

Topic :- LINEAR INEQUALITIES

1 (a)

We have,

$$3^x + 2^{2x} \geq 5^x$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(\frac{3}{5}\right)^x + \left(\frac{4}{5}\right)^x \geq 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(\frac{3}{5}\right)^x + \left(\frac{4}{5}\right)^x \geq \left(\frac{3}{5}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{4}{5}\right)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow x \leq 2 \Rightarrow x \in (-\infty, 2] \left[\begin{array}{l} \text{If } a^x + b^x \geq 1 \text{ and } a^2 + b^2 = 1, \\ \text{then } x \in (-\infty, 2) \end{array} \right]$$

2 (c)

$$x^2 - 3|x| + 2 < 0$$

$$\Rightarrow |x|^2 - 3|x| + 2 < 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (|x| - 1)(|x| - 2) < 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 < |x| < 2$$

$$\Rightarrow -2 < x < -1 \text{ or } 1 < x < 2$$

$$\therefore x \in (-2, -1) \cup (1, 2)$$

3 (d)

$$\text{We have, } 2^x + 2^{|x|} \geq 2\sqrt{2}$$

$$\text{If } x \geq 0, \text{ then } 2^x + 2^x \geq 2\sqrt{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2^x \geq \sqrt{2} \Rightarrow x \geq \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\text{and if } x < 0, \text{ then } 2^x + 2^{-x} \geq 2\sqrt{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow t + \frac{1}{t} \geq 2\sqrt{2} \text{ (where } t = 2^x)$$

$$\Rightarrow t^2 - 2\sqrt{2}t + 1 \geq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (t - (\sqrt{2} - 1))(t - (\sqrt{2} + 1)) \geq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow t \leq \sqrt{2} - 1 \text{ or } t \geq \sqrt{2} + 1$$

But $t > 0$

$$\Rightarrow 0 < 2^x \leq \sqrt{2} - 1$$

$$\text{Or } 2^x \geq \sqrt{2} + 1$$

$$\Rightarrow -\infty < x \leq \log_2(\sqrt{2} - 1)$$

$$\text{Or } x \geq \log_2(\sqrt{2} + 1)$$

Which is not possible, because $x > 0$

$$\therefore x \in (-\infty, \log_2(\sqrt{2} - 1)) \cup \left[\frac{1}{2}, \infty\right)$$

4 **(b)**

Using G.M. \leq A.M., we have

$$\sin x_i \cos x_{i+1} \leq \frac{\sin^2 x_i + \cos^2 x_{i+1}}{2} \text{ for } i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n,$$

where $x_{n+1} = x_1$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \sin x_1 \cos x_2 + \sin x_2 \cos x_3 + \dots + \sin x_n \cos x_{n+1} \\ \leq \frac{\sin^2 x_1 + \cos^2 x_2}{2} + \frac{\sin^2 x_2 + \cos^2 x_3}{2} + \dots + \frac{\sin^2 x_n + \cos^2 x_1}{2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin x_1 \cos x_2 + \sin x_2 \cos x_3 + \dots + \sin x_n \cos x_1 \leq \frac{n}{2}$$

5 **(c)**

We have, $x^2 + (a + b)x + ab < 0$

$$\Rightarrow (x + a)(x + b) < 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -b < x < -a$$

6 **(a)**

Given, $\log_{10}(x^3 + y^3) - \log_{10}(x^2 + y^2 - xy) \leq 2$

$$\Rightarrow \log_{10} \frac{(x^3 + y^3)}{x^2 + y^2 - xy} \leq 2$$

$$\Rightarrow \log_{10}(x + y) \leq 2 \Rightarrow x + y \leq 100$$

Using AM \geq GM

$$\therefore \frac{x + y}{2} \geq \sqrt{xy}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{xy} \leq \frac{x + y}{2} \leq \frac{100}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow xy \leq 2500$$

7 (c)

By trial,

$$3^{x/2} + 2^x \leq 25 \text{ for } x = 1, 2, 3, 4$$

$$\text{But } 3^{x/2} + 2^x > 25 \text{ for } x > 4$$

Hence, solution set for $3^{x/2} + 2^x > 25$ is $(4, \infty)$

8 (c)

Since,

$$AM \geq GM$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{a+b}{2} \geq \sqrt{ab}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{a+b}{2} \geq \sqrt{4} \quad (\because ab = 4, \text{ given})$$

$$\Rightarrow a + b \geq 4$$

9 (a)

When $x > 0$, $P_n(x) > 0$ and so $P_n(x) = 0$ can have no positive real roots

Now,

$$\begin{aligned} P_n(x) &= 1 + 2x + 3x^2 + \dots + (n+1)x^n \\ \Rightarrow xP_n(x) &= x + 2x^2 + 3x^3 + \dots + nx^n + (n+1)x^{n+1} \\ \Rightarrow (1-x)P_n(x) &= 1 + x + x^2 + \dots + x^n - (n+1)x^{n+1} \\ \Rightarrow P_n(x) &= \frac{1 - (n+2)x^{n+1} + (n+1)x^{n+2}}{(1-x)^2} \end{aligned}$$

For negative values of x , $P_n(x)$ will vanish whenever

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

Now,

$$f(-x) = 1 - (n+2)(-1)^{n+1}x^{n+1} + (n+1)(-1)^{n+2}x^{n+2} \dots (i)$$

If n is even, there is no change of sign in this expression and so there is no negative real root of $f(x)$

10 (c)

$$(x-1)(x^2 - 5x + 7) < (x-1)$$

$$\Rightarrow (x-1)(x^2 - 5x + 6) < 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (x-1)(x-2)(x-3) < 0$$

$$\therefore x \in (-\infty, 1) \cup (2, 3)$$

11 (b)

Using A.M. \geq G.M., we have

$$\frac{x}{n} \geq \left\{ \log_2 2^2 \times \log_2 3^2 \times \log_2 4^3 \times \dots \times \log_2^{n+1} 2^n \right\}^{1/n}$$

$$\Rightarrow x \geq n(\log_{2^{n+1}} 2)^{1/n}$$

$$\Rightarrow x \geq n\left(\frac{1}{n+1} \log_2 2\right)^{1/n} \Rightarrow x \geq n\left(\frac{1}{n+1}\right)^{1/n}$$

12 (c)

We have,

$$\frac{1}{2}\left|a + \frac{11}{a}\right| \geq \sqrt{11}, \text{equality holding iff } a = \pm \sqrt{11}$$

$$\therefore |x| \geq \sqrt{11}, |y| \geq \sqrt{11}, |z| \geq \sqrt{11}, |t| \geq \sqrt{11}$$

Let $x \geq 0$, then $x \geq \sqrt{11}, y \geq \sqrt{11}, z \geq \sqrt{11}$ and $t \geq \sqrt{11}$

$$\text{Now, } y - \sqrt{11} = \frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{11}{x} + x\right) - \sqrt{11}$$

$$\Rightarrow y - \sqrt{11} = \frac{(x - \sqrt{11})^2}{2x} = \left(\frac{x - \sqrt{11}}{2x}\right)(x - \sqrt{11})$$

$$\Rightarrow y - \sqrt{11} = \frac{1}{2}\left(1 - \frac{\sqrt{11}}{x}\right)(x - \sqrt{11}) < (x - \sqrt{11})$$

$$\Rightarrow y < x \text{ i.e. } x > y$$

Similarly, we have

$$y > z, z > t \text{ and } t > x \Rightarrow y > x$$

$$\therefore x = y = z = t = \sqrt{11} \text{ is the only solution for } x > 0$$

We observe that (x, y, z, t) is a solution iff $(-x, -y, -z, -t)$ is a solution

Thus, $x = y = z = t = -\sqrt{11}$ is the only other solution

13 (b)

$$\text{Given, } 3 + \frac{3}{3^x} - 4 < 0 \Rightarrow 3^{2x} + 3 - 4 \cdot 3^x < 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (3^x - 1)(3^x - 3) < 0$$

$$1 < 3^x < 3 \Rightarrow 0 < x < 1$$

\therefore The solution set is $(0, 1)$

14 (b)

We have, $|a| \leq 1$ and $a + b = 1$

i.e. $-1 \leq a \leq 1$ and $b = 1 - a$

$$\Rightarrow -1 \leq a \leq 1 \text{ and } 0 \leq b \leq 2 \Rightarrow -2 \leq ab \leq 2 \dots (i)$$

Now,

$$ab \leq \left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right)^2 \Rightarrow ab \leq \frac{1}{4} \dots (ii)$$

From (i) and (ii), we have

$$-2 \leq ab \leq \frac{1}{4} \Rightarrow ab \in \left[-\frac{2}{4}, \frac{1}{4}\right]$$

15 (d)

$$\text{Given, } \sqrt{(3x+1)^2} < (2-x)$$

$$\Rightarrow (3x+1) < 2-x$$

$$\Rightarrow 3x+1 < 2-x \Rightarrow x < \frac{1}{4}$$

16 (c)

Given, inequality can be rewritten as $\left(\frac{5}{13}\right)^x + \left(\frac{12}{13}\right)^x \geq 1$

$$\therefore \cos^x \alpha + \sin^x \alpha \geq 1$$

Where, $\cos \alpha = \frac{5}{13}$

If $x = 2$, the above equality holds

If $x < 2$ both $\cos \alpha$ and $\sin \alpha$ increases in positive fraction

Hence, above inequality holds for $x \in (-\infty, 2]$

17 **(b)**

Let $f(x) = \log_e \frac{x-2}{x-3}$

$f(x)$ is defined either $(x-2) > 0, (x-3) > 0$ or $(x-2) < 0$

$(x-3) < 0$ or $x \neq 2, 3$

$\Rightarrow f(x)$ is defined either $x > 3$ or $x < 2$ or $x \neq 2, 3$

ie, $x \in (-\infty, 2) \cup (3, \infty)$

18 **(c)**

$$3 \leq 3t - 18 \leq 18$$

$$\Rightarrow 21 \leq 3t \leq 36$$

$$\Rightarrow 7 \leq t \leq 12$$

$$\Rightarrow 8 \leq t + 1 \leq 13$$

19 **(b)**

$$\therefore f(-1) < 1 \Rightarrow a - b + c < 1 \dots (i)$$

and $f(1) > -1, f(3) < -4$, then

$$a + b + c > -1 \dots (ii)$$

$$9a + 3b + c < -4 \dots (iii)$$

From Eq. (ii),

$$-a - b - c < 1 \dots (iv)$$

On solving Eqs. (i), (iii) and (iv), we get $a < -\frac{1}{8} \Rightarrow a$ is negative

20 **(d)**

Given, $\frac{2x+3}{2x-9} < 0$

$$\Rightarrow 2x + 3 < 0 \text{ and } 2x - 9 > 0$$

Or $2x + 3 > 0$ and $2x - 9 < 0$ and $x \neq \frac{9}{2}$

$$\Rightarrow x < -\frac{3}{2} \text{ and } x > \frac{9}{2} \text{ or } x > -\frac{3}{2} \text{ and } x < \frac{9}{2} \text{ and } x \neq \frac{9}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow x \in \left(-\frac{3}{2}, \frac{9}{2}\right)$$

ANSWER-KEY										
Q.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
A.	A	C	D	B	C	A	C	C	A	C
Q.	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
A.	B	C	B	B	D	C	B	C	B	D

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