

## Topic :- LINEAR INEQUALITIES

1 (a)

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

$$a + b \geq 2\sqrt{ab}, b + c \geq 2\sqrt{bc} \text{ and } c + a \geq 2\sqrt{ca}$$

$$\Rightarrow (a + b)(b + c)(c + a) \geq 8abc$$

$$\Rightarrow (2 - a)(2 - b)(2 - c) \geq 8abc \left[ \begin{array}{l} \because a + b + c = 2 \\ \therefore b + c = 2 - a \text{ etc} \end{array} \right]$$

2 (a)

We have,  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 27$

Now,

$$\frac{(x^2)^{3/2} + (y^2)^{3/2} + (z^2)^{3/2}}{3} \geq \left( \frac{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}{3} \right)^{3/2}$$

$$\Rightarrow x^3 + y^3 + z^3 \geq 81$$

3 (c)

Given,  $2x - 7 < 11$ ,  $3x + 4 < -5$

$$\Rightarrow x < 9, x < -3$$

$$\Rightarrow x < -3$$

$\therefore x$  lies in the interval  $(-\infty, -3)$

4 (c)

Let

$$f(x) = x^8 - x^5 - \frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{x^4} = \frac{x^{12} - x^9 - x^3 + 1}{x^4} = \frac{(x^9 - 1)(x^3 - 1)}{x^4}$$

Clearly,  $f(x) \geq 0$  for all  $x < 0$  and it is not defined for  $x = 0$

For  $0 < x < 1$ , we have

$$x^9 - 1 < 0 \text{ and } x^3 - 1 < 0 \Rightarrow f(x) > 0$$

For  $x \geq 1$ , we have  $x^9 - 1 \geq 0$  and  $x^3 - 1 \geq 0 \Rightarrow f(x) \geq 0$

Hence,  $f(x) \geq 0$  for all  $x \neq 0$

5 (c)

We have,

$$5^{(1/4)(\log_5 x)^2} \geq 5 x^{(1/5)(\log_5 x)}$$

$$\frac{1}{4}(\log_5 x)^2 \log_5 5 \geq \log_5 5 + \frac{1}{5}(\log_5 x) \log_5 x$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\Rightarrow (\log_5 x)^2 \geq 20 \\ &\Rightarrow (\log_5 x)^2 - (2\sqrt{5})^2 \geq 0 \\ &\Rightarrow \log_5 x \leq -2\sqrt{5} \text{ or } \log_5 x \geq 2\sqrt{5} \\ &\Rightarrow x \leq 5^{-2\sqrt{5}} \text{ or } x \geq 5^{2\sqrt{5}} \\ &\Rightarrow x \in (0, 5^{-2\sqrt{5}}] \cup [5^{2\sqrt{5}}, \infty) \quad [\log_5 x \text{ is defined for } x > 0] \end{aligned}$$

6 (a)

We know that,

$$AM \geq GM$$

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

$$\Rightarrow 4 \geq \sqrt{ab} \quad (\because a+b=8 \text{ given})$$

$$\Rightarrow ab \leq 16$$

Equality holds when number are equal. So,  $ab$  is equal to 16 when  $a=4, b=4$

7 (a)

Curves  $y = \cos x$  and  $y = -|x|$  do not intersect. So, the equation  $\cos x + |x| = 0$  has no real root

8 (d)

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

$$\frac{\cos^3 x}{\sin x} + \frac{\sin^3 x}{\cos x} \geq 2 \sqrt{\frac{\cos^3 x}{\sin x} \times \frac{\sin^3 x}{\cos x}} \text{ for all } x \in (0, \pi/2)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\cos^3 x}{\sin x} + \frac{\sin^3 x}{\cos x} \geq \sin 2x \text{ for all } x \in (0, \pi/2)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\cos^3 x}{\sin x} + \frac{\sin^3 x}{\cos x} \geq 1 \text{ for all } x \in (0, \pi/2)$$

9 (d)

$$x^2 + 4ax + 20$$

$$\therefore (4a)^2 - 4 \times 20 < 0$$

[ $\because$  if  $f(x) > 0$ , then]

$$\Rightarrow 16a^2 < 80 \Rightarrow a^2 < \frac{5}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow -\frac{\sqrt{5}}{2} < a < \frac{\sqrt{5}}{2}$$

10 (b)

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

$$\frac{a+b}{2} > \sqrt{ab} \quad [\because a \neq b]$$

$$\Rightarrow a+b > 2\sqrt{ab}$$

11 (a)

We have,

$$x^2 \cdot 2^{x+1} + 2^{|x-3|+2} = x^2 \cdot 2^{|x-3|+4} + 2^{x-1}$$

Now, two cases arise

**CASE I** When  $x \geq 3$  :

In this case, we have  $|x - 3| = x - 3$

So, the given equation reduces to

$$x^2 \cdot 2^{x+1} + 2^{x-1} = x^2 \cdot 2^{x+1} + 2^{x-1}$$

Which is an identity in  $x$  and hence it is true for all  $x \geq 3$

**CASE II** When  $x < 3$  :

In this case, we have  $|x - 3| = -(x - 3)$

So, the given equation reduces to

$$x^2 \cdot 2^{x+1} + 2^{-x+5} = x^2 \cdot 2^{-x+7} + 2^{x-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 2^{x+1} - 2^{x-1} = x^2 \cdot 2^{-x+7} - 2^{-x+5}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2^{x-1}(4x^2 - 1) = 2^{-x+5}(4x^2 - 1)$$

$$\Rightarrow 2^{2x}(4x^2 - 1) = 2^6(4x^2 - 1)$$

$$\Rightarrow (2^{2x} - 2^6)(4x^2 - 1) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 2x = 6 \text{ or, } 4x^2 - 1 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 3 \text{ or, } x = \pm \frac{1}{2}$$

But,  $x < 3$ . Therefore,  $x = \pm \frac{1}{2}$

Hence, the given equation has no negative integral root

12 **(b)**

We have,

$$2^{\sin^2 x} \cdot 3^{\cos^2 y} \cdot 4^{\sin^2 z} \cdot 5^{\cos^2 \omega} \geq 120$$

$$\Rightarrow 2^{\sin^2 x} \cdot 3^{\cos^2 y} \cdot 4^{\sin^2 z} \cdot 5^{\cos^2 \omega} \geq 2 \times 3 \times 4 \times 5$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin^2 x \log 2 + \cos^2 y \log 3 + \sin^2 z \log 4 + \cos^2 \omega \log 5 \geq \log 2 + \log 3 + \log 4 + \log 5$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos^2 x \log 2 + \sin^2 y \log 3 + \cos^2 z \log 4 + \sin^2 \omega \log 5 \leq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos^2 x = 0, \sin^2 y = 0, \cos^2 z = 0 \text{ and } \sin^2 \omega = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x = m\pi \pm \frac{\pi}{2}, m \in Z; y = n\pi, n \in Z$$

$$z = r\pi \pm \frac{\pi}{2}, r \in Z; \omega = t\pi, t \in Z$$

But,  $x, y, z, \omega \in [0, 10]$

$$\therefore x = \frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{3\pi}{2}, \frac{5\pi}{2}, y = 0, \pi, 2\pi, 3\pi, z = \frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{3\pi}{2}, \frac{5\pi}{2}$$

and  $\omega = 0, \pi, 2\pi, 3\pi$

Hence, the number of ordered 4-tuples is  $3 \times 4 \times 3 \times 4 = 144$

13 **(d)**

We have,

$$\log_b a + \log_a b + \log_d c + \log_c d$$

$$= \left( \log_b a + \frac{1}{\log_b a} \right) + \left( \log_d c + \frac{1}{\log_d c} \right) \geq 2 + 2 = 4$$

14 **(c)**

We have,

$$\log_{1/3}(2^{x+2} - 4^x) \geq -2$$

$$\Rightarrow 2^{x+2} - 4^x \leq \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^{-2} \text{ and } 2^{x+2} - 4^x > 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 4(2^x) - (2^x)^2 \leq 9 \text{ and } 2^x(2^2 - 2^x) > 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (2^x)^2 - 4(2^x) + 9 \geq 0 \text{ and } 2^x < 2^2$$

$$\Rightarrow x < 2 \text{ [ } \because (2^x)^2 - 4(2^x) + 9 > 0 \text{ for all } x \in \mathbb{R} \text{]}$$

$$\Rightarrow x \in (-\infty, 2)$$

15 (c)

$$\text{Given, } \frac{2x}{(2x+1)(x+2)} - \frac{1}{(x+1)} > 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{-3x-2}{(x+1)(x+2)(2x+1)} > 0$$

Equating each factor equal to 0, we have

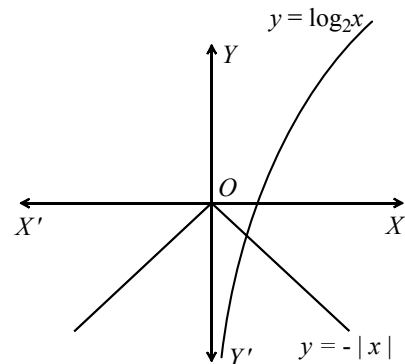
$$x = -2, -1, -\frac{2}{3}, -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$\text{It is clear } -\frac{2}{3} < x < -\frac{1}{2} \text{ or } -2 < x < -1$$

16 (b)

We observe that the curves  $y = \log_2 x$  and  $y = -|x|$  intersect at exactly one point. So, the equation

$\log_2 x + |x| = 0$  has exactly one real root



17 (a)

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

$$\frac{bcx + cay + abz}{3} \geq (bcx \times cay \times abz)^{1/3}$$

$$\Rightarrow bcx + cay + abz \geq 3(a^2b^2c^2 \times xyz)^{1/3}$$

$$\Rightarrow bcx + cay + abz \geq 3abc \quad [\because xyz = abc]$$

18 (a)

We have,

$$\sqrt{3x^2 + 6x + 7} + \sqrt{5x^2 + 10x + 14} \leq 4 - 2x - x^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{3(x+1)^2 + 4} + \sqrt{5(x+1)^2 + 9} \leq (x+1)^2 + 5$$

Clearly, LHS  $\geq$  5 and LHS  $\leq$  5

So, the inequation holds when each side is equal to 5

This is true when  $x = -1$

Hence, the given inequation has exactly one solution

19 **(b)**

Let  $a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots, a_n$  be the lengths of  $n$  parts of the stick. Then,

$$a_1 + a_2 + a_3 + \dots + a_n = 20 \text{ and } a_1 a_2 a_3 \dots a_n > 1$$

Now, A.M.  $\geq$  G.M.

$$\Rightarrow \frac{a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_n}{n} \geq (a_1 a_2 \dots a_n)^{1/n}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{20}{n} > 1 \Rightarrow n < 20$$

$\therefore$  Maximum possible value of  $n$  is 19

20 **(b)**

$\therefore$  AM  $>$  GM

$$\frac{(a + b - c) + (b + c - a)}{2} > \sqrt{(a + b - c)(b + c - a)}$$

$$\Rightarrow b > \sqrt{(a + b - c)(b + c - a)} \dots (i)$$

$$\text{Similarly, } \frac{(b + c - a) + (c + a - b)}{2} > \sqrt{(b + c - a)(c + a - b)}$$

$$\Rightarrow c > \sqrt{(b + c - a)(c + a - b)} \dots (ii)$$

$$\text{and } \frac{(c + a - b) + (a + b - c)}{2} > \sqrt{(c + a - b)(a + b - c)}$$

$$\Rightarrow a > \sqrt{(c + a - b)(a + b - c)} \dots (iii)$$

On multiplying relations (i), (ii) and (iii), we get

$$abc > (a + b - c)(b + c - a)(c + a - b)$$

$$\Rightarrow (a + b - c)(b + c - a)(c + a - b) - abc < 0$$

**ANSWER-KEY**

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

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