

Q) A number  $n$  in base 10 when written in base  $b$  is 503 and when written in  $b+2$  is 305. Find the product of digits of  $n$ .

Ans:-  $n = 3(b+2)^2 + 0(b+2)^1 + 5(b+2)^0$   
 $n = 5b^2 + 0b^1 + 3b^0$

$\Rightarrow 3(b+2)^2 + 5 = 5b^2 + 3$

$\Rightarrow 3b^2 + 12b + 12 + 5 = 5b^2 + 3 \Rightarrow 2b^2 - 12b - 14 = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow b^2 - 6b - 7 = 0$

$\Rightarrow (b-7)(b+1) = 0 \Rightarrow b = 7$

$n = 248 \Rightarrow$  product of digits is 64

Q)  $x > 0$  and  $[x] + [\frac{1}{x}] = 2$ . Find range of  $x$ .

Ans:-  $x + \frac{1}{x} - \{x\} - \{\frac{1}{x}\} = 2$

$\{x\} + \{\frac{1}{x}\} < 2$

$x + \frac{1}{x} \geq 4$

$\Rightarrow x^2 + 1 \geq 4x$

$\Rightarrow x^2 - 4x + 1 \geq 0$

$\Rightarrow x \geq 2 + \sqrt{3}, x \leq 2 - \sqrt{3}$

$\frac{4 \pm \sqrt{12}}{2} = 2 \pm \sqrt{3}$

$\rightarrow$  this part will not be in solution

So,  $\Rightarrow x \in (2 - \sqrt{3}, 2 + \sqrt{3})$

Case 1:-  $x = 0 + \epsilon, 0 < \epsilon < 1$

$\Rightarrow [x] + [\frac{1}{x}] = 2 \Rightarrow 0 + [\frac{1}{\epsilon}] = 2 \Rightarrow 2 \leq \frac{1}{\epsilon} < 3$

$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} \geq \epsilon > \frac{1}{3}$

$\Rightarrow x \in (\frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{2}]$

Case 2:-

$x = 1 + \epsilon,$

$[x] + [\frac{1}{x}] = 1 + [\frac{1}{1+\epsilon}] = 2$

$\Rightarrow [\frac{1}{1+\epsilon}] = 1 \Rightarrow 1 \leq \frac{1}{1+\epsilon} < 2$

$\Rightarrow 1 \geq 1+\epsilon > \frac{1}{2}$

$x \in \{1\}$

$\rightarrow$  for  $\epsilon = 0$

$$\boxed{x \in \{1\}} \begin{matrix} \rightarrow \text{for } \epsilon = 0 \\ \leftarrow 1 > \epsilon > 0 \end{matrix}$$

Case 3:-

$$x = 2 + \epsilon, \quad \lceil x \rceil + \left\lfloor \frac{1}{x} \right\rfloor = 2 + \left\lfloor \frac{1}{2+\epsilon} \right\rfloor = 2 \Rightarrow \left\lfloor \frac{1}{2+\epsilon} \right\rfloor = 0 \Rightarrow 2+\epsilon > 1$$

$0 \leq \epsilon < 1$   
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$$\Rightarrow x \in [2, 3)$$

Case 4:-  $x = 3 + \epsilon, \quad \lceil x \rceil + \left\lfloor \frac{1}{x} \right\rfloor = 3 + 0 = 3 \neq 2 \times$

So we get the final range as  $x \in (\frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{2}] \cup \{1\} \cup [2, 3)$

Q) Let  $x, y, z$  be positive real numbers. Show that

$$x^4 + y^4 + z^4 \geq \sqrt{8}xyz$$

Ans:-  $\frac{x^4 + y^4 + z^4 + \frac{z^4}{2} + \frac{z^4}{2}}{4} \geq \sqrt{\frac{x^4 y^4 z^4}{4}} \Rightarrow x^4 + y^4 + z^4 \geq \frac{4}{\sqrt{2}}xyz = \sqrt{8}xyz$

Q) For any real number  $x, y > 1$  prove that  $\frac{x^2}{y-1} + \frac{y^2}{x-1} \geq 8$ .

Ans:-  $\frac{x^2}{y-1} + \frac{y^2}{x-1} \geq 2 \frac{xy}{\sqrt{(y-1)(x-1)}} \Rightarrow 2 \frac{x}{\sqrt{x-1}} \frac{y}{\sqrt{y-1}} \geq 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \geq 8$

= holds when  $x=y=2$

$$\begin{aligned} (x-2)^2 &= x^2 - 4x + 4 \geq 0 \\ \Rightarrow x^2 &\geq 4(x-1) \\ \Rightarrow x &\geq 2\sqrt{x-1} \\ \Rightarrow \frac{x}{\sqrt{x-1}} &\geq 2 \end{aligned}$$

Similarly  $\frac{y}{\sqrt{y-1}} \geq 2$

Q) Let  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}, a \neq 0$ . Show that,  $a^2 + b^2 + \frac{1}{a^2} + \frac{b}{a} \geq \sqrt{3}$

Ans:-  $a^2 + \left(b + \frac{1}{2a}\right)^2 + \frac{3}{4a^2}$   
 $\left| \left| \right| \right|^2, \quad a^2 + \frac{3}{4} = \left(b + \frac{1}{2a}\right)^2 + \left(a - \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)\frac{1}{a}\right)^2 + 2\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)\frac{1}{a}(a)$

Ans:-

$$a^2 + \left(b + \frac{1}{2a}\right)^2 + \frac{3}{4a^2}$$

$$= \left(b + \frac{1}{2a}\right)^2 + a^2 + \frac{3}{4a^2}$$

$$= \left(b + \frac{1}{2a}\right)^2 + \left(a - \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{4}\right)\frac{1}{a}\right)^2 + 2\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{4}\right)\frac{1}{a}(a)$$
$$= \left(b + \frac{1}{2a}\right)^2 + \left(a - \sqrt{\frac{3}{4a}}\right)^2 + \sqrt{3} \geq \sqrt{3}$$

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