

# Matrices And Determinants JEE Main PYQ – 3

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## Matrices And Determinants

1. The number of distinct real roots of the equation,  $\begin{vmatrix} \cos x & \sin x & \sin x \\ \sin x & \cos x & \sin x \\ \sin x & \sin x & \cos x \end{vmatrix} = 0$  in the interval  $[-\frac{\pi}{4}, \frac{\pi}{4}]$  is : (+4, -1)
- [25 Jul 2021 Shift 2]

- a. 4
- b. 3
- c. 2
- d. 1

2. For the system of linear equations  $\alpha x + y + z = 1, x + \alpha y + z = 1, x + y + \alpha z = \beta$ , which one of the following statements is NOT correct ? (+4, -1)

[29-Jul-2022-Shift-1]

- a. It has infinitely many solutions if  $\alpha = 2$  and  $\beta = -1$
- b.  $x + y + z = \frac{3}{4}$  if  $\alpha = 2$  and  $\beta = 1$
- c. It has infinitely many solutions if  $\alpha = 1$  and  $\beta = 1$
- d. It has no solution if  $\alpha = -2$  and  $\beta = 1$

3. The system of the equations (+4, -1)

$$\begin{aligned} x + y + z &= 6 \\ x + 2y + \alpha z &= 5 \\ x + 2y + 6z &= \beta \end{aligned}$$

has

[29-Jul-2022-Shift-2]

- a. Infinitely many solution for  $\alpha = 6, \beta = 3$
- b. Infinitely many solution for  $\alpha = 6, \beta = 5$
- c. Unique solution for  $\alpha = 6, \beta = 5$
- d. No solution for  $\alpha = 6, \beta = 5$

4. If  $A = \begin{bmatrix} e^t & e^t \cos t & e^{-t} \sin t \\ e^t & -e^t \cos t - e^{-t} \sin t & -e^{-t} \sin t + e^{-t} \cos t \\ e^t & 2e^{-t} \sin t & -2e^{-t} \cos t \end{bmatrix}$  Then  $A$  is - (+4, -1)

[Jan. 09, 2019 (II)]

- a. Invertible only if  $t = \frac{\pi}{2}$
- b. not invertible for any  $t \in \mathbb{R}$
- c. invertible for all  $t \in \mathbb{R}$
- d. invertible only if  $t = \pi$

5. The set of all values of  $\lambda$  for which the system of linear equations (+4, -1)

$$2x_1 - 2x_2 + x_3 = \lambda x_1$$

$$2x_1 - 3x_2 + 2x_3 = \lambda x_2$$

$$-x_1 + 2x_2 = \lambda x_3 \text{ has a non-trivial solution}$$

[8-Apr-2023 shift 2]

- a. is an empty set
- b. is a singleton
- c. contains two elements
- d. contains more than two elements

6. If  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 5a & -b \\ 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $A \text{ adj } A = AA^T$ , then  $5a + b$  is equal to : (+4, -1)

[Jan. 09, 2019 (II)]

- a. -1
- b. 5
- c. 4
- d. 13

7. The system of linear equations  $x + \lambda y - z = 0$   $\lambda x - y - z = 0$   $x + y - \lambda z = 0$  has (+4, -1)  
a non-trivial solution for :

[Jan 10, 2019 (I)]

- a. infinitely many values of  $\lambda$

- b. exactly one value of  $\lambda$
- c. exactly two values of  $\lambda$
- d. exactly three values of  $\lambda$

8. A value of  $\theta \in (0, \pi/3)$  for which 
$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 + \cos^2\theta & \sin^2\theta & 4\cos 6\theta \\ \cos^2\theta & 1 + \sin^2\theta & 4\cos 6\theta \\ \cos^2\theta & \sin^2\theta & 1 + 4\cos 6\theta \end{vmatrix} = 0$$
, is: (+4, -1)

- a.  $\frac{7\pi}{24}$
- b.  $\frac{\pi}{18}$
- c.  $\frac{\pi}{9}$
- d.  $\frac{7\pi}{36}$

[Jan. 12, 2019 (I)]

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

10. Let  $A$  be the event that the absolute difference between two randomly chosen real numbers in the sample space  $[0, 60]$  is less than or equal to  $a$  If  $P(A) = \frac{11}{36}$ , then  $a$  is equal to \_\_\_\_\_ (+4, -1)

[27 Aug 2021 Shift 2]

## Answers

### 1. Answer: c

#### Explanation:

$$\begin{vmatrix} \cos x & \sin x & \sin x \\ \sin x & \cos x & \sin x \\ \sin x & \sin x & \cos x \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$R_1 \rightarrow R_1 - R_2$$

$$R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - R_3$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} \cos x - \sin x & \sin x - \cos x & 0 \\ 0 & \cos x - \sin x & \sin x - \cos x \\ \sin x & \sin x & \cos x \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$C_2 \rightarrow C_2 + C_1$$

$$(\cos x - \sin x) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos x - \sin x & \sin x - \cos x \\ \sin x & 2 \sin x & \cos x \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

Expanding using first row

$$(2 \sin x + \cos x)(\sin x - \cos x)^2 = 0$$

$$\tan x = \frac{1}{2} \text{ or } \tan x = 1$$

Hence two solutions are there in  $[-\frac{\pi}{4}, \frac{\pi}{4}]$

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$$||a||a||a||=0$$

$$\alpha(\alpha^2-1)-1(\alpha-1)+1(1-\alpha)=0$$

$$\alpha^3-3\alpha+2=0$$

$$\alpha^2(\alpha-1)+\alpha(\alpha-1)-2(\alpha-1)=0$$

$$(\alpha-1)(\alpha^2+\alpha-2)=0$$

$$\alpha=1, \alpha=-2, 1$$

$$\text{For } \alpha=1, \beta=1$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} x + y + z = 1 \\ x + y + z = b \end{array} \right\} \text{infinite solution}$$

$$\text{For } \alpha = 2, \beta = 1$$

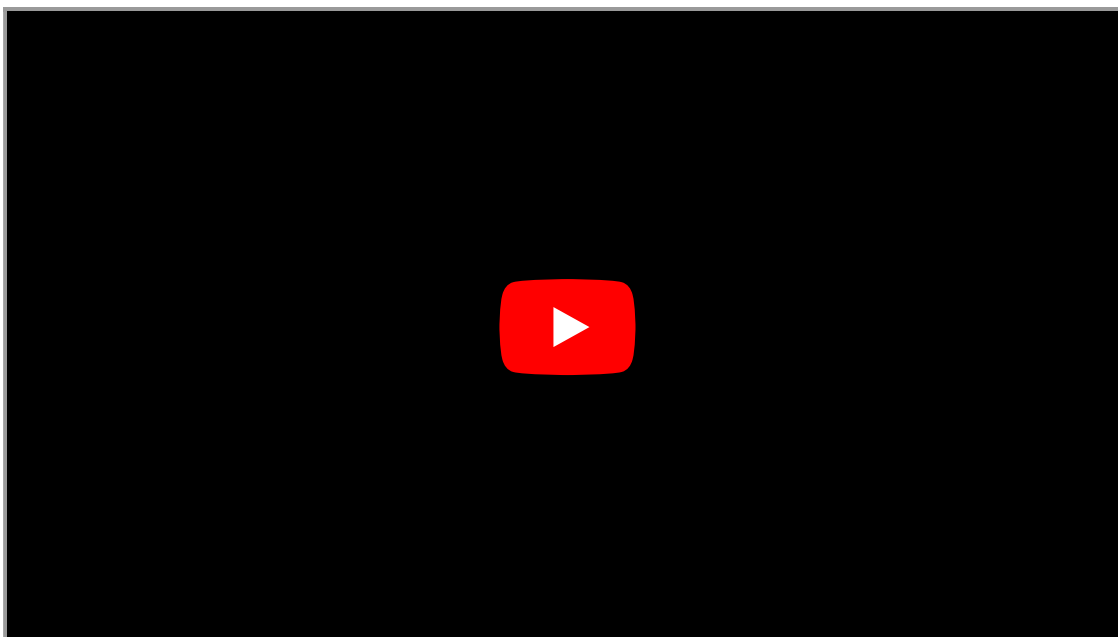
$$\Delta = 4$$

$$\Delta_1 = ||11121112|| = 3-1-1 \Rightarrow x=41$$

$$\Delta_2 = ||21111112|| = 2-1=1 \Rightarrow y=41$$

$$\Delta_3 = ||21112111|| = 2-1=1 \Rightarrow z=41$$

For  $\alpha=2 \Rightarrow$  unique solution



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### 3. Answer: b

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The correct option is (B): Infinitely many solution for  $\alpha = 6, \beta = 5$

$$\text{Let } \Delta = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & a \\ 1 & 2 & 6 \end{vmatrix} = 6 - \alpha$$

$\implies$  for  $\alpha \neq 6$  system has unique solution

Now, when  $\alpha = 6$

$$\Delta_1 = \begin{vmatrix} 6 & 1 & 1 \\ 5 & 2 & 6 \\ \beta & 2 & 6 \end{vmatrix} = 0 - (30 - 6\beta) + (10 - 2\beta) = (4\beta - 5)$$

$$\Delta_2 = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 6 & 2 \\ 1 & 5 & 6 \\ 1 & \beta & 6 \end{vmatrix} = -4(\beta - 5)$$

$$\Delta_3 = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 5 \\ 1 & 2 & \beta \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 6 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & \beta - 6 \end{vmatrix} = \beta - 5$$

Clearly at  $\beta = 5$ ,  $\Delta_i = 0$  for  $i = 1, 2, 3$

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$$\begin{aligned} |A| &= e^{-t} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & \cos t & \sin t \\ 1 & -\cos t - \sin t & -\sin t + \cos t \\ 1 & 2 \sin t & -2 \cos t \end{vmatrix} \\ &= e^{-t} [5 \cos^2 t + 5 \sin^2 t] \forall t \in R \\ &= 5e^{-t} \neq 0 \forall t \in R \end{aligned}$$

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## 5. Answer: d

### Explanation:

The correct answer is D: contains more than 2 elements

$$\Delta = (2 - \lambda) (\lambda^2 + 3\lambda - 4) + 2(-2\lambda + 2) + 1$$

$$(4 - 3 - \lambda) = 0$$

$$-\lambda^3 - \lambda^2 + 6\lambda + 8 - 3 - \lambda - 8 = 0$$

$$-\lambda^3 - \lambda^2 + 5\lambda - 3 = 0$$

$$\lambda^3 + \lambda^2 - 5\lambda + 3 = 0$$

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$$\begin{bmatrix} 10a + 3b & 0 \\ 0 & 10a + 3b \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 25a^2 + b^2 & 15a - 2b \\ 15a - 2b & 13 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Equate, } 10a + 3b = 25a^2 + b^2$$

$$\& 10a + 3b = 13$$

$$\& 15a - 2b = 0$$

$$\frac{a}{2} = \frac{b}{15} = k(\text{let})$$

$$\text{Solving } a = \frac{2}{5}, b = 3$$

$$\text{So, } 5a + b = 5 \times \frac{2}{5} + 3 = 5$$

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### Explanation:

$$x + \lambda y - z = 0$$

$$\lambda x - y - z = 0$$

$$x + y - \lambda z = 0$$

Let's consider that, system of equation has a non trivial solution;

$$\Rightarrow \begin{vmatrix} 1 & \lambda & -1 \\ \lambda & -1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & -\lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$\lambda + 1 - \lambda\{-\lambda^2 + 1\} - (\lambda + 1) = 0$$

$$\lambda(\lambda^2 - 1) = 0$$

$$\lambda = 0, 1, -1$$

Hence, the system of equation has non-trivial solution for exactly three values of  $\lambda$ .



Answer:

Given that:

$$x + \lambda y + z = 0$$

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$$x + y - \lambda z = 0$$

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$$\therefore \begin{vmatrix} 1 & \lambda & -1 \\ \lambda & -1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & -\lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 1(+\lambda - (-1)) - \lambda(-\lambda^2 + 1) + (-1)(-\lambda + 1) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda + 1 + \lambda^3 - \lambda - \lambda + 1 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda^3 - \lambda = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda(\lambda^2 - 1) = 0$$

$$\therefore \boxed{\lambda = 0 \text{ or } \lambda = +1 \text{ or } \lambda = -1}$$

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≡ (Prove)

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

if sum = 3

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

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

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

If sum = 5

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

$$\Rightarrow {}^{4+5-1}C_5 - 4x^{4.4+0-1}C_0 = {}^8C_5 - 4 = 52$$

If sum = 7

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If sum = 11

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

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

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

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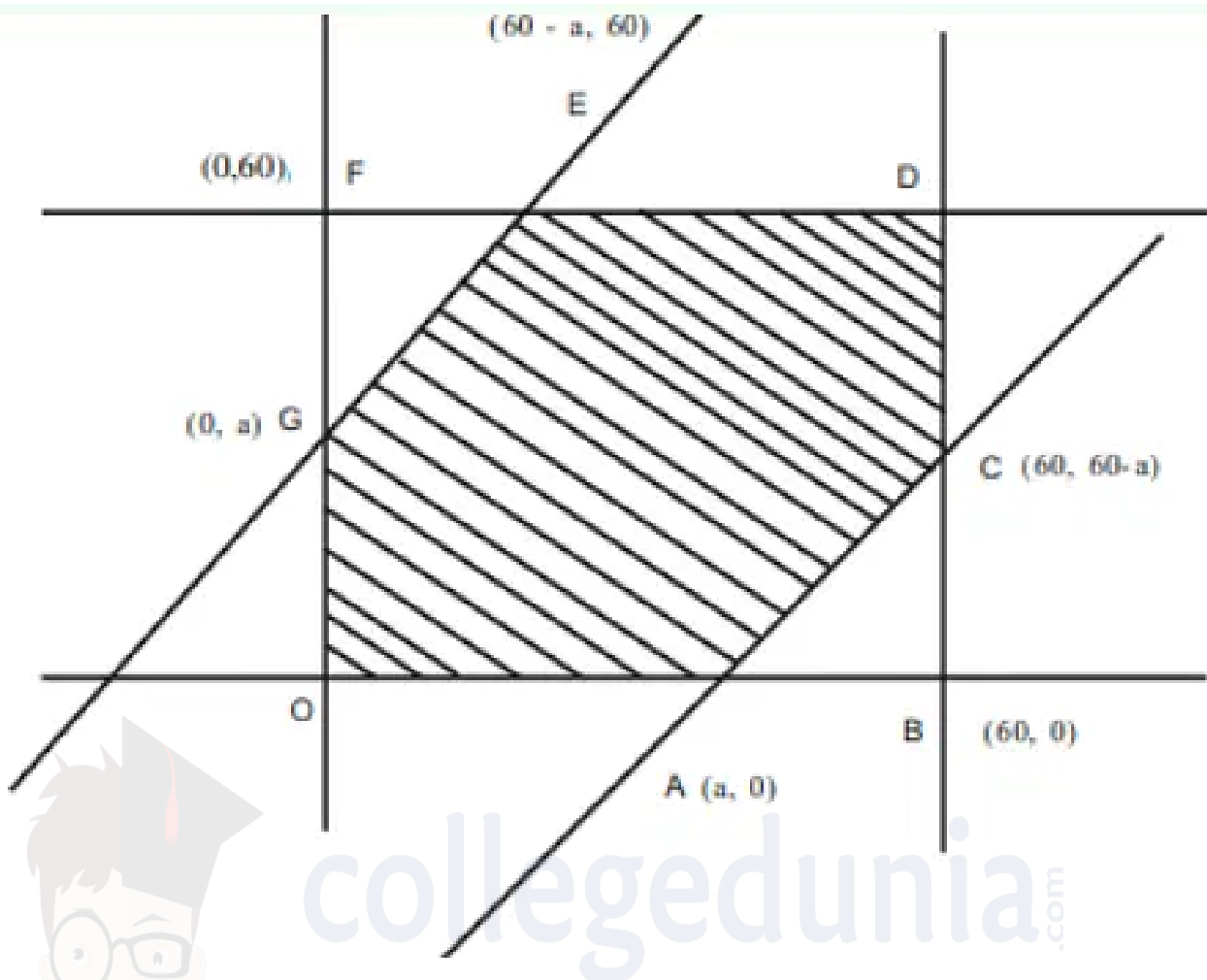
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**10. Answer: 10 – 10**

**Explanation:**

$$\begin{aligned} |x - y| < a &\Rightarrow -a < x - y < a \\ \Rightarrow x - y < a \text{ and } x - y > -a \end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned}
 P(A) &= \frac{\text{ar}(OACDEG)}{\text{ar}(OBDF)} \\
 &= \frac{\text{ar}(OBDF) - \text{ar}(ABC) - \text{ar}(EFG)}{\text{ar}(OBDF)} \\
 \Rightarrow \frac{11}{36} &= \frac{(60)^2 - \frac{1}{2}(60-a)^2 - \frac{1}{2}(60-a)^2}{3600} \\
 \Rightarrow 1100 &= 3600 - (60-a)^2 \\
 \Rightarrow (60-a)^2 &= 2500 \Rightarrow 60-a = 50 \\
 \Rightarrow a &= 10
 \end{aligned}$$

So, the correct answer is 10.

## Concepts:

### 1. Vector Algebra:

A vector is an object which has both magnitudes and direction. It is usually represented by an arrow which shows the direction ( $\rightarrow$ ) and its length shows the magnitude. The arrow which indicates the vector has an arrowhead and its opposite end is the tail. It is denoted as

The magnitude of the vector is represented as  $|V|$ . Two vectors are said to be equal if they have equal magnitudes and equal direction.

### **Vector Algebra Operations:**

Arithmetic operations such as addition, subtraction, multiplication on vectors. However, in the case of multiplication, vectors have two terminologies, such as dot product and cross product.

