IIT JAM 2022 Mathematics (MA) Question Paper with Solutions

Time Allowed :3 Hours	**Maximum Marks :**100	**Total questions :**60

General Instructions

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i) All questions are compulsory. Marks allotted to each question are indicated in the margin.

ii) Answers must be precise and to the point.

iii) In numerical questions, all steps of calculation should be shown clearly.

iv) Use of non-programmable scientific calculators is permitted.

v) Wherever necessary, write balanced chemical equations with proper symbols and units.

vi) Rough work should be done only in the space provided in the question paper.

Q.1 Consider the 2$\times 2 matrix M = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \in$ $M_2(\mathbb{R})$. If the eighth power of M satisfies $M^8 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$, then the value of x is.

(A) 21

(B) 22

(C) 34

(D) 35

Correct Answer: (B) 22

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the matrix powers.

The matrix M is of the form $M = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$, which is a special type of upper triangular matrix. The eighth power of this matrix will affect the first entry of the vector while leaving the second entry unchanged. Using the known result for powers of this form of matrix, we can compute M^8.

Step 2: Computing M^8.

The matrix M^8 will have the form $M^8 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 8 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$, as it is derived from the general formula for the powers of a matrix of this type. Therefore, when applied to the vector $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$, we obtain:

$$M^8 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 8 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + 8 \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 8 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Thus, the value of x is 22.

Quick Tip

When dealing with powers of matrices of the form $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & a \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$, the powers can be computed easily by noting the structure of the matrix. The first entry grows linearly with the power, while the second entry remains unchanged.

Q.2 The rank of the 4 $\times 6 matrix A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ **with entries in** $\mathbb{R},$ **is.**

(A) 1

(B) 2

(C) 3

(D) 4

Correct Answer: (C) 3

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the matrix.

The matrix A is a 4×6 matrix, meaning it has 4 rows and 6 columns. The rank of a matrix is the number of linearly independent rows or columns.

Step 2: Row reduction.

We perform row reduction on the matrix A to determine its rank:

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

By applying Gaussian elimination, we reduce the matrix to row echelon form:

$$A' = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

This matrix has 3 non-zero rows, so the rank of the matrix is 3.

Step 3: Conclusion.

The rank of the matrix A is **3**.

> Quick Tip
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> To find the rank of a matrix, reduce it to row echelon form. The number of non-zero rows will give you the rank. If the matrix is square, the rank can never exceed the number of rows (or columns).

Q.3 Let V be the real vector space consisting of all polynomials in one variable with real coefficients and having degree at most 6, together with the zero polynomial. Then which one of the following is true?

(A) $\{f \in V : f(1/2) \notin \mathbb{Q}\}$ is a subspace of V.

(B) $\{f \in V : f(1/2) = 1\}$ is a subspace of V.

(C) $\{f \in V : f(1/2) = f(1)\}$ is a subspace of V.

(D) $\{f \in V : f'(1/2) = 13\}$ is a subspace of V.

Correct Answer: (C) $\{f \in V : f(1/2) = f(1)\}$ is a subspace of V.

Solution:

Step 1: Analyzing the subspace conditions.

A subspace must satisfy three conditions: 1. It contains the zero vector (in this case, the zero polynomial). 2. It is closed under addition. 3. It is closed under scalar multiplication.

Step 2: Checking each option.

(A) $\{f \in V : f(1/2) \notin \mathbb{Q}\}$ is not a subspace. This set is not closed under scalar multiplication because multiplying a polynomial with an irrational value at $1/2$ could result in a polynomial with a rational value at $1/2$.

(B) $\{f \in V : f(1/2) = 1\}$ is not a subspace. The set is not closed under addition, as the sum of two polynomials both satisfying $f(1/2) = 1$ might not satisfy this condition.

(C) $\{f \in V : f(1/2) = f(1)\}$ is a subspace. This condition is closed under addition and scalar multiplication. If two polynomials satisfy the condition, their sum will also satisfy it, and the condition holds under scalar multiplication as well.

(D) $\{f \in V : f'(1/2) = 13\}$ is not a subspace. This is not closed under addition, as the derivative of the sum of two polynomials may not satisfy the given condition.

Step 3: Conclusion.

The correct answer is **(C)** $\{f \in V : f(1/2) = f(1)\}$, as it satisfies the conditions for a subspace.

Quick Tip

When determining if a set is a subspace, remember to check the three essential conditions: the set must contain the zero vector, be closed under addition, and be closed under scalar multiplication.

Q.4 Let G be a group of order 2022. Let H and K be subgroups of G of order 337 and 674, respectively. If $H \cup K$ is also a subgroup of G, then which one of the following is FALSE?

(A) H is a normal subgroup of $H \cup K$.

(B) The order of $H \cup K$ is 1011.

(C) The order of $H \cup K$ is 674.

(D) K is a normal subgroup of $H \cup K$.

Correct Answer: (C) The order of $H \cup K$ is 674.

Solution:

Step 1: Analyzing the conditions.

The order of G is 2022. The orders of H and K are 337 and 674, respectively. For $H \cup K$ to be a subgroup, certain conditions must hold, such as the intersection of H and K being trivial or their orders combining in a certain way.

Step 2: Checking the order of $H \cup K$.

Using Lagrange's theorem and the fact that the order of a subgroup must divide the order of the group, we can determine that the order of $H \cup K$ must be the least common multiple of the orders of H and K, which is 1011. Therefore, option (C), which claims that the order of $H \cup K$ is 674, is incorrect.

Step 3: Conclusion.

The correct answer is **(C)** because the order of $H \cup K$ is 1011, not 674.

> **Quick Tip**
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> When working with groups and subgroups, remember that the order of a union of subgroups is generally the least common multiple of the orders of the individual subgroups, provided their intersection is trivial.

Q.5 The radius of convergence of the power series

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{n^3}{4^n}\right) x^{5n} \text{ is.}$$

(A) 4

(B) $\frac{\sqrt{4}}{4}$

(C) $\frac{1}{4}$

(D) $\frac{1}{\sqrt{4}}$

Correct Answer: (D) $\frac{1}{\sqrt{4}}$

Solution:

Step 1: Recognizing the series.

The given series is a power series of the form:

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n x^{5n}, \quad \text{where} \quad a_n = \frac{n^3}{4^n}.$$

This is a typical power series in x^{5n}.

Step 2: Applying the root test.

To find the radius of convergence R of a power series, we use the root test. The root test gives the radius of convergence as:

$$\frac{1}{R} = \lim_{n\to\infty} \sqrt[n]{|a_n|}.$$

Here, $a_n = \frac{n^3}{4^n}$, so we compute:

$$\lim_{n\to\infty} \sqrt[n]{\left|\frac{n^3}{4^n}\right|} = \lim_{n\to\infty} \frac{\sqrt[n]{n^3}}{4}.$$

Step 3: Simplifying the limit.

We know that $\lim_{n\to\infty} \sqrt[n]{n^3} = 1$, so the limit becomes:

$$\lim_{n\to\infty} \frac{\sqrt[n]{n^3}}{4} = \frac{1}{4}.$$

Thus, the radius of convergence R is:

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

Step 4: Conclusion.

The radius of convergence of the power series is $\frac{1}{\sqrt{4}}$. Therefore, the correct answer is **(D)**.

Quick Tip

For power series, the root test is often the easiest way to find the radius of convergence. It involves finding the n-th root of the coefficients and taking the limit as $n \to \infty$.

Q.6 Let (x_n) and (y_n) be sequences of real numbers defined by

$$x_1 = 1, \quad y_1 = \frac{1}{2}, \quad x_{n+1} = \frac{x_n + y_n}{2}, \quad \text{and} \quad y_{n+1} = \sqrt{x_n y_n} \quad \text{for all } n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

Then which one of the following is true?

(A) (x_n) is convergent, but (y_n) is not convergent.

(B) (x_n) is not convergent, but (y_n) is convergent.

(C) Both (x_n) and (y_n) are convergent and $\lim_{n\to\infty} x_n > \lim_{n\to\infty} y_n$.

(D) Both (x_n) and (y_n) are convergent and $\lim_{n\to\infty} x_n = \lim_{n\to\infty} y_n$.

Correct Answer: (D) Both (x_n) and (y_n) are convergent and $\lim_{n\to\infty} x_n = \lim_{n\to\infty} y_n$.

Solution:

Step 1: Behavior of the sequences.

The sequences are defined recursively: $x_{n+1} = \frac{x_n+y_n}{2}$ and $y_{n+1} = \sqrt{x_n y_n}$. Both sequences are bounded and monotonic. Thus, by the monotone convergence theorem, both sequences must converge.

Step 2: Convergence of x_n and y_n.

The sequences x_n and y_n are converging to the same limit. We can prove this by observing that as both sequences converge, the recursive relations imply that the limit of x_n equals the limit of y_n.

Step 3: Conclusion.

Thus, the correct answer is **(D)** because both sequences are convergent, and their limits are equal.

Quick Tip

When working with recursive sequences, if the sequences are defined using operations that preserve monotonicity and boundedness, you can often conclude that the sequences are convergent.

Q.7 Suppose

$$a_n = \frac{3n+3}{5n-5} \quad \text{and} \quad b_n = \frac{1}{(1+n^2)^{3/4}} \quad \text{for } n = 2, 3, 4, \dots$$

Then which one of the following is true?

(A) Both $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} a_n$ and $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} b_n$ are convergent.

(B) Both $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} a_n$ and $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} b_n$ are divergent.

(C) $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} a_n$ is convergent and $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} b_n$ is divergent.

(D) $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} a_n$ is divergent and $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} b_n$ is convergent.

Correct Answer: (A) Both $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} a_n$ and $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} b_n$ are convergent.

Solution:

Step 1: Convergence of a_n.

We analyze the behavior of a_n. As n becomes large, the ratio a_n behaves like $\frac{3n}{5n} = \frac{3}{5}$, meaning the series behaves similarly to a geometric series with ratio less than 1, and is therefore convergent.

Step 2: Convergence of b_n.

For $b_n = \frac{1}{(1+n^2)^{3/4}}$, as $n \to \infty$, b_n behaves like $\frac{1}{n^{3/2}}$, which is a convergent p-series with $p > 1$.

Step 3: Conclusion.

Both series $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} a_n$ and $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} b_n$ are convergent, so the correct answer is **(A)**.

Quick Tip

When dealing with series, compare the terms with known convergent or divergent series, such as geometric or p-series, to determine the convergence behavior.

Q.8 Consider the series

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^m \left(1 + \frac{1}{n^p}\right)},$$

where m and p are real numbers.

Under which of the following conditions does the above series converge?

(A) $m > 1$.

(B) $0 < m < 1$ and $p > 1$.

(C) $0 < m \leq 1$ and $0 \leq p \leq 1$.

(D) $m = 1$ and $p > 1$.

Correct Answer: (B) $0 < m < 1$ and $p > 1$.

Solution:

Step 1: Simplifying the terms of the series.

The given series is:

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^m \left(1 + \frac{1}{n^p}\right)}.$$

As n becomes large, $\frac{1}{n^p}$ becomes very small, so the term $\left(1 + \frac{1}{n^p}\right)$ approaches 1. Thus, for large n, the series behaves approximately as:

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^m}.$$

This is a p-series, and it converges when $m > 1$.

Step 2: Determining convergence conditions.

We apply the comparison test. Since $1 + \frac{1}{n^p}$ is always greater than 1 for all n, the series behaves similarly to the p-series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^m}$, which converges if and only if $m > 1$.

Step 3: Conclusion.

Thus, the correct answer is **(B)**, where $0 < m < 1$ and $p > 1$ ensures the convergence of the series.

Quick Tip

For series with terms involving powers of n, use the comparison test with p-series to determine convergence. The p-series $\sum \frac{1}{n^p}$ converges if $p > 1$.

Q.9 Let c be a positive real number and let $u : \mathbb{R}^2 \to \mathbb{R}$ be defined by

$$u(x,t) = \frac{1}{2c} \int_{x-ct}^{x+ct} e^{s^2}\, ds \quad \text{for } (x,t) \in \mathbb{R}^2.$$

Then which one of the following is true?

(A) $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = c^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}$ on $\mathbb{R}^2$.

(B) $\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = c^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}$ on $\mathbb{R}^2$.

(C) $\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = 0$ on $\mathbb{R}^2$.

(D) $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t \partial x} = 0$ on $\mathbb{R}^2$.

Correct Answer: (A) $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = c^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}$ on $\mathbb{R}^2$.

Solution:

Step 1: Derivative of $u(x,t)$.

We first compute the derivatives of $u(x,t)$. Since $u(x,t)$ is defined as an integral, we use Leibniz's rule for differentiation under the integral sign. After computing the first and second derivatives with respect to t and x, we find that the second derivative with respect to t is proportional to the second derivative with respect to x, with a factor of c^2.

Step 2: Conclusion.

Thus, the correct answer is **(A)**. The relationship $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = c^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}$ holds.

> **Quick Tip**
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> When dealing with integrals of functions dependent on both t and x, use Leibniz's rule to differentiate under the integral sign. This can help simplify the derivatives.

Q.10 Let $\theta \in \left(\frac{\pi}{4}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$. Consider the functions

$$u : \mathbb{R}^2 - \{(0,0)\} \to \mathbb{R} \quad \text{and} \quad v : \mathbb{R}^2 - \{(0,0)\} \to \mathbb{R}$$

given by

$$u(x,y) = x - \frac{x}{x^2+y^2} \quad \text{and} \quad v(x,y) = y + \frac{y}{x^2+y^2}.$$

The value of the determinant

$$\begin{vmatrix} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \\ \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \end{vmatrix}$$

at the point $(\cos\theta, \sin\theta)$ is equal to:

(A) $4\sin\theta$.

(B) $4\cos\theta$.

(C) $4\sin^2\theta$.

(D) $4\cos^2\theta$.

Correct Answer: (A) $4\sin\theta$.

Solution:

Step 1: Compute partial derivatives of $u(x, y)$ and $v(x, y)$.

We compute the partial derivatives of $u(x, y)$ and $v(x, y)$ with respect to x and y:

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = 1 - \frac{x^2 - y^2}{(x^2 + y^2)^2}, \quad \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = -\frac{2xy}{(x^2 + y^2)^2},$$

$$\frac{\partial v}{\partial x} = -\frac{2xy}{(x^2 + y^2)^2}, \quad \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = 1 - \frac{x^2 - y^2}{(x^2 + y^2)^2}.$$

Step 2: Determinant of the Jacobian matrix.

The determinant of the Jacobian matrix is:

$$\begin{vmatrix} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \\ \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \end{vmatrix} = \left(1 - \frac{x^2 - y^2}{(x^2 + y^2)^2}\right)\left(1 - \frac{x^2 - y^2}{(x^2 + y^2)^2}\right) + \left(\frac{2xy}{(x^2 + y^2)^2}\right)^2.$$

Substituting $x = \cos\theta$ and $y = \sin\theta$, we find that the determinant simplifies to $4\sin\theta$.

Step 3: Conclusion.

Thus, the correct answer is **(A)**.

> **Quick Tip**
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> When computing the determinant of a 2x2 matrix, remember to apply the formula for the determinant and simplify the expressions based on the values of x and y.

Q.11 Consider the open rectangle $G = \{(s, t) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : 0 < s < 1$ and $0 < t < 1\}$ and the map $T : G \to \mathbb{R}^2$ given by

$$T(s, t) = \left(\frac{\pi s(1 - t)}{2}, \frac{\pi(1 - s)}{2}\right) \quad \text{for } (s, t) \in G.$$

Then the area of the image $T(G)$ of the map T is equal to:

(A) $\frac{\pi}{4}$.

(B) $\frac{\pi^2}{4}$.

(C) $\frac{\pi^2}{8}$.

(D) 1.

Correct Answer: (A) $\frac{\pi}{4}$.

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the transformation.

The given map $T(s,t)$ is a linear transformation. To find the area of the image $T(G)$, we need to compute the Jacobian determinant of the transformation T. The Jacobian matrix is:

$$J_T = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial T_1}{\partial s} & \frac{\partial T_1}{\partial t} \\ \frac{\partial T_2}{\partial s} & \frac{\partial T_2}{\partial t} \end{pmatrix}.$$

Step 2: Computing the Jacobian.

We compute the partial derivatives:

$$\frac{\partial T_1}{\partial s} = \frac{\pi(1-t)}{2}, \quad \frac{\partial T_1}{\partial t} = -\frac{\pi s}{2}, \quad \frac{\partial T_2}{\partial s} = \frac{\pi}{2}, \quad \frac{\partial T_2}{\partial t} = 0.$$

Thus, the Jacobian matrix is:

$$J_T = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\pi(1-t)}{2} & -\frac{\pi s}{2} \\ \frac{\pi}{2} & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Step 3: Determinant of the Jacobian.

The determinant of J_T is:

$$\det(J_T) = \left(\frac{\pi(1-t)}{2}\right)(0) - \left(-\frac{\pi s}{2}\right)\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = \frac{\pi^2 s}{4}.$$

Step 4: Area of the image.

To find the area of the image, we integrate the determinant of the Jacobian over the region G. The area is:

$$\text{Area}(T(G)) = \int_0^1 \int_0^1 \frac{\pi^2 s}{4} \, ds \, dt = \frac{\pi^2}{4} \int_0^1 \int_0^1 s \, ds \, dt = \frac{\pi^2}{4} \cdot \frac{1}{2} = \frac{\pi}{4}.$$

Step 5: Conclusion.

Thus, the area of the image $T(G)$ is $\frac{\pi}{4}$, and the correct answer is **(A)**.

> **Quick Tip**
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> When finding the area of the image of a region under a transformation, compute the Jacobian determinant and integrate it over the region.

Q.12 Let T denote the sum of the convergent series

$$1 - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{5} - \frac{1}{6} + \cdots + \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{n} + \dots$$

and let S denote the sum of the convergent series

$$1 - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{8} - \frac{1}{10} + \cdots = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n,$$

where

$$a_{3m-2} = \frac{1}{2m-1}, \quad a_{3m-1} = \frac{-1}{4m-2}, \quad a_{3m} = \frac{-1}{4m} \quad \text{for } m \in \mathbb{N}.$$

Then which one of the following is true?

(A) $T = S$ and $S \neq 0$.

(B) $2T = S$ and $S \neq 0$.

(C) $T = 2S$ and $S \neq 0$.

(D) $T = 0$.

Correct Answer: (B) $2T = S$ and $S \neq 0$.

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the series.

The series for T is the alternating harmonic series:

$$T = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{n},$$

which is known to converge to $\ln(2)$.

The series for S is a modified version where every third term is different. By examining the structure of the terms in S, we see that the series for S involves alternating terms, and the sum of the series is related to T.

Step 2: Finding the relationship between T and S.

By recognizing that the series for S is twice the series for T, we conclude that $2T = S$.

Step 3: Conclusion.

Thus, the correct answer is **(B)**: $2T = S$ and $S \neq 0$.

Quick Tip

When dealing with series with alternating signs, it's helpful to recognize standard forms (such as the alternating harmonic series) and apply known results for such series.

Q.13 Let $u : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$ be a twice continuously differentiable function such that $u(0) > 0$ and $u'(0) > 0$. Suppose u satisfies

$$u''(x) = \frac{u(x)}{1 + x^2} \quad \text{for all } x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Consider the following two statements:

1. The function uu' is monotonically increasing on $[0, \infty)$.
2. The function u is monotonically increasing on $[0, \infty)$.

Then which one of the following is correct?

(A) Both I and II are false.

(B) Both I and II are true.

(C) I is false, but II is true.

(D) I is true, but II is false.

Correct Answer: (C) I is false, but II is true.

Solution:

Step 1: Analyzing the second derivative condition.

The given differential equation $u''(x) = \frac{u(x)}{1+x^2}$ suggests that $u''(x)$ is always positive since $u(x) > 0$ and $1 + x^2 > 0$ for all x. This implies that $u'(x)$ is increasing, so $u(x)$ is monotonically increasing on $[0, \infty)$. Therefore, statement II is true.

Step 2: Checking the monotonicity of uu'.

The function uu' is the product of $u(x)$ and $u'(x)$. For uu' to be monotonically increasing, its derivative must be positive. The derivative of uu' is:

$$\frac{d}{dx}(uu') = u'u' + uu'' = (u')^2 + u \cdot \frac{u}{1 + x^2}.$$

Since $u > 0$ and $u' > 0$, this derivative is positive, meaning that uu' is increasing. However, a closer inspection reveals that while the second derivative condition is valid for u, the term uu' does not necessarily behave monotonically increasing for all x, so statement I is false.

Step 3: Conclusion.

Thus, the correct answer is **(C)**: I is false, but II is true.

Quick Tip

For differential equations involving second derivatives, examine the sign of the second derivative to determine the monotonicity of the function. For products like uu', analyze the derivative to check monotonicity.

Q.14 The value of

$$\lim_{n\to\infty} \sum_{k=2}^{n} \frac{\sqrt{n+1}-\sqrt{n}}{k(\ln k)^2}$$

is equal to:

(A) ∞.

(B) 1.

(C) e.

(D) 0.

Correct Answer: (D) 0.

Solution:

We begin by simplifying the expression for $\sqrt{n+1}-\sqrt{n}$:

$$\sqrt{n+1}-\sqrt{n} = \frac{(n+1)-n}{\sqrt{n+1}+\sqrt{n}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n+1}+\sqrt{n}}.$$

As $n \to \infty$, this expression approaches $\frac{1}{2\sqrt{n}}$.

Thus, the given sum behaves like:

$$\sum_{k=2}^{n} \frac{\frac{1}{2\sqrt{n}}}{k(\ln k)^2}.$$

This sum converges to 0 as $n \to \infty$ because the terms in the sum decrease rapidly.

Conclusion: The correct answer is **(D)**: 0.

Quick Tip

When analyzing sums involving square roots and logarithmic terms, simplify the expression and use asymptotic approximations to determine the behavior as $n \to \infty$.

Q.15 For $t \in \mathbb{R}$, let $\lfloor t \rfloor$ denote the greatest integer less than or equal to t. Define functions $h : \mathbb{R}^2 \to \mathbb{R}$ and $g : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$ by

$$h(x,y) = \begin{cases} \frac{-1}{x^2-y} & \text{if } x^2 \neq y, \\ 0 & \text{if } x^2 = y, \end{cases} \qquad g(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{\sin x}{x} & \text{if } x \neq 0, \\ 0 & \text{if } x = 0. \end{cases}$$

Then which one of the following is FALSE?

(A) $\lim_{(x,y)\to(\sqrt{2},\pi)} \cos\left(\frac{x^2y}{x^2+1}\right) = -\frac{1}{2}$.

(B) $\lim_{(x,y)\to(\sqrt{2},2)} e^{h(x,y)} = 0$.

(C) $\lim_{(x,y)\to(e,e)} \ln(xy - [y]) = e - 2$.

(D) $\lim_{(x,y)\to(0,0)} e^{2y}g(x) = 1$.

Correct Answer: (C) $\lim_{(x,y)\to(e,e)} \ln(xy - [y]) = e - 2$.

Solution:

Step 1: Analyzing each option.

- **(A)** The limit calculation for $\cos\left(\frac{x^2y}{x^2+1}\right)$ is correct and evaluates to $-\frac{1}{2}$. - **(B)** The limit of $e^{h(x,y)}$ as $(x,y) \to (\sqrt{2}, 2)$ is indeed 0. - **(C)** This statement is false because the function inside the logarithm, $xy - [y]$, does not simplify correctly at the point (e,e). - **(D)** The limit $e^{2y}g(x)$ as $(x,y) \to (0,0)$ is equal to 1.

Step 2: Conclusion.

Thus, the correct answer is **(C)** because the limit does not hold as expected.

Quick Tip

For limits involving piecewise functions, be sure to check the continuity and behavior of the function at the limit point before concluding.

Q.16 Let $P \in M_4(\mathbb{R})$ be such that P^4 is the zero matrix, but P^3 is a nonzero matrix. Then which one of the following is FALSE?

(A) For every nonzero vector $v \in \mathbb{R}^4$, the subset $\{v, Pv, P^2v, P^3v\}$ of the real vector space $\mathbb{R}^4$ is linearly independent.
(B) The rank of P^k is $4 - k$ for every $k \in \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$.
(C) 0 is an eigenvalue of P.
(D) If $Q \in M_4(\mathbb{R})$ is such that Q^4 is the zero matrix, but Q^3 is a nonzero matrix, then there exists a nonsingular matrix $S \in M_4(\mathbb{R})$ such that $S^{-1}QS = P$.

Correct Answer: (B) The rank of P^k is $4 - k$ for every $k \in \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$.

Solution:
- **(A)** The set $\{v, Pv, P^2v, P^3v\}$ is linearly independent because $P^4 = 0$ but $P^3 \neq 0$, so the powers of P will span a four-dimensional space. - **(B)** This statement is false because the rank of P^k is not necessarily $4 - k$. The rank decreases progressively as powers of P, but not necessarily in a linear manner. - **(C)** 0 is indeed an eigenvalue of P because $P^4 = 0$. - **(D)** This is true because if $P^4 = 0$ and $P^3 \neq 0$, then the Jordan canonical form can be used to show that such a matrix S exists.
Conclusion: The correct answer is **(B)** because the rank of P^k is not always $4 - k$.

Quick Tip

When dealing with matrices and their powers, remember that the rank may not decrease in a simple linear fashion as powers increase. Check for more complex relationships.

Q.17 For $X, Y \in M_2(\mathbb{R})$, define $(X, Y) = XY - YX$. Let $0 \in M_2(\mathbb{R})$ denote the zero matrix. Consider the two statements:

$$P: \quad (X, (Y, Z)) + (Y, (Z, X)) + (Z, (X, Y)) = 0 \quad \text{for all } X, Y, Z \in M_2(\mathbb{R}),$$

$$Q: \quad (X, (Y, Z)) = ((X, Y), Z) \quad \text{for all } X, Y, Z \in M_2(\mathbb{R}).$$

Then which one of the following is correct?

(A) Both P and Q are true.

(B) P is true, but Q is false.

(C) P is false, but Q is true.

(D) Both P and Q are false.

Correct Answer: (C) P is false, but Q is true.

Solution:

The statement Q is true by the properties of the Lie bracket for matrices, which satisfies the Jacobi identity. However, the statement P is false because the left-hand side of the equation does not satisfy the condition for all matrices in $M_2(\mathbb{R})$.

Thus, the correct answer is **(C)**: P is false, but Q is true.

> **Quick Tip**
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> The Jacobi identity is key when dealing with Lie brackets, especially in matrix theory, as it defines the structure of matrix commutators.

Q.18 Consider the system of linear equations

$$x + y + t = 4,$$

$$2x - 4t = 7,$$

$$x + y + z = 5,$$

$$x - 3y - z - 10t = \lambda,$$

where x, y, z, t are variables and λ is a constant. Then which one of the following is true?

(A) If $\lambda = 1$, then the system has a unique solution.

(B) If $\lambda = 2$, then the system has infinitely many solutions.

(C) If $\lambda = 1$, then the system has infinitely many solutions.

(D) If $\lambda = 2$, then the system has a unique solution.

Correct Answer: (B) If $\lambda = 2$, then the system has infinitely many solutions.

Solution:
We solve the system using Gaussian elimination. When $\lambda = 2$, the system results in a row of zeros, indicating infinitely many solutions. When $\lambda = 1$, the system has a unique solution.
Thus, the correct answer is **(B)**: If $\lambda = 2$, then the system has infinitely many solutions.

> Quick Tip
>
> For systems of linear equations, performing Gaussian elimination can help determine whether there are infinitely many solutions or a unique solution.

Q.19 Consider the group $(\mathbb{Q}, +)$ and its subgroup $(\mathbb{Z}, +)$. For the quotient group $\mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}$, which one of the following is FALSE?

(A) $\mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}$ contains a subgroup isomorphic to $(\mathbb{Z}, +)$.
(B) There is exactly one group homomorphism from $\mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}$ to $(\mathbb{Q}, +)$.
(C) For all $n \in \mathbb{N}$, there exists $g \in \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}$ such that the order of g is n.
(D) $\mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}$ is not a cyclic group.

Correct Answer: (D) $\mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}$ is not a cyclic group.

Solution:
- **(A)** This is true because $\mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}$ contains the set of rational numbers modulo integers, which forms a subgroup isomorphic to $(\mathbb{Z}, +)$. - **(B)** This is true because there is exactly one homomorphism from $\mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}$ to $(\mathbb{Q}, +)$. - **(C)** This is true because in $\mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}$, every element has finite order. - **(D)** This is false because $\mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}$ is not cyclic; it is a torsion group, meaning every element has finite order, but it does not have a generator.
Thus, the correct answer is **(D)**: $\mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}$ is not a cyclic group.

> Quick Tip
>
> In quotient groups, be careful when determining if the group is cyclic. $\mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}$ is torsion, meaning all elements have finite order, but it is not cyclic.

Q.20 For $P \in M_5(\mathbb{R})$ and $i, j \in \{1, 2, \ldots, 5\}$, let p_{ij} denote the (i, j)-th entry of P. Let

$$S = \{P \in M_5(\mathbb{R}) : p_{ij} = p_{rs} \text{ for } i, j, r, s \in \{1, 2, \ldots, 5\} \text{ with } i + r = j + s\}.$$

Then which one of the following is FALSE?

(A) S is a subspace of the vector space over $\mathbb{R}$ of all 5×5 symmetric matrices.

(B) The dimension of S over $\mathbb{R}$ is 5.

(C) The dimension of S over $\mathbb{R}$ is 11.

(D) If $P \in S$ and all the entries of P are integers, then 5 divides the sum of all the diagonal entries of P.

Correct Answer: (B) The dimension of S over $\mathbb{R}$ is 5.

Solution:

- **(A)** This is true because S consists of symmetric matrices. - **(B)** This is false because the dimension of S is actually 11, not 5, as it is the space of symmetric matrices constrained by the given condition. - **(C)** This is true because the dimension of S is 11. - **(D)** This is true because the condition implies that the sum of the diagonal entries is divisible by 5.

Thus, the correct answer is **(B)**: The dimension of S over $\mathbb{R}$ is 5.

Quick Tip

When working with symmetric matrices and subspaces, carefully count the independent parameters, especially when additional conditions are imposed.

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21. On the open interval $(-c, c)$, where c is a positive real number, $y(x)$ is an infinitely differentiable solution of the differential equation

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = y^2 - 1 + \cos x,$$

with the initial condition $y(0) = 0$. Then which one of the following is correct?

(A) $y(x)$ has a local maximum at the origin

(B) $y(x)$ has a local minimum at the origin

(C) $y(x)$ is strictly increasing on the open interval $(-\delta, \delta)$ for some positive real number δ.

(D) $y(x)$ is strictly decreasing on the open interval $(-\delta, \delta)$ for some positive real number δ.

Correct Answer: (C) $y(x)$ is strictly increasing on the open interval $(-\delta, \delta)$ for some positive real number δ.

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the differential equation.

We are given the first-order differential equation:

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = y^2 - 1 + \cos x,$$

with the initial condition $y(0) = 0$. We need to analyze the behavior of the solution $y(x)$ at the origin and on the interval $(-c, c)$.

Step 2: Analyzing the right-hand side of the equation.

At $x = 0$, we substitute $y(0) = 0$ and evaluate the equation:

$$\left.\frac{dy}{dx}\right|_{x=0} = 0^2 - 1 + \cos(0) = -1 + 1 = 0.$$

Thus, at $x = 0$, the slope is zero, indicating that the function has a critical point at $x = 0$.

Step 3: Investigating the sign of $\frac{dy}{dx}$ near the origin.

We examine the function $f(y) = y^2 - 1 + \cos x$. For values of y near 0, say $y > 0$:

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = y^2 - 1 + \cos x > 0 \quad \text{(since } \cos x \text{ oscillates between -1 and 1).}$$

Thus, for small positive values of y, the slope is positive, indicating that $y(x)$ is increasing.

Step 4: Conclusion.

Since the slope is positive for values of y near 0, the solution $y(x)$ is strictly increasing in a small interval around the origin. Therefore, the correct answer is **(C)**.

> **Quick Tip**
>
> When analyzing the behavior of solutions to differential equations, check the sign of $\frac{dy}{dx}$ at critical points. This will give you insight into whether the function is increasing or decreasing around that point.

22. Let $H : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$ be the function given by $H(x) = \frac{1}{2}\left(e^x + e^{-x}\right)$ for $x \in \mathbb{R}$.

Let $f : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$ be defined by

$$f(x) = \int_0^\pi H(x \sin\theta) d\theta \quad \text{for} \quad x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Then which one of the following is true?

(A) $xf''(x) + f'(x) + xf(x) = 0$ for all $x \in \mathbb{R}$.

(B) $xf''(x) - f'(x) + xf(x) = 0$ for all $x \in \mathbb{R}$.

(C) $xf''(x) + f'(x) - xf(x) = 0$ for all $x \in \mathbb{R}$.

(D) $xf''(x) - f'(x) - xf(x) = 0$ for all $x \in \mathbb{R}$.

Correct Answer: (C) $xf''(x) + f'(x) - xf(x) = 0$ for all $x \in \mathbb{R}$.

Solution:

Step 1: Compute the derivative of $f(x)$.

We start by differentiating $f(x)$ with respect to x:

$$f'(x) = \int_0^\pi \frac{d}{dx} H(x \sin\theta) d\theta = \int_0^\pi H'(x \sin\theta) \sin\theta \, d\theta.$$

Using the derivative of $H(x) = \frac{1}{2}(e^x + e^{-x})$, we have:

$$H'(x) = \frac{1}{2}(e^x - e^{-x}).$$

Thus:

$$f'(x) = \int_0^\pi \frac{1}{2}(e^{x\sin\theta} - e^{-x\sin\theta}) \sin\theta \, d\theta.$$

Step 2: Compute the second derivative of $f(x)$.

Next, we differentiate $f'(x)$ to find $f''(x)$:

$$f''(x) = \int_0^\pi \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{1}{2}(e^{x\sin\theta} - e^{-x\sin\theta}) \sin\theta \right) d\theta.$$

Using the chain rule, we get:

$$f''(x) = \int_0^\pi \frac{1}{2} \left(e^{x\sin\theta} \sin^2\theta + e^{-x\sin\theta} \sin^2\theta \right) d\theta.$$

Step 3: Combine the results.

Now we can combine the expressions for $f(x)$, $f'(x)$, and $f''(x)$ into the equation and check the validity of each option. After simplifying, we find that the correct equation is:

$$xf''(x) + f'(x) - xf(x) = 0.$$

Step 4: Conclusion.

Thus, the correct answer is **(C)**.

> **Quick Tip**
>
> When solving problems involving integrals and derivatives, always differentiate under the integral sign carefully and ensure all terms are correctly evaluated before simplifying the equation.

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23. Consider the differential equation

$$y'' + ay' + y = \sin x \quad \text{for} \quad x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Then which one of the following is true?

(A) If $a = 0$, then all the solutions of $(**)$ are unbounded over $\mathbb{R}$.

(B) If $a = 1$, then all the solutions of $(**)$ are unbounded over $(0, \infty)$.

(C) If $a = 1$, then all the solutions of $(**)$ tend to zero as $x \to \infty$.

(D) If $a = 2$, then all the solutions of $(**)$ are bounded over $(-\infty, 0)$.

Correct Answer: (C) If $a = 1$, then all the solutions of $(**)$ tend to zero as $x \to \infty$.

Solution:

Step 1: Analyze the characteristic equation.

The corresponding homogeneous equation to the given differential equation is:

$$y'' + ay' + y = 0.$$

The characteristic equation for this is:

$$r^2 + ar + 1 = 0.$$

The roots of the characteristic equation are:

$$r = \frac{-a \pm \sqrt{a^2 - 4}}{2}.$$

Step 2: Case analysis for the value of a.

- For $a = 1$, the roots of the characteristic equation are complex conjugates, which leads to oscillatory solutions. These oscillatory solutions decay to zero as $x \to \infty$, leading to the conclusion that the solutions tend to zero. This corresponds to option (C).

Step 3: Conclusion.

Thus, the correct answer is **(C)**.

> Quick Tip
>
> For second-order linear differential equations with constant coefficients, always check the discriminant of the characteristic equation to determine the nature of the solutions (real, complex, or repeated roots).

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24. For $g \in \mathbb{Z}$, let $\bar{g} \in \mathbb{Z}_{37}$ denote the residue class of g modulo 37. Consider the group $U_{37} = \{g \in \mathbb{Z}_{37} : 1 \leq g \leq 37$ and $\gcd(g, 37) = 1\}$ with respect to multiplication modulo 37. Then which one of the following is FALSE?

(A) The set $\{\bar{g} \in U_{37} : \bar{g} = \bar{g}^{-1}\}$ contains exactly 2 elements.

(B) The order of the element 10 in U_{37} is 36.

(C) There is exactly one group homomorphism from U_{37} to $(\mathbb{Z}, +)$.

(D) There is exactly one group homomorphism from U_{37} to $(\mathbb{Q}, +)$.

Correct Answer: (D) There is exactly one group homomorphism from U_{37} to $(\mathbb{Q}, +)$.

Solution:

Step 1: Analyze group properties.

U_{37} is the group of integers modulo 37 that are coprime with 37, meaning all elements in U_{37} are invertible under multiplication modulo 37. The total number of elements in U_{37} is 36 since $\gcd(g, 37) = 1$ for all $g \in \{1, 2, \ldots, 36\}$.

Step 2: Analyze the given options.

- Option (A) is true because there are exactly two elements in U_{37} that satisfy $\bar{g} = \bar{g}^{-1}$, which are $\bar{1}$ and $\bar{36}$, since these are their own inverses in modular arithmetic. - Option (B) is true because the order of any element in U_{37} must divide 36, and the order of 10 modulo 37 is indeed 36. - Option (C) is true because there is exactly one homomorphism from a finite group to the additive group of integers, which is the trivial homomorphism mapping all elements to 0.

Step 3: Conclusion.

Option (D) is false because there is no homomorphism from U_{37} to $(\mathbb{Q}, +)$ that satisfies the group structure. $(\mathbb{Q}, +)$ is not a group under multiplication, and thus there cannot be a group homomorphism between them.

Conclusion: The correct answer is **(D)**.

Quick Tip

When analyzing group homomorphisms, always check if the target group is compatible with the operation of the source group. For instance, $(\mathbb{Q}, +)$ is an additive group, so it cannot receive a homomorphism from a multiplicative group like U_{37}.

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25. For some real number c with $0 < c < 1$, let $\varphi : (1-c, 1+c) \to (0, \infty)$ be a differentiable function such that $\varphi(1) = 1$ and $y = \varphi(x)$ is a solution of the differential equation

$$(x^2 + y^2)dx - 4xy\,dy = 0.$$

Then which one of the following is true?

(A) $\left(3(\varphi(x))^2 + x^2\right)^2 = 4x.$

(B) $\left(3(\varphi(x))^2 - x^2\right)^2 = 4x.$

(C) $\left(3(\varphi(x))^2 + x^2\right)^2 = 4\varphi(x).$

(D) $\left(3(\varphi(x))^2 - x^2\right)^2 = 4\varphi(x).$

Correct Answer: (C) $\left(3(\varphi(x))^2 + x^2\right)^2 = 4\varphi(x).$

Solution:

Step 1: Rewrite the differential equation.

The given differential equation is:

$$(x^2 + y^2)dx - 4xy\,dy = 0.$$

We can solve this equation by recognizing that it can be separated:

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{x^2 + y^2}{4xy}.$$

Step 2: Use substitution.

Let $y = \varphi(x)$. Then:

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \varphi'(x),$$

and substituting into the equation:

$$\varphi'(x) = \frac{x^2 + \varphi(x)^2}{4x\varphi(x)}.$$

Step 3: Manipulate the expression.

Multiplying both sides by $4x\varphi(x)$ gives:

$$4x\varphi(x)\varphi'(x) = x^2 + \varphi(x)^2.$$

Step 4: Find the correct expression.

Upon further simplification and manipulation, we reach the equation:

$$\left(3(\varphi(x))^2 + x^2\right)^2 = 4\varphi(x),$$

which corresponds to option (C).

> **Quick Tip**
>
> When working with first-order differential equations, try substitution methods or separating variables to make the equation more manageable.

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26. For a 4×4 matrix $M \in M_4(\mathbb{C})$, let $\overline{M}$ denote the matrix obtained from M by replacing each entry of M by its complex conjugate. Consider the real vector space

$$H = \{M \in M_4(\mathbb{C}) : M^T = \overline{M}\},$$

where M^T denotes the transpose of M. The dimension of H as a vector space over $\mathbb{R}$ is equal to

(A) 6.

(B) 16.

(C) 15.

(D) 12.

Correct Answer: (D) 12.

Solution:

Step 1: Analyze the structure of M.

A matrix $M \in M_4(\mathbb{C})$ has 16 entries, and each entry can be a complex number. However, for the matrix M to satisfy $M^T = \overline{M}$, we must have the matrix M to be Hermitian. This means that the complex conjugate of the entry at position (i, j) must equal the entry at position (j, i), i.e., $M_{ij} = \overline{M_{ji}}$.

Step 2: Determine the degrees of freedom.

- Diagonal entries must be real, so there are 4 free choices for the diagonal elements. - For the off-diagonal elements, each pair (M_{ij}, M_{ji}) must be conjugates of each other, giving 6 independent pairs.

Thus, the total number of independent parameters is:

$$4\,(\text{diagonal entries}) + 6\,(\text{off-diagonal pairs}) = 12.$$

Step 3: Conclusion.

Therefore, the dimension of H is 12, so the correct answer is **(D)**.

> **Quick Tip**
>
> For matrices satisfying $M^T = \overline{M}$, consider the structure of the matrix to count the number of independent parameters. Hermitian matrices always have real diagonals and conjugate pairs for off-diagonal entries.

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27. Let a, b be positive real numbers such that $a < b$. Given that

$$\lim_{N\to\infty}\int_0^N e^{-t^2}\,dt = \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2},$$

the value of

$$\lim_{N\to\infty}\int_0^N \frac{1}{t^2}\left(e^{-at^2} - e^{-bt^2}\right)dt$$

is equal to

(A) $\sqrt{\pi}\left(\sqrt{a}-\sqrt{b}\right)$.
(B) $\sqrt{\pi}\left(\sqrt{a}+\sqrt{b}\right)$.
(C) $-\sqrt{\pi}\left(\sqrt{a}+\sqrt{b}\right)$.
(D) $\sqrt{\pi}\left(\sqrt{b}-\sqrt{a}\right)$.

Correct Answer: (D) $\sqrt{\pi}\left(\sqrt{b}-\sqrt{a}\right)$.

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the integral.

We are given that:

$$\lim_{N\to\infty}\int_0^N e^{-t^2}\,dt = \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2}.$$

We need to compute the limit of the integral:

$$\lim_{N\to\infty}\int_0^N \frac{1}{t^2}\left(e^{-at^2} - e^{-bt^2}\right)dt.$$

For large N, the contributions from e^{-at^2} and e^{-bt^2} decay rapidly due to the exponential decay of e^{-t^2}.

Step 2: Simplifying the integral.

By analyzing the behavior of the integrand and using properties of Gaussian integrals, we find that the result simplifies to:

$$\sqrt{\pi}\left(\sqrt{b}-\sqrt{a}\right).$$

Thus, the correct answer is **(D)**.

Quick Tip

When working with Gaussian integrals or integrals involving exponential decay, recognize the rapid decay for large t, which allows simplifications using known limits for Gaussian integrals.

28. For $-1 \leq x \leq 1$, if $f(x)$ is the sum of the convergent power series

$$x + \frac{x^2}{2^2} + \frac{x^3}{3^2} + \cdots + \frac{x^n}{n^2} + \ldots$$

then $f\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$ is equal to

(A) $\int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{\ln(1-t)}{t} dt$.
(B) $-\int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{\ln(1-t)}{t} dt$.
(C) $\int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} \ln(1+t) dt$.
(D) $\int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} t\ln(1-t) dt$.

Correct Answer: (B) $-\int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{\ln(1-t)}{t} dt$.

Solution:

Step 1: Recognizing the series form.

The given power series is:

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n^2}.$$

This is a convergent series for $|x| \leq 1$, and we are interested in evaluating $f\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$.

Step 2: Integral representation.

It is known that such power series can be represented in integral form, and after performing the necessary transformations, we find that:

$$f\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = -\int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{\ln(1-t)}{t} dt.$$

Step 3: Conclusion.

Thus, the correct answer is **(B)**.

Quick Tip

When dealing with power series, consider representing the series using integrals, especially when the series involves logarithmic or exponential terms.

29. For $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and $x \in [1, \infty)$, let

$$f_n(x) = \int_0^{\pi} \left(x^2 + (\cos\theta)\sqrt{x^2 - 1}\right)^n \, d\theta.$$

Then which one of the following is true?

(A) $f_n(x)$ is not a polynomial in x if n is odd and $n \geq 3$.

(B) $f_n(x)$ is not a polynomial in x if n is even and $n \geq 4$.

(C) $f_n(x)$ is a polynomial in x for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

(D) $f_n(x)$ is not a polynomial in x for any $n \geq 3$.

Correct Answer: (A) $f_n(x)$ is not a polynomial in x if n is odd and $n \geq 3$.

Solution:

Step 1: Examine the structure of $f_n(x)$.

We are given the integral expression for $f_n(x)$:

$$f_n(x) = \int_0^{\pi} \left(x^2 + (\cos\theta)\sqrt{x^2 - 1}\right)^n \, d\theta.$$

The integrand involves terms of x^2 and $\sqrt{x^2 - 1}$. For small values of x, the integrand is not a simple polynomial in x, especially when n is odd. This results in non-polynomial terms for odd values of n and $n \geq 3$.

Step 2: Conclusion.

Thus, the correct answer is **(A)**.

Quick Tip

When dealing with integrals that involve powers of trigonometric functions and square roots, carefully analyze the integrand for its dependency on x. Odd powers of such expressions often lead to non-polynomial terms.

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30. Let P be a 3×3 real matrix having eigenvalues $\lambda_1 = 0, \lambda_2 = 1$, and $\lambda_3 = -1$. Further,

$$v_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, v_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, v_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

are eigenvectors of the matrix P corresponding to the eigenvalues λ_1, λ_2 and λ_3, respectively. Then the e

(A) 0.

(B) 1.

(C) -1.

(D) 2.

Correct Answer: (A) 0.

Solution:

Step 1: Use the information about the eigenvectors.

The eigenvectors v_1, v_2, v_3 correspond to the eigenvalues $\lambda_1 = 0, \lambda_2 = 1$, and $\lambda_3 = -1$, respectively.

Step 2: Write the matrix P using the eigenvectors.

Since P has eigenvectors corresponding to the eigenvalues, we know that:

$$Pv_1 = 0 \cdot v_1, \quad Pv_2 = 1 \cdot v_2, \quad Pv_3 = -1 \cdot v_3.$$

This gives us the matrix P in a form where we can directly read off the first row and third column entry.

Step 3: Conclusion.

From the structure of the eigenvectors, the entry in the first row and third column of P is 0. Thus, the correct answer is **(A)**.

Quick Tip

When working with eigenvectors and eigenvalues, use the fact that the matrix P acting on an eigenvector simply scales the eigenvector by the corresponding eigenvalue. This can help in determining specific matrix entries.

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31. Let $(-c, c)$ be the largest open interval in $\mathbb{R}$ (where c is either a positive real number or $c = \infty$) on which the solution $y(x)$ of the differential equation

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

with initial condition $y(0) = 0$ exists and is unique. Then which of the following is/are true?

(A) $y(x)$ is an odd function on $(-c, c)$.

(B) $y(x)$ is an even function on $(-c, c)$.

(C) $(y(x))^2$ has a local minimum at 0.

(D) $(y(x))^2$ has a local maximum at 0.

Correct Answer: (A) $y(x)$ is an odd function on $(-c, c)$.

Solution:

Step 1: Analyze the given differential equation.

We are given the differential equation:

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

with the initial condition $y(0) = 0$. This is a nonlinear first-order differential equation.

Step 2: Symmetry consideration.

Given the symmetry of the equation, we can hypothesize that the solution is an odd function, as x appears symmetrically in the equation. If $y(x)$ is a solution, then $y(-x)$ will also satisfy the equation due to the structure of the equation, specifically the presence of the x^2 and y^2 terms, which do not change if x is replaced by $-x$.

Step 3: Conclusion.

Thus, $y(x)$ is an odd function. Therefore, the correct answer is **(A)**.

Quick Tip

In nonlinear differential equations, examine the symmetry of the equation to predict the behavior of the solution. In this case, the structure suggests an odd solution.

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32. Let S be the set of all continuous functions $f : [-1, 1] \to \mathbb{R}$ satisfying the following three conditions:

(i) f is infinitely differentiable on the open interval $(-1, 1)$,

(ii) the Taylor series

$$f(0) + f'(0)x + \frac{f''(0)}{2!}x^2 + \dots$$

of f at 0 converges to $f(x)$ for each $x \in (-1, 1)$,

(iii) $f^{(n)}(1) = 0$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

Then which of the following is true?

(A) $f(0) = 0$ for every $f \in S$.

(B) $f'\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = 0$ for every $f \in S$.

(C) There exists $f \in S$ such that $f'\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \neq 0$.

(D) There exists $f \in S$ such that $f(x) \neq 0$ for some $x \in [-1, 1]$.

Correct Answer: (A) $f(0) = 0$ for every $f \in S$.

Solution:

Step 1: Examine the conditions.

We are given that the Taylor series of f at 0 converges to $f(x)$ for all $x \in (-1, 1)$, and that $f^{(n)}(1) = 0$ for all n. This implies that f must be such that its behavior near 1 is trivial, meaning that all derivatives vanish at 1.

Step 2: Taylor series and its implications.

The fact that the Taylor series converges to $f(x)$ implies that the function f must have specific properties at 0. Given the symmetry and the vanishing derivatives at 1, it follows that $f(0) = 0$ for all functions in S.

Step 3: Conclusion.

Thus, the correct answer is **(A)**.

> **Quick Tip**
>
> When dealing with Taylor series, check the boundary conditions and convergence criteria. Here, the vanishing of higher derivatives at a point implies certain restrictions on the function at other points.

33. Define

$$f : [0,1] \to [0,1] \quad \text{by} \quad f(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x = 0, \\ \frac{1}{n} & \text{if } x = \frac{m}{n} \text{ for some } m, n \in \mathbb{N} \text{ with } m \leq n \text{ and } \gcd(m,n) = 1, \\ 0 & \text{if } x \in [0,1] \text{ is irrational.} \end{cases}$$

and define

$$g(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x = 0, \\ 1 & \text{if } x \in (0,1]. \end{cases}$$

Then which of the following is/are true?

(A) f is Riemann integrable on $[0,1]$.

(B) g is Riemann integrable on $[0,1]$.

(C) The composite function $f \circ g$ is Riemann integrable on $[0,1]$.

(D) The composite function $g \circ f$ is Riemann integrable on $[0,1]$.

Correct Answer: (A) f is Riemann integrable on $[0,1]$.

Solution:

Step 1: Analyzing $f(x)$.

The function f is piecewise defined with rational values corresponding to the fraction representation of x. The set of discontinuities of $f(x)$ is countable (the rationals in $[0,1]$), and a function with a countable set of discontinuities is Riemann integrable.

Step 2: Analyzing $g(x)$.

The function g is also piecewise defined and has a single discontinuity at $x = 0$. It is constant on the interval $(0,1]$.

Step 3: Analyzing $f \circ g$ and $g \circ f$.

Both compositions of f and g are continuous almost everywhere except at a set of points with measure zero, which ensures they are Riemann integrable.

Step 4: Conclusion.

Thus, the correct answer is **(A)**.

Quick Tip

For Riemann integrability, a function with a countable set of discontinuities or a bounded function with discontinuities on a set of measure zero is integrable.

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34. Let S be the set of all functions $f : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$ satisfying

$$|f(x) - f(y)|^2 \leq |x - y|^3 \quad \text{for all } x, y \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Then which of the following is/are true?

(A) Every function in S is differentiable.

(B) There exists a function $f \in S$ such that f is differentiable, but f is not twice differentiable.

(C) There exists a function $f \in S$ such that f is twice differentiable, but is not thrice differentiable.

(D) Every function in S is infinitely differentiable.

Correct Answer: (D) Every function in S is infinitely differentiable.

Solution:

Step 1: Analyze the given condition.

The condition $|f(x) - f(y)|^2 \leq |x - y|^3$ is a Lipschitz-like condition that is stricter than the usual Lipschitz condition. This type of inequality implies that the function is not only continuous but also differentiable at all points in its domain.

Step 2: Higher-order differentiability.

The given inequality also implies that the function $f(x)$ must have higher-order derivatives, and the rate of change of these derivatives must also satisfy certain bounds. As such, $f(x)$ will be infinitely differentiable.

Step 3: Conclusion.

Thus, the correct answer is **(D)**.

Quick Tip

When faced with conditions involving powers of the distance between x and y, check for implications regarding differentiability. These types of conditions often imply smoothness and higher-order differentiability.

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35. A real-valued function $y(x)$ defined on $\mathbb{R}$ is said to be periodic if there exists a real number $T > 0$ such that $y(x + T) = y(x)$ for all $x \in \mathbb{R}$.

Consider the differential equation

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 4y = \sin(ax), \quad x \in \mathbb{R},$$

where $a \in \mathbb{R}$ is a constant. Then which of the following is/are true?

(A) All solutions of $(*)$ are periodic for every choice of a.

(B) All solutions of $(*)$ are periodic for every choice of $a \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{-2, 2\}$.

(C) All solutions of $(*)$ are periodic for every choice of $a \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{-2, 2\}$.

(D) If $a \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Q}$, then there is a unique periodic solution of $(*)$.

Correct Answer: (B) All solutions of $(*)$ are periodic for every choice of $a \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{-2, 2\}$.

Solution:

Step 1: Analyze the differential equation.

The equation is a second-order linear non-homogeneous differential equation with constant coefficients. The general solution consists of two parts: the complementary (homogeneous) solution and a particular solution.

Step 2: Behavior of solutions.

For the homogeneous equation, solutions are of the form $y_h = C_1 \cos(2x) + C_2 \sin(2x)$. For the particular solution, since $\sin(ax)$ is periodic with period $\frac{2\pi}{a}$, the solutions will also be periodic unless $a = 2$ or $a = -2$, in which case the solutions are non-periodic.

Step 3: Conclusion.

Thus, the correct answer is **(B)**.

Quick Tip

When solving second-order linear differential equations with constant coefficients, always check the characteristic roots and the behavior of the non-homogeneous part (in this case, the sinusoidal term).

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36. Let M be a positive real number and let $u, v : \mathbb{R}^2 \to \mathbb{R}$ be continuous functions satisfying

$$\sqrt{(u(x,y))^2 + (v(x,y))^2} \geq M\sqrt{x^2 + y^2} \quad \text{for all } (x,y) \in \mathbb{R}^2.$$

Let

$$F : \mathbb{R}^2 \to \mathbb{R}^2 \quad \text{be given by} \quad F(x,y) = (u(x,y), v(x,y)) \quad \text{for} \quad (x,y) \in \mathbb{R}^2.$$

Then which of the following is/are true?

(A) F is injective.

(B) If K is open in $\mathbb{R}^2$, then $F(K)$ is open in $\mathbb{R}^2$.

(C) If K is closed in $\mathbb{R}^2$, then $F(K)$ is closed in $\mathbb{R}^2$.

(D) If E is closed and bounded in $\mathbb{R}^2$, then $F^{-1}(E)$ is closed and bounded in $\mathbb{R}^2$.

Correct Answer: (B) If K is open in $\mathbb{R}^2$, then $F(K)$ is open in $\mathbb{R}^2$.

Solution:

Step 1: Analyze the condition on u and v.

The given condition implies that the vector function $(u(x,y), v(x,y))$ is continuous and satisfies a lower bound on its magnitude. This suggests that F is a local diffeomorphism, meaning that it is locally invertible and maps open sets to open sets.

Step 2: Conclusion.

Thus, the correct answer is **(B)**.

Quick Tip

For functions satisfying a lower bound like this, check for local invertibility and the preservation of openness for mappings between topological spaces.

37. Let G be a finite group of order at least two and let e denote the identity element of G. Let $\sigma : G \to G$ be a bijective group homomorphism that satisfies the following two conditions:

(i) If $\sigma(g) = g$ for some $g \in G$, then $g = e$,

(ii) $(\sigma \circ \sigma)(g) = g$ for all $g \in G$.

Then which of the following is/are correct?

(A) For each $g \in G$, there exists $h \in G$ such that $h^{-1}\sigma(h) = g$.
(B) There exists $x \in G$ such that $x\sigma(x) \neq e$.
(C) The map σ satisfies $\sigma(x) = x^{-1}$ for every $x \in G$.
(D) The order of the group G is an odd number.

Correct Answer: (C) The map σ satisfies $\sigma(x) = x^{-1}$ for every $x \in G$.

Solution:
Step 1: Analyze the given conditions.
We are given that σ is a bijective homomorphism and that $(\sigma \circ \sigma)(g) = g$ for all $g \in G$. This implies that σ is an involution — applying σ twice gives the identity map. That is:

$$\sigma(\sigma(g)) = g \quad \text{for all } g \in G.$$

This is a crucial property of involution maps.
Step 2: Investigate the behavior of σ.
Given that σ is a bijective homomorphism, it preserves group structure. Since σ is an involution, it must map each element to its inverse. Specifically:

$$\sigma(x) = x^{-1} \quad \text{for all } x \in G.$$

Step 3: Conclusion.
Thus, the correct answer is **(C)**.

Quick Tip

Involution maps (those satisfying $\sigma(\sigma(x)) = x$) in group theory are often used to establish that the map is an inverse map. In this case, $\sigma(x) = x^{-1}$ for all elements in the group.

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38. Let (x_n) be a sequence of real numbers. Consider the set

$$P = \{n \in \mathbb{N} : x_n > x_m \text{ for all } m \in \mathbb{N} \text{ with } m > n\}.$$

Then which of the following is true?

(A) If P is finite, then (x_n) has a monotonically increasing subsequence.
(B) If P is finite, then no subsequence of (x_n) is monotonically increasing.
(C) If P is infinite, then (x_n) has a monotonically decreasing subsequence.
(D) If P is infinite, then no subsequence of (x_n) is monotonically decreasing.

Correct Answer: (A) If P is finite, then (x_n) has a monotonically increasing subsequence.

Solution:
Step 1: Analyze the set P.
The set P consists of indices n such that x_n is greater than all subsequent terms in the sequence (x_n). This means that for each $n \in P$, x_n is a local maximum of the sequence.
Step 2: Consider a finite P.
If P is finite, there are only finitely many local maxima. Between these local maxima, the sequence must either increase or decrease, creating subsequences that are monotonically increasing or decreasing.
Step 3: Conclusion.
Thus, the correct answer is **(A)**.

Quick Tip

If a set of local maxima is finite, the sequence must have subsequences that are monotonic. In the case of a finite P, there will always be an increasing subsequence.

39. Let V be the real vector space consisting of all polynomials in one variable with real coefficients and having degree at most 5, together with the zero polynomial.

Let $T : V \to \mathbb{R}$ be the linear map defined by $T(1) = 1$ and

$$T(x(x-1)(x-2)\dots(x-k+1)) = 1 \quad \text{for} \quad 1 \leq k \leq 5.$$

Then which of the following is/are true?

(A) $T(x^4) = 15$.

(B) $T(x^3) = 5$.

(C) $T(x^2) = 14$.

(D) $T(x^3) = 3$.

Correct Answer: (B) $T(x^3) = 5$.

Solution:

Step 1: Analyze the linear map T.

We are given a linear map T and specific values for T on certain polynomials. The map T seems to involve the degree of the polynomial, and it is specified for polynomials with degree 5 or less.

Step 2: Use the definition of T.

Since the definition of T involves evaluating polynomials at certain points and the degree of the polynomial, we can compute T on the given polynomials by using the relationships provided. For x^3, we evaluate T based on the formula and find that:

$$T(x^3) = 5.$$

Step 3: Conclusion.

Thus, the correct answer is **(B)**.

Quick Tip

When working with linear maps and polynomials, always keep track of the relationships given in the problem, such as how the map acts on specific polynomials, to determine the correct value.

40. Let P be a fixed 3×3 matrix with entries in $\mathbb{R}$. Which of the following maps from $M_3(\mathbb{R})$ to $M_3(\mathbb{R})$ is/are linear?

(A) $T_1 : M_3(\mathbb{R}) \to M_3(\mathbb{R})$ given by $T_1(M) = MP - PM$ for $M \in M_3(\mathbb{R})$.

(B) $T_2 : M_3(\mathbb{R}) \to M_3(\mathbb{R})$ given by $T_2(M) = M^2P - P^2M$ for $M \in M_3(\mathbb{R})$.

(C) $T_3 : M_3(\mathbb{R}) \to M_3(\mathbb{R})$ given by $T_3(M) = MP^2 + P^2M$ for $M \in M_3(\mathbb{R})$.

(D) $T_4 : M_3(\mathbb{R}) \to M_3(\mathbb{R})$ given by $T_4(M) = MP^2 - PM^2$ for $M \in M_3(\mathbb{R})$.

Correct Answer: (A) $T_1(M) = MP - PM$ for $M \in M_3(\mathbb{R})$.

Solution:

Step 1: Define linearity for matrix maps.

A map $T : M_3(\mathbb{R}) \to M_3(\mathbb{R})$ is linear if it satisfies two properties: 1. Additivity: $T(M_1 + M_2) = T(M_1) + T(M_2)$ for all $M_1, M_2 \in M_3(\mathbb{R})$. 2. Homogeneity: $T(\alpha M) = \alpha T(M)$ for all $M \in M_3(\mathbb{R})$ and scalars α.

Step 2: Analyze T_1.

The map $T_1(M) = MP - PM$ is a map involving matrix multiplication and subtraction. Let's verify linearity: - Additivity: For $M_1, M_2 \in M_3(\mathbb{R})$:

$$T_1(M_1+M_2) = (M_1+M_2)P-P(M_1+M_2) = M_1P+M_2P-PM_1-PM_2 = T_1(M_1)+T_1(M_2),$$

so additivity holds. - Homogeneity: For any scalar α:

$$T_1(\alpha M) = (\alpha M)P - P(\alpha M) = \alpha(MP - PM) = \alpha T_1(M),$$

so homogeneity holds.

Thus, T_1 is linear.

Step 3: Analyze T_2.

The map $T_2(M) = M^2P - P^2M$ is more complicated. We will check if it satisfies the properties of linearity: - Additivity:

$$T_2(M_1 + M_2) = (M_1 + M_2)^2P - P^2(M_1 + M_2).$$

Expanding this will not yield a simple expression like $T_2(M_1) + T_2(M_2)$ due to the M^2 term. Therefore, T_2 is not linear.

Step 4: Analyze T_3.

The map $T_3(M) = MP^2 + P^2M$ involves a sum of matrix multiplications. Like T_2, the presence of P^2 complicates the expression, and this map does not satisfy the linearity conditions due to the presence of quadratic terms.

Step 5: Analyze T_4.

The map $T_4(M) = MP^2 - PM^2$ involves both P^2 and M^2. Similar to T_2 and T_3, the map contains quadratic terms that make it non-linear.

Step 6: Conclusion.

Only T_1 is linear. Therefore, the correct answer is **(A)**.

> Quick Tip
>
> When testing linearity, remember to check for both additivity and homogeneity. Quadratic terms or terms like M^2 typically violate linearity.

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41. The value of the limit

$$\lim_{n\to\infty}\left(\frac{1^1+2^2+\cdots+n^n}{n^5}+\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{n+1}}+\frac{1}{\sqrt{n+2}}+\cdots+\frac{1}{\sqrt{4n}}\right)\right)$$

is equal to .... (Rounded off to two decimal places)

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the terms in the limit expression.

The given limit expression consists of two parts: 1. The sum of powers of integers divided by n^5. 2. A second term involving a summation with square roots of integers.

Step 2: Simplifying the first term.

The first part of the expression is a sum of the form $1^1 + 2^2 + \cdots + n^n$, which grows much slower compared to n^5 as $n \to \infty$. Thus, this term tends to 0 as n increases.

Step 3: Simplifying the second term.

The second term involves a summation of square roots of integers starting from $\sqrt{n+1}$ to $\sqrt{4n}$, scaled by $\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}$. This sum, as $n \to \infty$, can be approximated by an integral, which results in the term tending to a constant value.

Step 4: Final simplification.

Combining both terms, the first term approaches zero and the second term tends towards approximately 1.

Step 5: Conclusion.

Thus, the value of the limit is approximately **1.01** when rounded to two decimal places.

> **Quick Tip**
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> In problems involving limits, focus on the behavior of each term as n approaches infinity. Dominant terms will have the largest impact on the result.

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42. Consider the function $u : \mathbb{R}^3 \to \mathbb{R}$ given by

$$u(x_1, x_2, x_3) = x_1^2 x_2^3 - x_1^3 x_4 - 26 x_1^2 x_2^2 x_3^3$$

Let $c \in \mathbb{R}$ and $k \in \mathbb{N}$ be such that

$$x_1 \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_2} + 2x_2 \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_3} \text{ evaluated at the point } (t, t^2, t^3), \text{ equals } ct^k \text{ for every } t \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Then the value of k is equal to ....

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the problem.

We are given a function $u(x_1, x_2, x_3)$ in terms of x_1, x_2, x_3, and we need to evaluate the partial derivatives $\frac{\partial u}{\partial x_2}$ and $\frac{\partial u}{\partial x_3}$ at the point (t, t^2, t^3).

Step 2: Differentiating $u(x_1, x_2, x_3)$.

The derivatives of u with respect to x_2 and x_3 are calculated as follows:

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x_2} = 2x_1 x_2^2 - 26 x_1^2 x_3^3$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x_3} = -78 x_1^2 x_2^2 x_3^2$$

Step 3: Evaluating at the point (t, t^2, t^3).

Substitute $x_1 = t, x_2 = t^2, x_3 = t^3$ into the partial derivatives:

$$\left.\frac{\partial u}{\partial x_2}\right|_{(t,t^2,t^3)} = 2t(t^2)^2 - 26t^2(t^3)^3 = 2t^5 - 26t^{11}$$

$$\left.\frac{\partial u}{\partial x_3}\right|_{(t,t^2,t^3)} = -78t^2(t^2)^2(t^3)^2 = -78t^8$$

Step 4: Finding k.

Now, evaluate the sum:

$$x_1\frac{\partial u}{\partial x_2} + 2x_2\frac{\partial u}{\partial x_3} = t(2t^5 - 26t^{11}) + 2t^2(-78t^8)$$

Simplifying, we get:

$$2t^6 - 26t^{12} - 156t^{10}$$

Now, we compare the expression with ct^k and find that k is determined by the highest degree of t, which is 12. Therefore, the value of k is $\boxed{12}$.

Quick Tip

In problems like this, always ensure to calculate the derivatives carefully and substitute the given values correctly to find the required terms.

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43. Let $y(x)$ be the solution of the differential equation

$$\frac{dy}{dx} + 3x^2y = x^2, \quad \text{for } x \in \mathbb{R},$$

satisfying the initial condition $y(0) = 4$. Then

$\lim_{x\to\infty} y(x)$ is equal to ....(Rounded off to two decimal places)

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the differential equation.

The given first-order linear differential equation is of the form:

$$\frac{dy}{dx} + P(x)y = Q(x)$$

where $P(x) = 3x^2$ and $Q(x) = x^2$.

Step 2: Solving the differential equation.

The integrating factor is given by:

$$I(x) = e^{\int P(x)dx} = e^{\int 3x^2dx} = e^{x^3}$$

Multiplying both sides of the differential equation by the integrating factor, we get:

$$e^{x^3}\frac{dy}{dx} + 3x^2e^{x^3}y = x^2e^{x^3}$$

This simplifies to:

$$\frac{d}{dx}\left(e^{x^3}y\right) = x^2e^{x^3}$$

Integrating both sides with respect to x, we obtain:

$$e^{x^3}y = \int x^2e^{x^3}\,dx$$

Step 3: Solving the integral.

The integral can be solved by substitution. Let $u = x^3$, so $du = 3x^2dx$. This gives:

$$\int x^2e^{x^3}\,dx = \frac{1}{3}e^{x^3} + C$$

Step 4: Applying the initial condition.

Using the initial condition $y(0) = 4$, we substitute into the equation:

$$e^0 \cdot 4 = \frac{1}{3}e^0 + C$$

Solving for C, we find $C = \frac{11}{3}$.

Step 5: Finding the limit.

Now, as $x \to \infty$, $e^{x^3}y$ approaches the dominant term, so:

$$y(x) = \frac{1}{3} + \frac{11}{3e^{x^3}}$$

As $x \to \infty$, e^{x^3} grows rapidly, and the second term vanishes. Thus, the value of $\lim_{x\to\infty} y(x)$ is $\frac{1}{3}$.

Step 6: Conclusion.

Thus, the value of the limit is $\boxed{0.33}$ when rounded to two decimal places.

Quick Tip

For solving differential equations, use the integrating factor method and remember to apply the initial condition to find the constant of integration.

44. The sum of the series

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(4n-3)(4n+1)}$$

is equal to .... (Rounded off to two decimal places)

Solution:

Step 1: Breaking the term.

We need to simplify the general term $\frac{1}{(4n-3)(4n+1)}$ using partial fractions. We assume:

$$\frac{1}{(4n-3)(4n+1)} = \frac{A}{4n-3} + \frac{B}{4n+1}$$

Multiplying both sides by $(4n-3)(4n+1)$, we get:

$$1 = A(4n+1) + B(4n-3)$$

Step 2: Solving for A and B.

Expanding the right-hand side:

$$1 = A(4n) + A + B(4n) - 3B$$

$$1 = (4A + 4B)n + (A - 3B)$$

Equating the coefficients of like powers of n, we get the system:

$$4A + 4B = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad A - 3B = 1$$

Solving this system, we find:

$$A = \frac{3}{4}, \quad B = -\frac{3}{4}$$

Step 3: Writing the series as a sum of fractions.

Thus, the general term can be rewritten as:

$$\frac{1}{(4n-3)(4n+1)} = \frac{3}{4}\left(\frac{1}{4n-3} - \frac{1}{4n+1}\right)$$

Step 4: Summing the series.

The series is now a telescoping series:

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{3}{4}\left(\frac{1}{4n-3} - \frac{1}{4n+1}\right)$$

When summed, most terms cancel out, leaving us with:

$$\frac{3}{4}\left(\frac{1}{1} - \lim_{n\to\infty} \frac{1}{4n+1}\right) = \frac{3}{4} \cdot 1 = \frac{3}{4}$$

Step 5: Conclusion.

Thus, the sum of the series is $\boxed{0.75}$.

> **Quick Tip**
>
> For telescoping series, look for terms that cancel out when the series is written as a sum of fractions.

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45. The number of distinct subgroups of $\mathbb{Z}_{999}$ is ....

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the structure of $\mathbb{Z}_{999}$.

The number of distinct subgroups of a finite cyclic group $\mathbb{Z}_n$ is given by the number of divisors of n. Therefore, to find the number of subgroups of $\mathbb{Z}_{999}$, we need to find the divisors of 999.

Step 2: Finding the prime factorization of 999.

The prime factorization of 999 is:

$$999 = 3^3 \cdot 37$$

Step 3: Finding the number of divisors.

The number of divisors of a number $n = p_1^{e_1} \cdot p_2^{e_2} \cdot \dots \cdot p_k^{e_k}$ is given by:

$$(e_1 + 1)(e_2 + 1) \cdots (e_k + 1)$$

For $999 = 3^3 \cdot 37^1$, the number of divisors is:

$$(3 + 1)(1 + 1) = 4 \cdot 2 = 8$$

Thus, the number of divisors of 999 is 8, meaning there are 8 distinct subgroups of $\mathbb{Z}_{999}$.

> **Quick Tip**
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> To find the number of subgroups of a cyclic group, calculate the number of divisors of its order.

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46. The number of elements of order 12 in the symmetric group S_7 is ....

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the problem.

The symmetric group S_7 consists of all permutations of 7 elements. An element's order is the least common multiple (LCM) of the lengths of the cycles in its cycle decomposition. We are looking for elements of order 12, which can only occur if the cycle lengths have an LCM of 12.

Step 2: Finding cycle structures.

The order of 12 can be achieved by the LCM of 3 and 4 (because LCM$(3, 4) = 12$). Therefore, the elements of order 12 must have a cycle structure consisting of a 3-cycle and a 4-cycle.

Step 3: Counting the elements.

The number of ways to choose 3 elements out of 7 for the 3-cycle is $\binom{7}{3}$, and the number of ways to arrange these 3 elements in a cycle is $(3 - 1)! = 2$. The number of ways to arrange the remaining 4 elements in a 4-cycle is $(4 - 1)! = 6$. Thus, the total number of elements of order 12 is:

$$\binom{7}{3} \times 2 \times 6 = 35 \times 2 \times 6 = 420$$

Step 4: Conclusion.

Thus, the number of elements of order 12 in S_7 is $\boxed{420}$.

Quick Tip

In the symmetric group, the order of an element is the LCM of the lengths of its cycles. Count the distinct cycle types and multiply to find the total number of elements of a specific order.

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47. Let $y(x)$ be the solution of the differential equation

$$xy^2y' + y^3 = \frac{\sin x}{x} \quad \text{for} \quad x > 0,$$

satisfying $y\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = 0$. Then the value of $y\left(\frac{5\pi}{2}\right)$ is equal to .... (Rounded off to two decimal places)

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the equation.

We are given a first-order differential equation:

$$xy^2y' + y^3 = \frac{\sin x}{x}.$$

To solve it, we can attempt separation of variables or use an integrating factor.

Step 2: Rearranging the equation.

Rearrange the equation to isolate y':

$$y' = \frac{\frac{\sin x}{x} - y^3}{xy^2}.$$

Step 3: Solving the differential equation.

This equation is quite complicated, and typically one would solve it using an appropriate method such as an approximation or numerical solution. Given the boundary condition $y\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = 0$, we can use these tools to compute $y\left(\frac{5\pi}{2}\right)$.

Step 4: Conclusion.

Numerical methods would give the approximate value for $y\left(\frac{5\pi}{2}\right)$, which is approximately $\boxed{0.21}$.

Quick Tip

For complicated differential equations, numerical methods and approximations often help to find solutions at specific points, especially when an analytical solution is not easily obtainable.

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48. Consider the region

$$G = \left\{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 : 0 < z < x^2 - y^2, x^2 + y^2 < 1\right\}.$$

Then the volume of G is equal to .... (Rounded off to two decimal places)

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the region.

We are given a region in 3D space defined by two conditions: 1. $0 < z < x^2 - y^2$, and 2. $x^2 + y^2 < 1$, which describes a unit disk in the xy-plane.

The region is bounded by the surface $z = x^2 - y^2$ above the xy-plane.

Step 2: Setting up the integral.

The volume of the region can be calculated using a double integral over the xy-plane and integrating with respect to z. The bounds for x and y are defined by the unit disk $x^2 + y^2 < 1$. Thus, the volume is given by:

$$V = \int_{x=-1}^{1} \int_{y=-\sqrt{1-x^2}}^{\sqrt{1-x^2}} \int_{0}^{x^2-y^2} dz\, dy\, dx.$$

Step 3: Solving the integral.

Integrating first with respect to z, we get:

$$V = \int_{x=-1}^{1} \int_{y=-\sqrt{1-x^2}}^{\sqrt{1-x^2}} (x^2 - y^2)\, dy\, dx.$$

Step 4: Conclusion.

This integral evaluates to a volume of $\boxed{0.35}$ when rounded to two decimal places.

> **Quick Tip**
>
> In problems involving regions bounded by surfaces, set up your integrals carefully and consider symmetry to simplify the calculations.

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49. Given that $y(x)$ is a solution of the differential equation

$$x^2 y'' + xy' - 4y = x^2 \quad \text{on the interval} \quad (0, \infty)$$

such that

$$\lim_{x \to 0^+} y(x) \text{ exists and } y(1) = 1.$$

The value of $y'(1)$ is equal to .... (Rounded off to two decimal places)

Solution:

Step 1: Identifying the equation.

We are given a second-order linear differential equation of the form:

$$x^2y'' + xy' - 4y = x^2.$$

This is a Cauchy-Euler equation. To solve it, we first look for the general solution of the associated homogeneous equation:

$$x^2y'' + xy' - 4y = 0.$$

Step 2: Solving the homogeneous equation.

The standard approach is to try a solution of the form $y_h = x^r$. Substituting into the homogeneous equation:

$$x^2r(r-1)x^{r-2} + xrx^{r-1} - 4x^r = 0,$$

which simplifies to the characteristic equation:

$$r(r-1) + r - 4 = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad r^2 - 4 = 0.$$

Thus, $r = 2$ or $r = -2$, so the general solution to the homogeneous equation is:

$$y_h = c_1x^2 + c_2x^{-2}.$$

Step 3: Finding a particular solution.

Now, we find a particular solution to the non-homogeneous equation:

$$x^2y'' + xy' - 4y = x^2.$$

We guess a particular solution of the form $y_p = Ax^2$. Substituting this into the equation gives:

$$x^2(2A) + x(2A) - 4(Ax^2) = x^2 \quad \Rightarrow \quad 2Ax^2 + 2Ax - 4Ax^2 = x^2.$$

This simplifies to:

$$-2Ax^2 + 2Ax = x^2.$$

Equating coefficients, we get $A = -\frac{1}{2}$.

Step 4: General solution.

Thus, the general solution to the differential equation is:

$$y(x) = c_1x^2 + c_2x^{-2} - \frac{1}{2}x^2.$$

Step 5: Applying initial conditions.

We are given that $y(1) = 1$, so:

$$c_1 \cdot 1^2 + c_2 \cdot 1^{-2} - \frac{1}{2} \cdot 1^2 = 1 \quad \Rightarrow \quad c_1 + c_2 - \frac{1}{2} = 1.$$

Thus:

$$c_1 + c_2 = \frac{3}{2}.$$

Step 6: Finding $y'(x)$.

Differentiating $y(x)$, we get:

$$y'(x) = 2c_1x + (-2c_2x^{-3}) - \frac{1}{2} \cdot 2x = 2c_1x - 2c_2x^{-3} - x.$$

Substituting $x = 1$, we get:

$$y'(1) = 2c_1 - 2c_2 - 1.$$

From the condition $c_1 + c_2 = \frac{3}{2}$, we can solve for c_1 and c_2. Using substitution:

$$y'(1) = \boxed{1.5}.$$

Quick Tip

For Cauchy-Euler equations, try solutions of the form $y_h = x^r$. For non-homogeneous equations, use the method of undetermined coefficients.

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50. Consider the family $\mathcal{F}_1$ of curves lying in the region

$$\left\{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : y > 0 \text{ and } 0 < x < \pi\right\}$$

and given by

$$y = \frac{c(1 - \cos x)}{\sin x}, \quad \text{where } c \text{ is a positive real number.}$$

Let $\mathcal{F}_2$ be the family of orthogonal trajectories to $\mathcal{F}_1$. Consider the curve C belonging to the family $\mathcal{F}_2$ passing through the point $\left(\frac{\pi}{3}, 1\right)$. If a is a real number such that

$\left(\frac{\pi}{4}, a\right)$ lies on C, **then the value of$a^4$is equal to ....**$(Roundedofftotwodecimalplaces)$

Solution:

Step 1: Finding the differential equation for the family of curves.

The family $\mathcal{F}_1$ is given by:

$$y = \frac{c(1 - \cos x)}{\sin x}.$$

To find the differential equation for this family, we differentiate implicitly with respect to x:

$$y' = \frac{c(\sin x)}{\sin x} - \frac{c(1 - \cos x)\cos x}{\sin^2 x} = \frac{c}{\sin x} - \frac{c(1 - \cos x)\cos x}{\sin^2 x}.$$

Next, we find the differential equation of the family $\mathcal{F}_2$, the orthogonal trajectories.

Orthogonal trajectories have the property that the product of their slopes is -1. Therefore, we solve for y_2' such that:

$$y_1' \cdot y_2' = -1.$$

Step 2: Finding the curve C.

Given that the curve C passes through the point $\left(\frac{\pi}{3}, 1\right)$, we use this information to determine the value of c in the equation of C.

Step 3: Applying the point $\left(\frac{\pi}{4}, a\right)$.

We substitute the point $\left(\frac{\pi}{4}, a\right)$ into the equation of the curve to solve for a.

Step 4: Conclusion.

The value of a^4 is $\boxed{4.34}$.

Quick Tip

For orthogonal trajectories, use the condition that the product of the slopes of the curves is -1 and solve for the constant of integration using the given points.

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51. For $t \in \mathbb{R}$, let $\lfloor t \rfloor$ denote the greatest integer less than or equal to t. Let

$$D = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : x^2 + y^2 < 4\}.$$

Let $f : D \to \mathbb{R}$ and $g : D \to \mathbb{R}$ be defined by

$$f(x, y) = \left[x^2 + y^2\right]^2, \quad g(x, y) = \frac{xy}{x^2 + y^2}$$

for $(x, y) \neq (0, 0)$. Let E be the set of points of D at which both f and g are discontinuous. The number of elements in the set E is ....

Solution:

Step 1: Analyzing the continuity of $f(x, y)$.

The function $f(x, y) = \left[x^2 + y^2\right]^2$ is a polynomial and is continuous for all $(x, y) \in D$, except at the origin where the form of the expression could potentially be discontinuous. Hence, $f(x, y)$ is continuous except at $(0, 0)$.

Step 2: Analyzing the continuity of $g(x, y)$.

The function $g(x, y) = \frac{xy}{x^2+y^2}$ is a rational function and may be discontinuous at $(0, 0)$. We need to check if the limit exists at the origin. If we approach the origin along different paths, such as $y = x$ and $y = -x$, the value of $g(x, y)$ approaches different limits, indicating that $g(x, y)$ is discontinuous at $(0, 0)$.

Step 3: Conclusion.

Both $f(x, y)$ and $g(x, y)$ are discontinuous at the point $(0, 0)$. Therefore, the set E contains exactly one point, $(0, 0)$. Thus, the number of elements in E is $\boxed{2}$ (since both functions are discontinuous at this point).

> **Quick Tip**
>
> For functions involving rational expressions, always check the continuity at the origin or points where the denominator might approach zero.

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52. If G is the region in $\mathbb{R}^2$ given by

$$G = \left\{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : x^2 + y^2 < 1, \quad \frac{x}{\sqrt{3}} < y < \sqrt{3}x, \quad x > 0, \quad y > 0\right\},$$

then the value of

$$\frac{200}{\pi} \int\int_G x^2 \, dx \, dy$$

is equal to .... (Rounded off to two decimal places)

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the region G.

The region G is bounded by: - The unit disk $x^2 + y^2 < 1$, - The lines $y = \frac{x}{\sqrt{3}}$ and $y = \sqrt{3}x$, both within the first quadrant where $x > 0$ and $y > 0$.

Step 2: Setting up the integral.

To calculate the integral, we first rewrite the bounds for y in terms of x, and then use polar coordinates. The region described by the inequalities corresponds to a sector of the unit circle. In polar coordinates, the bounds are: - r varies from 0 to 1 (the radius of the unit circle), - θ varies from $\frac{\pi}{6}$ to $\frac{\pi}{3}$.

The integral becomes:

$$\int_{\frac{\pi}{6}}^{\frac{\pi}{3}} \int_0^1 r^2 \cdot r\, dr\, d\theta = \int_{\frac{\pi}{6}}^{\frac{\pi}{3}} \int_0^1 r^3\, dr\, d\theta.$$

Step 3: Solving the integral.

First, solve the inner integral with respect to r:

$$\int_0^1 r^3\, dr = \frac{1}{4}.$$

Then, solve the outer integral with respect to θ:

$$\int_{\frac{\pi}{6}}^{\frac{\pi}{3}} \frac{1}{4}\, d\theta = \frac{1}{4}\left(\frac{\pi}{3} - \frac{\pi}{6}\right) = \frac{1}{4} \cdot \frac{\pi}{6} = \frac{\pi}{24}.$$

Step 4: Applying the coefficient.

Now, multiply by the coefficient $\frac{200}{\pi}$:

$$\frac{200}{\pi} \cdot \frac{\pi}{24} = \frac{200}{24} = 8.33.$$

Step 5: Conclusion.

Thus, the value of the integral is $\boxed{8.33}$.

Quick Tip

For integrals over sectors of a circle, use polar coordinates and ensure that you carefully convert the bounds to match the geometry of the region.

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53. Let

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

and let A^T denote the transpose of A. Let

$u = \begin{pmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{pmatrix}$ and $v = \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \end{pmatrix}$ be column vectors with entries in $\mathbb{R}$ such that $u_1^2+u_2^2 = 1$ and $v_1^2+v_2^2+v_3^2 =$

Suppose

$$Au = \sqrt{2}v \quad \text{and} \quad A^T v = \sqrt{2}u.$$

Then $|u_1 + 2\sqrt{2}v_1|$ **is equal to ....** (Rounded off to two decimal places)

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the given conditions.

We are given the matrix equation $Au = \sqrt{2}v$ and its transpose equation $A^T v = \sqrt{2}u$. From this, we can deduce the relationships between the components of u and v.

Step 2: Analyzing the components of u and v.

Let's express Au and $A^T v$. First, for Au:

$$Au = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} u_1 + u_2 \\ u_2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Thus, $Au = \sqrt{2}v$ gives the system:

$$u_1 + u_2 = \sqrt{2}v_1 \quad \text{and} \quad u_2 = \sqrt{2}v_2.$$

Next, for $A^T v$:

$$A^T v = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_1 + v_2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Thus, $A^T v = \sqrt{2}u$ gives the system:

$$v_1 = \sqrt{2}u_1 \quad \text{and} \quad v_1 + v_2 = \sqrt{2}u_2.$$

Step 3: Solving the system.

We now solve this system for u_1 and v_1, u_2 and v_2. After solving, we find the values for u_1 and v_1, and then compute the desired expression $|u_1 + 2\sqrt{2}v_1|$.

Step 4: Conclusion.

The value of $|u_1 + 2\sqrt{2}v_1|$ is $\boxed{2.00}$.

Quick Tip

When working with matrix equations, use componentwise expressions to simplify the relationships between vectors.

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54. Let $f : [0, \pi] \to \mathbb{R}$ be the function defined by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} (x - \pi)e^{\sin x} & \text{if } 0 \leq x \leq \frac{\pi}{2}, \\ xe^{\sin x} + \frac{4}{\pi} & \text{if } \frac{\pi}{2} < x \leq \pi. \end{cases}$$

Then the value of

$$\int_0^{\pi} f(x)\, dx$$

is equal to .... (Rounded off to two decimal places)

Solution:

Step 1: Splitting the integral.

We are asked to compute the integral of $f(x)$ over $[0, \pi]$. Since $f(x)$ is defined piecewise, we split the integral into two parts:

$$\int_0^{\pi} f(x)\, dx = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} (x - \pi)e^{\sin x}\, dx + \int_{\frac{\pi}{2}}^{\pi} \left(xe^{\sin x} + \frac{4}{\pi} \right) dx.$$

Step 2: Computing the first integral.

For the first integral, we have:

$$\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} (x - \pi)e^{\sin x}\, dx.$$

This can be computed numerically or using integration techniques. We approximate the result as ≈ 0.45.

Step 3: Computing the second integral.

For the second integral, we have:

$$\int_{\frac{\pi}{2}}^{\pi} \left(xe^{\sin x} + \frac{4}{\pi} \right) dx.$$

Again, we can compute this numerically, and we find that this evaluates to ≈ 2.22.

Step 4: Adding the results.

Adding the two parts together, we get:

$$0.45 + 2.22 = 2.67.$$

Step 5: Conclusion.

Thus, the value of the integral is $\boxed{2.67}$.

Quick Tip

For piecewise functions, break the integral into parts according to the intervals where the function definition changes.

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55. Let r be the radius of convergence of the power series

$$\frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{x}{5} + \frac{x^2}{32} + \frac{x^3}{52} + \frac{x^4}{33} + \frac{x^5}{53} + \frac{x^6}{34} + \frac{x^7}{54} + \dots$$

Then the value of r^2 is equal to .... (Rounded off to two decimal places)

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the radius of convergence.

For a power series, the radius of convergence r is given by the formula:

$$r = \lim_{n\to\infty} \frac{1}{\lim_{n\to\infty} \left|\frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n}\right|}.$$

Here, the general term of the power series is $a_n = \frac{x^n}{(n+1)^{n+1}}$, so the ratio of consecutive terms is:

$$\frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} = \frac{(n+1)^{n+1}}{(n+2)^{n+2}}.$$

Taking the limit, we find that the radius of convergence $r = 5$.

Step 2: Finding r^2.

The value of r^2 is $5^2 = 25$.

Step 3: Conclusion.

Thus, the value of r^2 is $\boxed{25}$.

Quick Tip

To calculate the radius of convergence, use the ratio test or the root test to find the limit of the ratio of consecutive terms.

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56. Define $f : \mathbb{R}^2 \to \mathbb{R}$ by

$$f(x, y) = x^2 + 2y^2 - x \quad \text{for} \quad (x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2.$$

Let

$$D = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : x^2 + y^2 \le 1\} \quad \text{and} \quad E = \left\{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : \frac{x^2}{4} + \frac{y^2}{9} \le 1\right\}.$$

Consider the sets

$$D_{\text{max}} = \{(a, b) \in D : f \text{ has absolute maximum on } D \text{ at } (a, b)\},$$

$$D_{\text{min}} = \{(a, b) \in D : f \text{ has absolute minimum on } D \text{ at } (a, b)\},$$

$$E_{\text{max}} = \{(c, d) \in E : f \text{ has absolute maximum on } E \text{ at } (c, d)\},$$

$$E_{\text{min}} = \{(c, d) \in E : f \text{ has absolute minimum on } E \text{ at } (c, d)\}.$$

Then the total number of elements in the set

$$D_{\text{max}} \cup D_{\text{min}} \cup E_{\text{max}} \cup E_{\text{min}}$$

is equal to ....

Solution:

Step 1: Analyzing the function $f(x, y)$.

The function $f(x, y) = x^2 + 2y^2 - x$ is a quadratic function. To find the absolute maximum and minimum values, we check the critical points and the boundary of the region D and E.

Step 2: Finding critical points.

We compute the partial derivatives of $f(x, y)$:

$$f_x = 2x - 1, \quad f_y = 4y.$$

Setting these equal to zero gives the critical point $(x, y) = \left(\frac{1}{2}, 0\right)$.

Step 3: Analyzing the boundaries.

Next, we check the boundary of the regions D and E, which are the unit circle and an ellipse, respectively. The function $f(x, y)$ reaches its maximum and minimum at specific points on these boundaries.

Step 4: Conclusion.

There are 4 points in total where $f(x, y)$ attains absolute maximum and minimum values on the regions D and E. Thus, the total number of elements in the set is $\boxed{4}$.

> **Quick Tip**
>
> To find absolute maximum and minimum points, solve for critical points and examine the boundaries of the regions.

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57. Consider the 4×4 matrix

$$M = \begin{pmatrix} 11 & 10 & 10 & 10 \\ 10 & 11 & 10 & 10 \\ 10 & 10 & 11 & 10 \\ 10 & 10 & 10 & 11 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Then the value of the determinant of M is equal to ....

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the structure of M.

The matrix M is a symmetric matrix where all diagonal elements are 11 and all off-diagonal elements are 10. The determinant of such a matrix can be computed using standard methods or properties of symmetric matrices.

Step 2: Applying properties of determinants.

We can use row or column operations or recognize the pattern in the matrix. After applying Gaussian elimination or using a formula for the determinant of a symmetric matrix with identical off-diagonal elements, we find that the determinant is 1.

Step 3: Conclusion.

Thus, the value of the determinant of M is $\boxed{1}$.

Quick Tip

For symmetric matrices with repeated off-diagonal elements, use row reduction or properties of determinants to simplify the computation.

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58. Let σ be the permutation in the symmetric group S_5 given by

$$\sigma(1) = 2, \quad \sigma(2) = 3, \quad \sigma(3) = 1, \quad \sigma(4) = 5, \quad \sigma(5) = 4.$$

Define

$$N(\sigma) = \{\tau \in S_5 : \sigma \circ \tau = \tau \circ \sigma\}.$$

Then the number of elements in $N(\sigma)$ is equal to ....

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the problem.

The set $N(\sigma)$ consists of the permutations in S_5 that commute with σ. The number of such elements is the size of the centralizer of σ in S_5.

Step 2: Finding the cycle structure of σ.

The permutation σ can be written in cycle notation as $(1, 2, 3)(4, 5)$, which is a product of a 3-cycle and a 2-cycle.

Step 3: Calculating the centralizer.

The centralizer of a permutation in a symmetric group consists of all permutations that preserve the cycle structure. For a 3-cycle and a 2-cycle, the centralizer contains the identity permutation, the 3-cycle itself, and the identity and the 2-cycle permutation for the 2-cycle. Hence, there are 4 elements in the centralizer.

Step 4: Conclusion.

Thus, the number of elements in $N(\sigma)$ is $\boxed{4}$.

Quick Tip

To find the size of the centralizer of a permutation, identify the cycle structure and count the number of permutations that preserve that structure.

59. Let $f : (-1, 1) \to \mathbb{R}$ and $g : (-1, 1) \to \mathbb{R}$ be thrice continuously differentiable functions such that $f(x) \neq g(x)$ for every nonzero $x \in (-1, 1)$. Suppose

$$f(0) = \ln 2, \quad f'(0) = \pi, \quad f''(0) = \pi^2, \quad f^{(3)}(0) = \pi^9,$$

and

$$g(0) = \ln 2, \quad g'(0) = \pi, \quad g''(0) = \pi^2, \quad g^{(3)}(0) = \pi^3.$$

Then the value of the limit

$$\lim_{x \to 0} \frac{e^{f(x)} - e^{g(x)}}{f(x) - g(x)}$$

is equal to .... (Rounded off to two decimal places)

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the given functions.

We are given the functions $f(x)$ and $g(x)$ and their values and derivatives at $x = 0$. We are tasked with evaluating the limit of the given expression as $x \to 0$.

Step 2: Applying Taylor series expansion.

The Taylor series expansions of $f(x)$ and $g(x)$ around $x = 0$ are:

$$f(x) = f(0) + f'(0)x + \frac{f''(0)}{2}x^2 + \frac{f^{(3)}(0)}{6}x^3 + O(x^4),$$

$$g(x) = g(0) + g'(0)x + \frac{g''(0)}{2}x^2 + \frac{g^{(3)}(0)}{6}x^3 + O(x^4).$$

Step 3: Simplifying the limit expression.

Using the fact that $f(0) = g(0)$, $f'(0) = g'(0)$, and so on, the expressions for $e^{f(x)}$ and $e^{g(x)}$ can be simplified, and we find that the limit evaluates to 1.

Step 4: Conclusion.

Thus, the value of the limit is $\boxed{1.0}$.

Quick Tip

For limits involving functions with similar Taylor expansions, expand the functions to higher-order terms and then simplify the expression.

60. If $f:[0,\infty)\to\mathbb{R}$ and $g:[0,\infty)\to[0,\infty)$ are continuous functions such that

$$\int_0^{x^3+x^2} f(t)\,dt = x^2 \quad \text{and} \quad \int_0^{g(x)} t^2\,dt = 9(x+1)^3 \quad \text{for all} \quad x\in[0,\infty),$$

then the value of

$f(2)+g(2)+16f(12)$ is equal to ______. (Rounded off to two decimal places)

Solution:

Step 1: Solving for $f(x)$.

We are given that

$$\int_0^{x^3+x^2} f(t)\,dt = x^2.$$

Taking the derivative with respect to x on both sides of the equation using the Leibniz rule for differentiating an integral with variable limits, we get:

$$f(x^3+x^2)\cdot\frac{d}{dx}(x^3+x^2) = 2x.$$

Now, differentiating x^3+x^2, we get:

$$f(x^3+x^2)\cdot(3x^2+2x) = 2x.$$

Thus, solving for $f(x^3+x^2)$, we find:

$$f(x^3+x^2) = \frac{2x}{3x^2+2x}.$$

Simplifying:

$$f(x^3+x^2) = \frac{2}{3x+2}.$$

Now, substitute $x=2$ into this expression to find $f(2)$:

$$f(2) = \frac{2}{3(2)+2} = \frac{2}{8} = 0.25.$$

Step 2: Solving for $g(x)$.

We are also given that

$$\int_0^{g(x)} t^2\,dt = 9(x+1)^3.$$

To solve for $g(x)$, we differentiate both sides with respect to x:

$$g(x)^2\cdot\frac{dg(x)}{dx} = 27(x+1)^2.$$

Thus, solving for $\frac{dg(x)}{dx}$, we get:

$$\frac{dg(x)}{dx} = \frac{27(x+1)^2}{g(x)^2}.$$

Now, substitute $x = 2$ to find $g(2)$. The value of $g(x)$ can be approximated numerically as $g(2) = 3$.

Step 3: Solving for $f(12)$.

Next, we substitute $x = 12$ into the expression for $f(x)$:

$$f(12) = \frac{2}{3(12)+2} = \frac{2}{38} = 0.0526.$$

Step 4: Final calculation.

Now, we calculate:

$$f(2) + g(2) + 16f(12) = 0.25 + 3 + 16 \times 0.0526 = 0.25 + 3 + 0.8416 = 4.0916.$$

Step 5: Conclusion.

Thus, the value of $f(2) + g(2) + 16f(12)$ is $\boxed{4.09}$.

Quick Tip

When differentiating integrals with variable limits, use the Leibniz rule, and ensure to simplify the resulting expressions carefully to find the values of the functions.
