

4 JEE Main 2021 (Online) 17th March Morning Shift  
MCQ (Single Correct Answer)

The system of equations  $kx + y + z = 1$ ,  $x + ky + z = k$  and  $x + y + zk = k^2$  has no solution if  $k$  is equal to :

A 0

B -1

C -2

D 1

### Explanation

$$D = \begin{vmatrix} k & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & k & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & k \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow k(k^2 - 1) - (k - 1) + (1 - k) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (k - 1)(k^2 + k - 1 - 1) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (k - 1)(k^2 + k - 2) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (k - 1)(k - 1)(k + 2) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow k = 1, k = -2$$

for  $k = 1$  equation identical so  $k = -2$  for no solution.

4 JEE Main 2021 (Online) 26th August Morning Shift  
MCQ (Single Correct Answer)

Let  $\theta \in (0, \frac{\pi}{2})$ . If the system of linear equations

$$(1 + \cos^2 \theta)x + \sin^2 \theta y + 4 \sin 3 \theta z = 0$$

$$\cos^2 \theta x + (1 + \sin^2 \theta)y + 4 \sin 3 \theta z = 0$$

$$\cos^2 \theta x + \sin^2 \theta y + (1 + 4 \sin 3 \theta)z = 0$$

has a non-trivial solution, then the value of  $\theta$  is :

A  $\frac{4\pi}{9}$

B  $\frac{7\pi}{18}$

C  $\frac{\pi}{18}$

D  $\frac{5\pi}{18}$

### Explanation

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 + \cos^2 \theta & \sin^2 \theta & 4 \sin 3 \theta \\ \cos^2 \theta & 1 + \sin^2 \theta & 4 \sin 3 \theta \\ \cos^2 \theta & \sin^2 \theta & 1 + 4 \sin 3 \theta \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$C_1 \rightarrow C_1 + C_2$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} 2 & \sin^2 \theta & 4 \sin 3 \theta \\ 2 & 1 + \sin^2 \theta & 4 \sin 3 \theta \\ 1 & \sin^2 \theta & 1 + 4 \sin 3 \theta \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$R_1 \rightarrow R_1 - R_2, R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - R_3$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & \sin^2 \theta & 1 + 4 \sin 3 \theta \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$\text{or } 4 \sin 3 \theta = -2$$

$$\sin 3 \theta = -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$\theta = \frac{7\pi}{18}$$

3 JEE Main 2021 (Online) 31st August Evening Shift

MCQ (Single Correct Answer)

If  $\alpha + \beta + \gamma = 2\pi$ , then the system of equations

$$x + (\cos \gamma)y + (\cos \beta)z = 0$$

$$(\cos \gamma)x + y + (\cos \alpha)z = 0$$

$$(\cos \beta)x + (\cos \alpha)y + z = 0$$

has :

- A no solution
- B infinitely many solution**
- C exactly two solutions
- D a unique solution

## Explanation

Given  $\alpha + \beta + \gamma = 2\pi$

$$\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & \cos \gamma & \cos \beta \\ \cos \gamma & 1 & \cos \alpha \\ \cos \beta & \cos \alpha & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= 1 - \cos^2 \alpha - \cos \gamma (\cos \gamma - \cos \alpha \cos \beta) + \cos \beta (\cos \alpha \cos \gamma - \cos \beta)$$

$$= 1 - \cos^2 \alpha - \cos^2 \beta - \cos^2 \gamma + 2 \cos \alpha \cos \beta \cos \gamma$$

$$= \sin^2 \alpha - \cos^2 \beta - \cos \gamma (\cos \gamma - 2 \cos \alpha \cos \beta)$$

$$= -\cos(\alpha + \beta) \cos(\alpha - \beta) - \cos \gamma (\cos(2\pi - (\alpha - \beta)) - 2 \cos \alpha \cos \beta)$$

$$= -\cos(2\pi - \gamma) \cos(\alpha - \beta) - \cos \gamma (\cos(\alpha + \beta) - 2 \cos \alpha \cos \beta)$$

$$= -\cos \gamma \cos(\alpha - \beta) + \cos \gamma (\cos \alpha \cos \beta + \sin \alpha \sin \beta)$$

$$= -\cos \gamma \cos(\alpha - \beta) + \cos \gamma \cos(\alpha - \beta)$$

$$= 0$$

So, the system of equation has infinitely many solutions.

1 JEE Main 2021 (Online) 31st August Morning Shift

MCQ (Single Correct Answer)

If the following system of linear equations

$$2x + y + z = 5$$

$$x - y + z = 3$$

$$x + y + az = b$$

has no solution, then :

A  $a = -\frac{1}{3}, b \neq \frac{7}{3}$

B  $a \neq \frac{1}{3}, b = \frac{7}{3}$

C  $a \neq -\frac{1}{3}, b = \frac{7}{3}$

D  $a = \frac{1}{3}, b \neq \frac{7}{3}$

### Explanation

$$\text{Here } D = \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & a \end{vmatrix} = 2(a-1) - 1(a-1) + 1 + 1 \\ = 1 - 3a$$

$$D_3 = \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 1 & 5 \\ 1 & -1 & 3 \\ 1 & 1 & b \end{vmatrix} = 2(-b-3) - 1(b-3) + 5(1+1) \\ = 7 - 3b$$

for  $a = \frac{1}{3}, b \neq \frac{7}{3}$ , system has no solutions.

2 JEE Main 2021 (Online) 27th August Evening Shift

MCQ (Single Correct Answer)

Let  $[\lambda]$  be the greatest integer less than or equal to  $\lambda$ . The set of all values of  $\lambda$  for which the system of linear equations

$$x + y + z = 4,$$

$$3x + 2y + 5z = 3,$$

$$9x + 4y + (28 + [\lambda])z = [\lambda] \text{ has a solution is :}$$

A R

B  $(-\infty, -9) \cup (-9, \infty)$

C  $[-9, -8)$

D  $(-\infty, -9) \cup [-8, \infty)$

### Explanation

$$D = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 3 & 2 & 5 \\ 9 & 4 & 28 + [\lambda] \end{vmatrix} = -24 - [\lambda] + 15 = -[\lambda] - 9$$

if  $[\lambda] + 9 \neq 0$  then unique solution

if  $[\lambda] + 9 = 0$  then  $D_1 = D_2 = D_3 = 0$

so infinite solutions

Hence,  $\lambda$  can be any real number.

Consider the system of linear equations

$$-x + y + 2z = 0$$

$$3x - ay + 5z = 1$$

$$2x - 2y - az = 7$$

Let  $S_1$  be the set of all  $a \in \mathbb{R}$  for which the system is inconsistent and  $S_2$  be the set of all  $a \in \mathbb{R}$  for which the system has infinitely many solutions. If  $n(S_1)$  and  $n(S_2)$  denote the number of elements in  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  respectively, then

A  $n(S_1) = 2, n(S_2) = 2$

B  $n(S_1) = 1, n(S_2) = 0$

C  $n(S_1) = 2, n(S_2) = 0$

D  $n(S_1) = 0, n(S_2) = 2$

### Explanation

$$\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} -1 & 1 & 2 \\ 3 & -a & 5 \\ 2 & -2 & -a \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= -1(a^2 + 10) - 1(-3a - 10) + 2(-6 + 2a)$$

$$= -a^2 - 10 + 3a + 10 - 12 + 4a$$

$$\Delta = -a^2 + 7a - 12$$

$$\Delta = -[a^2 - 7a + 12]$$

$$\Delta = -[(a - 3)(a - 4)]$$

$$\Delta_1 = \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & -a & 5 \\ 7 & -2 & -a \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= a + 35 - 4 + 14a$$

$$= 15a + 31$$

Now,  $\Delta_1 = 15a + 31$

For inconsistent  $\Delta = 0 \therefore a = 3, a = 4$  and for  $a = 3$  and  $4, \Delta_1 \neq 0$

$$n(S_1) = 2$$

For infinite solution :  $\Delta = 0$  and  $\Delta_1 = \Delta_2 = \Delta_3 = 0$

Not possible

$$\therefore n(S_2) = 0$$