

Let  $A = [a_{ij}]_{3 \times 3}$  be such that  $a_{ij} = \begin{cases} 3; & \text{when } \hat{i} = \hat{j} \\ 0; & \hat{i} \neq \hat{j} \end{cases}$ , then  $\left\{ \frac{\det(\text{adj}(\text{adj} A))}{5} \right\}$  equals :

(where  $\{ \cdot \}$  denotes fractional part function)

- (a)  $\frac{2}{5}$                       (b)  $\frac{1}{5}$                       (c)  $\frac{2}{3}$                       (d)  $\frac{1}{3}$

A square matrix  $P$  satisfies  $P^2 = I - P$ , where  $I$  is identity matrix. If  $P^n = 5I - 8P$ , then  $n$  is :

- (a) 4                      (b) 5                      (c) 6                      (d) 7

Let matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} x & y & -z \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$  where  $x, y, z \in N$ . If  $\det(\text{adj}(\text{adj} A)) = 2^8 \cdot 3^4$  then the number

of such matrices  $A$  is :

[Note :  $\text{adj} A$  denotes adjoint of square matrix  $A$ .]

- (a) 220                      (b) 45                      (c) 55                      (d) 110

If  $A$  is matrix of order 3 such that  $|A| = 5$  and  $B = \text{adj} A$ , then the value of  $||A^{-1}(AB)^T||$  is equal to (where  $|A|$  denotes determinant of matrix  $A$ ,  $A^T$  denotes transpose of matrix  $A$ ,  $A^{-1}$  denotes inverse of matrix  $A$ ,  $\text{adj} A$  denotes adjoint of matrix  $A$ )

- (a) 5                      (b) 1                      (c) 25                      (d)  $\frac{1}{25}$

Let  $M$  be a  $3 \times 3$  matrix satisfying  $M^3 = 0$ . Then which of the following statement(s) are true:

- (a)  $\left| \frac{1}{2}M^2 + M + I \right| \neq 0$                       (b)  $\left| \frac{1}{2}M^2 - M + I \right| = 0$   
 (c)  $\left| \frac{1}{2}M^2 + M + I \right| = 0$                       (d)  $\left| \frac{1}{2}M^2 - M + I \right| \neq 0$

Consider a square matrix  $A$  of order 2 which has its elements as 0, 1, 2 and 4. Let  $N$  denotes the number of such matrices.

Column-I		Column-II	
(A)	Possible non-negative value of $\det(A)$ is	(P)	2
(B)	Sum of values of determinants corresponding to $N$ matrices is	(Q)	4
(C)	If absolute value of $(\det(A))$ is least, then possible value of $ \text{adj}(\text{adj}(\text{adj} A)) $	(R)	-2
(D)	If $\det(A)$ is least, then possible value of $\det(4A^{-1})$ is	(S)	0
		(T)	8

Column-I		Column-II	
(A)	If $A$ is an idempotent matrix and $I$ is an identity matrix of the same order, then the value of $n$ , such that $(A + I)^n = I + 127A$ is	(P)	9
(B)	If $(I - A)^{-1} = I + A + A^2 + \dots + A^7$ , then $A^n = O$ where $n$ is	(Q)	10
(C)	If $A$ is matrix such that $a_{ij} = (i + j)(i - j)$ , then $A$ is singular if order of matrix is	(R)	7
(D)	If a non-singular matrix $A$ is symmetric, such that $A^{-1}$ is also symmetric, then order of $A$ can be	(S)	8

$A$  and  $B$  are two square matrices. Such that  $A^2B = BA$  and if  $(AB)^{10} = A^k \cdot B^{10}$ . Find the value of  $k - 1020$ .

Let  $A_n$  and  $B_n$  be square matrices of order 3, which are defined as :

$A_n = [a_{ij}]$  and  $B_n = [b_{ij}]$  where  $a_{ij} = \frac{2i + j}{3^{2n}}$  and  $b_{ij} = \frac{3i - j}{2^{2n}}$  for all  $i$  and  $j$ ,  $1 \leq i, j \leq 3$ .

If  $l = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \text{Tr.} (3A_1 + 3^2A_2 + 3^3A_3 + \dots + 3^nA_n)$  and

$m = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \text{Tr.} (2B_1 + 2^2B_2 + 2^3B_3 + \dots + 2^nB_n)$ , then find the value of  $\frac{(l + m)}{3}$

Let  $A$  be a  $2 \times 3$  matrix whereas  $B$  be a  $3 \times 2$  matrix. If  $\det. (AB) = 4$ , then the value of  $\det. (BA)$ , is :

Find the maximum value of the determinant of an arbitrary  $3 \times 3$  matrix  $A$ , each of whose entries  $a_{ij} \in \{-1, 1\}$ .

The set of natural numbers is divided into array of rows and columns in the form of matrices as

$A_1 = [1], A_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 \end{bmatrix}, A_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 7 & 8 \\ 9 & 10 & 11 \\ 12 & 13 & 14 \end{bmatrix}$  and so on. Let the trace of  $A_{10}$  be  $\lambda$ . Find unit digit of  $\lambda$ ?

If  $AB = A$  and  $BA = B$ , then both of  $A$  and  $B$  are idempotent.

If  $A$  is idempotent, then  $B = I - A$  is idempotent and  $AB = BA = O$ .

Prove that if  $A$  and  $B$  are two matrices such that  $AB = A$  and  $BA = B$ , then  $A^T$ ,  $B^T$  are idempotent.

Use Cayley-Hamilton Theorem to express  $2A^5 - 3A^4 + A^2 - 4I$  as a linear polynomial

$A$ , when  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$

If  $(I - A)(I + A)^{-1}$  is orthogonal, prove that  $A$  is skew-symmetric.

$$\text{If } \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & a \\ 0 & 1 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}^n = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 18 & 2007 \\ 0 & 1 & 36 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

then find the value of  $(n + a)$ .



Let  $A$  and  $B$  be two matrices different from  $I$  such that  $AB = BA$  and  $A^n - B^n$  is invertible for some positive integer  $n$ . If  $A^n - B^n = A^{n+1} - B^{n+1} = A^{n+2} - B^{n+2}$ , then

- (a)  $I - A$  is singular
- (b)  $I - B$  is singular
- (c)  $A + B = AB + I$
- (d)  $(I - A)(I - B)$  is non-singular

*Ans.* (a), (b), (c)

If  $A$  is matrix of size  $n \times n$  such that  $A^2 + A + 2I = O$ , then

- (a)  $A$  is non-singular
- (b)  $A \neq O$
- (c)  $|A| \neq 0$
- (d)  $A^{-1} = -\frac{1}{2}(A + I)$ .

*Ans.* (a), (b), (c), (d)



Let  $A$  be a square matrix of order  $n \times n$ . A constant  $\lambda$  is said to be characteristic root of  $A$  if there exists a  $n \times 1$  matrix  $X$  such that

$$AX = \lambda X$$

**Example 1** If  $\lambda$  is a characteristic root of  $A$ , then

- (a)  $A - \lambda I = O$                       (b)  $A - \lambda I$  is singular  
 (c)  $A - \lambda I$  is non-singular      (d) none of these

**Example 2** If a constant  $\lambda$  is such that  $A - \lambda I$  is non-singular, then

- (a)  $\lambda = 0$                                   (b)  $\lambda \neq 0$   
 (c)  $\lambda$  is not a characteristic root of  $A$   
 (d) none of these

**Example 3** If 0 is a characteristic root of  $A$ , then

- (a)  $A$  is non-singular                  (b)  $A$  is singular  
 (c)  $A = O$                                   (d)  $A = I_n$

**Example 4** If  $\lambda$  is a characteristic root of  $A$  and  $n \in \mathbf{N}$ , then  $\lambda^n$  is a characteristic root of

- (a)  $A^n$     (b)  $A^{n-1}$   
 (c)  $A^{-n}$                                       (d)  $A - A^n + A^{-n}$

**Example 5** Let  $P$  be a non-singular matrix, then which of the following matrices have the same characteristic roots.

- (a)  $A$  and  $AP$                               (b)  $A$  and  $PA$   
 (c)  $A$  and  $P^{-1}AP$                       (d) none of these

**Ans.** 51. (b), 52. (c), 53. (b), 54. (a), 55. (c)

Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be the set of all  $3 \times 3$  symmetric matrices all whose entries are either 0 or 1. Five of these entries are 1 and four of them are 0.

**Example 56** The number of matrices in  $\mathcal{A}$  is

- (a) 12 (b) 6  
(c) 9 (d) 3

**Example 57** The number of elements in  $\mathcal{A}$  for which the system of linear equations

$$A \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

has a unique solution, is

- (a) less than 4  
(b) at least 4 but less than 7  
(c) at least 7 but less than 10  
(d) at least 10.

**Example 58** The number of matrices  $A$  in  $\mathcal{A}$  for which the system of linear equations

$$A \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

is inconsistent is

- (a) 0 (b) more than 2  
(c) 2 (d) 1

**Example 59** The number of matrices  $A$  in  $\mathcal{A}$  such that  $|A| = 0$ , is

- (a) 4 (b) 6  
(c) 8 (d) none of these

*Ans.* 56 (a) 57. (b) 58. (b) 59. 6

**Example 66** If  $A$  and  $B$  are two distinct matrices such that  $A^3 = B^3$  and  $A^2B = B^2A$ , find  $\det(A^3 + B^3)$ .

*Ans.* 0

**Example 67** Suppose a matrix  $A$  satisfies  $A^2 - 5A + 7I = O$ . If  $A^8 = aA + bI$ , find  $a$ .

*Ans.* 1265



**Example 68** Suppose  $A$  and  $B$  are two non singular matrices such that  $B \neq I$ ,  $A^6 = I$  and  $AB^2 = BA$ . Find the least value of  $k$  for  $B^k = I$ .

*Ans.* 127

**Example 70** Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -\tan \alpha \\ \tan \alpha & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  
 $B(\alpha) = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \alpha & -\sin \alpha \\ \sin \alpha & \cos \alpha \end{bmatrix}$

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|---------------------------|---------------------|
| (a) $(I + A)(I - A)^{-1}$ | (p) $A - B(\alpha)$ |
| (b) $(I - A)(I + A)^{-1}$ | (q) $B(2\alpha)$    |
| (c) $B(\alpha)^2$         | (r) $B(-2\alpha)$   |
| (d) $B(\alpha)^{-2}$      | (s) $AB(-\alpha)$   |

**Example 71** Let  $A$  and  $B$  be two non-singular matrices such that  $(AB)^k = A^k B^k$  for three consecutive positive integral values of  $k$ .

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|------------------|-----------|
| (a) $ABA^{-1}$   | (p) $A^2$ |
| (b) $BAB^{-1}$   | (q) $B$   |
| (c) $AB^2A^{-1}$ | (r) $A$   |
| (d) $BA^2B^{-1}$ | (s) $B^2$ |

**Example 73** Let  $A$  be a  $2 \times 2$  matrix with real entries. Let  $I$  be the  $2 \times 2$  identity matrix. Denote by  $tr(A)$ , the sum of diagonal entries of  $A$ . Assume that  $A^2 = I$ .

**Statement-1:** If  $A \neq I$  and  $A \neq -I$ , then  $\det(A) = -1$ .

**Statement-2:** If  $A \neq I$  and  $A \neq -I$ , then  $tr(A) \neq 0$ .

*Ans.* (c)

**Example 75** Suppose  $X = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$  satisfies the equation  $X^2 - 4X + 3I = O$ .

**Statement-1:** If  $a + d \neq 4$ , then there are just two such matrix  $X$ .

**Statement-2:** There are infinite number of matrices  $X$ , satisfying  $X^2 - 4X + 3I = O$ .

**Ans. (b)**

69. Let  $p, q, r$  be the roots of  $x^3 + x^2 + k \neq 0$ , with  $k \neq 0$ . Denote the matrix on the left side by  $A$ .

(a)  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & (p-q)^3 & (p-r)^3 \\ (q-p)^3 & 0 & (q-r)^3 \\ (r-p)^3 & (r-q)^3 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  (p)  $A$  is singular

(b)  $\begin{bmatrix} p & q & r \\ q & r & p \\ r & p & q \end{bmatrix}$  (q)  $A$  is non-singular

(c)  $\begin{bmatrix} p & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & q & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & r \end{bmatrix}$  (r)  $|A| = 0$

(d)  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & p \\ 0 & q & 0 \\ r & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  (s)  $|A|^2 = k^2$

A square matrix  $A$  is said to be orthogonal if  $A'A = AA' = I_n$

54. If  $A$  and  $B$  are orthogonal matrices, of the same size, then which one of the following is an orthogonal matrix

(a)  $AB$

(b)  $A + B$

(c)  $A + iB$

(d)  $i(A + B)$

55. If  $k \in \mathbf{C}$  and both  $A = (a_{ij})_{n \times n}$  and  $kA$  are orthogonal matrices, then

(a)  $k$  is  $n$ th root of unity

(b)  $k$  is imaginary

(c)  $k$  must be a positive real number

(d) none of these

56. If  $A$  is real skew-symmetric matrix is such that  $A^2 + I = 0$ , then

(a)  $A$  is orthogonal matrix

(b)  $A$  is orthogonal matrix of odd order

(c)  $A$  is orthogonal matrix of even order

(d) none of these

57. If both  $A - \frac{1}{2}I$  and  $A + \frac{1}{2}I$  are orthogonal matrices, then

(a)  $A$  is skew-symmetric matrix of even order

(b)  $A$  is orthogonal

(c)  $A^2 = \frac{3}{4}I$

(d) none of these

6. Let  $A$  be a square matrix such that  $A^2 = I$ , then at least one of  $I - A$  and  $I + A$  is

(a) singular

(b) symmetric

(c) skew symmetric

(d) none-singular

7. Let  $A$  be a square matrix such that  $A^2 = A$  and  $|A| \neq 0$ , then  
 (a)  $A = A'$  (b)  $A = -A'$   
 (c)  $A' = -I$  (d)  $A = -I$
8. Let  $A$  be as in problem 7 and  $B = 2A - I$  where  $I$  is the identity matrix, then  
 (a)  $B^2 = 2B$  (b)  $B^2 = I$   
 (c)  $B^2 = O$  (d)  $B^2 + B = O$
9. Suppose  $A$  and  $B$  are two nonsingular matrices such that  $AB = BA^2$  and  $B^5 = I$ , then  
 (a)  $A^{32} = I$  (b)  $A^{31} = I$   
 (c)  $A^{30} = I$  (d)  $A^{50} = I$
10. Suppose  $A$  is a skew symmetric matrix,  $\lambda$  is a scalar and  $X \neq O$  is a column matrix such that  $AX = \lambda X$ , then  
 (a)  $\lambda \neq 0$  (b)  $\lambda$  is purely real  
 (c)  $\lambda$  is purely imaginary (d) none of these
11. Suppose  $A$  and  $B$  two matrices. Let  $C, D, E$  be the matrices obtained by interchanging  $i$ th and  $j$ th rows of  $A, B$  and  $AB$  respectively then  
 (a)  $E = CD$  (b)  $E = CB$   
 (c)  $E = AD$  (d) none of these
12. Suppose  $A$  and  $B$  are two matrices. Let  $C, D$  and  $E$  be the matrices obtained by interchange  $i$ th and  $j$ th columns of  $A, B$  and  $AB$  respectively, then  
 (a)  $E = CD$  (b)  $E = CB$   
 (c)  $E = AD$  (d) none of these

Let  $A$  be a symmetric matrix such that  $A^5 = O$  and  $B = I + A + A^2 + A^4$ , then  $B$  is

- (a) symmetric (b) singular  
 (c) non-singular (d) skew symmetric

Let  $A = (a_{ij})_{n \times n}$  be a matrix such that  $a_{ij} \in \mathbb{C}$ . Define trace of  $A$ , denoted by  $\text{tr}(A)$  as follows:

$$\text{tr}(A) = \sum_{i=1}^n a_{ii}$$

Let  $A$ ,  $B$  and  $C$  be three  $n \times n$  matrices such that  $C'C = I_n$  and  $\lambda, \mu \in \mathbb{C}$ .

26.  $\text{tr}(\lambda A + \mu B)$  equals  
(a)  $\lambda \text{tr}(A) + \mu \text{tr}(B)$       (b)  $(\lambda + \mu) \text{tr}(A + B)$   
(c)  $\lambda\mu \text{tr}(A + B)$       (d)  $(\lambda + \mu) \text{tr}(AB)$
27.  $\text{tr}(AB)$  equals  
(a)  $\text{tr}(A) \text{tr}(B)$       (b)  $\text{tr}(BA)$   
(c)  $\text{tr}(A) + \text{tr}(B)$       (d) none of these
28.  $\text{tr}(AA')$  is  
(a) positive      (b) negative  
(c) non-negative      (d) non-positive
29.  $\text{tr}(C'A C)$  equals  
(a)  $\text{tr}(A)$       (b)  $\text{tr}(CA)$   
(c)  $\text{tr}(AC')$       (d)  $\text{tr}(C)$
30.  $\text{tr}(ABC)$  equals  
(a)  $\text{tr}(CBA)$       (b)  $\text{tr}(BAC)$   
(c)  $\text{tr}(ACB)$       (d)  $\text{tr}(ABC)$
31. If matrix  $A$  is such that  $A^2 = A$  and  $(I + A)^3 = I + kA$ , find  $k$ .

32. If  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -2 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $I = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  and

$$A^{-1} = \frac{1}{6} (A^2 + \alpha A + \beta I), \text{ find } \beta.$$

36. Let  $A$  be a non-singular matrix and  $X \neq O, Y \neq O$  be two column matrices such that

$$AX = (1/100)X \text{ and } A^{-1}Y = \lambda Y,$$

find one of the possible values of  $\lambda$ .

Let  $A = (a_{ij})_{3 \times 3}$  be such that  $\det(A) = 5$ , find  $\det(A \operatorname{adj}(A))$ .

6. If  $P = \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{3}/2 & 1/2 \\ -1/2 & \sqrt{3}/2 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $Q = PAP'$  and  $X = P' Q^{2005} P$  then  $X$  equals

(a)  $\frac{1}{4} \begin{bmatrix} 2 + \sqrt{3} & 1 \\ -1 & -2 - \sqrt{3} \end{bmatrix}$

(b)  $\frac{1}{4} \begin{bmatrix} 2005 & 2 - \sqrt{3} \\ 2 + \sqrt{3} & 2005 \end{bmatrix}$

(c)  $\begin{bmatrix} 4 + 2005\sqrt{3} & 6015 \\ 2005 & 4 - 2005\sqrt{3} \end{bmatrix}$

(d)  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2005 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

Let  $a, b$  and  $c$  be three distinct real numbers and  $f(x)$  be a quadratic polynomial satisfying the equation

$$\begin{bmatrix} 4a^2 & 4a & 1 \\ 4b^2 & 4b & 1 \\ 4c^2 & 4c & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} f(-1) \\ f(1) \\ f(2) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3a^2 + 3a \\ 3b^2 + 3b \\ 3c^2 + 3c \end{bmatrix}$$

Let  $V$  be the point of local maxima of  $y = f(x)$  and  $A$  be the point where  $y = f(x)$  meets the  $x$ -axis and  $B$  be a point on  $y = f(x)$  such that  $AB$  subtends a right angle at  $V$ . Find the area of the region lying between the curve and chord  $AB$ .

Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $X_1, X_2, X_3$  be three column

matrices such that

$$AX_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, AX_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } AX_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and let } X \text{ be}$$

a  $3 \times 3$  matrix whose columns are  $X_1, X_2, X_3$ .

8. Value of  $\det(X)$  is

- (a)  $-2$  (b)  $-1$   
(c)  $3$  (d)  $0$

9. Sum of the elements of  $X^{-1}$  is

- (a)  $-1$  (b)  $0$   
(c)  $4$  (d)  $3/4$

10. If  $[a] = [3 \ 2 \ 0] X \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ , then  $a$  equals

- (a) 5 (b) 4  
(c)  $3/2$  (d)  $5/2$

Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be the set of all  $3 \times 3$  symmetric matrices all of whose entries are either 0 or 1. Five of these entries are 1 and four of them are 0.

11. The number of matrices in  $\mathcal{A}$  is  
(a) 12 (b) 6  
(c) 9 (d) 3
12. The number of matrices  $A$  in  $\mathcal{A}$  for which the system of linear equations

$$A \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

has a unique solution, is

- (a) less than 4  
(b) at least 4 but less than 7  
(c) at least 7 but less than 10  
(d) at least 10
13. The number of matrices  $A$  in  $\mathcal{A}$  for which the system of linear equations

$$A \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

is inconsistent, is

- (a) 0 (b) more than 2  
(c) 2 (d) 1



The number of  $3 \times 3$  matrices  $A$  whose entries are either 0 or

1 and for which the system  $A \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$  has exactly two distinct solutions, is

- (a) 0      (b)  $2^9 - 1$       (c) 168      (d) 2

19. Let  $P = [a_{ij}]$  be a  $3 \times 3$  matrix and let  $Q = [b_{ij}]$ , where  $b_{ij} = 2^{i+j} a_{ij}$  for  $1 \leq i, j \leq 3$ . If the determinant of  $P$  is 2, then the determinant of the matrix  $Q$  is

- (a)  $2^{10}$       (b)  $2^{11}$       (c)  $2^{12}$       (d)  $2^{13}$

20. If  $P$  is a  $3 \times 3$  matrix such that  $P^T = 2P + I$ , where  $P^T$  is the transpose of  $P$  and  $I$  is the  $3 \times 3$  identity matrix, then there

exists a column matrix  $X = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} \neq \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$  such that

- (a)  $PX = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$       (b)  $PX = X$   
 (c)  $PX = 2X$       (d)  $PX = -X$

21. Let  $P = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 4 & 1 & 0 \\ 16 & 4 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $I$  be the identity matrix of order 3.

If  $Q = [q_{ij}]$  is a matrix such that  $P^{50} - Q = I$ , then  $\frac{q_{31} + q_{32}}{q_{21}}$  equals

- (a) 52      (b) 103  
 (c) 201      (d) 205

5. For  $3 \times 3$  matrices  $M$  and  $N$ , which of the following statement(s) is (are) **NOT** correct?
- $N^T M N$  is symmetric or skew symmetric, according as  $M$  is symmetric or skew symmetric
  - $MN - NM$  is skew symmetric for all symmetric matrices  $M$  and  $N$
  - $MN$  is symmetric for all symmetric matrices  $M$  and  $N$
  - $(\text{adj } M)(\text{adj } N) - \text{adj } (MN)$  for all invertible matrices  $M$  and  $N$

Let  $\omega$  be a complex cube root of unity with  $\omega \neq 1$  and  $P = [p_{ij}]$  be a  $n \times n$  matrix with  $p_{ij} = \omega^{i+j}$ . Then  $p^2 \neq 0$ , when  $n =$

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- (a) 57      (b) 55      (c) 58      (d) 56
7. Let  $M$  be a  $2 \times 2$  symmetric matrix with integer entries. Then  $M$  is invertible if (JEE Adv. 2014)
- The first column of  $M$  is the transpose of the second row of  $M$
  - The second row of  $M$  is the transpose of the first column of  $M$
  - $M$  is a diagonal matrix with non-zero entries in the main diagonal
  - The product of entries in the main diagonal of  $M$  is not the square of an integer

Let  $M$  and  $N$  be two  $3 \times 3$  matrices such that  $MN = NM$ . Further, if  $M \neq N^2$  and  $M^2 = N^4$ , then (JEE Adv. 2014)

- determinant of  $(M^2 + MN^2)$  is 0
- there is  $3 \times 3$  non-zero matrix  $U$  such that  $(M^2 + MN^2)U$  is the zero matrix
- determinant of  $(M^2 + MN^2) \geq 1$
- for a  $3 \times 3$  matrix  $U$ , if  $(M^2 + MN^2)U$  equals the zero matrix then  $U$  is the zero matrix

10. Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be two arbitrary,  $3 \times 3$ , non-zero, skew-symmetric matrices and  $Z$  be an arbitrary  $3 \times 3$ , non zero, symmetric matrix. Then which of the following matrices is (are) skew symmetric? (JEE Adv. 2015)

- $Y^3 Z^4 - Z^4 Y^3$
- $X^{44} + Y^{44}$
- $X^4 Z^3 - Z^3 X^4$
- $X^{23} + Y^{23}$

11. Let  $P = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 & -2 \\ 2 & 0 & \alpha \\ 3 & -5 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ , where  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ . Suppose  $Q = [q_{ij}]$  is a matrix such that  $PQ = kI$ , where  $k \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $k \neq 0$  and  $I$  is the identity matrix of order 3. If  $q_{23} = -\frac{k}{8}$  and  $\det(Q) = \frac{k^2}{2}$ , then **(JEE Adv. 2016)**

- (a)  $a = 0, k = 8$                       (b)  $4a - k + 8 = 0$   
 (c)  $\det(P \operatorname{adj}(Q)) = 2^9$             (d)  $\det(Q \operatorname{adj}(P)) = 2^{13}$

2. Let  $k$  be a positive real number and let

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2k-1 & 2\sqrt{k} & 2\sqrt{k} \\ 2\sqrt{k} & 1 & -2k \\ -2\sqrt{k} & 2k & -1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2k-1 & \sqrt{k} \\ 1-2k & 0 & 2\sqrt{k} \\ -\sqrt{k} & -2\sqrt{k} & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

If  $\det(\operatorname{adj} A) + \det(\operatorname{adj} B) = 10^6$ , then  $[k]$  is equal to

[Note :  $\operatorname{adj} M$  denotes the adjoint of square matrix  $M$  and  $[k]$  denotes the largest integer less than or equal  $k$ . **(2010)**

3. Let  $M$  be a  $3 \times 3$  matrix satisfying

$$M \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, \quad M \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \cdot \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \text{and } M \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 12 \end{bmatrix}. \text{ Then the}$$

sum of the diagonal entries of  $M$  is **(2011)**

I have the following  $n \times n$  matrix:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b & \dots & b \\ b & a & \dots & b \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ b & b & \dots & a \end{bmatrix}$$

where  $0 < b < a$ .

I am interested in the expression for the determinant  $\det[A]$  in terms of  $a$ ,  $b$  and  $n$ .

**Proof of this result related to Fibonacci numbers:**

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}^n = \begin{pmatrix} F_{n+1} & F_n \\ F_n & F_{n-1} \end{pmatrix} ?$$

**Prove that  $A + I$  is invertible if  $A$  is nilpotent**

**$I_m - AB$  is invertible if and only if  $I_n - BA$  is invertible.**

**If  $A$  and  $AB - BA$  commute, show that  $AB - BA$  is nilpotent**

**If  $A = AB - BA$ , is  $A$  nilpotent?**

**If  $A + B = AB$  then  $AB = BA$**

**$AB - BA = I$  having no solutions**

54. For  $3 \times 3$  matrices  $M$  and  $N$ , which of the following statement(s) is (are) NOT correct ?  
 (A)  $N^T M N$  is symmetric or skew symmetric, according as  $M$  is symmetric or skew symmetric  
 (B)  $MN - NM$  is skew symmetric for all symmetric matrices  $M$  and  $N$   
 (C)  $MN$  is symmetric for all symmetric matrices  $M$  and  $N$   
 (D)  $(\text{adj } M)(\text{adj } N) = \text{adj}(MN)$  for all invertible matrices  $M$  and  $N$

**Sol. (C, D)**

56. Consider the set of eight vectors  $V = \{a\hat{i} + b\hat{j} + c\hat{k} ; a, b, c \in \{-1, 1\}\}$ . Three non-coplanar vectors can be chosen from  $V$  in  $2^p$  ways. Then  $p$  is \_\_\_\_\_

**Sol. (5)**

47. Let  $M$  be a  $2 \times 2$  symmetric matrix with integer entries. Then  $M$  is invertible if  
 (A) the first column of  $M$  is the transpose of the second row of  $M$   
 (B) the second row of  $M$  is the transpose of the first column of  $M$   
 (C)  $M$  is a diagonal matrix with non-zero entries in the main diagonal  
 (D) the product of entries in the main diagonal of  $M$  is not the square of an integer
48. Let  $M$  and  $N$  be two  $3 \times 3$  matrices such that  $MN = NM$ . Further, if  $M \neq N^2$  and  $M^2 = N^4$ , then  
 (A) determinant of  $(M^2 + MN^2)$  is 0  
 (B) there is a  $3 \times 3$  non-zero matrix  $U$  such that  $(M^2 + MN^2)U$  is the zero matrix  
 (C) determinant of  $(M^2 + MN^2) \geq 1$   
 (D) for a  $3 \times 3$  matrix  $U$ , if  $(M^2 + MN^2)U$  equals the zero matrix then  $U$  is the zero matrix
50. Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be two arbitrary,  $3 \times 3$ , non-zero, skew-symmetric matrices and  $Z$  be an arbitrary  $3 \times 3$ , non-zero, symmetric matrix. Then which of the following matrices is (are) skew symmetric ?  
 (A)  $Y^3Z^4 - Z^4Y^3$  (B)  $X^{44} + Y^{44}$   
 (C)  $X^4Z^3 - Z^3X^4$  (D)  $X^{23} + Y^{23}$

44. Let  $P = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 & -2 \\ 2 & 0 & \alpha \\ 3 & -5 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ , where  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ . Suppose  $Q = [q_{ij}]$  is a matrix such that  $PQ = kI$ , where  $k \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $k \neq 0$  and  $I$  is the identity matrix of order 3. If  $q_{23} = -\frac{k}{8}$  and  $\det(Q) = \frac{k^2}{2}$ , then  
 (A)  $\alpha = 0, k = 8$  (B)  $4\alpha - k + 8 = 0$   
 (C)  $\det(P \operatorname{adj}(Q)) = 2^9$  (D)  $\det(Q \operatorname{adj}(P)) = 2^{13}$

*Sol.* (B, C)

37. Let  $P = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 4 & 1 & 0 \\ 16 & 4 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $I$  be the identity matrix of order 3. If  $Q = [q_{ij}]$  is a matrix such that  $P^{50} - Q = I$ , then  $\frac{q_{31} + q_{32}}{q_{21}}$  equals  
 (A) 52 (B) 103  
 (C) 201 (D) 205

*Sol.* (B)

Q.37 Which of the following is(are) NOT the square of a  $3 \times 3$  matrix with real entries ?

- [A]  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$  [B]  $\begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$   
 [C]  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  [D]  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$

*Sol.* A, B

- Q.41 How many  $3 \times 3$  matrices  $M$  with entries from  $\{0, 1, 2\}$  are there, for which the sum of the diagonal entries of  $M^T M$  is 5 ?  
 [A] 126 [B] 198  
 [C] 162 [D] 135

*Sol.* B

Q.3 Let  $S$  be the set of all column matrices  $\begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_3 \end{bmatrix}$  such that  $b_1, b_2, b_3 \in \mathbb{R}$  and the system of equations (in real variables)

$$\begin{aligned} -x + 2y + 5z &= b_1 \\ 2x - 4y + 3z &= b_2 \\ x - 2y + 2z &= b_3 \end{aligned}$$

has at least one solution. Then, which of the following system(s) (in real variables) has (have) at least one

solution for each  $\begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_3 \end{bmatrix} \in S$ ?

- (A)  $x + 2y + 3z = b_1$ ,  $4y + 5z = b_2$  and  $x + 2y + 6z = b_3$   
 (B)  $x + y + 3z = b_1$ ,  $5x + 2y + 6z = b_2$  and  $-2x - y - 3z = b_3$   
 (C)  $-x + 2y - 5z = b_1$ ,  $2x - 4y + 10z = b_2$  and  $x - 2y + 5z = b_3$   
 (D)  $x + 2y + 5z = b_1$ ,  $2x + 3z = b_2$  and  $x + 4y - 5z = b_3$

*Sol.* A, D

Q.4 Let  $M = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & a \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & b & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\text{adj } M = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 & -1 \\ 8 & -6 & 2 \\ -5 & 3 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$  where  $a$  and  $b$  are real numbers. Which of the following options is/are correct?

- A.  $(\text{adj } M)^{-1} + \text{adj } M^{-1} = -M$       B. If  $M \begin{bmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \\ \gamma \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$ , then  $\alpha - \beta + \gamma = 3$   
 C.  $\det(\text{adj } M^2) = 81$       D.  $a + b = 3$

*Sol.* A, B, D

Q.2 Let  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  and let

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}, Q = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & x & x \\ 0 & 4 & 0 \\ x & x & 6 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } R = PQP^{-1}$$

Then which of the following options is/are correct?

A. For  $x = 0$ , if  $R \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ a \\ b \end{bmatrix} = 6 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ a \\ b \end{bmatrix}$ , then  $a + b = 5$

B. For  $x = 1$ , there exists a unit vector  $\alpha \hat{i} + \beta \hat{j} + \gamma \hat{k}$  for which  $R \begin{bmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \\ \gamma \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

C.  $\det R = \det \begin{bmatrix} 2 & x & x \\ 0 & 4 & 0 \\ x & x & 5 \end{bmatrix} + 8$ , for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$

D. There exists a real number  $x$  such that  $PQ = QP$

*Sol.* A, C

Q.7 Let  $P_1 = I = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $P_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $P_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

$P_4 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $P_5 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $P_6 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

and  $X = \sum_{k=1}^6 P_k \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 3 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} P_k^T$

where  $P_k^T$  denotes the transpose of the matrix  $P_k$ . Then which of the following options is/are correct?

- A.  $X - 30I$  is an invertible matrix  
 B.  $X$  is a symmetric matrix  
 C. The sum of diagonal entries of  $X$  is 18  
 D. If  $X \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \alpha \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ , then  $\alpha = 30$

**Sol. B, C, D**

Q.4 Suppose  $\det \begin{bmatrix} \sum_{k=0}^n k & \sum_{k=0}^n {}^n C_k k^2 \\ \sum_{k=0}^n {}^n C_k k & \sum_{k=0}^n {}^n C_k 3^k \end{bmatrix} = 0$  holds for some positive integer  $n$ . Then  $\sum_{k=0}^n \frac{{}^n C_k}{k+1}$  equals. \_\_\_\_\_

**Sol. 6.20**

Q.4 Let  $M = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & a \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & b & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\text{adj } M = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 & -1 \\ 8 & -6 & 2 \\ -5 & 3 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$  where  $a$  and  $b$  are real numbers. Which of the following options is/are correct?

- A.  $(\text{adj } M)^{-1} + \text{adj } M^{-1} = -M$   
 B. If  $M \begin{bmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \\ \gamma \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$ , then  $\alpha - \beta + \gamma = 3$   
 C.  $\det(\text{adj } M^2) = 81$   
 D.  $a + b = 3$

**Sol. A, B, D**

8. Let  $M$  be a  $3 \times 3$  invertible matrix with real entries and let  $I$  denote the  $3 \times 3$  identity matrix. If  $M^{-1} = \text{adj}(\text{adj } M)$ , then which of the following statements is/are ALWAYS TRUE?  
 (A)  $M = I$                       (B)  $\det M = 1$                       (C)  $M^2 = I$                       (D)  $(\text{adj } M)^2 = I$

**Sol. B, C, D**

- Q.4. The trace of a square matrix is defined to be the sum of its diagonal entries. If  $A$  is a  $2 \times 2$  matrix such that the trace of  $A$  is 3 and the trace of  $A^3$  is  $-18$ , then the value of the determinant of  $A$  is \_\_\_\_\_

**Sol. 5**





9. Let  $A$  and  $B$  two symmetric matrices of order 3.

**Statement 1** :  $A(BA)$  and  $(AB)A$  are symmetric matrices

**Statement 2** :  $AB$  is symmetric matrix if matrix multiplication of  $A$  with  $B$  is commutative.

- 1) Statement 1 is false, statement 2 is true.
- 2) Statement 1 is true, statement 2 is true; statement 2 is a correct explanation for statement 1.
- 3) Statement 1 is true, statement 2 is true; statement 2 is not a correct explanation for statement 1.
- 4) Statement 1 is true, statement 2 is false

$A$  and  $B$  are two non-singular matrices such that  $A^6 = I$  and  $AB^2 = BA (B \neq I)$ . A value of  $k$  so that  $B^k = I$  is

- a) 31                                      b) 32                                      c) 64                                      d) 63

10. Let  $P = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 4 & 1 & 0 \\ 16 & 4 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $I$  be the identity matrix of order 3. If  $Q = [q_{ij}]$  is a matrix such that

$P^{50}Q = I$ , then  $\frac{q_{31} + q_{32}}{q_{21}}$  equals

- a) 52                                      b) 103                                      c) 201                                      d) 205

11. If  $P$  is a  $3 \times 3$  matrix such that  $P^T = 2P + I$  where  $P^T$  is the transpose of  $P$  and  $I$  is  $3 \times 3$  identity

matrix then there exists a column matrix  $X = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} \neq \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$  such that

- a)  $PX = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$                                       b)  $PX = X$                                       c)  $PX = 2X$                                       d)  $PX = -X$

12. If  $A = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_1 & \alpha_2 \\ \beta_1 & \beta_2 \end{bmatrix}$  (where  $\alpha_2 \neq \beta_1$  and  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \beta_1, \beta_2$  are non-zero) satisfies the equation  $x^2 + k = 0$  then

- a)  $\text{Tra}(A) = 0$                                       b)  $\alpha_1\beta_2 < 0$                                       c)  $\text{Tra}(A) \neq 0$                                       d)  $\alpha_1\beta_2 > 0$

For  $3 \times 3$  matrices  $M$  and  $N$  which of the following statement(s) is (are) not correct?

- a)  $N^T M N$  is symmetric or skew symmetric, according as  $M$  is symmetric or skew symmetric
- b)  $MN - NM$  is skew symmetric for all symmetric matrices  $M$  and  $N$
- c)  $MN$  is symmetric for all symmetric matrices  $M$  and  $N$
- d)  $(\text{adj}M)(\text{adj}N) = \text{adj}(MN)$  for all invertible matrices  $M$  and  $N$

Passage - II :

If  $A$  and  $B$  are two square matrices of order  $3 \times 3$  which satisfy  $AB=A$  and  $BA=B$ , then

13. Which of the following is true ?

- a) If matrix  $A$  is singular then matrix  $B$  is non-singular
- b) If matrix  $A$  is non-singular then matrix  $B$  is singular.
- c) If matrix  $A$  is singular then matrix  $B$  is also singular
- d) Cannot say anything.

14.  $(A + B)^7$  is equal to

- a)  $7(A + B)$
- b)  $7 \times I_{3 \times 3}$
- c)  $64(A + B)$
- d)  $8I$

15.  $(A + I)^5$  is equal to (where  $I$  is identity matrix)

- a)  $I + 60I$
- b)  $I + 16A$
- c)  $I + 31A$
- d)  $I + 32A$

16. Column-I

Column-II

A)  $(I-A)^n$  is if  $A$  is idempotent

p)  $2^{n-1}(I - A)$

B)  $(I-A)^n$  is if  $A$  is involutory

q)  $I-nA$

C)  $(I-A)^n$  is if  $A$  is nilpotent of index 2

r) 0

D) If  $A, B, A+I, A+B$  are idempotent matrices,

s)  $I-A$

then  $AB+BA$  is equal to

16. If matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b & c \\ b & c & a \\ c & a & b \end{bmatrix}$ , where  $a, b, c$  are real positive numbers,  $abc = 1$  and  $A^T A = I$ , then find the value of  $a^3 + b^3 + c^3$ .

17. If the product of  $n$  matrices  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \dots \begin{pmatrix} 1 & n \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  is equal to the matrix  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 378 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $n = a^3$  (where  $a \in N$ ) then  $a =$

18. If  $a_k = k(10_{C_k}), b_k = (10-k)(10_{C_k})$  and  $A_k = \begin{pmatrix} a_k & 0 \\ 0 & b_k \end{pmatrix}$  and  $A = \sum_{k=1}^9 A_k = \begin{pmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & b \end{pmatrix}$  then the sum of digits in  $\frac{ab}{2^9 - 1}$  is

19.  $A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}, AA^T = 2I$ . If  $P(\alpha, \beta)$  divides  $Q(1, 2)$  and  $R(2, 5)$  in the ratio  $c : b$  then  $\alpha + \beta =$

20.  $A$  be the set of  $3 \times 3$  matrices formed by entries 0, -1 and 1 only. There are three (1), three (-1) and three (0). The number of symmetric matrices with trace  $(A) = 0$  is  $K$  then  $\frac{K}{6}$  is

Let  $A$  be a  $2 \times 2$  matrix with real entries. Let  $I$  be the  $2 \times 2$  identity matrix. Denote by  $\text{tr}(A)$ , the sum of diagonal entries of  $A$ . Assume that  $A^2 = I$ .

**Statement 1** : If  $A \neq I$  and  $A \neq -I$ , then  $\det A = -1$ .

**Statement 2** : If  $A \neq I$  and  $A \neq -I$ , then  $\text{tr}(A) \neq 0$ .

1) Statement 1 is false, statement 2 is true.

2) Statement 1 is true, statement 2 is true; statement 2 is a correct explanation for statement 1.

3) Statement 1 is true, statement 2 is true; statement 2 is not a correct explanation for statement 1.

4) Statement 1 is true, statement 2 is false.

17. If  $A$  and  $B$  are different matrices satisfying  $A^3 = B^3$  and  $A^2B = B^2A$ , then

1)  $\det(A^2 + B^2)$  must be zero

2)  $\det(A - B)$  must be zero

3)  $\det(A^2 + B^2)$  as well as  $\det(A - B)$  must be zero.

4) At least one of  $\det(A^2 + B^2)$  or  $\det(A - B)$  must be zero.

18. If  $f(n) = \alpha^n + \beta^n$  and  $\begin{vmatrix} 3 & 1+f(1) & 1+f(2) \\ 1+f(1) & 1+f(2) & 1+f(3) \\ 1+f(2) & 1+f(3) & 1+f(4) \end{vmatrix} = k(1-\alpha)^2(1-\beta)^2(\alpha-\beta)^2$ , then  $k$  is equal to

1) 1

2) -1

3)  $\alpha\beta$

4)  $\alpha\beta\gamma$

Let  $A$  be orthogonal and non-singular matrix of order  $n$ , then the determinant of matrix  $(A - I_n)$  is equal to

a)  $|I_n - A|$

b)  $|A||I_n - A|$

c)  $|A|$

d)  $(-1)^0 |A||I_n - A|$

29. If the entries in a  $3 \times 3$  determinant are either 0 or 1, then the greatest value of their determinants is

1) 1

2) 2

3) 3

4) 9

Let  $M$  and  $N$  be two  $3 \times 3$  matrices such that  $MN = NM$ , further, if  $M \neq N^2$  and  $M^2 = N^4$  then

a) determinant of  $(M^2 + MN^2)$  is 0

b) There is a  $3 \times 3$  non-zero matrix  $U$  such that  $(M^2 + MN^2)U$  is zero matrix

c) determinant of  $(M^2 + MN^2) \geq 1$

d) for a  $3 \times 3$  matrix  $u$ , if  $(M^2 + MN^2)U$  equal to the zero matrix, then  $U$  is the zero matrix





4. Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \alpha & -\sin \alpha \\ \sin \alpha & \cos \alpha \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $B = \begin{bmatrix} \cos 2\beta & \sin 2\beta \\ \sin 2\beta & -\cos 2\beta \end{bmatrix}$  where  $0 < \beta < \frac{\pi}{2}$  then which of the following is(are) true

a)  $(AB)^2 = I$                       b)  $(AB)^{-1} = AB$                       c)  $BAB = A^{-1}$

d) The least positive value of  $\alpha$  for which  $BA^4B = A^{-1}$  is  $\frac{2\pi}{3}$

5. Which of the following statements are false

a) If  $A$  and  $B$  are square matrices of same order such that  $ABAB=0$  then it follows that  $BABA=0$

b) Let  $A$  and  $B$  be different  $n \times n$  matrices with real entries. If  $A^3 = B^3$  and  $A^2B = B^2A$  then  $A^2 + B^2$  is invertible

c) If  $A$  is square singular and symmetric matrix then  $((A^{-1})^{-1})^{-1}$  is skew symmetric

d) The matrix of product of two invertible square matrices of same order is also invertible.

6. Which of the following statements is/are true about square matrix  $A$  of order  $n$ ?

a)  $(-A)^{-1}$  is equal to  $-A^{-1}$  when  $n$  is odd only.

b) If  $A^n = O$ , then  $I + A + A^2 + \dots + A^{n-1} = (I - A)^{-1}$ .

c) If  $A$  is skew-symmetric matrix of odd order, then its inverse does not exist.

d)  $(A^{-1})^T = (A^T)^{-1}$  holds always.

$P$  is a non-singular matrix and  $A, B$  are two matrices such that  $B = P^{-1}AP$  then the true statements among the following are

a)  $A$  is invertible iff  $B$  is invertible

b)  $B^n = P^{-1}A^nP \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$

c)  $\forall \lambda \in \mathbb{R}, B - \lambda I = P^{-1}(A - \lambda I)P$

d)  $A, B$  are both singular matrices

**Paragraph - II :**

Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  be a square matrix and  $C_1, C_2, C_3$  be 3 column matrices,

$AC_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $AC_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $AC_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  of matrix  $B$ . If the matrix  $C = \frac{1}{3}AB$  then

14. The value of sum of elements of  $B^{-1}$  is

a) -1

b) 0

c) 4

d) 2

15. The ratio of trace of matrix  $A$  to the det of matrix  $B$  is

a) 1 : 3

b) 2 : 3

c) 1 : 1

d) 3 : 1

16. The value of  $\sin^{-1}|A| + \cos^{-1}|C|$  is (where  $|A|$  is determinant of  $A$ )

a)  $\frac{\pi}{2}$

b)  $\frac{\pi}{3}$

c)  $\frac{\pi}{4}$

d) 1

17. Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \tan x \\ -\tan x & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

**Column-I**

- A)  $A^{-1}$
- B)  $(adj A)^{-1}$
- C)  $adj(adj A)$
- D)  $adj(2A)$

**Column-II**

- p)  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & \tan x \\ -\tan x & 1 \end{bmatrix}$
- q)  $2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -\tan x \\ \tan x & 1 \end{bmatrix}$
- r)  $\frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 + \cos 2x & -\sin 2x \\ \sin 2x & 1 + \cos 2x \end{bmatrix}$
- s)  $\frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 + \cos 2x & \sin 2x \\ -\sin 2x & 1 + \cos 2x \end{bmatrix}$

18. **Column-I**

- A) If  $|A|=2$ , then  $|2A^{-1}|=$  (where A is of order 3)
- B) If  $|A|=1/8$ , then  $|adj(adj(2A))|=$  (where A is of order 3)
- C) If  $(A+B)^2=A^2+B^2$ , and  $|A|=2$  then  $|B|=$  (Where A and B are of odd order)
- D)  $|A_{2 \times 2}|=2, |B_{3 \times 3}|=3$  and  $|C_{4 \times 4}|=4$ , then  $|ABC|$  is equal to

**Column-II**

- p) 1
- q) 4
- r) 24

20. If A & B are different matrices satisfying  $A^3 = B^3$  and  $A^2B = B^2A$  Find  $|A^2 + B^2|=$  \_\_\_\_\_

21. If  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ -4 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$  and if  $I + 2A + 3A^2 + \dots + \infty = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha & \beta \\ \gamma & \delta \end{bmatrix}$  then numerical value of  $|\alpha + \beta + \gamma + \delta|$  is

22. If A is a square matrix of order 3 such that  $|A|=2$ , then  $|(adj A^{-1})^{-1}|$  is \_\_\_\_\_

23.  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \tan x \\ -\tan x & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $f(x)$  is defined as  $f(x) = \det. (A^T A^{-1})$  then the value of

$\underbrace{f(f(f(\dots f(x))))}_{n \text{ times}}$  is  $(n \geq 2)$  \_\_\_\_\_

3. Let  $[A_k]_{n \times n}$  be a square matrix of order  $n \times n$ , such that  $a_{ij} = \begin{cases} 0, & i \neq j \\ \frac{1}{k+i}, & i = j \end{cases}$  and  $[B_k]_{n \times n}$  is its inverse

matrix, then which is/are true?

a)  $\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{\sum_{n=1}^m \text{trace}(B_k)_{n \times n}}{m^3} \right) = \frac{1}{6}$

b)  $\sum_{n=1}^{10} \text{trace}(B_2)_{n \times n} = 320$

c)  $\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{\sum_{n=1}^m \text{trace}(B_k)_{n \times n}}{m^3} \right) = \frac{1}{3}$

d)  $\sum_{n=1}^{10} \text{trace}(B_2)_{n \times n} = 330$

If  $A$  is symmetric and  $B$  is skew symmetric and  $A+B$  is non singular and also  $C = (A+B)^{-1}(A-B)$  then

a)  $C^T(A+B)C = A+B$

b)  $C^T(A-B)C = A-B$

c)  $C^TAC = A$

d)  $C^TAC = O$

**Passage - II :**

A Pythagorean triplet is triplet of positive integers  $(a,b,c)$  such that  $a^2 + b^2 = c^2$ . Define matrices

$P, Q, R$  by  $P = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}, Q = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 \\ -2 & -1 & -2 \\ 2 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $R = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -2 & -2 \\ 2 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$

9. If we write Pythagorean triplet  $(a,b,c)$  in matrix form as  $\begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{bmatrix}$  then which of the following matrix product is not Pythagorean triplet?

a)  $Q \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$

b)  $P \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$

c)  $R \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$

d)  $\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$

10. Which one of the following does not hold good?

a)  $P^{-1} = \text{adj}P$

b)  $(PQ)^{-1} = \text{adj}(PQ)$

c)  $(QR)^{-1} = \text{adj}(QR)$

d)  $(PQR)^{-1} \neq \text{adj}(PQR)$

11. Trace of  $(P+Q^T+2R) =$

a) 17

b) 15

c) 14

d) 18



13. Let  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -3 \\ -2 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $C_r = \begin{pmatrix} r3^r & 2^r \\ 0 & (r-1)3^r \end{pmatrix}$  be given 3 matrices then the value of

$$\sum_{r=1}^{50} \text{tr}((AB)^r C_r) = 3^b a + 3 \text{ then } \frac{a+b}{25} =$$

14. Let  $a_k = {}^n C_k$  ( $0 \leq k \leq n$ ) and  $A_k = \begin{pmatrix} a_{k-1} & 0 \\ 0 & a_k \end{pmatrix}$   $B = \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} A_k \cdot A_{k+1} = \begin{pmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & b \end{pmatrix}$  then  $\frac{a}{b} =$

If  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $A^8 = KA - \ell I$  then  $K - \ell =$

18. Consider three matrices  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 4 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 4 \\ 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $C = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -4 \\ -2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$  then the absolute value of

$$\det(A) + \det\left(\frac{ABC}{2}\right) + \det\left(\frac{A(BC)^2}{4}\right) + \det\left(\frac{A(BC)^3}{8}\right) + \dots \infty \text{ is}$$

Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$  then trace of  $A^3$  is

a) 101

b) 100

c) 99

d) 98

16. Which of the following is/are true?

a) If  $A$  is a square matrix such that  $A^2 = A$  then  $(I+A)^3 - 7A = I$

b) If  $A$  is a square matrix such that  $A^2 = A$  then  $(I+A)^3 - 7A = O$

c) Let  $B$  and  $C$  be two square matrices such that  $BC = CB$  and  $C^2 = O$ . If  $A = B + C$  then  $A^3 - B^3 - 3B^2C = O$

d) Let  $B$  and  $C$  be two square matrices such that  $BC = CB$  and  $C^2 = O$ . If  $A = B + C$  then  $A^3 + B^3 - 3B^2C = O$

**Passage - I :**

Let  $A$  be a matrix of order  $2 \times 2$  such that  $A^2 = O$

17.  $A^2 - (a+d)A + (ad-bc)I$  is equal to

a)  $I$

b)  $O$

c)  $-I$

d)  $2I$

18.  $\text{tr}(A)$  is equal to

a) 1

b) 0

c) -1

d)  $2I$

19.  $(I+A)^{100} =$

a)  $100A$

b)  $100(I+A)$

c)  $100I+A$

d)  $I+100A$

30 Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3x^2 \\ 1 \\ 6x \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $B = [a \ b \ c]$ , and  $C = \begin{bmatrix} (x+2)^2 & 5x^2 & 2x \\ 5x^2 & 2x & (x+2)^2 \\ 2x & (x+2)^2 & 5x^2 \end{bmatrix}$  be three given matrices,

where  $a, b, c$  and  $x \in R$ . Given that  $tr(AB) = tr(C)x \in R$ , where  $tr(A)$  denotes trace of  $A$ . If

$f(x) = ax^2 + bx + c$ , then the value of  $f(1)$  is \_\_\_\_\_

13. If  $A$  is a non zero square matrix of order  $n$  with  $\det(I+A) \neq 0$  and  $A^3=0$ , where  $I, O$  are unit and null matrices of order  $n \times n$  respectively then  $(I+A)^{-1} = I$

- 1)  $I - A + A^2$       2)  $I + A + A^2$       3)  $I + A^2$       4)  $I + A$

If  $A$  is a matrix such that  $A^2 + A + 2I = 0$ , then which of the following is/are true?

- a)  $A$  is nonsingular      b)  $A$  is symmetric  
c)  $A$  cannot be skew - symmetric      d)  $A^{-1} = -\frac{1}{2}(A+I)$

If the matrix  $A$  and  $B$  are of  $3 \times 3$  and  $(I-AB)$  is invertible then which of the following statements are correct?

- a)  $I-BA$  is not invertible  
b)  $I-BA$  is invertible  
c)  $I-BA$  has for its inverse  $I + B(I-AB)^{-1}A$   
d)  $I-BA$  has for its inverse  $I + A(I-BA)^{-1}B$

**For a given square matrix  $A$ , if there exists a matrix  $B$  such that  $AB = BA = I$  then  $B$  is called inverse of  $A$ . Every non-singular square matrix possesses inverse and it exists if  $|A| \neq 0$ ,**

$$A^{-1} = \frac{\text{adj}(A)}{\det(A)} \text{ and } \text{adj}A = |A| (A^{-1}).$$

Let a matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$  then it will satisfy the equation

- a)  $A^2 - 4A + I = O$       b)  $A^2 + 4A + I = O$       c)  $A^2 - 4A - 5I = O$       d)  $A^2 - 4A + 5I = O$

Let a matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$  then  $A^{-1}$  will be

- a)  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & -3 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$       b)  $\begin{bmatrix} -3 & 2 \\ 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$       c)  $\begin{bmatrix} -1 & 2 \\ 2 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$       d)  $\begin{bmatrix} -2 & 3 \\ 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$

Let matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  satisfies the equation  $A^2 + aA + bI = O$  then the value of  $|a+b| =$

- a) 1      b) 2      c) 3      d) 4

Match the following

Column I	Column II
A) If A is an idempotent matrix and I is an identity matrix of the same order then the value of 'n', such that $(A+I)^n = I + 127A$ is	p) 16
B) If A is matrix such that $a_{ij} = (i+j)(i-j)$ , then A is singular if order of matrix is	q) 3
C) If $ A  = 2$ then $ 2A^{-1}  =$ (where A is of order 3)	r) 4
D) If $ A  = \frac{1}{4}$ then $Adj(Adj(2A)) =$ (Where A is of order 3)	s) 7

18. Column I

Column I	Column II
A) A is a square matrix such that $A^2 = A$ . If $(I + A)^8 = I + \lambda A$ then $\lambda + 1$ is	p) 64
B) If A is a square matrix of order 3 such that $ A  = 2$ then $\left  (adj A^{-1})^{-1} \right $ is	q) 1
C) Let $ A  =  a_{ij} _{3 \times 3} \neq 0$ Each element $a_{ij}$ is multiplied by $\lambda^{i-j}$ . Let $ B $ the resulting determinant where $ A  = k B $ then k is	r) 256
D) If A is a diagonal matrix of order $3 \times 3$ is commutative with every square matrix of order $3 \times 3$ under multiplication and trace (A) = 12, then $ A  =$	s) 4

2. If A and B are symmetric matrices of the same order  $X = AB + BA$  and  $Y = AB - BA$  then  $(XY)^T$  is equal to

a) XY	b) YX	c) -YX	d) -XY
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3. Let  $A_n$  is a  $n \times n$  Matrix in which diagonal elements are 1, 2, 3, ... n

(ie  $a_{11} = 1, a_{22} = 2, a_{33} = 3, \dots, a_{nn} = n$ ) and all other elements are equal to n then

- |                                |                                    |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| a) $A_n$ is singular for all n | b) $A_n$ is non singular for all n |
| c) $\det A_n = (-1)^{n+1} n!$  | d) $\det A_n = 0$                  |

6. If A and B are respectively a symmetric and a skew symmetric matrix such that  $AB = BA$  then

- a)  $(A - B)^{-1}(A + B)$  is orthogonal matrix when  $(A - B)$  is non-singular.
- b)  $(A + B)^{-1}(A - B)$  is orthogonal matrix when  $(A + B)$  is non-singular.
- c)  $\det[(A - B)^{-1}(A + B)] = 1$  and  $\det[(A + B)^{-1}(A - B)] = 1$
- d)  $\det[(A - B)^{-1}(A + B)] = -1$  and  $\det x[(A + B)^{-1}(A - B)] = 1$

7. Let  $A$  be an  $n^{\text{th}}$ - order square matrix and  $B$  be adjoint of  $A$  then  $|AB + KI_n|$  is (where  $K$  is scalar quantity)

- a)  $(|A| + K)^{n-2}$       b)  $(|A| + K)^n$       c)  $(|A| + K)^{n-1}$       d)  $(|A| + K)^{n-3}$

**Passage - I :**

If  $A_0 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -2 & -4 \\ -1 & 3 & 4 \\ 1 & -2 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $B_0 = \begin{bmatrix} -4 & -3 & -3 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 4 & 4 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $B_n = \text{adj}(B_{n-1})$ ,  $n \in N$  and  $I$  is an identity matrix

of order 3.  $C_1, C_2, C_3$  represent the column matrix of  $B_0$  as shown  $C_1 = \begin{bmatrix} -4 \\ 1 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $C_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 0 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $C_3 = \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$  then

15.  $\det (A_0 + A_0^2 B_0^2 + A_0^3 + A_0^4 B_0^4 + \dots \text{ up to 10 terms}) =$   
 a) 1000      b) -800      c) 0      d) -8000
16.  $B_1 + B_2 + \dots + B_{49} =$   
 a)  $B_0$       b)  $7B_0$       c)  $49B_0$       d)  $51B_0$

**Passage - IV :**

Let  $A$  be the set of all  $3 \times 3$  symmetric matrices all of whose entries are either 0 or 1. Five of these entries are 1 and four of them are 0.

24. The number of matrices in  $A$  is  
 a) 12      b) 6      c) 9      d) 3
25. The number of matrices  $A$  in  $A$  for which the system of linear equations  $A \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$  has a unique solution is  
 a) less than 4      b) at least 4 but less than 7  
 c) at least 7 but less than 10      d) at least 10
26. The number of matrices  $A$  in  $A$  for which the system of linear equations  $A \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$  is inconsistent is  
 a) 0      b) more than 2      c) 2      d) 1

The entries of  $3 \times 3$  matrix either 1 or -1

**List - I**

- A) Total number of symmetric matrices  
 B) Maximum value of the determinants so formed  
 C) The maximum value of the trace of the matrix  
 D) No of skew symmetric matrices

**List - II**

- p) 0  
 q) 3  
 r) 4  
 s) 64      t) 32

**List-I**

A) If  $r > 1, M_r = \begin{vmatrix} r-1 & \frac{1}{r} \\ 1 & \frac{1}{(r-1)^2} \end{vmatrix}$  then

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (|M_2| + |M_3| + |M_4| + \dots + |M_n|)^{\log_e n} =$$

B) If  $\begin{vmatrix} 1 & \cos \alpha & \cos \beta \\ \cos \alpha & 1 & \cos \gamma \\ \cos \beta & \cos \gamma & 1 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 0 & \cos \alpha & \cos \beta \\ \cos \alpha & 0 & \cos \gamma \\ \cos \beta & \cos \gamma & 0 \end{vmatrix}$

then  $\sin^2 \alpha + \sin^2 \beta + \sin^2 \gamma$

C) If  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = C = (BAB^{-1})(B^{-1}A^T B)$  then  $\sqrt{\det(C)} =$

D) If  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $A^4 = -\lambda I$  then  $\lambda =$

**List-II**

p) 2

q) 4

r) 1

s) 3

$P$  is a non-singular matrix and  $A, B$  are two matrices such that  $B = P^{-1}AP$  then the true statements among the following are

- a)  $A$  is invertible iff  $B$  is invertible
- b)  $B^n = P^{-1}A^n P \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$
- c)  $\forall \lambda \in \mathbb{R}, B - \lambda I = P^{-1}(A - \lambda I)P$
- d)  $A, B$  are both singular matrices

Let  $A$  be the  $2 \times 2$  matrix given by  $A = (a_{ij})$  where  $a_{ij} \in \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4\}$  such that  $a_{11} + a_{12} + a_{21} + a_{22} = 4$  then which of the following statement(s) is /are true?

- a) Number of matrices  $A$  such that the trace of  $A$  is equal to 4, is 5
- b) Number of matrices  $A$ , such that  $A$  is invertible is 18
- c) Absolute difference between maximum value and minimum value of  $\det(A)$  is 8
- d) Number of matrices  $A$  such that  $A$  is either symmetric (or) skew symmetric and  $\det(A)$  is divisible by 2, is 5

Which of the following statements is/are true

- a) If  $A$  is a skew symmetric matrix of order  $n \times n$ , then the maximum number of non-zero elements in  $A$ , is  $n(n-1)$
- b) If  $A$  is a symmetric matrix of order  $n \times n$ , then maximum number of non-zero elements in  $A$ , is  $n^2$
- c) Minimum number of zero elements in an upper triangular matrix of order  $n \times n$  is  $\frac{n(n-1)}{2}$
- d) total number of matrices that can be formed using all 5 different letters such that no letter is repeated in any matrix is  $2.5!$

Which of the following statement (s) is/are true about square matrix A of order n?

- a)  $(-A)^{-1}$  is equal to  $-A^{-1}$  when n is odd only
- b) If  $A^n=0$ , then  $I + A + A^2 + \dots + A^{n-1} = (I - A)^{-1}$
- c) If A is a skew symmetric matrix of odd order then its inverse does not exist
- d)  $(A^T)^{-1} = (A^{-1})^T$  holds always

1. If S is a real skew symmetric matrix then which of the following is true

- a)  $I - S$  is non-singular
- b)  $(I + S)(I - S)^{-1}$  is orthogonal
- c)  $(I + S)(I - S)^{-1}$  is non-singular
- d)  $I + S$  is non-singular

Let A, B be two square matrices such that  $A+B = AB$  then

- a)  $AB = -BA$
- b)  $AB = BA$
- c)  $AB = O$
- d)  $AB = I$

9. Determinant of  $A^{50} =$

- a) 0
- b) 1
- c) -1
- d) 25

10. Trace of  $A^{50} =$

- a) 0
- b) 1
- c) 2
- d) 3

11. Sum of product of elements of  $B_1$  with its corresponding cofactors in the adjoint matrix B is equal to

- a) Trace of B
- b)  $\text{Det}(2B)$
- c) Trace of  $A^2$
- d)  $\text{Det}(B^3)$

Paragraph - I :

Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  satisfies  $A^n = A^{n-2} + A^2 - I$  for  $n \geq 3$ . Further consider a matrix  $B_{3 \times 3}$  with columns

$B_1, B_2, B_3$  such that  $A^{50} B_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 25 \\ 25 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $A^{50} B_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $A^{50} B_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  then

Paragraph - II :

A square matrix  $A$  is said to be orthogonal if  $A^T A = A A^T = I$  with this information answer the following :

12.  $P_{2 \times 2}$  is orthogonal matrix,  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 29 & -28 \\ 30 & -29 \end{bmatrix}$ . If  $Q = P^T A P$ . Then  $P Q^{2014} P^T =$

- a)  $2012A$                       b)  $I$                       c)  $A$                       d)  $A^{2011}$

13.  $P_{3 \times 3}$  orthogonal matrix,  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$  are the angles made by a st. line with  $\overline{OX}, \overline{OY}, \overline{OZ}$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} \sin^2 \alpha & \sin \alpha \sin \beta & \sin \alpha \sin \gamma \\ \sin \alpha \sin \beta & \sin^2 \beta & \sin \beta \sin \gamma \\ \sin \alpha \sin \gamma & \sin \beta \sin \gamma & \sin^2 \gamma \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } Q = P^T A P \text{ If } P Q^6 P^T = 2^k A \text{ then } k =$$

- a) 5                      b) 7                      c) 6                      d) 0

14.  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2b & c \\ a & b & -c \\ a & -b & c \end{bmatrix}$  is orthogonal matrix then  $72|abc| =$

- a) 4                      b) 12                      c) 9                      d) 1

28. If  $\begin{bmatrix} 4a^2 & 4a & 1 \\ 4b^2 & 4b & 1 \\ 4c^2 & 4c & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} f(-1) \\ f(1) \\ f(2) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3a^2 + 3a \\ 3b^2 + 3b \\ 3c^2 + 3c \end{bmatrix}$  where  $f(x)$  is a quadratic function and  $f(x) = ax^2 + bx + c$

whose maximum value occurs at a point  $V$  say  $(\alpha, \beta)$ . Let  $A$  be the point of intersection of  $y = f(x)$  with negative  $x$ -axis, say  $(p, 0)$  and point  $B$  is such that the chord  $AB$  subtends a right angle at  $V$ . Let  $B$  be  $(r, s)$ . Let  $\Delta$  be the area enclosed by  $y = f(x)$  and the chord  $AB$ . Then

Column-I

- A)  $\alpha + \beta =$   
 B)  $p =$   
 C)  $r + s =$   
 D)  $\Delta =$

Column-II

- p)  $125/3$   
 q)  $-7$   
 r)  $-2$   
 s)  $1$

29. Column-I

- A)  $(I-A)^n$  is if  $A$  idempotent  
 B)  $(I-A)^n$  is if  $A$  involutory  
 C)  $(I-A)^n$  is if  $A$  nilpotent of index 2  
 D) If  $A$  is orthogonal, then  $(A^T)^{-1}$

Column-II

- p)  $2^{n-1}(I-A)$   
 q)  $I-nA$   
 r)  $A$   
 s)  $I-A$

2. Let  $M$  be a  $2 \times 2$  matrix such that  $M \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $M^2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ . If  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  ( $x_1 > x_2$ ) are the two values of  $x$  for which  $\det(M - xI) = 0$  where  $I$  is identity matrix of order 2 then the value of  $5x_1 + 2x_2$  is

If  $B$  is idempotent show that  $A = I - B$  is also idempotent and that  $AB = BA = O$ .

If  $A$  and  $B$  are idempotent matrices, then show that  $AB$  is idempotent if  $A$  and  $B$  commute.

If  $A$  and  $B$  are idempotent then  $A + B$  will be idempotent if  $AB = BA = O$  where  $O$  is the null matrix.

If  $M$  is a  $3 \times 3$  matrix, where  $M^T M = I$  and  $\det(M) = 1$ , then prove that  $\det(M - I) = 0$ .

9. If  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$  are three real numbers then the matrix  $A$  given

below is  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & \cos(\alpha - \beta) & \cos(\alpha - \gamma) \\ \cos(\beta - \alpha) & 1 & \cos(\beta - \gamma) \\ \cos(\gamma - \alpha) & \cos(\gamma - \beta) & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  is

(a) singular

(b) symmetric

(c) invertible

(d) none

**Ans. (a), (b)**

Let  $A$  be a square matrix satisfying  $A^2 + 5A + 5I = 0$ . The inverse of  $A + 2I$  is equal to :

(a)  $A - 2I$  (b)  $A + 3I$  (c)  $A - 3I$  (d) non-existent

If  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $P = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & \sin \theta \\ -\sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $Q = P^T A P$ , find  $PQ^{2014}P^T$  :

(a)  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2^{2014} \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  (b)  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 4028 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

(c)  $(P^T)^{2013} A^{2014} P^{2013}$  (d)  $P^T A^{2014} P$

If  $M$  be a square matrix of order 3 such that  $|M| = 2$ , then  $\left| \text{adj} \left( \frac{M}{2} \right) \right|$  equals to :

(a)  $\frac{1}{2}$  (b)  $\frac{1}{4}$  (c)  $\frac{1}{8}$  (d)  $\frac{1}{16}$



If  $A$  and  $B$  are two orthogonal matrices of order  $n$  and  $\det(A) + \det(B) = 0$ , then which of the following must be correct?

- (a)  $\det(A + B) = \det(A) + \det(B)$                       (b)  $\det(A + B) = 0$   
 (c)  $A$  and  $B$  both are singular matrices                      (d)  $A + B = 0$

$$\text{Let } A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}^n = (a_{ij}(n)).$$

If  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_{12}(n)}{a_{22}(n)} = l$  where  $l^2 = \sqrt{a} + \sqrt{b}$

( $a, b \in \mathbb{N}$ ), find the value of  $(a + b)$ .

$A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ b & -a \end{bmatrix}$  and  $MA = A^{2m}$ ,  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ , for some matrix  $M$ , then which one of the following is correct:

- (a)  $M = \begin{bmatrix} a^{2m} & b^{2m} \\ b^{2m} & -a^{2m} \end{bmatrix}$                       (b)  $M = (a^2 + b^2)^m \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$   
 (c)  $M = (a^m + b^m) \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$                       (d)  $M = (a^2 + b^2)^{m-1} \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ b & -a \end{bmatrix}$

Let  $\alpha$  be a repeated root of the quadratic equation  $f(x) = 0$  and  $A(x)$ ,  $B(x)$  and  $C(x)$  are polynomials of degree 3, 4 and 5 respectively.

Show that the determinant  $\begin{vmatrix} A(x) & B(x) & C(x) \\ A(\alpha) & B(\alpha) & C(\alpha) \\ A'(\alpha) & B'(\alpha) & C'(\alpha) \end{vmatrix}$

is divisible by  $f(x)$  where  $A'(\alpha) = \left( \frac{dA}{dx} \right)_{x=\alpha}$ .