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51. The principal solutions of the equation  $\sqrt{2}\cos x - 1 = 0$  are:

(1)  $\frac{\pi}{4}, \frac{5\pi}{4}$

(2)  $\frac{\pi}{4}, \frac{7\pi}{4}$

(3)  $\frac{\pi}{5}, \frac{7\pi}{4}$

(4) None of these

**Solution:**

Given the equation  $\sqrt{2}\cos x - 1 = 0$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\sqrt{2}\cos x &= 1 \\ \cos x &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\end{aligned}$$

We need the principal solutions, which are in the interval  $[0, 2\pi]$ . The value of  $\cos x$  is positive, so  $x$  must lie in the first or fourth quadrant. The reference angle for  $\cos x = 1/\sqrt{2}$  is  $\frac{\pi}{4}$ .

- In Quadrant I:  $x = \frac{\pi}{4}$ .
- In Quadrant IV:  $x = 2\pi - \frac{\pi}{4} = \frac{7\pi}{4}$ .

The principal solutions are  $\frac{\pi}{4}$  and  $\frac{7\pi}{4}$ .

The correct option is **(2)**.

52. Solution of the  $|x - 2| > |x + 1|$  is:

(1)  $x < \frac{1}{2}$

(2)  $x \leq \frac{1}{2}$

(3)  $x \geq \frac{1}{2}$

(4)  $x > \frac{1}{2}$

**Solution:**

Since both sides of the inequality involve absolute values, they are non-negative. We can square both sides without changing the inequality sign.

$$\begin{aligned}
 |x - 2|^2 &> |x + 1|^2 \\
 (x - 2)^2 &> (x + 1)^2 \\
 x^2 - 4x + 4 &> x^2 + 2x + 1 \\
 -4x + 4 &> 2x + 1 \\
 3 &> 6x \\
 \frac{3}{6} &> x \\
 x &< \frac{1}{2}
 \end{aligned}$$

The solution is  $(-\infty, 1/2)$ .

The correct option is **(1)**.

53. If  $\sin \theta = -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$  and  $\cos \theta = -\frac{1}{2}$  where  $-\pi < \theta < 0$ , then  $\theta$  is equal to:

$$\begin{array}{llll}
 (1) -\frac{5\pi}{6} & (2) -\frac{2\pi}{3} & (3) \frac{4\pi}{6} & (4) -\frac{4\pi}{6}
 \end{array}$$

**Solution:**

Given that  $\sin \theta < 0$  and  $\cos \theta < 0$ , the angle  $\theta$  must lie in the third quadrant. The given interval for  $\theta$  is  $(-\pi, 0)$ , which covers the third and fourth quadrants. The reference angle  $\alpha$  for  $\sin \theta = \sqrt{3}/2$  or  $\cos \theta = 1/2$  is  $\alpha = \pi/3$ . For an angle in the third quadrant within the interval  $(-\pi, 0)$ , the value is given by  $-\pi + \alpha$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 \theta &= -\pi + \frac{\pi}{3} \\
 &= -\frac{2\pi}{3}
 \end{aligned}$$

This value lies in  $(-\pi, 0)$ .

The correct option is **(2)**.

54. Solve for x:  $|x - 1| + |x - 2| \leq 3$

$$\begin{array}{llll}
 (1) [-3, 0] & (2) [-3, 0) & (3) [0, 3] & (4) (0, 3)
 \end{array}$$

**Solution:**

We consider cases based on the critical points  $x = 1$  and  $x = 2$ .

- **Case 1:**  $x < 1$ . The inequality becomes  $-(x - 1) - (x - 2) \leq 3$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 -x + 1 - x + 2 &\leq 3 \\
 -2x + 3 &\leq 3 \\
 -2x &\leq 0 \\
 x &\geq 0
 \end{aligned}$$

The solution for this case is the intersection of  $x < 1$  and  $x \geq 0$ , which is  $[0, 1)$ .

- **Case 2:**  $1 \leq x < 2$ . The inequality becomes  $(x - 1) - (x - 2) \leq 3$ .

$$\begin{aligned}x - 1 - x + 2 &\leq 3 \\1 &\leq 3\end{aligned}$$

This is always true. The solution for this case is the interval  $[1, 2)$ .

- **Case 3:**  $x \geq 2$ . The inequality becomes  $(x - 1) + (x - 2) \leq 3$ .

$$\begin{aligned}2x - 3 &\leq 3 \\2x &\leq 6 \\x &\leq 3\end{aligned}$$

The solution for this case is the intersection of  $x \geq 2$  and  $x \leq 3$ , which is  $[2, 3]$ .

The final solution is the union of the solutions from all cases:  $[0, 1) \cup [1, 2) \cup [2, 3] = [0, 3]$ .

The correct option is **(3)**.

55. If  $\cot \theta + \operatorname{cosec} \theta = \sqrt{3}$  then  $\theta$  is equal to:

(1)  $2n\pi + \frac{\pi}{6}$

(2)  $2n\pi - \frac{\pi}{6}$

(3)  $2n\pi + \frac{\pi}{3}$

(4)  $2n\pi - \frac{\pi}{3}$

**Solution:**

We rewrite the equation in terms of  $\sin \theta$  and  $\cos \theta$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\cos \theta}{\sin \theta} + \frac{1}{\sin \theta} &= \sqrt{3} \quad (\text{assuming } \sin \theta \neq 0) \\ \frac{\cos \theta + 1}{\sin \theta} &= \sqrt{3}\end{aligned}$$

Using half-angle identities,  $\cos \theta + 1 = 2 \cos^2(\theta/2)$  and  $\sin \theta = 2 \sin(\theta/2) \cos(\theta/2)$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{2 \cos^2(\theta/2)}{2 \sin(\theta/2) \cos(\theta/2)} &= \sqrt{3} \\ \frac{\cos(\theta/2)}{\sin(\theta/2)} &= \sqrt{3} \\ \cot(\theta/2) &= \sqrt{3} \\ \cot(\theta/2) &= \cot(\pi/6)\end{aligned}$$

The general solution for  $\cot A = \cot \alpha$  is  $A = n\pi + \alpha$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\theta}{2} &= n\pi + \frac{\pi}{6} \\ \theta &= 2n\pi + \frac{\pi}{3}\end{aligned}$$

For this solution,  $\sin(2n\pi + \pi/3) = \sin(\pi/3) = \sqrt{3}/2 \neq 0$ , so the solution is valid.

The correct option is **(3)**.

56. Find  $x$  satisfying  $|x| \geq x + 2$ :

(1)  $(-\infty, -1)$

(2)  $(-\infty, -1]$

(3)  $(1, \infty)$

(4)  $[1, \infty)$

**Solution:**

We consider two cases based on the definition of  $|x|$ .

- **Case 1:**  $x \geq 0$ . The inequality becomes  $x \geq x + 2$ .

$$0 \geq 2$$

This is false. There is no solution in this case.

- **Case 2:**  $x < 0$ . The inequality becomes  $-x \geq x + 2$ .

$$-2 \geq 2x$$

$$-1 \geq x \quad \text{or} \quad x \leq -1$$

The solution for this case is the intersection of  $x < 0$  and  $x \leq -1$ , which is  $(-\infty, -1]$ .

The final solution is the union of solutions from all cases, which is  $(-\infty, -1]$ .

The correct option is **(2)**.

57. The number of real solutions for the equation  $\sin 2x + \cos 4x = 2$  is:

(1) 0

(2) 1

(3) 2

(4)  $\infty$

**Solution:**

We can rewrite the equation to form a quadratic in terms of  $\sin(2x)$ . Using the double angle identity  $\cos(2A) = 1 - 2\sin^2(A)$ , we can express  $\cos(4x)$  as:

$$\cos(4x) = \cos(2 \cdot 2x) = 1 - 2\sin^2(2x)$$

Now, substitute this into the original equation:

$$\begin{aligned}\sin(2x) + (1 - 2\sin^2(2x)) &= 2 \\ -2\sin^2(2x) + \sin(2x) + 1 &= 2 \\ -2\sin^2(2x) + \sin(2x) - 1 &= 0\end{aligned}$$

Multiplying by  $-1$  to make the leading coefficient positive, we get:

$$2\sin^2(2x) - \sin(2x) + 1 = 0$$

Let  $y = \sin(2x)$ . The equation becomes a quadratic in  $y$ :

$$2y^2 - y + 1 = 0$$

To find the solutions for  $y$ , we can check the discriminant,  $D = b^2 - 4ac$ :

$$\begin{aligned}D &= (-1)^2 - 4(2)(1) \\ &= 1 - 8 \\ &= -7\end{aligned}$$

Since the discriminant is negative ( $D < 0$ ), there are no real solutions for  $y$ . Because  $y = \sin(2x)$ , and there are no real values for  $y$  that satisfy the quadratic equation, there can be no real values

of  $x$  that satisfy the original trigonometric equation. Therefore, the number of real solutions is 0.

The correct option is **(1)**.

58. Solve  $|x^2 - 5| \geq 4$ :

- (1)  $(-\infty, -3] \cup [-1, 1] \cup [3, \infty)$       (2)  $(-\infty, -3) \cup (-1, 1) \cup (3, \infty)$       (3)  $(-\infty, 0)$       (4)  $(0, \infty)$

**Solution:**

The inequality  $|A| \geq k$  (for  $k > 0$ ) is equivalent to  $A \geq k$  or  $A \leq -k$ .

$$\begin{aligned} & |x^2 - 5| \geq 4 \\ \implies & x^2 - 5 \geq 4 \quad \text{or} \quad x^2 - 5 \leq -4 \\ \implies & x^2 \geq 9 \quad \text{or} \quad x^2 \leq 1 \\ \implies & (x \leq -3 \text{ or } x \geq 3) \quad \text{or} \quad (-1 \leq x \leq 1) \end{aligned}$$

The solution set is the union of these intervals:  $(-\infty, -3] \cup [3, \infty) \cup [-1, 1]$ .

The correct option is **(1)**.

59. If  $2\sin^2 \theta + \sqrt{3}\cos \theta + 1 = 0$  then the value of  $\theta$  is:

- (1)  $\frac{\pi}{6}$       (2)  $\frac{2\pi}{3}$       (3)  $\frac{5\pi}{6}$       (4)  $\pi$

**Solution:**

We convert the equation into a quadratic in  $\cos \theta$  using the identity  $\sin^2 \theta = 1 - \cos^2 \theta$ .

$$\begin{aligned} 2(1 - \cos^2 \theta) + \sqrt{3}\cos \theta + 1 &= 0 \\ 2 - 2\cos^2 \theta + \sqrt{3}\cos \theta + 1 &= 0 \\ -2\cos^2 \theta + \sqrt{3}\cos \theta + 3 &= 0 \\ 2\cos^2 \theta - \sqrt{3}\cos \theta - 3 &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Instead of solving the quadratic, we can test the given options. Let's check option (3),  $\theta = 5\pi/6$ . For  $\theta = 5\pi/6$ , we have  $\cos(5\pi/6) = -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$ . Substituting this into the equation:

$$\begin{aligned} 2\left(-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)^2 - \sqrt{3}\left(-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right) - 3 &= 2\left(\frac{3}{4}\right) + \frac{3}{2} - 3 \\ &= \frac{3}{2} + \frac{3}{2} - 3 \\ &= 3 - 3 = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Since the equation is satisfied,  $\theta = 5\pi/6$  is a solution.

The correct option is **(3)**.

60. Solution set of the equation  $|x - 2| + |x - 10| = 8$  is:

(1)  $(2,10)$

(2)  $[2,10]$

(3)  $[-2,10]$

(4)  $[-10,2]$

**Solution:**

The equation is of the form  $|x - a| + |x - b| = b - a$ , where  $a = 2$  and  $b = 10$ .

Here,  $b - a = 10 - 2 = 8$ , which matches the right side of the equation.

This type of equation represents the property that the sum of distances of a point  $x$  from two fixed points  $a$  and  $b$  is equal to the distance between  $a$  and  $b$ . This is true for any point  $x$  lying in the closed interval between  $a$  and  $b$ .

Therefore, the solution set is  $[a, b]$ , which is  $[2, 10]$ .

The correct option is **(2)**.

61. The general value of  $\theta$  satisfying  $\tan^2 2\theta = 3$  is:

(1)  $\frac{n\pi}{2} \pm \frac{\pi}{6}$

(2)  $n\pi \pm \frac{2\pi}{3}$

(3)  $2n\pi \pm \frac{\pi}{3}$

(4) none of these

**Solution:**

The given equation is  $\tan^2(2\theta) = 3$ .

$$\tan^2(2\theta) = (\sqrt{3})^2$$

$$\tan^2(2\theta) = \tan^2(\pi/3)$$

The general solution for an equation of the form  $\tan^2 A = \tan^2 \alpha$  is  $A = n\pi \pm \alpha$ , where  $n$  is an integer.

$$2\theta = n\pi \pm \frac{\pi}{3}$$

$$\theta = \frac{n\pi}{2} \pm \frac{\pi}{6}$$

This gives the general value of  $\theta$ .

The correct option is **(1)**.

62. Solution set of the equation  $|3x - 7| + |7x - 5| = |10x - 12|$  is:

(1)  $(-\infty, 5/7) \cup (2) (-\infty, 7/3] \cup [5/7, \infty)$  (3)  $(-\infty, 5/7] \cup [7/3, \infty)$  (4) None of these  $(7/3, \infty)$

**Solution:**

The equation is of the form  $|A| + |B| = |A + B|$ .

Let  $A = 3x - 7$  and  $B = 7x - 5$ .

Then  $A + B = (3x - 7) + (7x - 5) = 10x - 12$ .

The equation  $|A| + |B| = |A + B|$  holds true if and only if  $A$  and  $B$  have the same sign, i.e.,  $A \cdot B \geq 0$ .

$$(3x - 7)(7x - 5) \geq 0$$

The critical points are the roots of the factors, which are  $x = 7/3$  and  $x = 5/7$ .

The quadratic expression  $(3x - 7)(7x - 5)$  is a parabola opening upwards, so it is non-negative outside its roots.

The solution is  $x \leq 5/7$  or  $x \geq 7/3$ .  
 In interval notation, this is  $(-\infty, 5/7] \cup [7/3, \infty)$ .

The correct option is **(3)**.

63. Solution of  $\sin 2x = \sqrt{2} \cos x$  is:

- (1)  $(2n+1)\frac{\pi}{2}$  or  $n\pi + (-1)^n\frac{\pi}{4}$       (2)  $(2n-1)\frac{\pi}{2}$       (3)  $(2n+1)\frac{\pi}{3}$       (4)  $(2n-1)\frac{\pi}{3}$

**Solution:**

We use the identity  $\sin(2x) = 2 \sin x \cos x$ .

$$\begin{aligned} 2 \sin x \cos x &= \sqrt{2} \cos x \\ 2 \sin x \cos x - \sqrt{2} \cos x &= 0 \\ \cos x(2 \sin x - \sqrt{2}) &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

This gives two possibilities:

- **Case 1:**  $\cos x = 0$ . The general solution is  $x = (2n+1)\frac{\pi}{2}$ , where  $n$  is an integer.
- **Case 2:**  $2 \sin x - \sqrt{2} = 0$ .

$$\begin{aligned} 2 \sin x &= \sqrt{2} \\ \sin x &= \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{aligned}$$

The general solution is  $x = n\pi + (-1)^n\frac{\pi}{4}$ , where  $n$  is an integer.

The complete solution set is the union of the solutions from both cases.

The correct option is **(1)**.

64. Solution set of the inequality  $|2x - 3| \geq 5$  is:

- (1)  $(-\infty, -1] \cup [4, \infty)$       (2)  $(-\infty, -1) \cup (4, \infty)$       (3)  $(-\infty, 0) \cup (5, \infty)$       (4)  $(-\infty, 0] \cup [5, \infty)$

**Solution:**

The inequality  $|A| \geq k$  (for  $k > 0$ ) is equivalent to  $A \geq k$  or  $A \leq -k$ .

$$\begin{aligned} |2x - 3| &\geq 5 \\ \implies 2x - 3 &\geq 5 \quad \text{or} \quad 2x - 3 \leq -5 \\ \implies 2x &\geq 8 \quad \text{or} \quad 2x \leq -2 \\ \implies x &\geq 4 \quad \text{or} \quad x \leq -1 \end{aligned}$$

The solution is the union of these two conditions:  $(-\infty, -1] \cup [4, \infty)$ .

The correct option is **(1)**.

65. The solution of the equation  $\sin \frac{\theta}{2} = -1$  is:

- (1)  $2n\pi + (-1)^n\pi$       (2)  $4n\pi - \pi$       (3)  $2n\pi + \frac{\pi}{2}$       (4)  $2n\pi$

**Solution:**

The general solution for  $\sin A = -1$  is  $A = 2n\pi - \frac{\pi}{2}$ , where  $n$  is an integer.

$$\begin{aligned}\sin(\theta/2) &= -1 \\ \frac{\theta}{2} &= 2n\pi - \frac{\pi}{2} \\ \theta &= 2\left(2n\pi - \frac{\pi}{2}\right) \\ \theta &= 4n\pi - \pi\end{aligned}$$

This is the general solution for  $\theta$ .

The correct option is **(2)**.

66. The set of real numbers for which  $x^2 - |x + 2| + x > 0$  is:

- (1)  $(-\infty, -2) \cup (2, \infty)$       (2)  $(-\infty, -\sqrt{2}) \cup (\sqrt{2}, \infty)$       (3)  $(-\infty, -1) \cup (1, \infty)$       (4)  $(\sqrt{2}, \infty)$

**Solution:**

We analyze the inequality by considering cases based on the expression inside the absolute value. The critical point is  $x = -2$ .

- **Case 1:**  $x + 2 \geq 0 \implies x \geq -2$ . The inequality becomes  $x^2 - (x + 2) + x > 0$ .

$$\begin{aligned}x^2 - x - 2 + x &> 0 \\ x^2 - 2 &> 0 \\ x^2 &> 2\end{aligned}$$

This implies  $x < -\sqrt{2}$  or  $x > \sqrt{2}$ . The solution for this case is the intersection of  $x \geq -2$  and  $(-\infty, -\sqrt{2}) \cup (\sqrt{2}, \infty)$ , which is  $[-2, -\sqrt{2}) \cup (\sqrt{2}, \infty)$ .

- **Case 2:**  $x + 2 < 0 \implies x < -2$ . The inequality becomes  $x^2 - (-(x + 2)) + x > 0$ .

$$\begin{aligned}x^2 + (x + 2) + x &> 0 \\ x^2 + 2x + 2 &> 0\end{aligned}$$

For the quadratic  $x^2 + 2x + 2$ , the discriminant is  $D = b^2 - 4ac = 2^2 - 4(1)(2) = 4 - 8 = -4$ . Since the leading coefficient is positive ( $1 > 0$ ) and the discriminant is negative, the quadratic expression is always positive for all real  $x$ . The solution for this case is the intersection of all real numbers and  $x < -2$ , which is  $(-\infty, -2)$ .

The final solution is the union of the solutions from both cases:  
 $((-\infty, -2)) \cup ([-2, -\sqrt{2}) \cup (\sqrt{2}, \infty)) = (-\infty, -\sqrt{2}) \cup (\sqrt{2}, \infty)$ .

The correct option is **(2)**.

67. Solution of the trigonometric equation  $2 \tan^2 x + \sec^2 x = 2$  for  $x \in [0, 2\pi]$  is:

(1)  $\frac{5\pi}{6}$

(2)  $\frac{2\pi}{3}$

(3)  $\pi$

(4)  $\frac{\pi}{2}$

**Solution:**

We use the identity  $\sec^2 x = 1 + \tan^2 x$  to express the equation solely in terms of  $\tan x$ .

$$2 \tan^2 x + (1 + \tan^2 x) = 2$$

$$3 \tan^2 x + 1 = 2$$

$$3 \tan^2 x = 1$$

$$\tan^2 x = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\tan x = \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$$

We need to find the solutions in the interval  $[0, 2\pi]$ .

- If  $\tan x = 1/\sqrt{3}$ , the solutions are  $x = \pi/6$  (Quadrant I) and  $x = \pi + \pi/6 = 7\pi/6$  (Quadrant III).
- If  $\tan x = -1/\sqrt{3}$ , the solutions are  $x = \pi - \pi/6 = 5\pi/6$  (Quadrant II) and  $x = 2\pi - \pi/6 = 11\pi/6$  (Quadrant IV).

The set of solutions in  $[0, 2\pi]$  is  $\{\pi/6, 5\pi/6, 7\pi/6, 11\pi/6\}$ . From the given options,  $5\pi/6$  is one of the solutions.

The correct option is **(1)**.

68. The value of  $x$  for which the expression  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{x+|x|}}$  is defined:

(1)  $(0, \infty)$

(2)  $(-\infty, 0)$

(3)  $(2, \infty)$

(4)  $(-\infty, -2)$

**Solution:**

For the expression to be defined, the term inside the square root must be strictly positive, as it is in the denominator.

$$x + |x| > 0$$

We consider two cases for  $|x|$ :

- **Case 1:**  $x \geq 0$ . In this case,  $|x| = x$ . The inequality becomes:

$$x + x > 0$$

$$2x > 0$$

$$x > 0$$

The solution for this case is the intersection of  $x \geq 0$  and  $x > 0$ , which is  $(0, \infty)$ .

- **Case 2:**  $x < 0$ . In this case,  $|x| = -x$ . The inequality becomes:

$$x + (-x) > 0$$

$$0 > 0$$

This is a false statement. There is no solution in this case.

The overall domain is the union of the solutions from the cases, which is  $(0, \infty)$ .

The correct option is **(1)**.

69. If  $\tan 2\theta = -\cot 3\theta$ , then the general value of  $\theta$  is:

- (1)  $\frac{(2n-1)\pi}{10}$                       (2)  $\frac{(2n+1)\pi}{10}$                       (3)  $n\pi + \frac{\pi}{2}$                       (4)  $n\pi$

**Solution:**

The given equation can be rewritten as:

$$\begin{aligned}\tan 2\theta + \cot 3\theta &= 0 \\ \frac{\sin 2\theta}{\cos 2\theta} + \frac{\cos 3\theta}{\sin 3\theta} &= 0\end{aligned}$$

This requires  $\cos 2\theta \neq 0$  and  $\sin 3\theta \neq 0$ . Taking a common denominator:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\sin 2\theta \sin 3\theta + \cos 2\theta \cos 3\theta}{\cos 2\theta \sin 3\theta} &= 0 \\ \sin 2\theta \sin 3\theta + \cos 2\theta \cos 3\theta &= 0\end{aligned}$$

Using the identity  $\cos(A - B) = \cos A \cos B + \sin A \sin B$ :

$$\begin{aligned}\cos(3\theta - 2\theta) &= 0 \\ \cos(\theta) &= 0\end{aligned}$$

The general solution for  $\cos \theta = 0$  is  $\theta = (2n + 1)\frac{\pi}{2}$ , which can also be written as  $\theta = n\pi + \frac{\pi}{2}$ . We must check if this solution makes the denominators zero. If  $\theta = n\pi + \pi/2$ , then  $2\theta = 2n\pi + \pi$ , so  $\cos(2\theta) = \cos(\pi) = -1 \neq 0$ . And  $3\theta = 3n\pi + 3\pi/2$ , so  $\sin(3\theta) = \sin(3n\pi + 3\pi/2) = \pm \cos(3n\pi) = \pm 1 \neq 0$ . The solution is valid.

The correct option is **(3)**.

70. The solution set of the inequality  $|x^2 - 2x - 3| < |x^2 - x + 5|$  is:

- (1)  $(-8, \infty)$                       (2)  $(8, \infty)$                       (3)  $(-\infty, -8)$                       (4)  $(-\infty, 8)$

**Solution:**

Since both sides are non-negative, we can square them:

$$\begin{aligned}(x^2 - 2x - 3)^2 &< (x^2 - x + 5)^2 \\ (x^2 - 2x - 3)^2 - (x^2 - x + 5)^2 &< 0\end{aligned}$$

Using the difference of squares identity  $A^2 - B^2 = (A - B)(A + B)$ :

$$\begin{aligned}[(x^2 - 2x - 3) - (x^2 - x + 5)][(x^2 - 2x - 3) + (x^2 - x + 5)] &< 0 \\ (-x - 8)(2x^2 - 3x + 2) &< 0 \\ -(x + 8)(2x^2 - 3x + 2) &< 0\end{aligned}$$

Multiplying by -1 reverses the inequality sign:

$$(x + 8)(2x^2 - 3x + 2) > 0$$

Consider the quadratic term  $2x^2 - 3x + 2$ . Its discriminant is  $D = (-3)^2 - 4(2)(2) = 9 - 16 = -7$ . Since the leading coefficient (2) is positive and the discriminant is negative, the quadratic  $2x^2 - 3x + 2$  is always positive for all real  $x$ . Thus, we can divide the inequality by this positive term without changing the sign:

$$x + 8 > 0 \implies x > -8$$

The solution set is  $(-8, \infty)$ .

The correct option is **(1)**.

## SECTION-B: Integer Type Questions

71. The number of values of  $x \in [0, 2\pi]$  that satisfy  $\cot x - \operatorname{cosec} x = 2 \sin x$  is:

**Solution:**

Rewrite the equation in terms of sine and cosine.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\cos x}{\sin x} - \frac{1}{\sin x} &= 2 \sin x \quad (\text{for } \sin x \neq 0) \\ \frac{\cos x - 1}{\sin x} &= 2 \sin x \\ \cos x - 1 &= 2 \sin^2 x \end{aligned}$$

Using the identity  $\sin^2 x = 1 - \cos^2 x$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \cos x - 1 &= 2(1 - \cos^2 x) \\ \cos x - 1 &= 2 - 2 \cos^2 x \\ 2 \cos^2 x + \cos x - 3 &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

This is a quadratic equation in  $\cos x$ . Let  $y = \cos x$ .

$$\begin{aligned} 2y^2 + y - 3 &= 0 \\ (2y + 3)(y - 1) &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

So,  $y = -3/2$  or  $y = 1$ . This means  $\cos x = -3/2$  or  $\cos x = 1$ . Since  $-1 \leq \cos x \leq 1$ , the solution  $\cos x = -3/2$  is impossible. The only possible solution is  $\cos x = 1$ . In the interval  $[0, 2\pi]$ , this occurs at  $x = 0$  and  $x = 2\pi$ . However, the original equation is defined only if  $\sin x \neq 0$ . For  $x = 0$  and  $x = 2\pi$ ,  $\sin x = 0$ . These values make the denominator zero, so they are extraneous solutions. Therefore, there are no solutions.

The correct answer is **0**.

72. Solution of the inequality  $|x + 2| + |x - 3| > 5$  is  $(-\infty, -\alpha) \cup (\beta, \infty)$  then  $\alpha + \beta = ?$

**Solution:**

The critical points are  $x = -2$  and  $x = 3$ .

- **Case 1:**  $x < -2$ .  $-(x + 2) - (x - 3) > 5 \implies -2x + 1 > 5 \implies -2x > 4 \implies x < -2$ .  
The solution is  $(-\infty, -2)$ .

- **Case 2:**  $-2 \leq x < 3$ .  $(x+2) - (x-3) > 5 \implies 5 > 5$ . This is false, so no solution in this interval.
- **Case 3:**  $x \geq 3$ .  $(x+2) + (x-3) > 5 \implies 2x-1 > 5 \implies 2x > 6 \implies x > 3$ . The solution is  $(3, \infty)$ .

The complete solution set is  $(-\infty, -2) \cup (3, \infty)$ . Comparing this with the given form  $(-\infty, -\alpha) \cup (\beta, \infty)$ , we get  $\alpha = 2$  and  $\beta = 3$ . Then,  $\alpha + \beta = 2 + 3 = 5$ .

The correct answer is **5**.

73. The number of roots of the equation  $\cos^2 x + \frac{\sqrt{3}+1}{2} \sin x - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} - 1 = 0$ , which lie in the interval  $[-\pi, \pi]$  is:

**Solution:**

Substitute  $\cos^2 x = 1 - \sin^2 x$ .

$$\begin{aligned} 1 - \sin^2 x + \frac{\sqrt{3}+1}{2} \sin x - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} - 1 &= 0 \\ -\sin^2 x + \frac{\sqrt{3}+1}{2} \sin x - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Multiply by  $-4$  to clear fractions and the leading negative sign:

$$4 \sin^2 x - 2(\sqrt{3}+1) \sin x + \sqrt{3} = 0$$

This quadratic in  $\sin x$  can be factored:

$$\begin{aligned} 4 \sin^2 x - 2\sqrt{3} \sin x - 2 \sin x + \sqrt{3} &= 0 \\ 2 \sin x(2 \sin x - \sqrt{3}) - 1(2 \sin x - \sqrt{3}) &= 0 \\ (2 \sin x - 1)(2 \sin x - \sqrt{3}) &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

This gives two possibilities:

- **Case 1:**  $2 \sin x - 1 = 0 \implies \sin x = 1/2$ . In the interval  $[-\pi, \pi]$ , the solutions are  $x = \pi/6$  and  $x = 5\pi/6$ . (2 solutions)
- **Case 2:**  $2 \sin x - \sqrt{3} = 0 \implies \sin x = \sqrt{3}/2$ . In the interval  $[-\pi, \pi]$ , the solutions are  $x = \pi/3$  and  $x = 2\pi/3$ . (2 solutions)

All four solutions are distinct. Thus, there are 4 roots in the given interval.

The correct answer is **4**.

74. Number of integral solution of  $|x^2 - 16| + |x^2 - 25| = 9$  is:

**Solution:**

Let  $y = x^2$ . The equation becomes  $|y-16| + |y-25| = 9$ . This is of the form  $|y-a| + |y-b| = b-a$ , with  $a = 16$  and  $b = 25$ . We have  $b-a = 25-16 = 9$ , which matches the equation. The solution for this form is  $a \leq y \leq b$ .

$$16 \leq y \leq 25$$

Substituting back  $y = x^2$ :

$$16 \leq x^2 \leq 25$$

Taking the square root of all parts:

$$\begin{aligned}\sqrt{16} &\leq \sqrt{x^2} \leq \sqrt{25} \\ 4 &\leq |x| \leq 5\end{aligned}$$

This inequality holds if  $4 \leq x \leq 5$  or  $-5 \leq x \leq -4$ . The solution set for  $x$  is  $[-5, -4] \cup [4, 5]$ . The integers in this set are  $\{-5, -4, 4, 5\}$ . There are 4 integral solutions.

The correct answer is **4**.

75. The number of values of  $\theta$  in  $[0, 6\pi]$  satisfying the equation  $3 \cos^2 \theta - 10 \cos \theta + 7 = 0$  are:

**Solution:**

This is a quadratic equation in  $\cos \theta$ . Let  $y = \cos \theta$ .

$$\begin{aligned}3y^2 - 10y + 7 &= 0 \\ 3y^2 - 3y - 7y + 7 &= 0 \\ 3y(y - 1) - 7(y - 1) &= 0 \\ (3y - 7)(y - 1) &= 0\end{aligned}$$

This gives  $y = 7/3$  or  $y = 1$ . Substituting back  $y = \cos \theta$ :

- $\cos \theta = 7/3$ : This is impossible, since the range of  $\cos \theta$  is  $[-1, 1]$ .
- $\cos \theta = 1$ : The general solution is  $\theta = 2n\pi$ , where  $n$  is an integer.

We need to find the number of solutions in the interval  $[0, 6\pi]$ . We test integer values for  $n$ :

- $n = 0 : \theta = 0$ . This is in  $[0, 6\pi]$ .
- $n = 1 : \theta = 2\pi$ . This is in  $[0, 6\pi]$ .
- $n = 2 : \theta = 4\pi$ . This is in  $[0, 6\pi]$ .
- $n = 3 : \theta = 6\pi$ . This is in  $[0, 6\pi]$ .
- $n = 4 : \theta = 8\pi$ . This is outside the interval.

There are 4 solutions in the given interval.

The correct answer is **4**.