

## PART C – MATHEMATICS

1. If X has a binomial distribution, B(n, p) with parameters n and p such that  $P(X = 2) = P(X = 3)$ , then E(X), the mean of variable X, is

- (1)  $3-p$                                       (2)  $\frac{p}{3}$   
 (3)  $\frac{p}{2}$                                         (4)  $2-p$

**Ans.** (1)

**Sol.**  $P(x = 2) = P(x = 3)$

$${}^n C_2 p^2 (1-p)^{n-2} = {}^n C_3 p^3 (1-p)^{n-3}$$

$$\frac{(1-p)}{n-2} = \frac{p}{3} \Rightarrow n p = 3 - p$$

2. The integral  $\int x \cos^{-1} \left( \frac{1-x^2}{1+x^2} \right) dx (x > 0)$  is equal

to

- (1)  $-x + (1+x^2) \tan^{-1} x + c$   
 (2)  $x - (1+x^2) \tan^{-1} x + c$   
 (3)  $x - (1+x^2) \cot^{-1} x + c$   
 (4)  $-x + (1+x^2) \cot^{-1} x + c$

**Ans.** (1)

**Sol.** put  $x = \tan \theta$   $\cos^{-1} \left( \frac{1-x^2}{1+x^2} \right) = \cos^{-1}(\cos 2\theta) = 2\theta$

$$\int \tan \theta (2\theta) \sec^2 \theta d\theta$$

$$= 2\theta \cdot \int \tan \theta \sec^2 \theta d\theta - 2 \int \left( \frac{d\theta}{d\theta} \cdot \int \tan \theta \sec^2 \theta d\theta \right) d\theta$$

$$= 2\theta \cdot \frac{\tan^2 \theta}{2} - 2 \int \frac{\tan 2\theta}{2} d\theta$$

$$= \theta \tan^2 \theta - \int (\sec^2 \theta - 1) d\theta$$

$$= \theta \tan^2 \theta - \tan \theta + \theta + C$$

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

$$= -x + (1+x^2) \tan^{-1} x + C$$

3. Let f be an odd function defined on the set of real numbers such that for  $x \geq 0$ ,

$$f(x) = 3 \sin x + 4 \cos x$$

Then f(x) at  $x = -\frac{11\pi}{6}$  is equal to

(1)  $\frac{3}{2} - 2\sqrt{3}$                                       (2)  $-\frac{3}{2} - 2\sqrt{3}$

(3)  $-\frac{3}{2} + 2\sqrt{3}$                                       (4)  $\frac{3}{2} + 2\sqrt{3}$

**Ans.** (1)

**Sol.**  $f(-x) = -f(x)$  as f(x) is odd function

$$f\left(-\frac{11\pi}{6}\right) = -\left[3 \sin\left(\frac{+11\pi}{6}\right) + 4 \cos\left(\frac{+11\pi}{6}\right)\right]$$

$$= -\left[3 \sin\left(\frac{11\pi}{6}\right) + 4 \cos\left(\frac{11\pi}{6}\right)\right]$$

$$= -\left[3 \sin\left(2\pi - \frac{\pi}{6}\right) + 4 \cos\left(2\pi - \frac{\pi}{6}\right)\right]$$

$$= +3 \sin \pi/6 - 4 \cos \frac{\pi}{6}$$

$$= 3 \times \frac{1}{2} - \frac{4\sqrt{3}}{2} = \frac{3}{2} - 2\sqrt{3}$$

4. The plane containing the line

$$\frac{x-1}{1} = \frac{y-2}{2} = \frac{z-3}{3}$$
 and parallel to the line

$$\frac{x}{1} = \frac{y}{1} = \frac{z}{4}$$
 passes through the point

- (1) (1, 0, 5)  
 (2) (0, 3, -5)  
 (3) (-1, -3, 0)  
 (4) (1, -2, 5)

**Ans.** (1)

**Sol.** Normal vector =  $\begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 1 & 4 \end{vmatrix} = 5\hat{i} - \hat{j} - \hat{k}$

point (1,2,3) lies in plane so equation of plane =  $5(x-1) - 1(y-2) - 1(z-3) = 0$   
 $5x - y - z = 0$

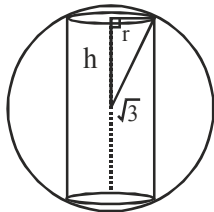
so option [1] is correct

5. The volume of the largest possible right circular cylinder that can be inscribed in a sphere of radius  $=\sqrt{3}$  is

- (1)  $4\pi$       (2)  $\frac{4}{3}\sqrt{3}\pi$       (3)  $\frac{8}{3}\sqrt{3}\pi$       (4)  $2\pi$

Ans. (1)

Sol.  $h^2 + r^2 = 3$



$$\therefore r^2 = 3 - h^2 \quad \dots(1)$$

$$V = \pi r^2 \cdot 2h$$

$$= 2\pi (r^2 h)$$

$$V = 2\pi (3h - h^3)$$

$$\frac{dV}{dh} = 0 \Rightarrow h^2 = 1 \Rightarrow h = 1$$

$$\therefore r^2 = 3 - h^2$$

$$r^2 = 3 - 1 = 2$$

So  $V_{\max} = 2\pi (2 \times 1)$   
 $= 4\pi$

6. The proposition  $\sim(p \vee \sim q) \vee \sim(p \vee q)$  is logically equivalent to

- (1)  $\sim p$       (2)  $\sim q$       (3)  $p$       (4)  $q$

Ans. (1)

p	q	$\sim q$	$PV(\sim q)$	$pvq$	$\sim(PV \sim q)$	$\sim(pvq)$	AvB
T	T	F	T	T	F	F	F
F	F	T	T	F	F	T	T
T	F	T	T	T	F	F	F
F	T	F	F	T	T	F	T

Same as  $\sim p$

7. If the general solution of the differential

equation  $y' = \frac{y}{x} + \Phi\left(\frac{x}{y}\right)$ , for some function  $\Phi$ ,

is given by  $y \ln |cx| = x$ , where  $c$  is an arbitrary constant, then  $\Phi(2)$  is equal to

- (1) 4      (2) -4

- (3)  $\frac{1}{4}$       (4)  $-\frac{1}{4}$

Ans. (4)

Sol.  $y' = \frac{y}{x} + \Phi\left(\frac{x}{y}\right)$       ... (1) is solution of

$$y \ln |cx| = x \quad \dots(2)$$

d.w.r. to  $x$

$$\frac{y}{|cx|} \cdot \frac{|cx|}{cx} \cdot c + \ln |cx| y' = 1$$

$$\frac{y}{x} + \frac{x}{y} y' = 1 \quad \text{(use } \ln |cx| = \frac{x}{y} \text{)}$$

$$y' = \left(1 - \frac{y}{x}\right) \frac{y}{x}$$

use  $y'$  in equation (1)

$$\frac{y}{x} \left(1 - \frac{y}{x}\right) = \frac{y}{x} + \Phi\left(\frac{x}{y}\right)$$

$$\text{put } \left(\frac{x}{y}\right) = 2 \Rightarrow \left(1 - \frac{1}{2}\right) \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = \frac{1}{2} + \Phi(2)$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} = \frac{1}{2} + \Phi(2)$$

$$\Phi(2) = -\frac{1}{4}$$

8. For the curve  $y = 3 \sin \theta \cos \theta$ ,  $x = e^{\theta} \sin \theta$ ,  $0 \leq \theta \leq \pi$ , the tangent is parallel to  $x$ -axis when  $\theta$  is

- (1)  $\frac{\pi}{2}$       (2)  $\frac{3\pi}{4}$       (3)  $\frac{\pi}{4}$       (4)  $\frac{\pi}{6}$

Ans. (3)

Sol.  $\frac{dy}{dx} = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{\left(\frac{dy}{d\theta}\right)}{\left(\frac{dx}{d\theta}\right)} = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{3[-\sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta]}{e^{\theta} \cos \theta + \sin \theta e^{\theta}} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{3 \cos 2\theta}{e^{\theta} (\cos \theta + \sin \theta)}$$

$$\cos 2\theta = 0$$

$$2\theta = \frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{3\pi}{2} \Rightarrow \theta = \frac{\pi}{4}, \frac{3\pi}{4}$$

Reject  $(3\pi/4)$  because at  $\theta = \frac{3\pi}{4}$

Denominator  $\cos \theta + \sin \theta = 0$

So  $\theta = \frac{\pi}{4}$  ans

9. If for  $n \geq 1$ ,  $P_n = \int_1^e (\log x)^n dx$ , then  $P_{10} - 90P_8$

is equal to

- (1)  $10e$  (2)  $10$   
 (3)  $-9$  (4)  $-9e$

Ans. (4)

Sol.  $P_n = \int_1^e (\log x)^n \cdot 1 dx$

Integrate by parts

$$P_n = \left( x(\log x)^n \right)_1^e - \int_1^e x n (\log x)^{n-1} \cdot \frac{1}{x} dx$$

$$P_n = e - n P_{n-1} \Rightarrow P_n + n P_{n-1} = e$$

$$\text{put } n = 10 \quad P_{10} + 10P_9 = e \quad \dots(1)$$

$$n = 9 \quad P_9 + 9P_8 = e \quad \dots(2)$$

$$\text{use (2) in (1)} \quad P_{10} + 10(e - 9P_8) = e$$

$$P_{10} - 90P_8 = e - 10e \\ = -9e$$

10. Let  $f(x) = x|x|$ ,  $g(x) = \sin x$  and  $h(x) = (g \circ f)(x)$ . Then

- (1)  $h'(x)$  is differentiable at  $x = 0$   
 (2)  $h'(x)$  is continuous at  $x = 0$  but is not differentiable at  $x = 0$   
 (3)  $h(x)$  is differentiable at  $x = 0$  but  $h'(x)$  is not continuous at  $x = 0$   
 (4)  $h(x)$  is not differentiable at  $x = 0$

Ans. (2)

Sol.  $h(x) = \begin{cases} \sin x^2 & x \geq 0 \\ -\sin x^2 & x < 0 \end{cases}$

$$h'(x) = \begin{cases} 2x \cos x^2 & x \geq 0 \\ -2x \cos x^2 & x < 0 \end{cases}$$

$$h'(0) = h'(0^+) = h'(0^-)$$

so  $h'(x)$  is continuous at  $x = 0$

$$h''(x) = \begin{cases} 2[\cos x^2 - 2x^2 \sin x^2] & x \geq 0 \\ -2[\cos x^2 - 2x^2 \sin x^2] & x < 0 \end{cases}$$

$h''(0^+) \neq h''(0^-)$  so  $h''(x)$  is not continuous at  $x = 0$

so  $h'(x)$  is not differentiable at  $x = 0$

11. A set  $S$  contains 7 elements. A non-empty subset  $A$  of  $S$  and an element  $x$  of  $S$  are chosen at random. Then the probability that  $x \in A$  is

- (1)  $\frac{64}{127}$  (2)  $\frac{63}{128}$  (3)  $\frac{1}{2}$  (4)  $\frac{31}{128}$

Ans. (1)

Sol. Total non empty subsets =  $2^7 - 1 = 127$

Let  $x \in S$  also present in  $A$

So no. of  $A$ 's containing  $x = 2^6$

$$\text{Probability} = \frac{2^6}{127}$$

12. If  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{\tan(x-2)\{x^2 + (k-2)x - 2k\}}{x^2 - 4x + 4} = 5$  then  $k$

is equal to

- (1) 3 (2) 1 (3) 0 (4) 2

Ans. (1)

Sol.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{\tan(x-2) [x^2 + kx - 2k - 2x]}{(x-2)^2} = 5$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \left( \frac{\tan(x-2)}{(x-2)} \right) \frac{(x+k)(x-2)}{(x-2)} = 5$$

$$1. (2+k) = 5$$

$$K = 3$$

13. Let  $P(3\sec\theta, 2\tan\theta)$  and  $Q(3\sec\phi, 2\tan\phi)$  where

$\theta + \phi = \frac{\pi}{2}$ , be two distinct points on the

hyperbola  $\frac{x^2}{9} - \frac{y^2}{4} = 1$ . Then the ordinate of

the point of intersection of the normals at  $P$  and  $Q$  is

- (1)  $\frac{-11}{3}$  (2)  $\frac{-13}{2}$  (3)  $\frac{13}{2}$  (4)  $\frac{11}{3}$

Ans. (2)

Sol.  $p(3 \sec \theta, 2 \tan \theta)$   $Q = (3 \sec \phi, 2 \tan \phi)$

$$\theta + \phi = \frac{\pi}{2} \quad Q = (3 \operatorname{cosec} \theta, 2 \cot \theta)$$

Equation of normal at  $p =$

$$= 3x \cos \theta + 2y \cot \theta = 13$$

$$= 3x \sin \theta \cos \theta + 2y \cos \theta = 13 \sin \theta \dots(1)$$

equation of normal at  $Q \Rightarrow$

$$= 3x \sin \theta + 2y \tan \theta = 13$$

$$= 3x \sin \theta \cos \theta + 2y \sin \theta = 13 \cos \theta \dots(2)$$

$$(1)-(2) \Rightarrow$$

$$2y (\cos \theta - \sin \theta) = 13 (\sin \theta - \cos \theta)$$

$$2y = -13 \Rightarrow y = \frac{-13}{2}$$

14. In a geometric progression, if the ratio of the sum of first 5 terms to the sum of their reciprocals is 49, and the sum of the first and the third term is 35. Then the first term of this geometric progression is

- (1) 42 (2) 28  
(3) 21 (4) 7

Ans. (2)

Sol. Let first term is a & C.R = r

$$\text{given } \frac{(a + ar + ar^2 + ar^3 + ar^4)}{\left(\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{ar} + \frac{1}{ar^2} + \frac{1}{ar^3} + \frac{1}{ar^4}\right)} = 49$$

$$a^2 r^4 = 49 \Rightarrow ar^2 = 7, -7$$

$$\text{also given that } a + ar^2 = 35$$

$$\text{if } ar^2 = 7 \Rightarrow a = 35 - 7 = 28$$

$$\text{if } ar^2 = -7 \Rightarrow a = 35 + 7 = 42$$

$$\text{but if } a = 42 \text{ then } r^2 = -\frac{7}{42}$$

which is not possible so

$$a = 28$$

15. Let A {2, 3, 5}, B (-1, 3, 2) and C(λ, 5, μ) be the vertices of a ΔABC. If the median through A is equally inclined to the coordinate axes, then

- (1) 8λ - 5μ = 0 (2) 10λ - 7μ = 0  
(3) 5λ - 8μ = 0 (4) 7λ - 10μ = 0

Ans. (2)

Sol. Mid point of B & C is  $\left(\frac{\lambda-1}{2}, 4, \frac{\mu+2}{2}\right)$

$$\text{Let say } D = \left(\frac{\lambda-1}{2}, 4, \frac{\mu+2}{2}\right)$$

$$A = (2, 3, 5)$$

$$\text{DR's of AD} = \frac{\lambda-5}{2}, 1, \frac{\mu-8}{2}$$

$$\lambda = 7 \text{ \& } \mu = 10$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda = \frac{\lambda}{10} = \frac{\mu}{10} \Rightarrow 10\lambda - 7\mu = 0$$

16. The set of all real values of λ for which exactly two common tangents can be drawn to the circles

$$x^2 + y^2 - 4x - 4y + 6 = 0 \text{ and}$$

$$x^2 + y^2 - 10x - 10y + \lambda = 0 \text{ is the interval}$$

- (1) (18, 48) (2) (12, 24)  
(3) (18, 42) (4) (12, 32)

Ans. (3)

Sol.  $C_1(2, 2)C_2(5, 5)$

$$r_1 = \sqrt{2} \quad r_2 = \sqrt{50} - 1$$

$$|r_1 - r_2| < c_1 c_2 < r_1 + r_2$$

$$\left| \sqrt{50 - \lambda} - \sqrt{2} \right| < \sqrt{9 + 9} < \sqrt{50 - \lambda} + \sqrt{2}$$

$$-18 < \left[ \sqrt{50 - \lambda} - \sqrt{2} \right] < 18 \quad \left| \begin{array}{l} \sqrt{18} - \sqrt{2} < \sqrt{50 - \lambda} \\ 20 - 12 < 50 - \lambda \\ \lambda < 42 \end{array} \right.$$

$$\lambda \in (18, 42)$$

17. If  $z_1, z_2$  and  $z_3, z_4$  are 2 pairs of complex conjugate numbers, then

$$\arg\left(\frac{z_1}{z_4}\right) + \arg\left(\frac{z_2}{z_3}\right) \text{ equals}$$

- (1) 0 (2)  $\frac{\pi}{2}$  (3)  $\frac{3\pi}{2}$  (4)  $\pi$

Ans. (1)

Sol.  $Z_2 = \bar{Z}_1 \text{ \& } Z_4 = \bar{Z}_3$

$$\arg\left(\frac{Z_1}{Z_4}\right) + \arg\left(\frac{Z_2}{Z_3}\right)$$

$$= \arg Z_1 - \arg Z_4 + \arg Z_2 - \arg Z_3$$

$$= \arg Z_1 - \arg \bar{Z}_3 + \arg \bar{Z}_1 - \arg Z_3$$

$$= \arg Z_1 + \arg Z_3 - \arg Z_1 - \arg Z_3 = 0$$

18. If  $2\cos\theta + \sin\theta = 1 \left(\theta \neq \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$ ,

then  $7\cos\theta + 6\sin\theta$  is equal to

- (1)  $\frac{1}{2}$  (2)  $\frac{46}{5}$  (3) 2 (4)  $\frac{11}{2}$

Ans. (2)

Sol.  $2\cos\theta + \sin\theta = 1 \dots(1)$

$7\cos\theta + 6\sin\theta = k \text{ (let)} \dots(2)$

$$\text{from (1) \& (2) } \boxed{\cos\theta = \frac{6-k}{5}} \quad \boxed{\sin\theta = \frac{2k-7}{5}}$$

$$\therefore \sin^2\theta + \cos^2\theta = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow (6 - K)^2 + (2k - 7)^2 = 25$$

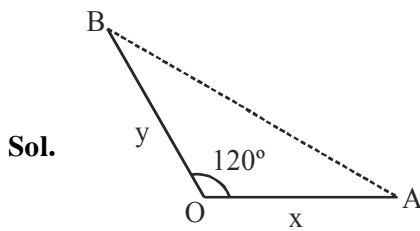
$$\Rightarrow K = 2$$



23. Two ships A and B are sailing straight away from a fixed point O along routes such that  $\angle AOB$  is always  $120^\circ$ . At a certain instance,  $OA = 8$  km,  $OB = 6$  km and the ship A is sailing at the rate of 20 km/hr while the ship B sailing at the rate of 30 km/hr. Then the distance between A and B is changing at the rate (in km/hr)

- (1)  $\frac{260}{37}$  (2)  $\frac{80}{37}$   
 (3)  $\frac{80}{\sqrt{37}}$  (4)  $\frac{260}{\sqrt{37}}$

Ans. (4)



Let at any time t

$$OA = x \quad OB = y$$

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = 20 \quad \frac{dy}{dt} = 30$$

$$\cos(120^\circ) = \frac{x^2 + y^2 - AB^2}{2xy}$$

$$AB^2 = x^2 + y^2 + xy \quad \dots(1)$$

D.w.R. To . t

$$2(AB) \frac{d}{dt}(AB) = 2x \frac{dx}{dt} + 2y \frac{dy}{dt} + 2 \frac{dy}{dt} + y \frac{dx}{dt} \quad \dots(2)$$

when  $x = 8$   $y = 6$  then  $AB = \sqrt{148}$  from (1)

$$\text{So } \frac{d}{dt}(AB) = \frac{\left(2x \frac{dx}{dt} + 2y \frac{dy}{dt} + \frac{xdy}{dt} + y \frac{dx}{dt}\right)}{2AB}$$

$$\text{use } x = 8 \quad y = 6 \quad AB = \sqrt{148}$$

$$\frac{d}{dt}(AB) = 260 / \sqrt{37}$$

24. If  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are roots of the equation  $x^2 - 4\sqrt{2}kx + 2e^{4\ln k} - 1 = 0$  for some k, and  $\alpha^2 + \beta^2 = 66$ , then  $\alpha^3 + \beta^3$  is equal to

- (1)  $248\sqrt{2}$  (2)  $280\sqrt{2}$   
 (3)  $-32\sqrt{2}$  (4)  $-280\sqrt{2}$

Ans. (2)

$$\text{Sol. } x^2 - 4\sqrt{2}kx + 2k^4 - 1 = 0$$

$$\alpha + \beta = 4\sqrt{2}k$$

$$\alpha\beta = 2k^4 - 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha^2 + \beta^2 = 66$$

$$(\alpha + \beta)^2 - 2\alpha\beta = 66$$

$$32k^2 - 2(2k^4 - 1) = 66$$

$$2(2k^4) - 32k^2 + 64 = 0$$

$$4(k^2 - 4)^2 = 0 \Rightarrow k^2 = 4 \Rightarrow k = 2$$

$$\alpha^3 + \beta^3 = (\alpha + \beta)^3 - 3\alpha\beta(\alpha + \beta)$$

$$= (\alpha + \beta)(\alpha^2 + \beta^2 - \alpha\beta)$$

$$= (8\sqrt{2})(66 - 31) = 280\sqrt{2}$$

25. Let for  $i = 1, 2, 3$   $p_i(x)$  be a polynomial of degree 2 in x,  $p_i'(x)$  and  $p_i''(x)$  be the first and second order derivatives of  $p_i(x)$  respectively.

$$\text{Let, } A(x) = \begin{bmatrix} p_1(x) & p_1'(x) & p_1''(x) \\ p_2(x) & p_2'(x) & p_2''(x) \\ p_3(x) & p_3'(x) & p_3''(x) \end{bmatrix}$$

and  $B(x) = [A(x)]^T A(x)$ . Then determinant of  $B(x)$

- (1) Does not depend on x  
 (2) Is a polynomial of degree 6 in x  
 (3) Is a polynomial of degree 3 in x  
 (4) Is a polynomial of degree 2 in x

Ans. (1)

Sol. Let  $P_i = a_i x^2 + b_i x + c_i$   $a_i \neq 0$

$$b_i, c_i \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$A(x) = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 x^2 + b_1 x + c_1 & 2a_1 x + b_1 & 2a_1 \\ a_2 x^2 + b_2 x + c_2 & 2a_2 x + b_2 & 2a_2 \\ a_3 x^2 + b_3 x + c_3 & 2a_3 x + b_3 & 2a_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

use (i)  $C_2 \rightarrow C_2 - x C_3$

then use (ii)  $C_1 \rightarrow C_1 - x C_2 - \frac{x^2}{2} C_3$

$$A(x) = \begin{bmatrix} c_1 & b_1 & 2a_1 \\ c_2 & b_2 & 2a_2 \\ c_3 & b_3 & 2a_3 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow |A| = \text{constant}$$

So  $|B| = |A^T| |A| = |A|^2 = \text{constant independent from n}$



29. A stair-case of length  $l$  rests against a vertical wall and a floor of a room. Let P be a point on the stair-case, nearer to its end on the wall, that divides its length in the ratio 1 : 2. If the stair-case begins to slide on the floor, then the locus of P is :

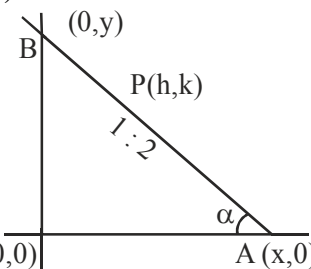
(1) An ellipse of eccentricity  $\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$

(2) A circle of radius  $\frac{\ell}{2}$

(3) An ellipse of eccentricity  $\frac{1}{2}$

(4) A circle of radius  $\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \ell$

Ans. (1)



Sol.

Let any time one end is A (x, 0) & other end B(0, y) so

$$\ell^2 = x^2 + y^2 \quad \dots(1)$$

Let P is (h, k) using section formula

$$(h, k) = \left( \frac{x}{3}, \frac{2y}{3} \right)$$

$$x = 3h \text{ \& } y = \frac{3k}{2}$$

use in (1)

$$9h^2 + \frac{9k^2}{4} = \ell^2$$

Locus of Pt p is ellipse

which equation is  $\left( 9x^2 + \frac{9y^2}{4} = \ell^2 \right)$

$$\frac{x^2}{\left( \frac{\ell^2}{9} \right)} + \frac{y^2}{\left( \frac{4\ell^2}{9} \right)} = 1$$

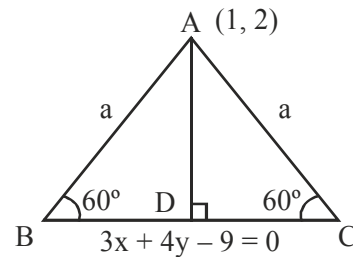
$$e = \sqrt{1 - \frac{\ell^2}{9 \times \frac{4\ell^2}{9}}} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

30. The base of an equilateral triangle is along the line given by  $3x + 4y = 9$ . If a vertex of the triangle is (1, 2), then the length of a side of the triangle is :

- (1)  $\frac{4\sqrt{3}}{15}$     (2)  $\frac{4\sqrt{3}}{5}$     (3)  $\frac{2\sqrt{3}}{15}$     (4)  $\frac{2\sqrt{3}}{5}$

Ans. (1)

Sol. Let BC is base of equilateral triangle ABC with side a and A (1, 2)



$$AD = a \sin 60^\circ$$

AD is perpendicular distance of PtA from line  $3x + 4y - 9 = 0$

$$AD = \left| \frac{3 \times 1 + 4 \times 2 - 9}{\sqrt{3^2 + 4^2}} \right|$$

$$a \sin 60^\circ = \frac{2}{5}$$

$$a = \frac{4}{5\sqrt{3}} = \frac{4\sqrt{3}}{15}$$