

Sc. (CBCS) DEGREE EXAMINATION, APRIL 2022

Second Semester

Mathematics — Core

## DIFFERENTIAL GEOMETRY

(For those who joined in July 2017 onwards)

Time : Three hours

Maximum : 75 marks

PART A — (10 × 1 = 10 marks)

Answer ALL questions.

Choose the correct answer :

A regular vector valued function of class  $m$  is called  $\alpha$ 

- (a) curve of class  $m$
- (b) path of class  $m$
- (c) differentiable function of class  $m$
- (d) function of class  $m$

For the paraboloid  $x = u, y = v, z = u^2 - v^2$ ,  $E$  is

- (a)  $-4uv$
- (b)  $1 + 4v^2$
- (c)  $1 + 4u^2$
- (d)  $u^2 + v^2$

The two directions given by  $Pdu^2 + 2Qdudv + Rdv^2 = 0$  are orthogonal on a surface, if and only if

- a)  $ER - 2FQ + GP = 0$
- b)  $ER + 2FQ - GP = 0$
- c)  $ER - 2QF - GP = 0$
- d)  $ER - FQ + GP = 0$

A necessary and sufficient condition for a curve  $\alpha = u(t), v = v(t)$  on a surface  $r = r(u, v)$  to be geodesic is that

- a)  $U \frac{\partial T}{\partial v} + V \frac{\partial T}{\partial u} = 0$
- b)  $U \frac{\partial T}{\partial v} - V \frac{\partial T}{\partial u} = 0$
- c)  $U \frac{\partial T}{\partial v} - V \frac{\partial T}{\partial u} = 0$
- d)  $U - V \frac{\partial T}{\partial u} = 0$

- 2. The point  $P$  on the curve for which  $\overline{r''} = 0$  is called
  - (a) a singular point
  - (b) a central point
  - (c) a point of inflexion
  - (d) an ordinary point
- 3. A curve which lies on the tangent surface of  $C$  and intersects the generator orthogonally is called
  - (a) an evolute
  - (b) an involute
  - (c) a base curve
  - (d) an orthogonal curve
- 4. The osculating plane at  $P$  has \_\_\_\_\_ contact with the curve at  $P$ .
  - (a) four point
  - (b) at least four point
  - (c) three - point
  - (d) two - point
- 5. An ordinary point is defined as one for which rank  $\begin{pmatrix} x_1 & y_1 & z_1 \\ x_2 & y_2 & z_2 \end{pmatrix}$  is
  - (a) 1
  - (b) 2
  - (c) 0
  - (d) 3

9. The mean curvature  $\mu$  is defined by

- (a)  $\mu = K_a K_b$
- (b)  $\mu = K_a + K_b$
- (c)  $2\mu = K_a + K_b$
- (d)  $\frac{1}{2}\mu = K_a + K_b$

10. If  $\phi$  is the angle between the principal normal  $n$  to a curve on surface and its surface normal  $N$ , then  $K_n$  is

- (a)  $K \sin \phi$
- (b)  $K \tan \phi$
- (c)  $K \sec \phi$
- (d)  $K \cos \phi$

PART B — (5 × 5 = 25 marks)

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

Each answer should not exceed 250 words.

- 11. (a) Find the arc length of one complete turn of the circular helix  $r(u) = (a \cos u, a \sin u, bu)$   $-\infty < u < \infty$  where  $a > 0$  and obtain the equation of the helix with  $s$  as parameter.

Or

- (b) Prove that a necessary and sufficient condition for a curve to be a straight line is that  $K = 0$  at all points of the curve.

12. (a) Obtain the center  $C$  and radius  $R$  spherical curvature at a point  $P$  on the given curve  $\gamma$ .

Or

- (b) Define involute and evolute of a curve and show that the involutes of a circular helix are plane curves.

13. (a) Show that a proper parametric transformation transforms an ordinary point into an ordinary point.

Or

- (b) Find  $E, F, G$  and  $H$  of the anchor ring corresponding to the domain  $0 \leq u \leq 2\pi$ ,  $0 \leq v \leq 2\pi$ ,

14. (a) On the paraboloid  $x^2 - y^2 = z$ , find the orthogonal trajectories of the sections by the planes  $z = \text{constant}$ .

Or

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

Page 5 Code No. : 5317

18. (a) (i) Show that the metric is invariant under a parametric transformation.  
(ii) Find angle between parametric curves.

Or

- (b) If  $(l', m')$  are the direction coefficients of a line which makes an angle  $\pi/2$  with the line whose direction coefficients are  $(l, m)$ , then prove that  $l' = -\frac{1}{H}(Fl + Gm)$ ,  
 $m' = \frac{1}{H}(El + FM)$ .

19. (a) (i) Prove that the two directions given by  $Pdu^2 + 2Qdudv + Rdv^2 = 0$  are orthogonal on a surface if and only if  $ER - 2QF + GP = 0$ .  
(ii) Also prove that if  $\theta$  is the angle between the two curves, then  $\tan \theta = \frac{2H(Q^2 - PQ)^{1/2}}{ER - 2FQ + GP}$ .

Or

- (b) Prove that any curve  $u=u(t)$ ,  $v=v(t)$  on a surface  $r=r(u, v)$  is a geodesic if and only if the principal normal at every point on the curve is normal to the surface.

Page 7 Code No. : 5317

15. (a) Define the geodesic curvature prove that the geodesic curvature vector of any curve is orthogonal to the curve.

Or

- (b) With usual notations, prove that  $K_n = \frac{Ldu^2 + 2Mdudv + NdN^2}{Edu^2 + 2Fdudv + GdN^2}$ .

PART C — ( $5 \times 8 = 40$  marks)

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

Each answer should not exceed 600 words.

16. (a) Calculate the torsion and curvature of the cubic curve  $r = (u, u^2, u^3)$ .

Or

- (b) State and prove Serret – Frenet formula.

17. (a) If  $r=r(s)$  is the given curve  $\gamma$ , prove that the center  $C$  and radius  $R$  of spherical curvature at a point  $P$  on  $\gamma$  are given by  $C = r + \rho n + \sigma p'$ ,  $R = \sqrt{\rho^2 + \sigma^2 p'^2}$ .

Or

- (b) Show that a necessary and sufficient condition for a curve to be helix is that the ratio of the curvature to torsion is constant at all points.

Page 6 Code No. : 5317

20. (a) State and prove Liouville's formula.

Or

- (b) If  $K$  is the normal curvature in a direction making an angle  $\psi$  with the principal direction  $\gamma = \text{constant}$ , 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.

Page 8 Code No. : 5317