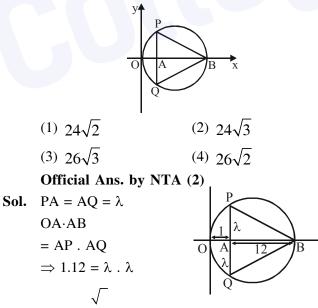


FINAL JEE-MAIN EXAMINATION – FEBRUARY, 2021 (Held On Friday 26th February, 2021) TIME: 9:00 AM to 12:00 NOON **TEST PAPER WITH SOLUTION** MATHEMATICS **SECTION-A** 3. Let A be a symmetric matrix of order 2 with integer entries. If the sum of the diagonal elements of A² If \vec{a} and \vec{b} are perpendicular, then 1. is 1, then the possible number of such matrices is $\vec{a} \times (\vec{a} \times (\vec{a} \times (\vec{a} \times \vec{b})))$ is equal to (1) 4(3) 6 (2) 1(4) 12Official Ans. by NTA (1) (2) $\frac{1}{2} |\vec{a}|^4 \vec{b}$ (3) $\vec{a} \times \vec{b}$ (4) $|\vec{a}|^4 \vec{b}$ $(1) \vec{0}$ **Sol.** $A = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ b & c \end{pmatrix}$, $a, b, c \in I$ Official Ans. by NTA (4) **Sol.** $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = 0$ $A^{2} = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ b & c \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ b & c \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a^{2} + b^{2} & b(a+c) \\ b(a+c) & b^{2} + c^{2} \end{pmatrix}$ $\vec{a} \times (\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) = (\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b})\vec{a} - (\vec{a} \cdot \vec{a})\vec{b} = -|\vec{a}|^2\vec{b}$ Now $\vec{a} \times \left(\vec{a} \times \left(- |\vec{a}|^2 \vec{b} \right) \right)$ Sum of the diagonal entries of $A^2 = a^2 + 2b^2 + c^2$ Given $a^2 + 2b^2 + c^2 = 1$, a, b, $c \in I$ $= -|\vec{a}|^2 (\vec{a} \times (\vec{a} \times \vec{b}))$ $b = 0 \& a^2 + c^2 = 1$ $= -|\vec{a}|^{2}(-|\vec{a}|^{2}\vec{b}) = |\vec{a}|^{4}\vec{b}$ **Case-1** : $a = 0 \Rightarrow c = \pm 1$ (2-matrices) (2-matrices) **Case-2** : $c = 0 \Rightarrow a = \pm 1$ 2. A fair coin is tossed a fixed number of times. If Total = 4 matrices the probability of getting 7 heads is equal to In a increasing geometric series, the sum of the 4. probability of getting 9 heads, then the probability of getting 2 heads is second and the sixth term is $\frac{25}{2}$ and the product (1) $\frac{15}{2^{13}}$ (2) $\frac{15}{2^{12}}$ (3) $\frac{15}{2^8}$ (4) $\frac{15}{2^{14}}$ of the third and fifth term is 25. Then, the sum of Official Ans. by NTA (1) 4th, 6th and 8th terms is equal to Sol. Let the coin be tossed n-times (4) 32 (1) 30(2) 26(3) 35Official Ans. by NTA (3) $P(H) = P(T) = \frac{1}{2}$ a, ar, ar², ... Sol. $T_2 + T_6 = \frac{25}{2} \Longrightarrow ar(1 + r^4) = \frac{25}{2}$ P(7 heads) = {}^{n}C_{7}\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{n-7}\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{7} = \frac{{}^{n}C_{7}}{2^{n}} P(9 heads) = ${}^{n}C_{9}\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{n-9}\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{9} = \frac{{}^{n}C_{9}}{2^{n}}$ $a^2r^2(1+r^4)^2 = \frac{625}{4}$ (1) P(7 heads) = P(9 heads) $T_3 \cdot T_5 = 25 \Longrightarrow (ar^2) (ar^4) = 25$ ${}^{n}C_{7} = {}^{n}C_{0} \Longrightarrow n = 16$ $a^2r^6 = 25$ (2) P(2 heads) = ${}^{16}C_2 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{14} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 = \frac{15 \times 8}{2^{16}}$ On dividing (1) by (2) $(1+r^4)^2$ _ 25 15



 $4r^8 - 17r^4 + 4 = 0$ $(4r^4 - 1)(r^4 - 4) = 0$ $r^4 = \frac{1}{4}, 4 \Longrightarrow r^4 = 4$ (an increasing geometric series) $a^2r^6 = 25 \implies (ar^3)^2 = 25$ $T_4 + T_6 + T_8 = ar^3 + ar^5 + ar^7$ $= ar^3 (1 + r^2 + r^4)$ = 5(1 + 2 + 4) = 35The value of $\sum_{n=1}^{100} \int_{-1}^{n} e^{x-[x]} dx$, where [x] is the 5. greatest integer < x, is (1) 100(e - 1)(2) 100(1 - e)(3) 100e (4) 100 (1 + e)Official Ans. by NTA (1) Sol. $\sum_{n=1}^{100} \int_{n-1}^{n} e^{\{x\}} dx$, period of $\{x\} = 1$ $\sum_{n=1}^{100} \int_{0}^{1} e^{\{x\}} dx = \sum_{n=1}^{100} \int_{0}^{1} e^{x} dx$ $\sum_{n=1}^{100} (e-1) = 100(e-1)$ 6. In the circle given below, let OA = 1 unit, OB = 13 unit and PQ $\perp OB$. Then, the area of the triangle PQB (in square units) is



Area
$$\Delta PQB = \frac{1}{2} \times 2\lambda \times AB$$

$$\Delta = \frac{1}{2} \cdot 4\sqrt{3} \times 12$$

$$= 24\sqrt{3}$$
7. The sum of the infinite series
 $1 + \frac{2}{3} + \frac{7}{3^2} + \frac{12}{3^3} + \frac{17}{3^4} + \frac{22}{3^5} + \dots$ is equal to
(1) $\frac{13}{4}$ (2) $\frac{9}{4}$ (3) $\frac{15}{4}$ (4) $\frac{11}{4}$
Official Ans. by NTA (1)
Sol. $S = 1 + \frac{2}{3} + \frac{7}{3^2} + \frac{12}{3^3} + \frac{17}{3^4} + \dots$
 $\frac{5}{3} = \frac{1}{3} + \frac{2}{3^2} + \frac{7}{3^3} + \frac{12}{3^4} + \dots$
 $\frac{25}{3} = 1 + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{5}{3^2} + \frac{5}{3^3} + \frac{5}{3^4} + \dots + up \text{ to infinite terms}$
 $\Rightarrow S = \frac{13}{4}$
8. The value of
 $\lim_{h \to 0} 2 \left\{ \frac{\sqrt{3} \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{6} + h\right) - \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{6} + h\right)}{\sqrt{3}h\left(\sqrt{3} \cosh - \sinh \right)} \right\}$ is
(1) $\frac{4}{3}$ (2) $\frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}$ (3) $\frac{3}{4}$ (4) $\frac{2}{3}$
Official Ans. by NTA (1)
 $\left(\sqrt{3}\left(\frac{1}{2}\cosh + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}\sinh\right) - \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\cosh - \frac{\sinh 1}{2}\right)\right)$

Sol.
$$L = \lim_{h \to 0} 2 \left(\frac{\sqrt{3} \left(\frac{2 \cosh + \frac{1}{2} \sinh \right) - \left(\frac{1}{2} \cosh - \frac{1}{2} \right)}{\left(\sqrt{3} h \right) \left(\sqrt{3} \right)} \right)$$

$$L = \lim_{h \to 0} \frac{4\sinh}{3h}$$

9. The maximum value of the term independent of 't' in the expansion of $\left(tx^{\frac{1}{5}} + \frac{(1-x)^{\frac{1}{10}}}{t} \right)^{10}$ where $x \in (0,1)$ is (1) $\frac{10!}{\sqrt{3}(5!)^2}$ (2) $\frac{2.10!}{3\sqrt{3}(5!)^2}$ (3) $\frac{2.10!}{3(5!)^2}$ (4) $\frac{10!}{3(5!)^2}$ Official Ans. by NTA (2)

Sol. Term independent of t will be the middle term due to exect same magnitude but opposite sign powers of t in the binomial expression given

so
$$T_6 = {}^{10}C_5 (tx^2 5)^5 \left(\frac{(1-x)^{\frac{1}{10}}}{t}\right)^5$$

$$T_6 = f(x) = {}^{10}C_5(x\sqrt{1-x})$$
; for maximum

$$f'(\mathbf{x}) = 0 \Rightarrow \mathbf{x} = \frac{2}{3} \& f''\left(\frac{2}{3}\right) < 0$$

so $f(\mathbf{x})_{\text{max.}} = {}^{10}\text{C}_5\left(\frac{2}{3}\right) \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$

10. The rate of growth of bacteria in a culture is proportional to the number of bacteris present and the bacteria count is 1000 at initial time t = 0. The number of bacteria is increased by 20% in 2 hours. If the population of bacteria is 2000 after

$$\frac{k}{\log_{e}\left(\frac{6}{5}\right)}$$
 hours, then $\left(\frac{k}{\log_{e} 2}\right)^{2}$ is equal to

(1) 4 (2) 8 (3) 2 (4) 16 Official Ans. by NTA (1)

Sol. $\frac{dB}{dt} = \lambda B \Rightarrow \int_{1000}^{1200} \frac{dB}{B} = \lambda \int_{0}^{2} dt \Rightarrow \lambda = \frac{1}{2} \ell n \left(\frac{6}{5}\right)$ $\int_{1000}^{2000} \frac{dB}{B} = \frac{1}{2} \ell n \left(\frac{6}{5}\right) \int_{0}^{T} dt \Rightarrow T = \frac{2\ell n2}{\ell n \left(\frac{6}{5}\right)}$

11. If (1,5,35), (7,5,5), $(1,\lambda,7)$ and $(2\lambda,1,2)$ are coplanar,

then the sum of all possible values of λ is

(1)
$$\frac{39}{5}$$
 (2) $-\frac{39}{5}$ (3) $\frac{44}{5}$ (4) $-\frac{44}{5}$

Official Ans. by NTA (3)

Sol. A(1, 5, 35), B(7, 5, 5), C(1, λ , 7), D(2 λ , 1, 2)

$$\overline{AB} = 6\hat{i} - 30\hat{k}$$
, $\overline{BC} = -6\hat{i}(\lambda - 5)\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$,

$$\overrightarrow{\text{CD}} = (2\lambda - 1)\hat{i} + (1 - \lambda)\hat{j} - 5\hat{k}$$

Points are coplanar

$$\Rightarrow 0 = \begin{vmatrix} 6 & 0 & -30 \\ -6 & \lambda - 5 & 2 \\ 2\lambda - 1 & 1 - \lambda & -5 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= 6(-5\lambda + 25 - 2 + 2\lambda)$$

-30(-6 + 6\lambda - (2\lambda^2 - \lambda - 10\lambda + 5))
= 6(-3\lambda + 23) - 30(-2\lambda^2 + 11\lambda - 5 - 6 + 6\lambda)
= 6(-3\lambda + 23) - 30(-2\lambda^2 + 17\lambda - 11)
= 6(-3\lambda + 23 + 10\lambda^2 - 85\lambda + 55)
= 6(10\lambda^2 - 88\lambda + 78) = 12(5\lambda^2 - 44\lambda + 39)
 $\Rightarrow 0 = 12(5\lambda^2 - 44\lambda + 39)$

$$\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 = \frac{44}{5}$$

12. If
$$\frac{\sin^{-1} x}{a} = \frac{\cos^{-1} x}{b} = \frac{\tan^{-1} y}{c}; 0 < x < 1$$
, then
the value of $\cos\left(\frac{\pi c}{a+b}\right)$ is
(1) $\frac{1-y^2}{y\sqrt{y}}$ (2) $1-y^2$
(3) $\frac{1-y^2}{1+y^2}$ (4) $\frac{1-y^2}{2y}$
Official Ans. by NTA (3)
Sol. $\frac{\sin^{-1} x}{r} = a, \frac{\cos^{-1} x}{r} = b, \frac{\tan^{-1} y}{r} = c$

So,
$$a + b = -\frac{\pi}{2}$$



$$\cos\left(\frac{\pi c}{a+b}\right) = \cos\left(\frac{\pi \tan^{-1} y}{\frac{\pi}{2r}}\right)$$

$$= \cos(2\tan^{-1}y), \text{ let } \tan^{-1}y = \theta$$

$$= \cos(2\theta)$$

$$= \frac{1-\tan^{2}\theta}{1+\tan^{2}\theta} = \frac{1-y^{2}}{1+y^{2}}$$
13. The number of seven digit integers with sum of the digits equal to 10 and formed by using the digits 1,2 and 3 only is
(1) 42 (2) 82 (3) 77 (4) 35
Official Ans. by NTA (3)
Sol. (I) First possibility is 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 2, 3
required number = $\frac{7!}{5!} = 7 \times 6 = 42$
(II) Second possibility is 1, 1, 1, 1, 2, 2, 2
required number = $\frac{7!}{4! 3!} = \frac{7 \times 6 \times 5}{6} = 35$
Total = $42 + 35 = 77$
14. Let *f* be any function defined on R and let it satisfy the condition:
$$|f(x) - f(y)| \le |(x - y)^{2}|, \forall (x,y) \in \mathbb{R}$$
If $f(0) = 1$, then :
(1) $f(x)$ can take any value in R
(2) $f(x) < 0, \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$
(3) $f(x) = 0, \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$
(4) $f(x) > 0, \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$
(5) $f(x) = 0, \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$
(6) $f(x) > 0, \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$
(7) $f(x) = 1 \text{ exp}$
NTA (4)
Sol. $\left|\frac{f(x) - f(y)}{(x - y)}\right| \le |(x - y)|$

$$x - y = h \text{ let } \Rightarrow x = y + h$$

$$\lim_{x \to 0} \left|\frac{f(y + h) - f(y)}{h}\right| \le 0$$

$$\Rightarrow |f'(y)| \le 0 \Rightarrow f'(y) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow f(y) = k (constant)$$
and $f(0) = 1$ given

15. The maximum slope of the curve $y = \frac{1}{2}x^4 - 5x^3 + 18x^2 - 19x$ occurs at the point (1)(2,2)(2)(0,0) $(4)\left(3,\frac{21}{2}\right)$ (3)(2,9)Official Ans. by NTA (1) **Sol.** $\frac{dy}{dx} = 2x^3 - 15x^2 + 36x - 19$ Since, slope is maximum so, $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = 6x^2 - 30x + 36 = 0$ $\Rightarrow x^2 - 5x + 6 = 0$ x = 2, 3 $\frac{d^3y}{dx^3} = 12x - 30$ $at \ x = 2, \ \frac{d^3y}{dx^3} < 0$ So, maxima at x = 2 $y = \frac{1}{2} \times 16 - 5 \times 8 + 18 \times 4 - 19 \times 2$ = 8 - 40 + 72 - 38 = 80 - 78 = 2point (2, 2)16. The intersection of three lines x - y = 0, x + 2y = 3 and 2x + y = 6 is a (1) Right angled triangle (2) Equilateral triangle (3) Isosceles triangle (4) None of the above Official Ans. by NTA (3) Sol. (2,2)B A(1.1 $L_1: x - y = 0$

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 $L_3: x + y = 6$ **Sol.** $R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - R_1$ and $R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - R_1$ on solving L_1 and L_2 : y = L and x = 1 $\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} (a+1)(a+2) & a+2 & 1 \\ (a+2)(a+3-a-1) & 1 & 0 \\ a^2 + 7a + 12 - a^2 - 3a - 2 & 2 & 0 \end{vmatrix}$ L_1 and L_3 : x = 2y = 2 L_2 and L_3 : $a^{2}+3a+2$ a+2 1 $= \begin{vmatrix} a + 3a + 2 & a + 2 & 1 \\ 2(a+2) & 1 & 0 \\ 4a+10 & 2 & 0 \end{vmatrix}$ x + y = 32x + y = 6x = 3 y = 0= 4(a + 2) - 4a - 10 $AC = \sqrt{4+1} = \sqrt{5}$ = 4a + 8 - 4a - 10 = -2 $BC = \sqrt{4+1} = \sqrt{5}$ **19.** The value of $\int_{-\infty}^{\pi/2} \frac{\cos^2 x}{1+3^x} dx$ is $AB = \sqrt{1+1} = \sqrt{2}$ so its an isosceles triangle (1) $\frac{\pi}{4}$ (2) 4π (3) $\frac{\pi}{2}$ (4) 2π 17. Consider the three planes $P_1: 3x + 15y + 21z = 9$, Official Ans. by NTA (1) $P_2: x - 3y - z = 5$, and Sol. I = $\int_{-\pi/2}^{\pi/2} \frac{\cos^2 x}{1+3^x} dx$ (using king) $P_3: 2x + 10y + 14z = 5$ Then, which one of the following is true ? (1) P_1 and P_2 are parallel $I = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi/2} \frac{\cos^2 x}{1 + 3^{-x}} dx = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi/2} \frac{3^x \cos^2 x}{1 + 3^x} dx$ (2) P_1 and P_3 are parallel (3) P_2 and P_3 are parallel (4) P_1, P_2 and P_3 all are parallel Official Ans. by NTA (2) $2I = \int_{-\pi/2}^{\pi/2} \frac{(1+3^{x})\cos^{2} x}{1+3^{x}} dx$ **Sol.** $P_1: x + 5y + 7z = 3$, $P_2: x - 3y - z = 5$ $= \int_{-\pi/2}^{\pi/2} \cos^2 x \, dx = 2 \int_{-\pi/2}^{\pi/2} \cos^2 x \, dx$ $P_3: x + 5y + 7z = \frac{5}{2}$ so P_1 and P_3 are parallel. \Rightarrow I = $\int_{-\pi/2}^{\pi/2} \cos^2 x \, dx = \frac{\pi}{4}$ The value of $\begin{vmatrix} (a+1)(a+2) & a+2 & 1 \\ (a+2)(a+3) & a+3 & 1 \\ (a+3)(a+4) & a+4 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$ is 20. Let $R = \{(P,Q) \mid P \text{ and } Q \text{ are at the same distance} \}$ 18. from the origin } be a relation, then the equivalence class of (1,-1) is the set : (1) $S = \{(x,y) \mid x^2 + y^2 = 4\}$ (1) (a + 2) (a + 3) (a + 4)(2) $S = \{(x,y) \mid x^2 + y^2 = 1\}$ (2) - 2(3) S = {(x,y) | $x^2 + y^2 = \sqrt{2}$ } (3) (a + 1) (a + 2) (a + 3)(4) 0(4) $S = \{(x,y) \mid x^2 + y^2 = 2\}$

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Sol. Equivalence class of (1, -1) is a circle with centre 3. at (0,0) and radius = $\sqrt{2}$ $\Rightarrow x^2 + y^2 = 2$ $S = \{(x,y) | x^2 + y^2 = 2\}$ **SECTION-B** 1. The difference between degree and order of a differential equation that represents the family of curves given by $y^2 = a\left(x + \frac{\sqrt{a}}{2}\right), a > 0$ is Official Ans. by NTA (2) **Sol.** $y^2 = a\left(x + \frac{\sqrt{a}}{2}\right) = ax + \frac{a^{3/2}}{2}$...(1) $\Rightarrow 2yy' = a$ put in equation (1) $y^{2} = (2yy')x + \frac{(2yy')^{3/2}}{2}$ $(y^2 - 2xyy') = \frac{(2yy')^{3/2}}{2}$ squaring $(y^2 - 2xyy')^2 = \frac{y^3(y')^3}{2}$ \therefore order = 1 degree = 3Degree – order = 3 - 1 = 22. The number of integral values of 'k' for which the equation $3\sin x + 4\cos x = k + 1$ has a solution, k $\in R$ is Official Ans. by NTA (11) **Sol.** $3 \sin x + 4 \cos x = k + 1$ \Rightarrow k+1 $\in \left[-\sqrt{3^2+4^2}, \sqrt{3^2+4^2}\right]$ \Rightarrow k+1 \in [-5,5] \Rightarrow k \in [-6,4]

3. The number of solutions of the equation $log_4(x - 1) = log_2(x - 3) \text{ is}$ Official Ans. by NTA (1) Sol. $log_4(x - 1) = log_2(x - 3)$ $\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} log_2 (x - 1) = log_2 (x - 3)$ $\Rightarrow log_2 (x - 1)^{1/2} = log_2 (x - 3)$ $\Rightarrow (x - 1)^{1/2} = x - 3$ $\Rightarrow x - 1 = x^2 + 9 - 6x$ $\Rightarrow x^2 - 7x + 10 = 0$ $\Rightarrow (x - 2) (x - 5) = 0$ $\Rightarrow x = 2,5$

> But $x \neq 2$ because it is not satisfying the domain of given equation i.e $\log_2(x - 3) \rightarrow$ its domain x > 3

finally x is 5

 \therefore No. of solutions = 1.

4. The sum of 162^{th} power of the roots of the equation $x^3 - 2x^2 + 2x - 1 = 0$ is

Official Ans. by NTA (3)

Sol.
$$x^3 - 2x^2 + 2x - 1 = 0$$

x = 1 satisfying the equation

$$\therefore$$
 x– 1 is factor of

$$x^3 - 2x^2 + 2x - 1$$

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

$$x = 1, \frac{1 + i\sqrt{3}}{2}, \frac{1 - i\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

$$x = 1, -\omega^{2}, -\omega$$

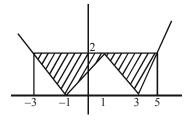
sum of 162th power of roots
= (1)¹⁶² + (-\omega²)¹⁶² + (-\omega)¹⁶²
= 1 + (\omega)³²⁴ + (\omega)¹⁶²



5. Let m,n
$$\in \mathbb{N}$$
 and $\gcd(2,n) = 1$. If
 $30\binom{30}{0} + 29\binom{30}{1} + \dots + 2\binom{30}{28} + 1\binom{30}{29} = n.2^n$,
then $n + m$ is equal to
 $(Here \binom{n}{k} = {}^{n}C_k$)
Official Ans. by NTA (45)
Sol. $30({}^{N}C_n) + 29({}^{N}C_2y) + \dots + 2({}^{N}C_2y) + 1({}^{N}C_2y) = 30({}^{N}C_n) + 29({}^{N}C_2y) + \dots + 2({}^{N}C_2y) + 1({}^{N}C_1) = \frac{\pi}{1} = \pi r\binom{\pi}{6} + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}y(\frac{\pi}{3}) + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}y(\frac{\pi}{4}) = 1$
7. Let $(\lambda, 2, 1)$ be a point on the plane which passes
through the point $(4, -2, 2)$. If the plane is
perpendicular to the line joining the points
 $(-2, -21, 29)$ and $(-1, -16, 23)$, then
 $(\frac{\lambda}{11})^2 - \frac{4\lambda}{11} - 4$ is equal to
 $(\frac{\lambda}{11})^2 - \frac{4\lambda}{11} - 4$ is $(\frac{\lambda}{11})^2 - \frac{4\lambda}{11} + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1$

8. The area bounded by the lines y = ||x - 1| - 2| is Official Ans. by NTA (8) Ans. By (BONUS)

Sol. Remark : Question is incomplete it should be area bounded by y = |x - 1| - 2| and y = 2



Area =
$$2\left(\frac{1}{2}.4.2\right)$$

9. The value of the integral
$$\int_{0}^{\pi} |\sin 2x| dx$$
 is

Official Ans. by NTA (2)

Sol. Put $2x = t \Rightarrow 2dx = dt$

$$\Rightarrow I = \frac{1}{2} \int_{0}^{2\pi} |\sin t| dt$$

 $=\int_{0}^{\pi} |\sin t| dt$

= 2

10. If $\sqrt{3}(\cos^2 x) = (\sqrt{3} - 1)\cos x + 1$, the

number of solutions of the given equation when

$$x \in \left[0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right]$$
 is

Official Ans. by NTA (1)

Sol.
$$\sqrt{3} (\cos x)^2 - \sqrt{3} \cos x + \cos x - 1 = 0$$

 $\Rightarrow (\sqrt{3} \cos x + 1)(\cos x - 1) = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \cos x = 1$$
 or $\cos x = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$ (reject)

 $\Rightarrow x = 0$ only