

#1612007

Topic: Special Functions

Let $f(x)$ satisfy the relation $f(x+y) = f(x) \cdot f(y)$ for all $x, y \in \mathbb{N}$ and $f(1) = 2$, $\sum_{k=1}^{20} f(a+k) = 16(2^{20} - 1)$ then value of a is?

- A 1
B 2
 C 3
D 4

Solution

$$f(1) = 2 \text{ \& } f(x+y) = f(x) \cdot f(y) \forall x, y \in \mathbb{N}.$$

$$\text{Now, } f(n) = f(n-1+1) = f(n-1) \cdot f(1)$$

$$= f(n-2) \cdot f^2(1)$$

$$= f(n-3) \cdot f^3(1)$$

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$$= (f(1))^n$$

$$\text{Hence } f(n) = 2^n \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$$

$$\text{Given } f(a+1) + f(a+2) + \dots + f(a+20)$$

$$= 2^{a+1} + 2^{a+2} + \dots + 2^{a+20}$$

$$= 2^{a+1}(2^{20} - 1) \Rightarrow a = 3.$$

#1612066

Topic: Properties of Definite Integral

$\int_{\frac{\pi}{8}}^{\frac{\pi}{4}} \frac{\sin^3 x}{\sin x + \cos x} dx$ is equal to?

- A $\frac{\pi}{4} - \frac{1}{4}$
B $\frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{1}{4}$
C $\frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{1}{2}$
D $\frac{\pi}{4} - \frac{1}{2}$

Solution

$$I = \int_0^{\pi/2} \frac{\sin^3 x}{\sin x + \cos x} dx$$

$$I = \int_0^{\pi/4} \frac{\sin^3 x + \cos^3 x}{\sin x + \cos x} dx$$

$$I = \int_0^{\pi/4} (1 - \sin x \cos x) dx$$

$$I = \frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{1}{4} (\cos 2x) \Big|_0^{\pi/4}$$

$$I = \frac{\pi}{4} - \frac{1}{4}.$$

#1612071

Topic: Trigonometric Ratios of Any Angle

$\cos^2 10^\circ + \cos^2 50^\circ - \cos 10^\circ \cos 50^\circ$ is equal to?

- A $\frac{3}{2}$
 B $\frac{3}{4}$
C $\frac{3}{2}(\cos 20^\circ + 1)$



$$D \quad \frac{3}{4}(\cos 20^\circ + 1)$$

Solution

$$\begin{aligned} & \cos^2 10^\circ + \cos^2 50^\circ - \cos 10^\circ \cos 50^\circ \\ &= \frac{1}{2}(1 + \cos 20^\circ + 1 + \cos 100^\circ - \cos 60^\circ - \cos 40^\circ) \\ &= \frac{1}{2}\left[\frac{3}{2} + 2\cos 60^\circ \cos 40^\circ - \cos 40^\circ\right] = \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{3}{2} = \frac{3}{4} \end{aligned}$$

#1612077

Topic: Combination

A committee of 11 person is to be made from 8 male and 5 female where m is number of ways of selecting at least 6 male and n is the number of ways of selecting at least 3 female, then?

- A** $m = n = 78$
- B** $m = n = 68$
- C** $m + n = 68$
- D** $m - n = 8$

Solution

Atleast 6 men

M	W
6	5
7	4
8	3

$$\begin{aligned} \text{So, } m &= {}^8C_6 \cdot {}^5C_5 + {}^8C_7 \cdot {}^5C_4 + {}^8C_8 \cdot {}^5C_3 \\ &= 28 + 40 + 10 = 78 \end{aligned}$$

M	W
8	3
7	4
6	5

$$\text{So } n = {}^5C_3 \times {}^8C_8 + {}^5C_4 \cdot {}^8C_7 + {}^5C_5 \cdot {}^8C_6 = 10 + 40 + 28 = 78.$$

#1612090

Topic: Integration by Substitution

$\int \sec^2 \frac{x}{3} \csc^4 \frac{x}{3} dx$ is equal to?

- A** $3 \tan^{\frac{1}{3}} x + c$
- B** $-3 \cot^{\frac{1}{3}} x + c$
- C** $-3 \tan^{\frac{1}{3}} x + c$
- D** $\frac{3}{4} \cot^{-\frac{1}{3}} x + c$

Solution

$$\begin{aligned} I &= \int (\sec x)^{2/3} \cdot (\csc x)^{4/3} dx \\ &= \int \frac{1}{(\sin x)^{4/3} \cdot (\cos x)^{2/3}} dx \end{aligned}$$

Multiplying numerator and denominator by $\csc^2 x$, we get

$$I = \int \frac{\csc^2 x}{(\cot x)^{2/3}} dx$$

Let $\cot x = t^3$

$$\Rightarrow \csc^2 x dx = -3t^2 dt$$

$$\text{Hence } I = -3 \int \frac{t^2 dt}{t^2} = -3t + C = -3(\cot x)^{1/3} + C.$$

#1612101

Topic: Normal

If $y = mx + 7\sqrt{3}$ is normal to $\frac{x^2}{18} - \frac{y^2}{24} = 1$ then the value of m can be?

- A $\frac{2}{\sqrt{5}}$
- B $\frac{4}{\sqrt{5}}$
- C $\frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}$
- D $\frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}$

Solution

$$7\sqrt{3} = \frac{42m}{\sqrt{24 - 18m^2}} \Rightarrow \sqrt{3} = \frac{\sqrt{6}m}{\sqrt{4 - 3m^2}} \Rightarrow 4 - 3m^2 = 2m^2$$

$$m = \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}}$$

#1612114

Topic: Inverse of a Matrix

$$\text{Let } \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \dots \begin{bmatrix} 1 & n-1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 78 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

If $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & n \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ then $A^{-1} = ?$

- A $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 12 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$
- B $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -13 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$
- C $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -12 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$
- D $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -13 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

Solution

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \dots \begin{bmatrix} 1 & n-1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 78 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{n(n-1)}{2} = 78 \Rightarrow n = 13$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 13 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{so } A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -13 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

#1612139

Topic: Multiplication Theorem

Probability of hitting a target independently of 4 persons are $\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{8}$. Then the probability that target is hit, is?

- A $\frac{1}{192}$
- B $\frac{5}{192}$
- C $\frac{25}{32}$
- D $\frac{7}{32}$

Solution

$$P(H) = 1 - P(\text{Not Hitting})$$

$$= 1 - \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{2}{3} \cdot \frac{3}{4} \cdot \frac{7}{8} = \frac{25}{32}$$

#1612142

Topic: Trigonometric Equations

Let $\theta \in [-2\pi, 2\pi]$ and $2\cos^2\theta + 3\sin\theta = 0$ then sum of all solutions is?

- A** 2π
- B** 3π
- C** π
- D** $\frac{\pi}{3}$

Solution

$$2\cos^2\theta + 3\sin\theta = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 2\sin^2\theta - 3\sin\theta - 2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (\sin\theta - 2)(2\sin\theta + 1) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin\theta = -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \theta = -\frac{\pi}{6}, -\frac{5\pi}{6}, \frac{7\pi}{6}, \frac{11\pi}{6}$$

Hence sum = 2π .

#1612145

Topic: Variance and Standard Deviation

Standard deviation of four observations $-1, 0, 1$ and k is $\sqrt{5}$ then k will be?

- A** $2\sqrt{6}$
- B** 1
- C** 2
- D** $\sqrt{6}$

Solution

$$\sigma^2 = \frac{\sum X_i^2}{n} - \left(\frac{\sum X_i}{n}\right)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow 5 = \frac{1+0+1+k^2}{4} - \left(\frac{-1+0+1+k}{4}\right)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow 5 = \frac{k^2+2}{4} = \frac{k^2}{16}$$

$$\Rightarrow 80 = 4k^2 + 8 - k^2$$

$$\Rightarrow 72 = 3k^2$$

$$\Rightarrow k = 2\sqrt{6}$$

#1612149

Topic: Continuity of a Function

Let $f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{\sqrt{2}\cos x - 1}{\cot x - 1} & x \neq \frac{\pi}{4} \\ k & x = \frac{\pi}{4} \end{cases}$ Find k for which $f(x)$ is continuous.

- A** $-\frac{1}{2}$

B $\frac{1}{3}$

C $\frac{1}{2}$

D 1

Solution

Since $f(x)$ is continuous at $x = \pi/4$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{4}} f(x) = f\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) \Rightarrow k = \lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{4}} \frac{\sqrt{2}\cos x - 1}{\cot x - 1}$$

$$k = \lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{4}} \frac{-\sqrt{2}\sin x}{\operatorname{cosec}^2 x} = \frac{1}{2}$$

#1612151

Topic: Bernoulli's Differential Equation

Let $y(x)$ satisfying the differential equation $x \frac{dy}{dx} + 2y = x^2$, given $y(1) = 1$ then $y(x) = ?$

A $\frac{x^2}{4} - \frac{3}{4x^2}$

B $\frac{x^3}{4} + \frac{3}{4x^2}$

C $\frac{x^2}{4} + \frac{3}{4x}$

D $\frac{x^2}{4} + \frac{3}{4x^2}$

Solution

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

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

$$\text{I.F.} = e^{\int \frac{2}{x} dx} = x^2$$

$$y \cdot x^2 = \int x^3 dx$$

$$yx^2 = \frac{x^4}{4} + C$$

$$1 = \frac{1}{4} + C$$

$$\Rightarrow C = \frac{3}{4}$$

$$y = \frac{x^2}{4} + \frac{3}{4x^2}$$

#1612154

Topic: Continuity and Differentiability

Let $f(x) = 15 - |x - 10|$ and $g(x) = f(f(x))$ then $g(x)$ is non differentiable is?

A {5, 10, 15}

B {5, 10, 15, 20}

C {10}

D {5, 15}

Solution

$$g(x) = \sqrt{15 - |x - 10|}$$

$$= 15 - |15 - |x - 10| - 10| = 15 - |5 - |x - 10||$$

$$= \begin{cases} 15 - |x - 5| & x < 10 \\ 15 - |15 - x| & 10 < x \end{cases}$$

$$= \begin{cases} 10 + x & x < 5 \\ 20 - x & 5 < x < 10 \\ x & 10 < x < 15 \\ 30 - x & 15 < x \end{cases}$$

not differentiable at 5, 10, 15.

#1612166

Topic: Area of Bounded Regions

Find area bounded by the curves $x^2 \leq y \leq x + 2$.

- A $\frac{11}{2}$
 B $\frac{7}{2}$
 C $\frac{9}{2}$
 D $\frac{5}{2}$

Solution

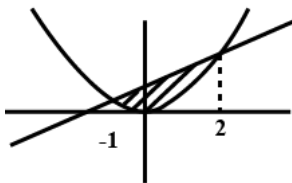
$$x^2 \leq y \leq x + 2$$

$$x^2 = x + 2$$

$$\Rightarrow x = -1 \text{ or } 2$$

$$\text{Hence required area} = \int_{-1}^2 (x + 2 - x^2) dx$$

$$= \left. \frac{x^2}{2} + 2x - \frac{x^3}{3} \right|_{-1}^2 = \left(2 + 4 - \frac{8}{3} \right) - \left(\frac{1}{2} - 2 + \frac{1}{3} \right) = \frac{10}{3} + \frac{7}{6} = \frac{27}{6} = \frac{9}{2}$$



#1612167

Topic: Multinomial Expansion for Any Real Index

In the expansion of $\left(\frac{2}{x} + x^{\log_8 x} \right)^6$ if $T_4 = 20 \times 8^7$ then value of x is?

- A $8^{\frac{1}{2}}$
 B 8^2
 C 8^3
 D 8^4

Solution

$$\left(\frac{2}{x} + x^{\log_8 x}\right)^6$$

$$T_4 = {}^6C_3 \cdot \left(\frac{2}{x}\right)^3 \cdot (x^{\log_8 x})^3 = 20 \times 8^7$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{2}{x} \cdot x^{\log_8 x} = 2^7 \Rightarrow \frac{x^{\log_8 x}}{x} = 2^6 = 8^2$$

Taking logarithms on both sides to the base 8, we get

$$(\log_8 x)^2 = 2 + (\log_8 x)$$

$$\Rightarrow \log_8 x = 2 \text{ or } -1$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 8^2 \text{ or } \frac{1}{8}$$

#1612169

Topic: Roots and Coefficients

If one root of the quadratic equation $x^2 + px + q = 0$ is $2 - \sqrt{3}$; where $p, q \in \mathbb{Q}$. Then which of the following is true?

A $p^2 - 4q + 12 = 0$

B $p^2 - 4q - 12 = 0$

C $q^2 - 4p + 12 = 0$

D $q^2 - 4p - 12 = 0$

Solution

Since $p, q \in \mathbb{Q}$

$$\Rightarrow \text{other root is } 2 + \sqrt{3}$$

Hence $p = 4$ and $q = 1$

$$\text{Hence } p^2 - 4q - 12 = 0.$$

#1612172

Topic: Functions

Let the function $f(x)$ defined on $f: R - \{-1, 1\} \rightarrow A$ and $f(x) = \frac{x^2}{1-x^2}$. Find A such that $f(x)$ is surjective.

A $R - [-1, 0)$

B $R - [-1, 1)$

C $R - [-1, 2)$

D $R - [0, 1)$

Solution

$$f(x) = \frac{x^2}{1-x^2} = y(2xy)$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 y - yx^2 \Rightarrow x^2 = \frac{y}{1+y} \geq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow y \in (-\infty, -1) \cup [0, \infty)$$

Hence set A should be $R - [-1, 0]$.

#1612176

Topic: Determinants

If α, β are the roots of $x^2 + x + 1 = 0$ then $\begin{vmatrix} y+1 & \beta & \alpha \\ \beta & y+\alpha & 1 \\ \alpha & 1 & y+\beta \end{vmatrix} = ?$

A $y^2 - 1$

B $y(y^2 - 1)$

C $y^2 - y$

D y^3

Solution

$\Rightarrow \alpha + \beta - 1 \text{ \& } \alpha\beta = 1$

Now $R_1 \rightarrow R_1 + R_2 + R_3$ gives

$$\begin{vmatrix} y & y & y \\ \beta & y + \alpha & 1 \\ \alpha & 1 & y + \beta \end{vmatrix}$$

$C_2 \rightarrow C_2 - C_1, C_3 \rightarrow C_3 - C_1$ gives

$$\begin{vmatrix} y & 0 & 0 \\ \beta & y + \alpha + \beta & 1 - \beta \\ \alpha & 1 - \alpha & y + \beta - \alpha \end{vmatrix} = y[y^2 - (\alpha - \beta)^2] - (\alpha - \alpha)(1 - \beta)$$

$\Rightarrow y[y^2 - ((\alpha + \beta)^2 - 4\alpha\beta) - 3] \Rightarrow y[y^2 + 3 - 3] = y^3$

$x^2 + x + 1 = 0 \begin{cases} \alpha \\ \beta \end{cases}$

#1612178

Topic: Equation of Line in Parametric Form

If a line is passing through $P(2, 3)$ which intersects the line $x + y = 7$ at a distance of four units from P. Then the slope of line is?

A $\frac{1 - \sqrt{7}}{1 + \sqrt{7}}$

B $\frac{\sqrt{7} - 1}{\sqrt{7} + 1}$

C $\frac{1 - \sqrt{5}}{1 + \sqrt{5}}$

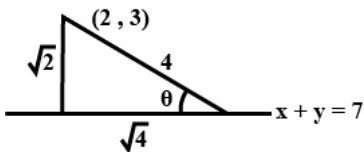
D $\frac{\sqrt{5} - 1}{\sqrt{5} + 1}$

Solution

$|\tan \theta| = \frac{1}{\sqrt{7}} = \left| \frac{m - 1}{1 + m} \right|$

taking + sign $1 + m = m\sqrt{7} - \sqrt{7} \Rightarrow m = \frac{\sqrt{7} + 1}{\sqrt{7} - 1}$

taking - sign $1 + m = \sqrt{7} - \sqrt{7}m \Rightarrow m = \frac{\sqrt{7} - 1}{\sqrt{7} + 1}$



#1612179

Topic: Tangent and Secant

Find the locus of mid-point of the portion of tangent intercepted between coordinate axes to the circle $x^2 + y^2 = 1$.

A $x^2 + y^2 - 4x^2y^2 = 0$

B $x^2 + y^2 - 2xy = 0$

C $x^2 + y^2 - 2x^2y^2 = 0$

D $x^2 + y^2 - 16x^2y^2 = 0$

SolutionLet equation of tangent to the given circle be $x \cos \theta + y \sin \theta = 1$ The line meets x-axis at $(\sec \theta, 0)$ & y-axis at $(0, \operatorname{cosec} \theta)$. If $P(h, k)$ is the mid-point of this segment.

$$\Rightarrow 2h = \sec \theta \text{ \& } 2k = \operatorname{cosec} \theta$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{x^2} + \frac{1}{y^2} = 4$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 + y^2 - 4x^2y^2 = 0.$$

#1612180

Topic: Arithmetic ProgressionLet a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{50} are non constant terms of an A.P. and sum of n terms is given by $S_n = 50n + (n)(n-7)\frac{A}{2}$. then ordered pair (d, a_{50}) is?(where d is the common difference)

A (A, 45A)

 B (A, 50 + 46A)

C (2A, 46A)

D (2A, 50 + 49A)

Solution

$$S_n = 50n + (n)(n-7)\frac{A}{2}$$

$$a_n = S_n - S_{n-1} = (n-4)A + 50$$

$$\Rightarrow d = A$$

$$a_{50} = 46A + 50.$$

#1612181

Topic: Chords of ParabolaOne end point of a focal chord of a parabola $y^2 = 16x$ is (1, 4). The length of focal chord is?

A 24

 B 25

C 20

D 22

Solution

$$\text{Slope } \frac{4-0}{1-4} = \frac{-4}{-3} = \tan \alpha$$

$$L = 4a \operatorname{cosec}^2 \alpha = 16 \times \frac{25}{16} = 25.$$

#1612182

Topic: Truth TablesFind the negation of $p \vee (\sim p \wedge q)$. A $\sim p \wedge \sim q$ B $\sim p \vee \sim q$ C $p \sim q$ D $p \wedge q$ **Solution**

$$p \vee (\sim p \wedge q) \equiv (p \vee \sim p) \wedge (p \vee q) \equiv p \vee q$$

$$\text{Hence } \sim (p \vee q) \equiv (\sim p \wedge \sim q).$$

#1612183

Topic: Applications on Geometrical Figures

A curve $f(x) = x^3 + ax - b$ pass through $P(1, -5)$ and tangent to $f(x)$ at point P is perpendicular to $x - y + 5 = 0$ then which of the following point will lie on curve?

- A (2, -2)
 B (2, -1)
 C (2, -1)
 D (-2, 2)

Solution

$$f(x) = x^3 + ax - b$$

It passes through (1, -5) & $f'(1) = -1$

$$\text{Hence } -5 = 1 + a - b \Rightarrow a - b = -6$$

$$f'(x) = 3x^2 + a \Rightarrow -1 = 3 + a \Rightarrow a = -4 \text{ Hence } b = 2$$

So, $f(x) = x^3 - 4x - 2 \Rightarrow (2, -2)$ lies on it.

#1612184

Topic: Plane

A plane passes through the point (0, -1, 0) and (0, 0, 1) and makes an angle of $\frac{\pi}{4}$ with the plane $y - z = 0$ then the point which satisfies the desired plane is?

- A $(\sqrt{2}, -1, 4)$
 B $(\sqrt{2}, 1, 2)$
 C $(-\sqrt{2}, 1, 4)$
 D $(-\sqrt{2}, 2, 4)$

Solution

$$ax + by + cz = 1, -b = 1, c = 1$$

$$ax - y + z = 1$$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} = \cos \frac{\pi}{4} = \frac{-1 - 1}{\sqrt{2} \cdot \sqrt{a^2 + 2}}$$

$$\Rightarrow a^2 + 2 = 4 \Rightarrow a = -\sqrt{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Plane is } -\sqrt{2}x - y + z = 1$$

Clearly $(-\sqrt{2}, 1, 4)$ satisfy the plane.

#1612185

Topic: Maxima and Minima

Let $f(x)$ be a non-zero polynomial of degree 4. Extreme points of $f(x)$ are 0, -1, 1. If $f(k) = f(0)$ then?

- A k has one rational & two irrational roots
 B k has four rational roots
 C k has four irrational roots
 D k has three irrational roots

Solution

$$\text{Let } f'(x) = \lambda x(x^2 - 1) \Rightarrow f(x) = \lambda \left(\frac{x^4}{4} - \frac{x^2}{2} \right) + C$$

$$\text{Now } f(0) = f(k) \Rightarrow \frac{k^4}{4} - \frac{k^2}{2} = 0 \Rightarrow k = 0 \text{ or } \pm\sqrt{2}$$

Hence (1).

#1612186

Topic: Plane

Consider a plane $x + 2y + 3z = 15$ and a line $\frac{x-1}{2} = \frac{y+1}{3} = \frac{z-2}{4}$ then find the distance of origin from point of intersection of line and plane.

- A $\frac{1}{2}$
 B $\frac{9}{2}$
 C $\frac{5}{2}$
 D 4

Solution

$$\text{Let } \frac{x-1}{2} = \frac{y+1}{3} = \frac{z-2}{4} = \lambda \Rightarrow x = 2\lambda + 1, y = 3\lambda - 1, z = 4\lambda + 2$$

Now substitution in $x + 2y + 3z = 15$

$$\Rightarrow (2\lambda + 1) + 2(3\lambda - 1) + 3(4\lambda + 2) = 15$$

$$\Rightarrow 2\lambda + 1 + 6\lambda - 2 + 12\lambda + 6 = 15 \Rightarrow 20\lambda + 5 = 15 \Rightarrow \lambda = \frac{1}{2}$$

Hence point of intersection is $(2, \frac{1}{2}, 4)$

$$\text{Hence distance from origin is } \sqrt{4 + \frac{1}{4} + 16} = \sqrt{\frac{81}{4}} = \frac{9}{2}$$

#1612187

Topic: Basic Geometry in Argand Plane

If $S = \left\{ \frac{\alpha + j}{\alpha - j}; \alpha \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$ then the S lies on?

- A A circle with radius = $\sqrt{2}$
 B A straight line with slope = -1
 C A straight line with slope = 1
 D A circle with radius = 1

Solution

$$x + jy = \frac{(\alpha + j)^2}{\alpha^2 + 1}$$

$$= \frac{\alpha^2 - 1 + 2\alpha j}{\alpha^2 + 1}$$

$$x = \frac{\alpha^2 - 1}{\alpha^2 + 1} \text{ \& } y = \frac{2\alpha}{\alpha^2 + 1}$$

$$x^2 + y^2 = \frac{(\alpha^2 - 1)^2 + 4\alpha^2}{(\alpha^2 + 1)^2}$$

$$x^2 + y^2 = 1.$$

#1612188

Topic: Applications of Vector Product

Let $\vec{a} = 3\hat{i} + \hat{j}$; $\vec{\beta} = 2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$ and $\vec{\beta} = \vec{\beta}_1 - \vec{\beta}_2$, such that $\vec{\beta}_1$ is parallel to \vec{a} and $\vec{\beta}_2$ is perpendicular to \vec{a} . Find $\vec{\beta}_1 \times \vec{\beta}_2$.

- A $\frac{1}{2}(3\hat{i} - 9\hat{j} + 8\hat{k})$
 B $\frac{1}{2}(\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 4\hat{k})$
 C $\frac{1}{2}(-3\hat{i} + 9\hat{j} + 10\hat{k})$
 D $\frac{3}{2}(3\hat{i} + 9\hat{j} + 10\hat{k})$

Solution

$$\vec{\beta}_1 = \frac{\vec{a} \cdot \vec{\beta}}{|\vec{a}|^2} \vec{a} = \frac{5}{10} \vec{a} = \frac{\vec{a}}{2} = \frac{3}{2} \hat{i} + \frac{1}{2} \hat{j}$$

$$\vec{\beta}_2 = \vec{\beta}_1 - \vec{\beta} = \left(-\frac{1}{2} \hat{i} + \frac{3}{2} \hat{j} - 3 \hat{k}\right)$$

$$\vec{\beta}_1 \times \vec{\beta}_2 = \frac{1}{2} (-3 \hat{j} + 9 \hat{j} + 10 \hat{k})$$