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Mathematics — Core

DIFFERENTIAL GEOMETRY

(For those who joined in July 2017 onwards)

Time : Three hours

Maximum : 75 marks

PART A — ($10 \times 1 = 10$ marks)

Answer ALL questions.

Choose the correct answer.

1. The equation of the rectifying plane at a point u of the circular Helix $r(u) = (a \cos u, a \sin u, bu)$ is
 - (a) $X \cos u + Y \sin u - a = 0$
 - (b) $X \cos u + Y \sin u + a = 0$
 - (c) $X \cos u - Y \sin u + a = 0$
 - (d) $X \cos u + Y \sin u - b = 0$

2. The curvature of the circle $x^2 + y^2 = 25$ is
- (a) 0 (b) 5
(c) 25 (d) 115
3. A necessary and sufficient condition for a curve to be a Helix is
- (a) curvature is a constant
(b) torsion is a constant
(c) torsion is zero
(d) ratio of curvature to torsion is constant
4. The position vector of the center of the oscillating sphere is
- (a) $c = r + \rho n + \sigma b$ (b) $c = r + \rho n + \tau b$
(c) $c = r + \rho n + \rho' \sigma b$ (d) $c = r + \rho n + \rho' \tau b$
5. The direction coefficients of the parametric directions are respectively
- (a) $\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{E}}, 0 \right), \left(0, \frac{1}{\sqrt{G}} \right)$
(b) $\left(\frac{1}{E}, 0 \right), \left(0, \frac{1}{G} \right)$
(c) $\left(-\frac{1}{\sqrt{E}}, 0 \right), \left(0, \frac{1}{\sqrt{G}} \right)$
(d) $\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{E}}, 0 \right), \left(0, -\frac{1}{\sqrt{G}} \right)$

6. If $r = (u, v, u^2 - v^2)$ is the position vector of any point on the paraboloid, then the value of H^2 is
- (a) $1 + 4u^2 + 4v^2$ (b) $1 - 4u^2 + 4v^2$
(c) $1 + 4u^2 - 4v^2$ (d) $1 - 4u^2 - 4v^2$
7. Every space curve is a geodesic on its
- (a) rectifying developable
(b) osculating developable
(c) polar developable
(d) ellipsoid
8. If Γ_{ijk} , $i, j, k = 1, 2$ are Christoffel symbols of the first kind, then Γ_{111} is
- (a) $E_1/2$ (b) $E_2/2$
(c) $G_1/2$ (d) $G_2/2$
9. If L, M, N vanish at all points on a surface, then the surface is a
- (a) right helicoid (b) sphere
(c) cone (d) plane

10. The Gaussian curvature of the surface $r = (a(u+v), b(u-v), uv)$ is
- (a) $4a^2b^2/H^4$ (b) $-4a^2b^2/H^4$
- (c) $4a^2b^4/H^4$ (d) $-4a^2b^4/H^4$

PART B — ($5 \times 5 = 25$ marks)

Answer ALL questions, choosing either (a) or (b).

11. (a) If u is the parameter of the curve r , then the equation of the oscillating plane at any point P with position vector $\bar{r} = \bar{r}(u)$ is $[R - r, \dot{r}, \ddot{r}] = 0$.

Or

- (b) Find the curvature and torsion of $r = (a \cos \theta, a \sin \theta, a \theta \cos \alpha)$.

12. (a) If R is the radius of spherical curvature, show that $R = \frac{|t \times t''|}{k^2 \tau}$.

Or

- (b) Find the involutes and evolutes of the circular helix $r = (a \cos \theta, a \sin \theta, b \theta)$.

13. (a) For a right helicoid given by $(u \cos v, u \sin v, av)$, determine (r_1, r_2, N) at a point on the surface and the direction of the parametric curves. Find the direction making angle $\frac{\pi}{2}$ at a point on the surface with the parametric curve $v = \text{constant}$.

Or

- (b) Prove that position vector of a point on the anchor ring is

$$r = ((b + a \cos u), \cos v, (b + a \cos u) \sin v, a \sin u))$$

where $(b, 0, 0)$ is the center of the circle and z -axis is the axis of rotation.

14. (a) For a variable direction at P , prove that $\left| \frac{d\phi}{dS} \right|$ is maximum in a direction orthogonal to the curve $\phi(u, v) = \text{constant}$ through P and the angle between $(-\phi_2, \phi_1)$ and the orthogonal direction in which ϕ is increasing is $\frac{\pi}{2}$.

Or

- (b) Prove that the curves of the family $\frac{v^3}{u^2} = \text{constant}$ are geodesics on a surface with the metric $v^2 du^2 - 2uv du dv + 2u^2 dv^2$, $u > 0$, $v > 0$.

15. (a) Prove that a curve on a surface is a geodesic if and only if the geodesic curvature vector is zero.

Or

- (b) Show that the points of the paraboloid $r = (u \cos v, u \sin v, u^2)$ are elliptic but the points of the helicoids $r = (u \cos v, u \sin v, av)$ are hyperbolic.

PART C — ($5 \times 8 = 40$ marks)

Answer ALL questions, choosing either (a) or (b).

16. (a) Let γ be a curve of class $m \geq 2$ with arc length s as parameter. If the point p on γ has parameter zero prove that the equation of the osculating plane is $[R - r(0), r'(0), r''(0)] = 0$ where $r'' \neq 0$. If $r'' = 0$, assuming γ is analytic and prove that the equation of the plane at an inflexional point is $[R - r(0), r'(0), r^{(k)}(0)] = 0$.

Or

- (b) Prove by an example that at a point of inflexion, a curve of class α need not possess an osculating plane.

17. (a) Prove that the curvature k_1 and torsion τ_1 of an involute \bar{C} of c are $k_1^2 = \frac{\tau^2 + k^2}{k^2(c-s)^2}$,

$$\tau_1 = \frac{k\tau' - k'\tau}{k(c-s)(k^2 + \tau^2)}.$$

Or

- (b) Find the center of spherical curvature of the curve given by $r = (a \cos u, a \sin u, a \cos 2u)$.
18. (a) Prove that the first fundamental form of a surface is a positive definite quadratic for in du, dv .

Or

- (b) Obtain the surface equation of sphere and find the singularities, parametric curves, tangent plane at a point and the surface normal.
19. (a) State and prove Liouville's Formula.

Or

- (b) A helicoids is generated by a screw motion of a straight line which met the axis at an angle α . Find the orthogonal trajectories of the generators. Find also the metric of the surface referred to the generators and their orthogonal trajectories as parametric curves.

20. (a) If k is the normal curvature in a direction making an angle ψ with the principal direction $v = \text{constant}$, then prove that $k = k_a \cos^2 \psi + k_b \sin^2 \psi$ where k_a and k_b are principal curvatures at the point P on the surface.

Or

- (b) State and prove Rodrigue's formula.
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