

SHORT CUT METHODS @ ALTERNATIVE METHODS IN +2 MATHS

Note: This methods are only to make interest and also based on entrance exams.

1. Find the square root of $-8 - 6i$.

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} -8 - 6i &= 1 - 9 - 6i \\ &= 1 + (3i)^2 - 6i \\ &= (1 - 3i)^2 \\ \Rightarrow \sqrt{-8 - 6i} &= \pm(1 - 3i) \\ &= 1 - 3i \text{ (or) } -1 + 3i. \end{aligned}$$

2. Find the square root of $-7 + 24i$

solution: $-7 + 24i = 9 - 16 + 24i$

$$\begin{aligned} &= 3^2 + 24i + (4i)^2 \\ &= (3 + 4i)^2 \\ \Rightarrow \sqrt{-7 + 24i} &= \pm(3 + 4i) \\ &= 3 + 4i \text{ (or) } -3 - 4i. \end{aligned}$$

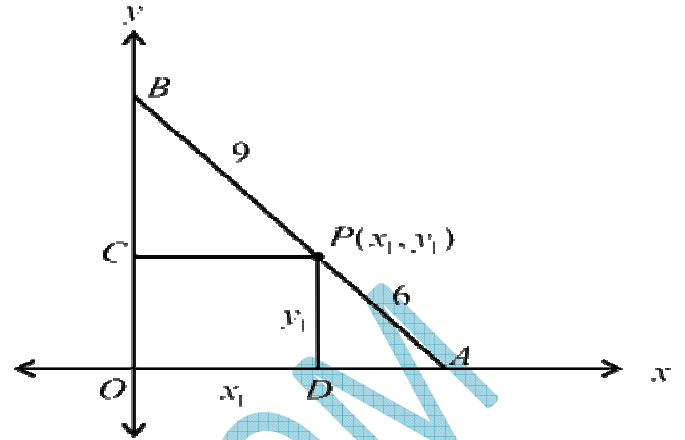
3. If $Z^2 = (0,1)$ find Z

Solution: $Z^2 = i, Z = \sqrt{i}, Z = \sqrt{\frac{2i}{2}} = \sqrt{\frac{(1+i)^2}{2}} = \pm \frac{(1+i)}{\sqrt{2}}$

4. A ladder of length 15m moves with its ends always touching the vertical wall and the horizontal floor. Determine the equation of the locus of a point P on the ladder, which is 6m from the end of the ladder in contact with the floor.

solution:

By the similar triangle property



from right angled triangle ADP, $\sin \theta = \frac{PD}{PA} = \frac{y_1}{6}$

from right angled triangle PCB, $\cos \theta = \frac{PC}{PB} = \frac{OD}{PB} = \frac{x_1}{9}$

$$\cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(\frac{x_1}{9}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{y_1}{6}\right)^2 = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{x_1^2}{81} + \frac{y_1^2}{36} = 1$$

\therefore the locus of $P(x_1, y_1)$ is

$$\frac{x^2}{81} + \frac{y^2}{36} = 1, \quad \text{Which is an ellipse.}$$

5. Use differentials to find the an approximate value for the given number

Solution:

$$y = \sqrt[3]{1.02} + \sqrt[4]{1.02} \quad y = f(x) = \sqrt[3]{x} + \sqrt[4]{x} = x^{\frac{1}{3}} + x^{\frac{1}{4}}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = f'(x) = \frac{1}{3}x^{-\frac{2}{3}} + \frac{1}{4}x^{-\frac{3}{4}}$$

$$x = 1, dx = \Delta x = 0.02$$

$$dy = \left(\frac{1}{3}x^{-\frac{2}{3}} + \frac{1}{4}x^{-\frac{3}{4}}\right) dx$$

$$x = 1, dx = \Delta x = 0.02; f(1) = 2$$

$$\begin{aligned} dy &= \left(\frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{4}\right)(0.02) = \left(\frac{4+3}{2}\right)(0.02) \\ &= \frac{0.07}{2} = 0.01167 \end{aligned}$$

$$\sqrt[3]{1.02} + \sqrt[4]{1.02} = 2 + 0.01167 = 2.011$$

6.A bag contains 3 types of coins namely Re.1, Rs. 2 and Rs. 5. There are 30 coins amounting to Rs. 100 in total. Find the number of coins in each category.

Solution : (Rank method)

By given, $x+2y+z=30$, $x+2y+5z=100$, we have two equations but three unknown

Let $z=k$

$$[A, B] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 30 \\ 1 & 2 & 5 & 100 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & k \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 30 \\ 0 & 1 & 4 & 70 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & k \end{bmatrix} R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - R_1$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 30 \\ 70 \\ k \end{bmatrix}$$

$$z=k, y+4z=70, y+4k=70, \text{ we get } y=70-4k$$

$$x+y+z=30, x+70-4k+k=30, \text{ we get } x=3k-40$$

$$(x, y, z) = (3k-40, 70-4k, k), \text{ where } k=14, 15, 16, 17$$

Solution: (matrix inversion method)

By given, $x+2y+z=30$, $x+2y+5z=30$, we have two equations but three unknown

Let $z=k$

$$X+2y=30-k, x+2y=100-5k$$

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

The solution is $x=A^{-1}B$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 30-k \\ 100-5k \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3k-40 \\ 70-4k \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(x, y, z) = (3k-40, 70-4k, k), \text{ where } k=14, 15, 16, 17$$

7. A small seminar hall can hold 100 chairs. Three different colours (red, blue and green) of chairs are available. The cost of a red chair is Rs. 240, cost of blue chair is Rs. 260 and the cost of a green chair is Rs. 300. The total cost of chair is Rs. 25,000. Find at least 3 different solutions of the number of chairs in each colour to be purchased.

Solution : (Rank method)

$$\text{By given, } x+y+z=100, 240x+260y+300z=25000 \rightarrow 12x+13y+15z=1250$$

we have two equations but three unknown, Let $z=k$

$$[A, B] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 100 \\ 12 & 13 & 15 & 1250 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & k \end{bmatrix}$$

$$[A, B] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 100 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & 50 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & k \end{bmatrix} R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - 12R_1$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 100 \\ 50 \\ k \end{bmatrix}$$

$$z=k, y+3z=50, \text{ we get } y = 50-3k$$

$$x+y+z = 100, x+50-3k+k=100, \text{ we get } x=50+2k$$

$$(x, y, z) = (50+2k, 50-3k, k), \text{ where } k=0, \dots, 16$$

Solution: (matrix inversion method)

By given, $x+y+z=100, 240x+260y+300z=25000 \rightarrow 12x+13y+15z=1250$

we have two equations but three unknown , Let $z=k$

$x+y=100-k, 12x+13y=1250-15k$

$$A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 13 & -1 \\ -12 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

The solution is $x=A^{-1}B$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 13 & -1 \\ -12 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 100 - k \\ 1250 - 15k \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 50 + 2k \\ 50 - 3k \end{bmatrix}$$

$(x, y, z) = (50+2k, 50-3k, k)$, where $k=0 \dots \dots \dots 16$

8. Derive the equation of the plane in the intercept form.

Let the vertices be A $(a, 0, 0)$, $(0, b, 0)$ and C $(0, 0, c)$

Required Equation of the plane is $Ax+By+Cz+D = 0$

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It passes A $(a, 0, 0)$, $Aa+D=0$, $A = \frac{-D}{a}$

It passes B $(0, b, 0)$, $Bb+D=0$, $B = \frac{-D}{b}$

It passes C $(0, 0, c)$, $Cc+D=0$, $C = \frac{-D}{c}$

Putting the values of A,B and C in (1)

$$-\frac{Dx}{a} - \frac{Dy}{b} - \frac{Dz}{c} + D = 0$$

On dividing throughout by -D

$$\frac{x}{a} + \frac{y}{b} + \frac{z}{c} = 1$$

Which is the required equation of the plane in the intercept form.

9. Points A and B are 10km apart and it is determined from the sound of an explosion heard at those points at different times that the location of the explosion is 6km closer to A than B. Show that the location of the explosion is restricted to a particular curve and find an equation of it.

Given that $2a=6$, $a=3$ $2ae=10$, $(6)e=10$, $e=5/3$

For hyperbola $b^2 = a^2(e^2 - 1)$, $b^2 = 9\left(\frac{25}{9} - 1\right)$, $b^2 = 16$

The required equation of hyperbola is

$$\frac{x^2}{9} - \frac{y^2}{16} = 1$$

10. The tangent at any point of the rectangular hyperbola $xy=c^2$ makes intercepts a , b and the normal at the point makes intercepts p , q on the axes. Prove that $ap+bq=0$

By given equation of the tangent is $\frac{x}{a} + \frac{y}{b} = 1$

Slope is $m_1 = -\frac{\frac{1}{a}}{\frac{1}{b}}$ $m_1 = -\frac{b}{a}$

By given equation of the normal is $\frac{x}{p} + \frac{y}{q} = 1$

Slope is $m_2 = -\frac{\frac{1}{p}}{\frac{1}{q}}$ $m_2 = -\frac{q}{p}$

By Condition $m_1 \times m_2 = -1$, we get $ap+bq=0$

11. Find c , μ and σ^2 of the normal distribution whose probability function is given by

$$f(x) = ce^{-x^2+3x} \quad -\infty < X < \infty.$$

$$\mu = -\frac{\text{co efficient of } x}{\text{co efficient of } 2x^2} = \frac{3}{2}$$

$$\sigma^2 = -\frac{1}{\text{co efficient of } 2x^2} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$f(x) = ce^{-x^2+3x} = \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}}$$

Putting x=0 then we get the value of C

$$C = \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{\mu^2}{2\sigma^2}}$$

$$\sigma^2 = \frac{1}{2}, \sigma = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, C = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} e^{-\frac{9}{4}}$$

12. Obtain k , μ and σ^2 of the normal distribution whose probability distribution function is given by

$$f(x) = ke^{-2x^2+4x} \quad -\infty < X < \infty.$$

$$\mu = -\frac{\text{co efficient of } x}{\text{co efficient of } 2x^2} = \frac{4}{4} = 1$$

$$\sigma^2 = -\frac{1}{\text{co efficient of } 2x^2} = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$f(x) = Ke^{-2x^2+4x} = \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}}$$

Putting x=0 then we get the value of K

$$K = \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{\mu^2}{2\sigma^2}}$$

$$\sigma^2 = \frac{1}{4}, \sigma = \frac{1}{2}, K = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{\pi}} e^{-2}$$