

**PROBLEM**

Let  $g(x) = \log f(x)$  where  $f(x)$  is twice differentiable positive function on  $(0, \infty)$  such that  $f(x+1) = xf(x)$ . Then, for  $N = 1, 2, 3, \dots$  (2008)

$$g''\left(N + \frac{1}{2}\right) - g''\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) =$$

(a)  $-4 \left\{ 1 + \frac{1}{9} + \frac{1}{25} + \dots + \frac{1}{(2N-1)^2} \right\}$

(b)  $4 \left\{ 1 + \frac{1}{9} + \frac{1}{25} + \dots + \frac{1}{(2N-1)^2} \right\}$

(c)  $-4 \left\{ 1 + \frac{1}{9} + \frac{1}{25} + \dots + \frac{1}{(2N+1)^2} \right\}$

(d)  $4 \left\{ 1 + \frac{1}{9} + \frac{1}{25} + \dots + \frac{1}{(2N+1)^2} \right\}$

(a) Given that  $g(x) = \log f(x) \Rightarrow g(x+1) = \log f(x+1)$   
 $\Rightarrow g(x+1) = \log xf(x)$  [  $\because f(x+1) = xf(x)$  ]  
 $\Rightarrow g(x+1) = \log x + \log f(x) \Rightarrow g(x+1) - g(x) = \log(x)$

$$\Rightarrow g'(x+1) - g'(x) = \frac{1}{x}$$

$$\Rightarrow g''(x+1) - g''(x) = -\frac{1}{x^2}$$

Putting,  $x = x - \frac{1}{2}$ , we get

$$\Rightarrow g''\left(x + \frac{1}{2}\right) - g''\left(x - \frac{1}{2}\right) = -\frac{1}{\left(x - \frac{1}{2}\right)^2} = \frac{-2^2}{(2x-1)^2}$$

Putting  $x = 1, 2, 3, \dots, N$  we get

$$g''\left(\frac{3}{2}\right) - g''\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = -\frac{2^2}{1^2} \quad \dots(1)$$

$$g''\left(\frac{5}{2}\right) - g''\left(\frac{3}{2}\right) = \frac{-2^2}{3^2} \quad \dots(2)$$

$$g''\left(\frac{7}{2}\right) - g''\left(\frac{5}{2}\right) = \frac{-2^2}{5^2} \quad \dots(3)$$

$$g''\left(N + \frac{1}{2}\right) - g''\left(N - \frac{1}{2}\right) = -\frac{2^2}{(2N-1)^2} \quad \dots(N)$$

Adding all the above equations, we get

$$g''\left(N + \frac{1}{2}\right) - g''\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = -4 \left[ 1 + \frac{1}{3^2} + \frac{1}{5^2} + \dots + \frac{1}{(2N-1)^2} \right]$$

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