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Second Semester

Mathematics – Core

DIFFERENTIAL GEOMETRY

(For those who joined in July 2021 onwards)

Time : Three hours

Maximum : 75 marks

PART A — (10 × 1 = 10 marks)

Answer ALL questions.

Choose the correct answer :

1. The arc length from a to any point u is given by

(a) $r = S(u) = \int_a^u R(u) du$

(b) $r = S(u) = \int_a^u |\dot{R}(u)| du$

(c) $r = S(u) = \int_a^u |R(u)| du$

(d) $r = S(u) = \int_a^u |\dot{R}(u)|^2 du$

2. The line of intersection of the normal plane and the osculating plane at P is called

- (a) the principal normal
(b) the principal tangent
(c) the principal curvature
(d) the principal line

3. The radius of spherical curvature is given by

- (a) $R = \sqrt{\rho^2 + \sigma^2 \rho'^2}$ (b) $R = \sqrt{\rho^2 + \rho'^2}$
(c) $R = \sqrt{\rho^2 + \sigma^2 \rho'^2}$ (d) $R = \sqrt{\rho^2 + \sigma^2}$

4. The equation of the involute is

- (a) $R = r + t$ (b) $R = r + \rho n + \sigma \rho' b$
(c) $[R - r, \dot{r}, \ddot{r}] = 0$ (d) $R = r + (c - s)t$

5. For the paraboloid $x = u$, $y = v$, $z = u^2 - v^2$, F is

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

6. The two parametric curves through a point P are orthogonal if at P

- (a) $r_1 \times r_2 = 0$ (b) $r_1 \cdot r_2 = 0$
(c) $r_1 + r_2 = 0$ (d) $r_1 \times r_2 \neq 0$

7. When $v = c$ for all values of u , a necessary and sufficient condition that the curve $v = c$ is a geodesic is
- $EE_2 + FE_1 + 2EF_1 = 0$
 - $EE_2 + FE_1 - 2EF_1 = 0$
 - $GC_1 + FG_2 - 2GF_2 = 0$
 - $EE_2 - FE_1 + 2EF_1 = 0$
8. A necessary and sufficient condition for a curve $u = u(t)$, $v = v(t)$ on a surface $r = r(u, v)$ to be geodesic is that
- $U \frac{\partial T}{\partial \dot{v}} + V \frac{\partial T}{\partial \dot{u}} = 0$
 - $U \frac{\partial T}{\partial v} - V \frac{\partial T}{\partial u} = 0$
 - $U \frac{\partial T}{\partial \dot{v}} - V \frac{\partial T}{\partial \dot{u}} = 0$
 - $U - V \frac{\partial T}{\partial \dot{u}} = 0$
9. The second fundamental form is
- $Edu^2 + 2Fdudv + Gdv^2$
 - $Ldu^2 + 2Mdudv + Ndv^2$
 - $Lh^2 + Mh \ell + N$
 - $Ldv^2 + 2Mdu + Ndu^2$

10. The Gaussian Curvature K is defined by

$$(a) K = \frac{1}{2}(K_a + K_b) \quad (b) K = K_a K_b$$

$$(c) K = \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{K_a K_b} \quad (d) K = LN - M^2$$

PART B — (5 × 5 = 25 marks)

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

11. (a) Prove that $[r', r'', r'''] = \kappa^2 \tau$.

Or

- (b) Find the curvature and the torsion of the curve given by $r = \{a(3u - u^3), 3au^2, a(3u + u^3)\}$.

12. (a) Prove that the osculating plane at any point P has three point contact with the curve at P .

Or

- (b) Prove that the projection C_1 of a general helix C on a plane perpendicular to its axis has its principal normal parallel to the corresponding principal normal of the helix and its corresponding curvature is given by $k = k_1 \sin^2 \alpha$.

13. (a) Show that the matrix is a positive definite quadratic form in du, dv .

Or

- (b) Find E, F, G and H for the paraboloid

$$x = y, y = v, z = u^2 - v^2$$

14. (a) Prove that, on the general surface, a necessary and sufficient condition that the curve $v = c$ be a geodesic is $EE_2 + FE_1 - 2EF_1 = 0$ when $v = c$ for all values of u .

Or

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

15. (a) Prove that if the orthogonal trajectories of the curves $v = \text{constant}$ are geodesics, then H^2 / E is independent of u .

Or

- (b) If K is the normal curvature in a direction making an angle ψ write the principle direction $v = \text{constant}$ then prove that $K = K_a \cos^2 \psi + K_b \sin^2 \psi$.

PART C — (5 × 8 = 40 marks)

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

16. (a) State and prove Serret Frenet formulae.

Or

- (b) Show that the length of the common perpendicular d of the tangents at two near points distance s apart is approximately given by $d = \frac{ks^3}{12}$.

17. (a) Define the osculating sphere and the centre of spherical curvature. If a curve lies on a sphere show that ρ and σ are related by $\frac{d}{ds}(\sigma\rho') + \frac{\rho}{\sigma} = 0$.

Or

- (b) Prove that $\frac{K}{\tau} = \text{constant}$ is a characteristic property of helices.

18. (a) Find E, F, G and H for the anchor ring and find the area of the anchor ring corresponding to the domain $0 \leq u \leq 2\pi$ and $0 \leq v \leq 2\pi$.

Or

- (b) If (l', m') are the direction coefficients of a line which makes an angle $\frac{\pi}{2}$ 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) Prove that every helix on an cylinder is a geodesic.

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.

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

Or

- (b) Prove that a necessary and sufficient condition for a curve on a surface to be a line of curvature is $kdr + dN = 0$ at each point on the line of curvature where K is the normal curvature in the direction dr of the line of curvature.