

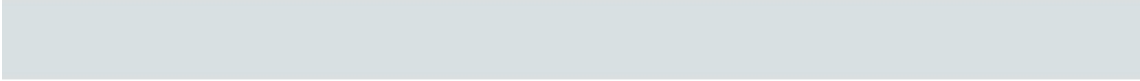
**Q.19**

If the matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 3 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$  satisfies the equation

$A^{20} + \alpha A^{19} + \beta A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  for some real numbers  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ , then  $\beta - \alpha$  is equal to \_\_\_\_\_

Ans. 19

$$A^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 3 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 3 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



$$A^3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 3 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 8 & 0 \\ 3 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A^4 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 16 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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$$A^{19} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2^{19} & 0 \\ 3 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}, A^{20} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2^{20} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$L. H. S. = A^{20} + \alpha A^{19} + \beta A =$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 + \alpha + \beta & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2^{20} + \alpha 2^{19} + 2\beta & 0 \\ 3\alpha + 3\beta & 0 & 1 - \alpha - \beta \end{bmatrix}$$

$$R. H. S. = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha + \beta = 0 \text{ and } 2^{20} + \alpha 2^{19} + 2\beta = 4$$

$$\Rightarrow 2^{20} + \alpha(2^{19} - 2) = 4$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha = \frac{4 - 2^{20}}{2^{19} - 2} = -2$$

$$\Rightarrow \beta = 2$$

$$\therefore \beta - \alpha = 4$$