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Paper: DSCC-14

(Multivariable Calculus II and Application of Calculus)

Full Marks: 75

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Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.
Notation and Symbols have their usual meaning.

Group - A
(Multivariable Calculus II)

1. Answer *any five* questions : 3×5

(a) Prove that the function $\tilde{f} : \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}$ defined by $\tilde{f}(\tilde{x}) = \|\tilde{x}\|$ is continuous.

(b) Write the Jacobian matrix for the function $\tilde{f} : \mathbb{R}^3 \to \mathbb{R}^3$ defined by

$$f(x,y,z) = \left(x^2 + yz,\ \tan^{-1}(x+z),\ z - ye^x\right).$$

(c) State the inverse function theorem for a function $\tilde{f} : \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}^n$.

(d) Find the derivative of the function $f \equiv f(x,y) = 2x^2 + y^2$ at the point $(5,5)$ along a line whose direction cosines are $\frac{4}{5}$ and $\frac{3}{5}$.

(e) For what value of the constant a will the vector field given by

$$\vec{F} = (axy - z^3)\hat{i} + (a-2)x^2\hat{j} + (1-a)xz^2\hat{k}$$

be always irrotational?

(f) State Green's theorem in plane.

(g) Evaluate $\int_C (y^2 dx + x\,dy)$, where C is the arc of parabola $x = 4 - y^2$ from $(-5,-3)$ to $(0,2)$.

(h) Show that the vector field given by $(y + \sin z)\hat{i} + x\hat{j} + (x\cos z)\hat{k}$ is conservative.

2. Answer *any five* questions :

(a) (i) Suppose E is an open set in $\mathbb{R}^n$ and $\tilde{f} : E \to \mathbb{R}^m$. Let $\tilde{x} \in E$. When is $\tilde{f}$ said to be differentiable at $\tilde{x}$?

(ii) If $\tilde{f}$ is differentiable at $\tilde{x}$, prove that there exists a unique linear transformation T of $\mathbb{R}^n$ into $\mathbb{R}^m$ such that

$$\lim_{\|\tilde{h}\| \to 0} \frac{\|\tilde{f}(\tilde{x}+\tilde{h}) - \tilde{f}(\tilde{x}) - T(\tilde{h})\|}{\|\tilde{h}\|} = 0.$$

(Symbols have their usual meaning). **1+5**

(b) Suppose E is an open set in $\mathbb{R}^n$ and $\tilde{f} : E \to \mathbb{R}^m$. Let $\tilde{f} = (f^1, f^2, \ldots, f^m)$ with $f^i : E \to \mathbb{R}$ for each $i = 1, 2, \ldots, m$. If $\tilde{f}$ is differentiable at $\tilde{x} \in E$, prove that each of the functions f^i is differentiable at $\tilde{x}$ and the derivative $\tilde{f}'(\tilde{x})$ can be represented by the Jacobian matrix

$$\tilde{f}'(\tilde{x}) = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial f^1}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial f^1}{\partial x_2} & \cdots & \frac{\partial f^1}{\partial x_n} \\ \frac{\partial f^2}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial f^2}{\partial x_2} & \cdots & \frac{\partial f^2}{\partial x_n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial f^m}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial f^m}{\partial x_2} & \cdots & \frac{\partial f^m}{\partial x_n} \end{pmatrix},$$

where the partial derivatives are evaluated at $\tilde{x}$. **6**

(c) Prove that $\vec{\nabla} \cdot (\vec{F} \times \vec{G}) = \vec{G} \cdot (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{F}) - \vec{F} \cdot (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{G})$. **6**

(d) If $\vec{F} = (5xy - 6x^2)\hat{i} + (2y - 4x)\hat{j}$, evaluate the line integral $\int_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r}$ along the curve C in the xy-plane, $y = x^3$ from the point $(1, 1)$ to $(2, 8)$. **6**

(e) Find the constants a and b such that the vector field

$$\vec{F} = (x + 2y + 4z)\hat{i} + (2ax + by - z)\hat{j} + (4x - y + 2z)\hat{k}$$

is both solenoidal and irrotational. **6**

(f) Using Green's theorem in the xy-plane, evaluate $\oint_C xe^{-2x}dx + (x^4 + 2x^2y^2)\,dy$, where C is the boundary of the semi-annular region $R = \{(x, y) \mid 1 \leq x^2 + y^2 \leq 4,\ y > x\}$. **6**

(g) Use Stokes' theorem to find the line integral $\int_C (x^2y^3dx + dy + z\,dz)$, where C is the circle $x^2 + y^2 = a^2, z = 0$. **6**

(h) Using Gauss divergence theorem, evaluate $\iint_S \vec{F} \cdot \hat{n}\,dS$, where $\vec{F} = x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} + z^2\hat{k}$, and S is the closed surface bounded by the cone $x^2 + y^2 = z^2$ and the plane $z = 1$. **6**

Group - B
(Application of Calculus)

3. Answer *any six* questions : 5×6

(a) Show that the portion of the tangent at any point on the curve $x^{\frac{2}{3}} + y^{\frac{2}{3}} = a^{\frac{2}{3}}$ intercepted between the coordinate axes is of constant length.

(b) Show that the pedal equation of the ellipse $\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1$ with respect to focus as pole is $\frac{b^2}{p^2} = \frac{2a}{r} - 1$.

(c) Find the asymptotes of the curve $x^3 + x^2y - xy^2 - y^3 + 2xy + 2y^2 - 3x + y = 0$.

(d) Show that at any point of the curve $x^{m+n} = k^{m-n}y^{2n}$, the m-th power of subtangent varies as the n-th power of the subnormal.

(e) The tangents at two points P, Q on the cycloid $x = a(\theta - \sin\theta), y = a(1 - \cos\theta)$, are at right angles. Show that if ρ_1, ρ_2 are the radii of curvature at these points then $\rho_1^2 + \rho_2^2 = 16a^2$.

(f) Show that the evolute of the ellipse $\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1$ is $(ax)^{\frac{2}{3}} + (by)^{\frac{2}{3}} = (a^2 - b^2)^{\frac{2}{3}}$.

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(g) Show that the envelope of circle whose centres lie on the rectangular hyperbola $xy = c^2$ and which pass through its centre is $(x^2 + y^2)^2 = 16c^2xy$.

(h) Find the range values of x for which the curve $y = x^4 - 16x^3 + 42x^2 + 12x + 1$ is concave upwards or downwards. Also determine the points of inflexion.

(i) Determine the nature of the double points, if any of the curve $x^3 - y^3 - 7x^2 + 4y + 15x - 13 = 0$.

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