

TOPIC

Mathematics – Section I – Question 17

QUESTION

Given

$$[A] = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & 5 \\ -6 & 7 & 9 \end{bmatrix}$$

and

$$[B] = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 5 & 3 \\ 9 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

Then if

$$[C] = [A][B],$$

 c_{21} most nearly is

- (A) 31
- (B) 33
- (C) 67
- (D) 144

HINT

Dot product of second row of A and first column of B.

SOLUTION

$$\begin{aligned} c_{21} &= [6 \quad 7 \quad 9] \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 5 \\ 9 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= 6 \times 3 + 7 \times 5 + 9 \times 9 \\ &= 144 \end{aligned}$$

ANSWER

(D)

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