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ENGINEERING MATHEMATICS

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DETAILED EXPLANATIONS

1. (b)

Given matrix,
$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 21 & 17 & 7 & 10 \\ 24 & 22 & 6 & 10 \\ 6 & 8 & 2 & 3 \\ 5 & 7 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Operating, $R_1 \rightarrow R_1 - R_2 - R_4$, $R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - 3R_3$
and $R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - 2R_4$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -8 & -12 & 0 & -2 \\ 6 & -2 & 0 & 1 \\ -4 & -6 & 0 & -1 \\ 5 & 7 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$|A| = - \begin{vmatrix} -8 & -12 & -2 \\ 6 & -2 & 1 \\ -4 & -6 & -1 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

2. (d)

The characteristic equation of the matrix A is

$$\begin{vmatrix} (2-\lambda) & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & (1-\lambda) & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & (2-\lambda) \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$\lambda^3 - 5\lambda^2 + 7\lambda - 3 = 0$$

According to Cayley-Hamilton theorem, we have

$$A^3 - 5A^2 + 7A - 3I = 0$$

$$A^5(A^3 - 5A^2 + 7A - 3I) + A(A^3 - 5A^2 + 7A - 3I) + A^2 + A + I = A^2 + A + I$$

$$A^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 4 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 4 & 4 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A^2 + A + I = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 4 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 4 & 4 & 5 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 8 & 5 & 5 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 5 & 5 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$$

3. (a)

$$|A - \lambda I| = 0$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} 3-\lambda & 1 & 4 \\ 0 & 2-\lambda & 6 \\ 0 & 0 & 5-\lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$(3 - \lambda)(2 - \lambda)(5 - \lambda) = 0$$

$$\lambda = 2, 3, 5$$

4. (a)

For the equation $\frac{dy}{dx} + Py = Q$ the integrating factor is $e^{\int P dx}$,

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

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

$$P = \frac{1}{\cos^2 x} = \sec^2 x$$

$$\text{Integrating factor} = e^{\int \sec^2 x dx} = e^{\tan x}$$

5. (c)

$$f(u) = \sin u = \frac{x + 2y + 3z}{x^8 + y^8 + z^8}$$

$$x \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + z \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} = (-7) \frac{f(u)}{f'(u)}$$

$$= -7 \frac{\sin u}{\cos u} = -7 \tan u$$

6. (c)

Gauss-Seidel iterative techniques are used to solve system of simultaneous linear algebraic equation.

7. (a)

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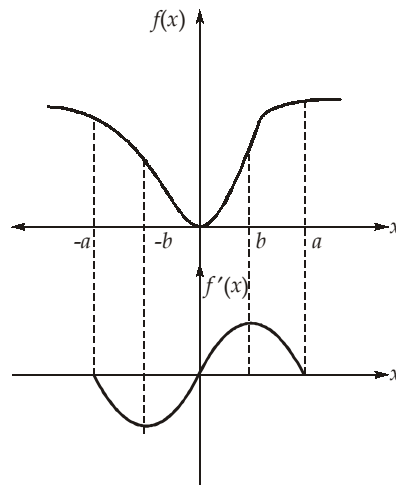
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8. (d)



- i) From $(-\infty, a)$, $f(x)$ is constant $\Rightarrow f'(x) = 0$
 ii) From $(-a, -b)$, $f(x)$ decreases and also rate of decrement increases $\Rightarrow f'(x)$ increases with negative value.
 iii) From $(-b, 0)$, $f(x)$ decrease but rate of decrement decrease $\Rightarrow f'(x)$ decrease but remains negative.

from $(2, 0)$, $f(x)$ increases with rate of increment increases

So

$f'(x)$ decreases but remains positive.

9. (c)

Given,
$$Z = \frac{1+i}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$|Z| = \sqrt{\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)^2} = 1$$

10. (d)

For solving the algebraic equation of the form $f(x) = 0$, the iterative scheme by Newton-Raphson methods,

$$x_{n+1} = x_n - \frac{f(x_n)}{f'(x_n)}$$

Here,

$$f(x) = x - \cos(\pi x)$$

$$f'(x) = 1 + \pi \sin(\pi x)$$

Therefore, with $x_0 = 0.5$, we get

$$f(x) = x - \cos(\pi x)$$

$$f(0.5) = 0.5$$

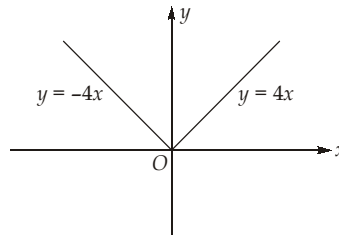
$$f'(x) = 1 + \pi \sin(\pi x)$$

$$f'(0.5) = 4.1416$$

$$\begin{aligned} x_{n+1} &= x_n - \frac{f(x_n)}{f'(x_n)} = 0.5 - \frac{0.5}{4.1416} \\ &= 0.3793 \approx 0.38 \end{aligned}$$

11. (d)

As the graph of function $y = 4|x|$ is having sharp corner at $x = 0$.



So, it indicates that function $y = 4|x|$ is continuous but not differentiable at $x = 0$.

12. (a)

For the differential equation of the form $\frac{dy}{dx} = f(x, y)$. Solution by Euler's method is given as :

$$y_{k+1} = y_k + hf(x_k, y_k)$$

Given : Step size $h = 0.1$ and $y(0) = 1$.

And $\frac{dy}{dx} = f(x, y) = x^2y - 1.2y$. Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} y_{x=0.1} &= y_1 = y_0 + h(x_0^2y_0 - 1.2y_0) \\ &= 1 + 0.1(0^2 \times 1 - 1.2 \times 1) \\ &= 0.880 \end{aligned}$$

13. (c)

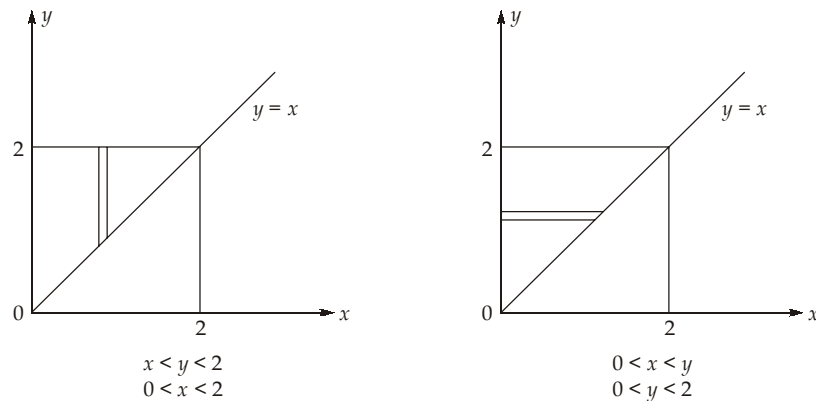
$$\begin{aligned} \text{Mean} &= \frac{\text{Total marks obtained by all students}}{\text{Number of students}} \\ &= \frac{25 \times 20 + 30 \times 20 + 35 \times 40 + 40 \times 20}{100} \\ &= \frac{3300}{100} = 33 \end{aligned}$$

Mode is the value that occurs most frequently. Hence, frequency of 35 is more so mode is 35.

14. (d)

$$\begin{aligned} A^{-1} &= \frac{(\text{adj } A)}{|A|} \\ |A| &= -6 \times 3 = -18 \\ |A| \cdot (A^{-1}) &= (\text{adj } A) \\ \lambda \text{ of adj. } A &= \frac{|A|}{\lambda_1}, \frac{|A|}{\lambda_2} = \frac{-18}{-6}, \frac{-18}{3} \\ &= 3, -6 \end{aligned}$$

15. (a)



$$I = \int_0^2 \int_0^{2-y} f(x,y) dx dy$$

$$r = p = 0, q = y \text{ and } s = 2$$

16. (a)

The directional derivative of f in the direction of \vec{n} is given by $\hat{n} \cdot \nabla f$, where \hat{n} is the unit vector of n . Here,

$$\hat{n} = \frac{\vec{n}}{|\vec{n}|} = \frac{\vec{i} - \vec{k}}{\sqrt{1^2 + (-1)^2}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(\vec{i} - \vec{k})$$

and

$$f = x^2 + y^2 + z^2$$

$$\nabla f = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \hat{i} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \hat{j} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial z} \hat{k}$$

$$= 2x\hat{i} + 2y\hat{j} + 2z\hat{k}$$

Therefore, the directional derivative is

$$\hat{n} \cdot \nabla f = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(\vec{i} - \vec{k}) \cdot (2x\hat{i} + 2y\hat{j} + 2z\hat{k})$$

Since,

$$\hat{i} \cdot \hat{i} = \hat{j} \cdot \hat{j} = \hat{k} \cdot \hat{k} = 1$$

and

$$\hat{i} \cdot \hat{j} = \hat{i} \cdot \hat{k} = \hat{j} \cdot \hat{k} = 0,$$

We get

$$\hat{n} \cdot \nabla f = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(2x - 2z)$$

$$(\hat{n} \cdot \nabla f) \text{ at } (1, 1, 1) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(2 \times 1 - 2 \times 1) = 0$$

17. (b)

Probability that A speaks truth $P(A) = 0.7$

Probability that B speaks truth $P(B) = 0.9$

$$\therefore P(\bar{A}) = 0.3, \quad P(\bar{B}) = 0.1$$

Hence, the probability that they will contradict to each other

$$= P(\bar{A})P(B) + P(A)P(\bar{B})$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= 0.3 \times 0.9 + 0.7 \times 0.1 \\
 &= 0.27 + 0.07 = 0.34 \\
 &= 34\%
 \end{aligned}$$

18. (a)

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Work done} &= \int_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} = \int (yz\hat{i} + zx\hat{j} + xy\hat{k}) \cdot (dx\hat{i} + dy\hat{j} + dz\hat{k}) \\
 &= \int_C yzdx + zx dy + xydz \\
 &= \int_C d(xyz) = \int_{(1,1,1)}^{(3,3,2)} d(xyz) \\
 &= [xyz]_{(1,1,1)}^{(3,3,2)} \\
 &= 3 \times 3 \times 2 - 1 \times 1 \times 1 \\
 &= 17
 \end{aligned}$$

19. (b)

If θ be the temperature of the body at any time t , then

$$\frac{d\theta}{dt} = -k(\theta - 40)$$

where k is a constant.

Integrating, $\int \frac{d\theta}{\theta - 40} = -k \int dt + \ln c$ where c is a constant.

$$\ln(\theta - 40) = -kt + \ln c$$

i.e., $\theta - 40 = ce^{-kt}$... (i)

When $t = 0$, $\theta = 80^\circ$ and when $t = 20$, $\theta = 60^\circ$.

$$\therefore 40 = c \text{ and } 20 = ce^{-20k}; k = \frac{1}{20} \ln 2$$

Thus, (i) becomes $\theta - 40 = 40 \cdot e^{-\left(\frac{1}{20} \ln 2\right)t}$

When $t = 40$ min, $\theta = 40 + 40 e^{-2 \ln 2} = 40 + 40 e^{\ln\left(\frac{1}{4}\right)}$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= 40 + 40 \times \frac{1}{4} \\
 &= 50^\circ\text{C}
 \end{aligned}$$

20. (a)

Given equation can be rewritten as

$$\sin\theta \frac{d\theta}{dr} + \frac{1}{r}(1 - 2r^2)\cos\theta = -r^2 \quad \dots (i)$$

Put $\cos\theta = y$

So that $-\sin\theta \frac{d\theta}{dr} = \frac{dy}{dr}$

Then (i) becomes

$$\frac{dy}{dr} + \left(2r - \frac{1}{r}\right)y = r^2$$

which is a Leibnitz's equation.

$$\therefore \text{I.F.} = e^{\int (2r - \frac{1}{r}) dr} = e^{r^2 - \ln r} = \frac{1}{r} e^{r^2}$$

Thus, its solution is

$$y \left(\frac{1}{r} e^{r^2} \right) = \int r^2 \cdot e^{r^2} \cdot \frac{1}{r} dr + c$$

$$\text{or} \quad \frac{y e^{r^2}}{r} = \frac{1}{2} \int e^{r^2} 2r dr + c = \frac{1}{2} e^{r^2} + c$$

$$\text{or} \quad 2e^{r^2} \cos \theta = re^{r^2} + 2cr$$

$$r(1 + 2ce^{-r^2}) = 2 \cos \theta$$

21. (d)

$$\text{Given:} \quad P = \begin{bmatrix} x & y \\ z & w \end{bmatrix}; \quad Q = \begin{bmatrix} x^2 + y^2 & xz + yw \\ xz + yw & z^2 + w^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} PP^T &= \begin{bmatrix} x & y \\ z & w \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x & y \\ z & w \end{bmatrix}^T \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} x & y \\ z & w \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x & z \\ y & w \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} x^2 + y^2 & xz + yw \\ xz + yw & z^2 + w^2 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \quad Q = PP^T$$

and

$$r(P) = n$$

Then,

$$r(Q) = \min\{r(P), r(P^T)\}$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad r(Q) = \min(n, n) \because [r(P) = r(P^T)]$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad r(Q) = n$$

22. (a)

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

$$\text{Put} \quad y+x = z$$

$$\text{Then,} \quad \frac{dy}{dx} + 1 = \frac{dz}{dx}$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dz}{dx} - 1$$

$$\therefore \quad z^2 \left(\frac{dz}{dx} - 1 \right) = a^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad \frac{dz}{dx} - 1 = \frac{a^2}{z^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad \frac{dz}{dx} = 1 + \frac{a^2}{z^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \int \frac{dz}{1 + \frac{a^2}{z^2}} = \int dx$$

$$\Rightarrow \int \left(\frac{z^2 dz}{z^2 + a^2} \right) = \int dx$$

$$\Rightarrow \int \frac{z^2 + a^2 - a^2}{z^2 + a^2} dz = \int dx$$

$$\Rightarrow \int dz - \int \frac{a^2}{z^2 + a^2} dz = \int dx$$

$$\Rightarrow z - a^2 \times \frac{1}{a} \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{z}{a} \right) = x + c$$

$$\Rightarrow z - a \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{z}{a} \right) = x + c$$

$$\Rightarrow y + x - a \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{y+x}{a} \right) = x + c$$

$$\Rightarrow y - c = a \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{y+x}{a} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \tan \left(\frac{y-c}{a} \right) = \frac{y+x}{a}$$

$$\Rightarrow y + x = a \tan \left(\frac{y-c}{a} \right)$$

23. (b)

Given, DE is $(D^2 + 2D + 2)y = 0$

It's A.E. is $m^2 + 2m + 2 = 0$

$$\therefore m = \frac{-2 \pm \sqrt{4-8}}{2} = -1 \pm i$$

It's C.F. is $y = e^{-x} (C_1 \cos x + C_2 \sin x)$

Given: $y(0) = 0$

$$\therefore 0 = e^{-0} (C_1 \times 1 + C_2 \times 0)$$

$$C_1 = 0$$

$$\therefore y = C_2 e^{-x} \sin x$$

$$\therefore y'(x) = -C_2 e^{-x} \sin x + C_2 e^{-x} \cos x$$

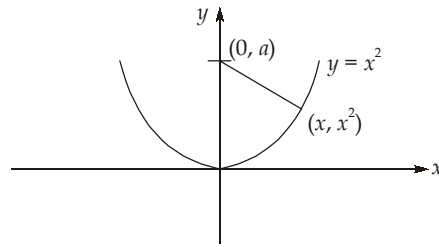
Given: $y'(0) = 1$

$$\therefore 1 = -C_2 \times 0 + C_2 \times 1$$

$$\Rightarrow C_2 = 1$$

Hence, $y = e^{-x} \sin x$

24. (c)



Let there is a point (x, x^2) on the parabola and distance of this point from $(0, a)$ is:

$$D = \sqrt{(x-0)^2 + (x^2 - a)^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow D^2 = x^2 + (x^2 - a)^2$$

When D is minimum, D^2 will also be minimum

$$\text{So, } \frac{d(D^2)}{dx} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 2x[1 + 2(x^2 - a)] = 0$$

$$\therefore x = 0, \text{ and } 1 + 2(x^2 - a) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 0 \text{ and } x^2 = \left(\frac{2a-1}{2}\right)$$

\therefore For minimum distance, $\frac{d^2(D^2)}{dx^2}$ should be greater than zero.

$$\therefore \frac{d^2(D^2)}{dx^2} = 2[1 + 2(x^2 - a)] + 2x[4x]$$

$$\frac{d^2(D^2)}{dx^2} = 2 + 4x^2 - 4a + 8x^2$$

$$\frac{d^2(D^2)}{dx^2} = 2 + 12x^2 - 4a$$

$$\text{At } x = 0, \frac{d^2(D^2)}{dx^2} = 2 - 4a$$

$$\therefore a > 1$$

$$\therefore \frac{d^2(D^2)}{dx^2} < 0$$

So, $x = 0$ is having maxima.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{At } x^2 = \frac{2a-1}{2}, \quad \frac{d^2(D^2)}{dx^2} &= 2 + 12\left(\frac{2a-1}{2}\right) - 4a \\ &= 2 + 6(2a-1) - 4a \\ &= 2 + 12a - 6 - 4a \end{aligned}$$

$$= 8a - 4 = 4(2a - 1) > 0$$

Hence, $x = \sqrt{\frac{2a-1}{2}}$ is having minima and minimum distance is

$$\begin{aligned} D_{min} &= \sqrt{x^2 + (x^2 - a)^2} \\ &= \sqrt{\frac{2a-1}{2} + \left(\frac{2a-1}{2} - a\right)^2} = \sqrt{\frac{2a-1}{2} + \frac{1}{4}} \\ &= \sqrt{\frac{4a-1}{4}} = \frac{\sqrt{4a-1}}{2} \end{aligned}$$

25. (a)

Given surfaces are:

$$\text{Surface-1} = \phi_1 \Rightarrow ax^2 - byz = (a+2)x$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Normal at surface-1, } \nabla\phi_1 &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(\phi_1)\hat{i} + \frac{\partial}{\partial y}(\phi_1)\hat{j} + \frac{\partial}{\partial z}(\phi_1)\hat{k} \\ &= [2ax - (a+2)]\hat{i} - bz\hat{j} - by\hat{k} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla\phi_{1(1, -1, 2)} &= (2a - a - 2)\hat{i} - 2b\hat{j} + b\hat{k} \\ &= (a - 2)\hat{i} - 2b\hat{j} + b\hat{k} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Surface-2} = \phi_2 \Rightarrow 4x^2y + z^3 - 4 = 0$$

$$\text{Normal at surface-2, } \nabla\phi_2 = \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(\phi_2)\hat{i} + \frac{\partial}{\partial y}(\phi_2)\hat{j} + \frac{\partial}{\partial z}(\phi_2)\hat{k}$$

$$\Rightarrow \nabla\phi_2 = 8xy\hat{i} + 4x^2\hat{j} + 3z^2\hat{k}$$

$$\nabla\phi_{2(1, -1, 2)} = -8\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} + 12\hat{k}$$

If surfaces cut orthogonally to each other then their normals also cut orthogonally to each other.

$$\therefore \nabla\phi_1 \cdot \nabla\phi_2 = -8(a-2) - 8b + 12b = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -8a + 16 + 4b = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -2a + b + 4 = 0 \quad \dots(i)$$

Point (1, -1, 2) also lies on both the surfaces

$$\text{Hence, } a(1)^2 + b(2) = (a+2)$$

$$\Rightarrow a + 2b = a + 2$$

$$\Rightarrow 2b = 2$$

$$\Rightarrow b = 1$$

Put $b = 1$ in equation (i)

$$-2a + (1) + 4 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow a = \frac{5}{2}$$

26. (a)

$$\text{Mean } (x_1) = 0.5$$

$$\frac{1}{\lambda_1} = 0.5$$

$$\lambda_1 = \frac{1}{0.5} = 2$$

$$\text{Mean } (x_2) = 0.25$$

$$\frac{1}{\lambda_2} = 0.25$$

$$\lambda_2 = \frac{1}{0.25} = 4$$

$$y = \text{mean } (x_1, x_2)$$

$$\text{Mean } (y) = \frac{1}{\lambda_1 + \lambda_2} = \frac{1}{2 + 4} = \frac{1}{6}$$

27. (a)

Complete Solution CS

$$CS = CF + PI$$

Now Auxilliary equation

$$(D^2 + 4D + 6)y = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow m^2 + 4m + 6 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow m = -2 \pm \sqrt{2} i$$

$$\text{So } C.F \rightarrow [c_1 \cos \sqrt{2}x + c_2 \sin \sqrt{2}x] e^{-2x} \quad \dots(1)$$

Now,

$$PI \rightarrow \frac{3^x}{D^2 + 4D + 6} = \frac{e^{x \ln 3}}{D^2 + 4D + 6}$$

$$\Rightarrow P.I = \frac{e^{x \ln 3}}{(\ln 3)^2 + 4 \ln 3 + 6} = \frac{e^{x \ln 3}}{11.6} = \frac{3^x}{11.6}$$

$$\Rightarrow C.S : y(x) = e^{-2x} [c_1 \cos \sqrt{2}x + c_2 \sin \sqrt{2}x] + \frac{3^x}{11.6}$$

28. (b)

Let, P_1, P_2, P_3, P_4 be probability of selection in 1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th attempt respectively,

Now,

$$P_1 = \frac{1}{24}; P_2 = \frac{1}{24} [1 + 0.5]$$

$$P_2 = \frac{1}{24} \times \frac{3}{2}$$

$$P_3 = \frac{1}{24} \times \frac{3}{2} [1 + 0.5] = \frac{1}{24} \times \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^2$$

$$P_4 = \frac{1}{24} \times \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^3$$

Now let A_i be selection in i^{th} attempt & \bar{A}_i be unsuccessful attempt,

So,

$$\begin{aligned} P_{\text{selection}} &= A_1 + \bar{A}_1 A_2 + \bar{A}_1 \bar{A}_2 A_3 + \bar{A}_1 \bar{A}_2 \bar{A}_3 A_4 \\ &= \frac{1}{24} + \frac{23}{24} \times \frac{1}{24} \times \frac{3}{2} + \frac{23}{24} \left(1 - \frac{3}{48}\right) \times \frac{1}{24} \times \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^2 + \frac{23}{24} \left(1 - \frac{3}{48}\right) \\ &\quad \left(1 - \frac{9}{96}\right) \cdot \frac{1}{24} \times \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^3 = 0.3 \end{aligned}$$

29. (b)

To get ABC there are two ways,

i) (AB)C

Now, Number of multiplications in $AB = 2 \times 3 \times 4 = 24$

Now, $ABC = (AB)_{2 \times 4} C_{4 \times 2}$

Number of multiplication for (AB)C = $2 \times 4 \times 2 = 16$

⇒ Total multiplication = $24 + 16 = 40$

ii) A(BC)

Number of multiplication operations in $BC = 3 \times 4 \times 2 = 24$

Now,

$$ABC = A_{2 \times 3} (BC)_{3 \times 2}$$

Number of multiplication for A(BC) = $2 \times 3 \times 2 = 12$

⇒ Total multiplication = $24 + 12 = 36$

⇒ Minimum Number = 36

30. (a)

$$\vec{\nabla}\phi = \left(\frac{\partial\phi}{\partial x} \hat{i} + \frac{\partial\phi}{\partial y} \hat{j} + \frac{\partial\phi}{\partial z} \hat{k} \right) [3x^2y - 4yz^2 + 6z^2x]$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{\nabla}\phi = (6xy + 6z^2) \hat{i} + (3x^2 - 4z^2) \hat{j} + (-8yz + 12zx) \hat{k}$$

Now at (1, 1, 1)

$$\vec{\nabla}\phi = 12\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 4\hat{k} \quad \dots(1)$$

$$\text{Also direction of line is, } \hat{A} = \frac{2\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}}{\sqrt{17}} \quad \dots(2)$$

⇒ Directional derivative using (1) & (2)

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{\nabla}\phi \cdot \hat{A} &= (12\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 4\hat{k}) \cdot \left(\frac{2\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}}{\sqrt{17}} \right) \\ &= \frac{24 - 2 + 12}{\sqrt{17}} = \frac{34}{\sqrt{17}} = 2\sqrt{17} \end{aligned}$$

