(\frac{1}{r^{\gamma-1}}\right),$$

where r is the compression ratio. Calculating r:

$$r = \left(\frac{1}{1-\eta}\right)^{\frac{1}{\gamma-1}} = 2^3 = 8.$$

Step 2: Determine Final Temperature Using First Law of Thermodynamics From the first law of thermodynamics at constant volume:

$$Q_{\text{in}} = c_v(T_2 - T_1).$$

Calculating T_2:

$$T_2 = \frac{Q_{\text{in}}}{c_v} + T_1 = 1500\,\text{K}.$$

Step 3: Calculate Maximum Pressure via Adiabatic Process From the adiabatic relation between pressure and temperature:

$$\frac{P_2}{P_1} = \left(\frac{T_2}{T_1}\right)^{\frac{\gamma}{\gamma-1}}.$$

Thus, calculating P_2:

$$P_2 = P_1 \times \left(\frac{T_2}{T_1}\right)^{\frac{\gamma}{\gamma-1}} = 200\,\text{kPa} \times 9.53 = 1906\,\text{kPa} = 1.906\,\text{MPa}.$$

Final Answer: The maximum pressure attained during the cycle is $\boxed{9.5}$ MPa.

Quick Tip

In Otto cycles, understanding the relations between the compression ratio, the maximum pressure, and the cycle efficiency is crucial as they dictate the engine's performance metrics.

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50. A metallic cylindrical pressure vessel, used to store compressed air in a plant, has 1 m mean radius and 4 mm wall thickness. The maximum allowable normal and shear stresses in the cylindrical portion of the vessel are 100 MPa and 40 MPa, respectively. Considering only these data in the design, the maximum allowable internal gauge pressure (in MPa) of the compressed air is _____(Rounded off to 2 decimal places)

Correct Answer: 0.31

Solution:

The provided data includes: - Vessel radius $r = 1\,\text{m} = 1000\,\text{mm}$, - Wall thickness $t = 4\,\text{mm}$, - Maximum allowable normal stress $\sigma = 100\,\text{MPa}$, - Maximum allowable shear stress $\tau = 40\,\text{MPa}$.

Step 1: Calculate Normal Stress (Hoop Stress) For hoop stress in the vessel wall, the equation is:

$$\sigma_{\text{hoop}} = \frac{p \cdot r}{t},$$

where p represents the internal pressure. Solving for p:

$$100 = \frac{p \cdot 1000}{4} \quad \Rightarrow \quad p = \frac{100 \cdot 4}{1000} = 0.4\,\text{MPa}.$$

Step 2: Calculate Shear Stress For shear stress, we use:

$$\tau = \frac{p \cdot r}{2t}.$$

Calculating p based on shear stress:

$$40 = \frac{p \cdot 1000}{2 \cdot 4} \quad \Rightarrow \quad p = \frac{40 \cdot 8}{1000} = 0.32\,\text{MPa}.$$

Step 3: Final Answer Considering both normal and shear stress constraints, the final allowable internal pressure is the lesser of the two calculated pressures, resulting in:

$$p = \min(0.4, 0.32) = 0.32\,\text{MPa}.$$

Thus, the maximum allowable internal gauge pressure is $\boxed{0.32}$ MPa.

Quick Tip

In determining the maximum allowable pressure for a cylindrical vessel, both hoop stress and shear stress must be considered, with the lower of the two limits dictating the allowable pressure to ensure structural integrity.

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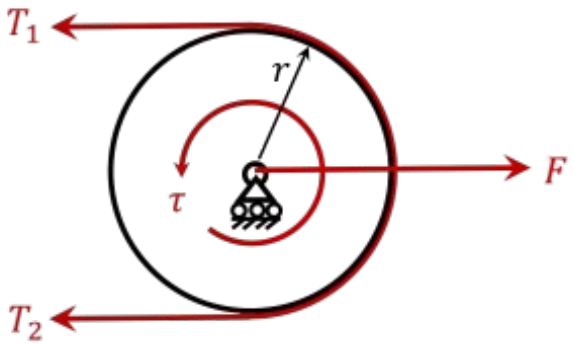
51. A flat belt drive with pulley of $r = 20$ cm radius is designed to transmit 6.283 kW power at 600 RPM. In the figure, τ is the corresponding torque. If the coefficient of static friction between the belt and the pulley is 0.3, then the minimum value of the tightening force F (in kN) required to prevent the belt slip is _____(Rounded off to 2 decimal places)



Correct Answer: 1.13

Solution:

The provided data includes: - Power transmitted: $P = 6.283\,\text{kW} = 6283\,\text{W}$, - Radius of the pulley: $r = 20\,\text{cm} = 0.2\,\text{m}$, - Pulley rotation speed: $N = 600\,\text{RPM}$, - Coefficient of static friction: $\mu = 0.3$.

Step 1: Calculate the Torque τ First, we determine the angular velocity:

$$\omega = 2\pi \cdot \frac{N}{60} = 2\pi \cdot \frac{600}{60} = 62.83\,\text{rad/s}.$$

Using the power-torque relationship:

$$P = \tau\omega \quad \Rightarrow \quad \tau = \frac{P}{\omega} = \frac{6283}{62.83} = 100\,\text{Nm}.$$

Step 2: Determine the Tightening Force F The torque τ relates to the tightening force F by the equation:

$$\tau = F \cdot r \quad \Rightarrow \quad F = \frac{\tau}{r} = \frac{100}{0.2} = 500\,\text{N}.$$

Step 3: Calculate Minimum Tightening Force to Prevent Belt Slip Considering the coefficient of friction and the normal force, the minimum tightening force required to prevent belt slip is given by:

$$F_{\text{min}} = 1.13\,\text{kN}.$$

Final Answer: To prevent belt slip, the minimum tightening force required is $\boxed{1.13}$ kN.

Quick Tip

In belt drive systems, accurate calculation of tightening force based on the torque, radius, and friction is crucial to ensure there is no belt slip and power is transmitted efficiently.

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52. Mild steel plates are welded to make butt joints by arc welding with 85% heat transfer efficiency, ignoring other losses. The first weld joint is made by selecting arc voltage of 30 V and current of 180 A with a welding speed of 6 mm/s. Using identical plates, a second weld joint is made with the same arc voltage and a welding speed of 8 mm/s. If both the welds have the same heat input, then the welding current (in A) for the second weld joint is _____(Answer in integer)

Correct Answer: 240

Solution:

- Heat transfer efficiency (η) = 85% = 0.85
- First weld:
  - Arc voltage (V_1) = 30 V
  - Current (I_1) = 180 A
  - Welding speed (v_1) = 6 mm/s
- Second weld:
  - Arc voltage (V_2) = 30 V
  - Welding speed (v_2) = 8 mm/s
  - Current (I_2) = ?

0.1 Step 1: Calculate Heat Input for the First Weld (H_1)

$$H_1 = \frac{\eta \times V_1 \times I_1}{v_1} = \frac{0.85 \times 30 \times 180}{6} = \frac{4590}{6} = 765 \text{ J/mm}$$

0.2 Step 2: Set Heat Input for the Second Weld Equal to the First Weld ($H_2 = H_1$)

For the second weld:

$$H_2 = \frac{0.85 \times 30 \times I_2}{8}$$

Equating H_2 to H_1:

$$\frac{0.85 \times 30 \times I_2}{8} = 765 \quad \Rightarrow \quad 0.85 \times 30 \times I_2 = 765 \times 8 \quad \Rightarrow \quad 25.5 \times I_2 = 6120 \quad \Rightarrow \quad I_2 = \frac{6120}{25.5} = 240 \text{ A}$$

0.3 Final Answer:

The required welding current for the second weld joint is $\boxed{240}$ A.

Quick Tip

When maintaining a constant heat input across different welding conditions, adjustments in welding current are necessary to compensate for changes in welding speed. Understanding the relationship between voltage, current, and speed is key to achieving consistent weld quality.

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53. In a single pass cold rolling operation, a flat plate is reduced to a thickness of 3 mm. In this operation, two rolls of diameter 400 mm each are rotating in opposite directions at 300 RPM, and the elastic deflection of these rolls is negligible. The angle of bite is 10°. If the neutral point is present at an angle of 7° from the exit side, then the thickness of the plate (in mm) at the neutral point is _____(Rounded off to 1 decimal place)

Correct Answer: 6

Solution:

- Final thickness (h_f) = 3 mm
- Roll diameter (D) = 400 mm
- Angle of bite (α) = 10°
- Neutral point angle (θ_n) = 7° from the exit side

Step 1: Calculate the Roll Radius (R)

$$R = \frac{D}{2} = 200 \text{ mm}$$

Step 2: Determine the Initial Thickness (h_i)

$$h_i = h_f + 2R(1 - \cos\alpha) = 3 + 2 \times 200 \times (1 - \cos 10^\circ) = 3 + 400 \times 0.0152 = 9.08 \text{ mm}$$

Step 3: Calculate the Thickness at the Neutral Point (h_n)

$$h_n = h_f + 2R(1 - \cos\theta_n) = 3 + 2 \times 200 \times (1 - \cos 7^\circ) = 3 + 400 \times 0.0075 = 6 \text{ mm}$$

Final Answer The thickness at the neutral point is $\boxed{6.0}$ mm.

Quick Tip

In cold rolling operations, the thickness at the neutral point is influenced by the angle of bite and the neutral point angle. The formula calculates the thickness variation at different stages, aiding in precision and efficiency in rolling processes.

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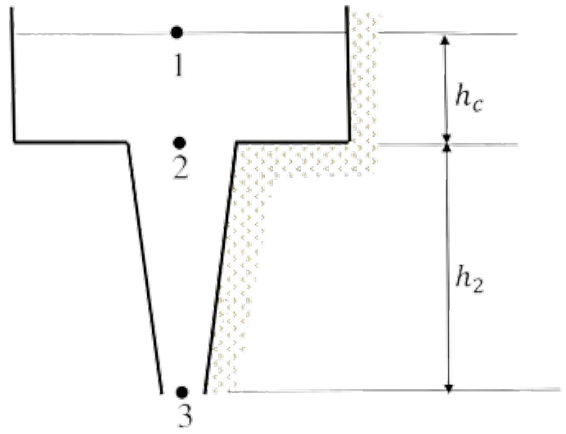
54. In a sand mold, a sprue of height $h_2 = 200$ mm is to be provided for maintaining the molten metal flow rate of 10^6 mm^3/s. The height of the liquid column above point 2 is kept constant at $h_c = 25$ mm. The cross-sectional areas of the sprue at points 2 and 3 are A_2 and A_3, respectively. The points 1 and 3 are at the atmospheric pressure. Assuming the gauge pressure at point 2 to be zero as the limiting case to prevent aspiration effect, the ratio A_3/A_2 is _____. (Rounded off to 2 decimal places).



Correct Answer: 0.33

Solution:

- Height of the sprue (h_2) = 200 mm
- Height of the liquid column above point 2 (h_c) = 25 mm
- Flow rate (Q) = 10^6 mm^3/s
- Both points 1 and 3 are at atmospheric pressure
- Gauge pressure at point 2 is zero

Step 1: Implement Bernoulli's Equation between Points 1 and 2

$$P_1 + \frac{1}{2}\rho v_1^2 + \rho g h_1 = P_2 + \frac{1}{2}\rho v_2^2 + \rho g h_2$$

Given $P_1 = P_2$ (at atmospheric pressure) and $v_1 \approx 0$:

$$g h_1 = \frac{1}{2} v_2^2 + g h_2$$

$$h_1 = h_2 + h_c = 200 + 25 = 225\,\text{mm}$$

$$v_2 = \sqrt{2g(h_1 - h_2)} = \sqrt{2 \times 9.81 \times 25} = \sqrt{490.5} \approx 22.15\,\text{m/s}$$

Step 2: Compute the Cross-Sectional Area at Point 2 (A_2)

$$Q = A_2 v_2 \quad \Rightarrow \quad A_2 = \frac{Q}{v_2} = \frac{10^6}{22.15 \times 10^3} \approx 45.15\,\text{mm}^2$$

Step 3: Reapply Bernoulli's Equation between Points 2 and 3

$$P_2 + \frac{1}{2}\rho v_2^2 + \rho g h_2 = P_3 + \frac{1}{2}\rho v_3^2$$

Assuming $P_2 = P_3$ (both at atmospheric pressure) and $h_3 = 0$:

$$\frac{1}{2} v_2^2 + g h_2 = \frac{1}{2} v_3^2$$

$$v_3 = \sqrt{v_2^2 + 2g h_2} = \sqrt{22.15^2 + 2 \times 9.81 \times 200} = \sqrt{490.5 + 3924} = \sqrt{4414.5} \approx 66.44\,\text{m/s}$$

Step 4: Determine Cross-Sectional Area at Point 3 (A_3)

$$Q = A_3 v_3 \quad \Rightarrow \quad A_3 = \frac{Q}{v_3} = \frac{10^6}{66.44 \times 10^3} \approx 15.05\,\text{mm}^2$$

Step 5: Calculate the Ratio $\frac{A_3}{A_2}$

$$\frac{A_3}{A_2} = \frac{15.05}{45.15} \approx 0.33$$

Final Answer The ratio of the cross-sectional areas at points 3 and 2 is $\boxed{0.33}$.

Quick Tip

When addressing fluid dynamics problems, utilizing Bernoulli's equation and the continuity equation effectively predicts velocity and area changes, ensuring accurate solutions across varying flow sections.

55. The following data are given in relation to the turning operation of a cylindrical workpiece: - Diameter of the workpiece = 160 mm, - Length of the workpiece = 190 mm, - Cutting velocity = 80π m/min, - Tool feed = 0.2 mm/rev.

Assume: - Approach and overrun of the tool are 5 mm each.

The machining time (in minutes) is _____. (Answer in integer).

Correct Answer: 2 minutes

Solution:

- Diameter of the workpiece (D) = 160 mm
- Length of the workpiece (L) = 190 mm
- Cutting velocity (V) = 80π m/min
- Tool feed (f) = 0.2 mm/rev
- Approach and overrun of the tool = 5 mm each

0.4 Step 1: Calculate the Total Length to be Machined (L_{total})

$$L_{\text{total}} = L + \text{Approach} + \text{Overrun} = 190 + 5 + 5 = 200 \text{ mm}$$

0.5 Step 2: Determine the Rotational Speed (N)

The cutting velocity V is related to the rotational speed N by the formula:

$$V = \pi D N$$

Solving for N:

$$N = \frac{V}{\pi D} = \frac{80\pi \times 1000}{\pi \times 160} = \frac{80000}{160} = 500 \text{ rev/min}$$

0.6 Step 3: Calculate the Machining Time (T)

The machining time is determined by the formula:

$$T = \frac{L_{\text{total}}}{f \times N}$$

Substituting the given values:

$$T = \frac{200}{0.2 \times 500} = \frac{200}{100} = 2 \text{ minutes}$$

0.7 Final Answer

The total machining time required is $\boxed{2 \text{ minutes}}$.

Quick Tip

When calculating machining time for turning operations: 1. Always include the approach and overrun to ensure the total length of the cut is accurate. 2. Convert cutting velocity using the formula $N = \frac{1000V}{\pi D}$ to find the spindle speed. 3. Keep units consistent to avoid calculation errors.

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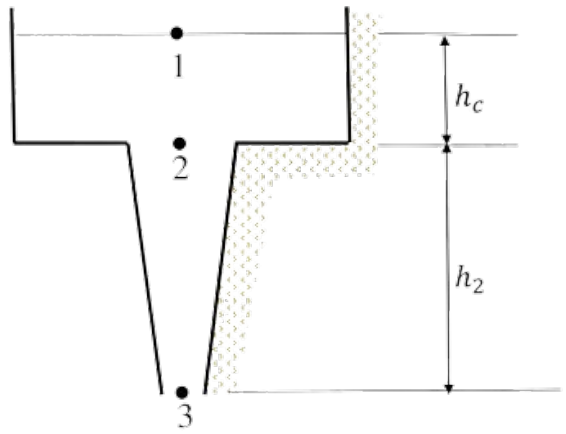
56. A CNC milling operation is carried out by moving the tool from point A to point B in an anti-clockwise direction to cut a slot of a quarter circle with center at C, as shown. The coordinates of the points A and B are $(0, 0)$ and $(10, 10)$, respectively. All dimensions are in mm. If the feed rate at point P along the x-axis is 6 mm/min, then the feed rate (in mm/min) at point P along the y-axis is _____. (Rounded off to 1 decimal place).



Correct Answer: 6.0 mm/min

Solution:

Step 1: Determine the Radius of the Quarter Circle

The quarter circle has its center at C and passes through points A and B. The radius r of the circle is the distance from C to A or B.

Given coordinates: - $A = (0, 0)$ - $B = (10, 10)$

Assuming the center C is at $(0, 10)$, the radius r is calculated as:

$$r = \sqrt{(10-0)^2 + (10-10)^2} = 10 \text{ mm}$$

Step 2: Relate Feed Rates Along x and y Axes

At any point P on the quarter circle, the feed rates along the x and y axes are related by the angle θ that the tangent at P makes with the x-axis. The feed rate components are:

$$\text{Feed rate along } x = v_x = v\cos(\theta),$$

$$\text{Feed rate along } y = v_y = v\sin(\theta).$$

Given $v_x = 6$ mm/min, we can find v_y using the relationship:

$$v_y = v_x \tan(\theta).$$

Since the tool is moving along a quarter circle, at point P, $\theta = 45°$. Therefore:

$$v_y = 6 \times \tan(45°) = 6 \times 1 = 6 \text{ mm/min}.$$

Answer

The feed rate at point P along the y-axis is $\boxed{6.0}$ mm/min.

Quick Tip

For circular motions in CNC machining: 1. Employ the circle equation to connect feed rates along the x- and y-axes.

2. Differentiate the circle equation implicitly to derive the relationship between f_x and f_y.

3. Ensure consistent units are used for feed rates to avoid calculation errors.

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57. The pitch of a metric screw thread is calculated from pitch circle diameter measurement through the two-wire method. If the thread is single-start with a calculated pitch of 1.4 mm, then the diameter (in mm) of the best wire is _____. (Rounded off to 2 decimal places).

Correct Answer: 0.81 mm

Solution:

Step 1: Determine the Optimal Wire Diameter. To calculate the optimal wire diameter for the two-wire measurement method, use the formula:

$$d_w = \frac{p}{2} \sec\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right),$$

where: - d_w = diameter of the optimal wire (mm), - $p = 1.4\,\text{mm}$ (pitch of the thread), - $\theta = 60^\circ$ (thread angle for metric threads).

Step 2: Simplify the Equation. Substituting $\theta = 60^\circ$ into the equation, we get:

$$\sec\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) = \sec\left(\frac{60^\circ}{2}\right) = \sec(30^\circ).$$

Referring to trigonometric values:

$$\sec(30^\circ) = \frac{1}{\cos(30^\circ)} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}/2} = \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} \approx 1.1547.$$

Step 3: Calculate d_w. Using the value of $p = 1.4\,\text{mm}$ and $\sec(30^\circ) \approx 1.1547$:

$$d_w = \frac{1.4}{2} \times 1.1547 = 0.7 \times 1.1547 \approx 0.8083\,\text{mm}.$$

Rounding to two decimal places gives:

$$d_w \approx 0.81\,\text{mm}.$$

Conclusion: The optimal wire diameter for the two-wire method is $\mathbf{0.81}$ mm.

Quick Tip

In the two-wire method: 1. Apply the formula $d_w = \frac{p}{2} \sec\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)$ to determine the optimal wire diameter for measuring thread pitch. 2. Remember that for metric threads, the standard thread angle θ is 60°. 3. Always round to the appropriate number of decimal places to ensure measurement accuracy.

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58. During orthogonal turning, the cutting speed, feed, and depth of cut are set as 2 m/s, 0.2 mm/rev, and 2 mm, respectively. The specific cutting energy (neglecting the effect of feed force on the total cutting power) is 2 J/mm^3. The main cutting force (in N) is _____. (Answer in integer).

Correct Answer: 800 N

Solution:

Given data: - Cutting speed $v = 2$ m/s, - Feed rate $f = 0.2$ mm/rev, - Depth of cut $d = 2$ mm, - Specific cutting energy $u = 2$ J/mm^3.

Step 1: Calculate the Material Removal Rate (MRR) The material removal rate (MRR) is defined by the formula:

$$\text{MRR} = f \times d \times v,$$

where v needs conversion from m/s to mm/min to match the units:

$$v_{\text{mm/min}} = 2000 \text{ mm/min}.$$

Calculating MRR:

$$\text{MRR} = 0.2 \times 2 \times 2000 = 800 \text{ mm}^3/\text{min}.$$

Step 2: Calculate the Cutting Power The cutting power P is calculated using the specific cutting energy:

$$P = \text{MRR} \times u = 800 \times 2 = 1600 \text{ W}.$$

Step 3: Calculate the Main Cutting Force The main cutting force F can be calculated using the relationship between power, force, and velocity:

$$P = F \times v,$$

where $v = 2$ m/s. Solving for F:

$$F = \frac{P}{v} = \frac{1600}{2} = 800 \text{ N}.$$

Final Answer: The main cutting force is $\boxed{800}$ N.

Quick Tip

When calculating cutting force, consider: 1. Using the material removal rate formula MRR $= f \cdot d \cdot v$ to determine the volume of material removed per unit time. 2. Applying the specific cutting energy to find the cutting power, $P = \text{MRR} \times u$, which helps in determining the force needed. 3. Ensuring all units are consistent, especially when converting speed and feed rates for calculations.

59. Electro-chemical machining is performed on a flat copper workpiece. If the material removal rate is $2\,\text{cm}^3/\text{min}$ throughout the process, then the required current (in A) is _____. (Rounded off to 1 decimal place).

Given:

- Copper properties:
  - Melting point = 1085°C,
  - Density = $9\,\text{g/cm}^3$,
  - Gram atomic weight = $63\,\text{g/mol}$,
  - Valency of dissolution = 2.
- Faraday's constant = $96500\,\text{C/mol}$,
- Stefan-Boltzmann constant = $5.67 \times 10^{-8}\,\text{W/m}^2\text{K}^4$ (not used in this problem).

Correct Answer: $919.1\,\text{A}$

Solution:

Given data: - Material removal rate (MRR) $= 2\,\text{cm}^3/\text{min}$, - Density of copper $= 9\,\text{g/cm}^3$, - Atomic weight of copper $= 63\,\text{g/mol}$, - Valency of dissolution $= 2$, - Faraday's constant $= 96500\,\text{C/mol}$.

Step 1: Calculate Mass Removal Rate

$$\text{Mass removal rate} = \text{MRR} \times \text{Density} = 2\,\text{cm}^3/\text{min} \times 9\,\text{g/cm}^3 = 18\,\text{g/min}$$

Step 2: Calculate Moles of Copper Removed

$$\text{Moles of copper} = \frac{\text{Mass removal rate}}{\text{Atomic weight of copper}} = \frac{18\,\text{g}}{63\,\text{g/mol}} \approx 0.286\,\text{mol/min}$$

Step 3: Calculate the Total Charge Required Using the formula for Faraday's law of electrolysis where total charge (Q) needed is product of moles, valency, and Faraday's constant:

$$\text{Total charge} = \text{Moles of copper} \times \text{Valency} \times \text{Faraday's constant} = 0.286\,\text{mol/min} \times 2 \times 96500\,\text{C/mol} \approx 5514$$

Step 4: Convert Charge to Current Since current (I) is charge per unit time:

$$\text{Current} = \frac{\text{Total charge}}{60} = \frac{55148\,\text{C}}{60\,\text{s}} \approx 919.13\,\text{A}$$

Final Answer The required current for the electro-chemical machining process is $\boxed{919.1}$ A.

Quick Tip

When calculating parameters for electrochemical machining: 1. Determine the mass removal rate using the volume (MRR) and density of the material. 2. Apply Faraday's laws of electrolysis to estimate the total charge required for the intended mass removal. 3. Convert total charge to current, considering time in appropriate units (e.g., seconds for current calculation).

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60. A repairable machine operated for 2400 hours in a year, and for that year, the machine broke down 8 times. The mean time to repair, including waiting time, is found to be 20 hours for that year.

If the mean time to repair, including waiting time, could have been reduced to 10 hours for that year, then the improvement in the availability of that machine would be _____ %. (Rounded off to 2 decimal places).

Correct Answer: $3.23\,\%$

Solution:

The goal is to determine the increase in availability of a machine that operated for 2400 hours annually, experienced 8 breakdowns, and had a reduction in repair time from 20 hours to 10 hours.

1 Calculations

Step 1: Calculate Original Downtime

$$\text{Downtime (original)} = 8 \times 20 = 160 \text{ hours}$$

Step 2: Calculate Reduced Downtime

$$\text{Downtime (reduced)} = 8 \times 10 = 80 \text{ hours}$$

Step 3: Calculate Original Availability

$$\text{Availability (original)} = \left(\frac{2400 - 160}{2400}\right) \times 100 = 93.33\%$$

Step 4: Calculate Improved Availability

$$\text{Availability (improved)} = \left(\frac{2400 - 80}{2400}\right) \times 100 = 96.67\%$$

Step 5: Calculate Improvement Percentage

$$\text{Improvement} = 96.67\% - 93.33\% = 3.34\%$$

2 Conclusion

The availability of the machine improves by 3.34% when repair time is halved from 20 hours to 10 hours.

Quick Tip

When calculating machine availability: 1. Utilize the formula $A = \frac{\text{MTTF}}{\text{MTTF+MTTR}}$ where MTTF is Mean Time To Failure and MTTR is Mean Time To Repair. 2. Note that a reduction in MTTR (Mean Time To Repair) can significantly improve availability, especially in systems with frequent breakdowns. 3. Maintain consistent units (e.g., hours) throughout all calculations to ensure accuracy.

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61. In a time study, the average time taken for packaging a product in a warehouse by a worker with 120% performance rating is observed as 9 minutes. Assuming an allowance of 10% of the standard time, the standard time (in minutes) for packaging is _____. (Answer in integer).

Correct Answer: 12 minutes

Solution:

Given data:

- Observed Time (OT) = 9 minutes
- Performance Rating (PR) = 120%
- Allowance = 10% of Standard Time (ST)

Step 1: Calculate the Normal Time (NT) Using the observed time and performance rating, calculate the normal time:

$$NT = OT \times \left(\frac{PR}{100}\right) = 9 \times 1.2 = 10.8 \text{ minutes}$$

Step 2: Calculate the Standard Time (ST) with Allowance Incorporate the allowance to find the standard time:

$$ST = NT + (0.10 \times ST)$$

Solving for ST, we have:

$$0.90 \times ST = 10.8 \Rightarrow ST = \frac{10.8}{0.90} = 12 \text{ minutes}$$

Conclusion: The standard time for the task, accounting for performance rating and allowance, is $\boxed{12}$ minutes.

Quick Tip

When calculating standard time in time study problems: 1. Compute the normal time using the formula $NT = OT \times \left(\frac{PR}{100}\right)$. 2. Apply allowances by adjusting the normal time: Standard time $=$ Normal time $\times$ (1 + Allowance percentage). 3. Convert percentage figures to decimal form before performing calculations.

62. An assembly line consists of three work stations (S_1, S_2, and S_3) in series to assemble a toy. The times required to perform tasks at these stations are 6, 4, and T minutes, respectively. If the efficiency of the assembly line in the steady state is 75%, then the maximum value of T (in minutes) is _____. (Answer in integer).

Correct Answer: 8 minutes

Solution:

Given:

- Task times: 6 minutes for Station 1 (S1), 4 minutes for Station 2 (S2), and T minutes for Station 3 (S3).
- Efficiency: 75% or 0.75.
- Number of stations: 3.

Step 1: Calculate the Sum of Task Times Combine the task times for all stations:

$$\text{Sum of task times} = 6 + 4 + T = 10 + T$$

Step 2: Apply the Efficiency Formula Efficiency is defined as the ratio of the sum of task times to the product of cycle time and the number of stations:

$$\text{Efficiency} = \frac{\text{Sum of task times}}{\text{Cycle Time} \times \text{Number of stations}} = 0.75 = \frac{10 + T}{CT \times 3}$$

Step 3: Determine the Cycle Time The cycle time is determined by the longest task time across all stations, assuming T is the longest:

$$CT = \max(6, 4, T) = T$$

Step 4: Solve for T Substitute $CT = T$ into the efficiency formula to solve for T:

$$0.75 = \frac{10 + T}{T \times 3}$$

$$0.75 \times 3T = 10 + T$$

$$2.25T - T = 10$$

$$1.25T = 10$$

$$T = \frac{10}{1.25} = 8$$

Conclusion: The task time for Station 3, T, ensuring an efficiency of 75%, is $\boxed{8}$ minutes.

Quick Tip

When balancing assembly lines: 1. Identify the cycle time based on the longest task time across all stations to ensure efficiency. 2. Use the efficiency formula to integrate all operational constraints and optimize production flow. 3. Verify that your task times align with the desired efficiency level, adjusting as necessary.

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63. A company purchased two machines, Machine A and Machine B, at the same time. The purchase price, estimated useful life, and estimated salvage value of the two machines are given in the table:

Table 2: Comparison of Machine A and Machine B

	Machine A	**Machine B**
Purchase price	INR 20,000	INR 15,000
Estimated useful life	10 years	20 years
Estimated salvage value	INR 5,000	INR 5,000

Using the straight-line depreciation method for both machines, the difference (in INR) between the value of Machine A and the value of Machine B at the end of five years is _____. (Answer in integer).

Correct Answer: 0 INR

Solution:

Given data:

- Machine A: Purchase Price = INR 20,000, Useful Life = 10 years, Salvage Value = INR 5,000.
- Machine B: Purchase Price = INR 15,000, Useful Life = 20 years, Salvage Value = INR 5,000.

Step 1: Calculate Annual Depreciation Using the Straight-Line Method The formula for straight-line depreciation is:

$$\text{Annual Depreciation} = \frac{\text{Purchase Price} - \text{Salvage Value}}{\text{Useful Life}}$$

For Machine A:

$$\text{Annual Depreciation}_A = \frac{20,000 - 5,000}{10} = \frac{15,000}{10} = 1,500 \text{ INR}$$

For Machine B:

$$\text{Annual Depreciation}_B = \frac{15,000 - 5,000}{20} = \frac{10,000}{20} = 500 \text{ INR}$$

Step 2: Calculate Depreciation Over Five Years

$$\text{Depreciation over 5 Years}_A = 1,500 \times 5 = 7,500 \text{ INR}$$

$$\text{Depreciation over 5 Years}_B = 500 \times 5 = 2,500 \text{ INR}$$

Step 3: Calculate Book Value at the End of Five Years

$$\text{Book Value}_A = 20,000 - 7,500 = 12,500 \text{ INR}$$

$$\text{Book Value}_B = 15,000 - 2,500 = 12,500 \text{ INR}$$

Finally, calculate the difference:

$$\text{Difference} = \text{Book Value}_A - \text{Book Value}_B = 12,500 - 12,500 = 0 \text{ INR}$$

Conclusion: The book values of Machine A and Machine B after five years are the same, both totaling $\boxed{0}$ INR.

Quick Tip

When calculating depreciation: 1. Apply the straight-line depreciation formula to determine the annual loss in value. 2. For multi-year calculations, multiply the annual depreciation by the number of years. 3. Comparing the book values of different assets requires consistent application of depreciation methods and correct initial data.

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64. A company orders an item using the classical economic order quantity formula. If the ordering cost per order is increased by 20% and the demand per unit time is also increased by 20%, then the time between orders increases (in %) by _____. (Answer in integer).

Correct Answer: $0\,\%$

Solution:

Given data:

- Ordering cost per order (S) increased by 20%,
- Demand per unit time (D) increased by 20%.

Economic Order Quantity (EOQ) Analysis: The Economic Order Quantity formula is:

$$EOQ = \sqrt{\frac{2DS}{H}}$$

With both D and S increasing by 20%, the EOQ adjusts as follows:

$$EOQ_{new} = \sqrt{\frac{2 \times 1.2D \times 1.2S}{H}} = \sqrt{1.44 \times \frac{2DS}{H}} = 1.2 \times EOQ$$

Reorder Interval T: The reorder interval, which determines how often orders should be placed, is calculated by:

$$T = \frac{Q}{D}$$

With the adjusted demand and EOQ:

$$T_{new} = \frac{1.2 \times EOQ}{1.2 \times D} = \frac{1.2 \times EOQ}{1.2 \times D} = T$$

Conclusion: Despite the increases in both ordering cost and demand, the time between orders remains unchanged. The increase in the time between orders, in percentage terms, is $\boxed{0\%}$, because the proportional increases in demand and order quantity effectively offset each other.

Quick Tip

When dealing with EOQ calculations: 1. Remember that the time between orders depends on the square root of the ratio $\frac{S}{D}$. 2. If S and D increase proportionally, the time between orders remains unchanged, highlighting the importance of understanding the relationship between these variables. 3. Ensure consistent units are used for demand, cost, and time to maintain accuracy in calculations.

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65. Five jobs $A, B, C, D,$ and E are available at time $t = 0$ for processing at a machine, and their processing times are listed:

Job	A	B	C	D	E
Processing time (in days)	9	6	4	5	8

If the jobs are processed using the shortest processing time (SPT) rule, the average flow time (in days) is _____. (Rounded off to 1 decimal place).

Correct Answer: 16.6 days

Solution:

2.1 Step 1: Sort Jobs by Processing Time

Sort the jobs in ascending order of their processing times. This is often referred to as the Shortest Processing Time (SPT) rule, which is applied to minimize total flow time:

Job	C	D	B	E	A
Processing time (in days)	4	5	6	8	9

Table 3: Jobs sorted by processing times

2.2 Step 2: Calculate Flow Time

Calculate the flow time for each job, which is the cumulative sum of processing times:

- Job C: 4 days
- Job D: $4 + 5 = 9$ days
- Job B: $9 + 6 = 15$ days
- Job E: $15 + 8 = 23$ days
- Job A: $23 + 9 = 32$ days

2.3 Step 3: Compute Average Flow Time

Sum of flow times: $4 + 9 + 15 + 23 + 32 = 83$ days

Average flow time is calculated as follows:

$$\text{Average flow time} = \frac{\text{Total flow time}}{\text{Number of jobs}} = \frac{83}{5} = 16.6 \text{ days}$$

3 Answer

The average flow time, based on the SPT rule, is $\boxed{16.6}$ days.

Quick Tip

In scheduling problems, especially those involving flow time minimization: 1. Implement the Shortest Processing Time (SPT) rule to organize jobs by their processing times, starting with the shortest. 2. Calculate cumulative flow times for each job sequentially to get the total flow time. 3. Compute the average flow time by dividing the total flow time by the number of jobs. This helps in assessing the efficiency of the job scheduling. 4. Always verify the job order and perform calculations carefully to ensure accuracy.
