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M.Sc. (CBCS) DEGREE EXAMINATION,  
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Second Semester

Mathematics — Core

PARTIAL DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS

(For those who joined in July 2023 onwards)

Time : Three hours

Maximum : 75 marks

PART A — (15 × 1 = 15 marks)

Answer ALL the questions.

Choose the correct answer :

1. The Poisson equation is \_\_\_\_\_.

(a)  $\nabla^2 u = f(x, y, z)$

(b)  $u_t + c^2 \nabla^4 u = 0$

(c)  $\nabla^4 u = \nabla^2 (\nabla^2 u) = 0$

(d)  $\nabla^2 u + \lambda u = 0$

24. (a) State and prove mean value theorem.

Or

(b) Solve the Dirichlet problem.

$$\nabla^2 u = -2y, \quad 0 < x < 1, \quad 0 < y < 1$$

$$u(0, y) = 0, \quad u(1, y) = 0, \quad 0 \leq y \leq 1$$

$$u(x, 0) = 0, \quad u(x, 1) = 0, \quad 0 \leq x \leq 1$$

25. (a) Solve the boundary value problem

$$\frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial G}{\partial r} \left( \frac{r \partial u}{\partial r} \right) + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial z^2} + k^2 u = 0, \quad r \geq 0, \quad z > 0,$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial z} = \begin{cases} 0, & r > a, \quad z = 0 \\ c, & r < a, \quad z = 0, \quad c = \text{constant.} \end{cases}$$

Or

(b) Prove that Green's function is symmetric.

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2. If the canonical form of the equation is \_\_\_\_\_, then the general solution can be immediately ascertained.

- (a) General (b) Simple  
(c) Original Solution (d) Zero

3. If  $B^2 - 4AC > 0$ , the equation is of \_\_\_\_\_ type.

- (a) Parabolic (b) Elliptic  
(c) Hyperbolic (d) None of the above

4. Determine the solution of initial value problem

$$u_{tt} - c^2 u_{xx} = x, \quad u(x, 0) = 0, \quad u_t(x, 0) = 3.$$

(a)  $u(x, t) = x + \left(\frac{1}{c}\right) \sin x \sin ct$

(b)  $u(x, t) = 3t + \frac{1}{2}xt^2$

(c)  $u(x, t) = t$

(d)  $u(x, t) = \cos x \cos ct + t$

5. Determine the solution of initial value problem

$$u_{tt} - c^2 u_{xx} = x, \quad u(x, 0) = x^3, \quad u_t(x, 0) = x$$

(a)  $u(x, t) = \cos x \cos ct + \left(\frac{t}{c}\right)$

(b)  $u(x, t) = \cos ct + \left(\frac{t}{c}\right)$

(c)  $u(x, t) = x^3 + 3c^2xt^2 + xt$

(d)  $u(x, t) = \sin x \cos ct + x^2t + \frac{1}{3}c^2t^3$

6. The D'Alembert solution has the form \_\_\_\_\_.

(a)  $u(x, t) = \frac{1}{2}[f(x+ct) + f(x-ct)]$

(b)  $u_t - k(u_{xx} + u_{yy} + u_{zz}) = 0$

(c)  $u(x, t) = [f(x+ct) + f(x-ct)]$

(d)  $u(x, t) = \frac{1}{2}[f(x+ct)f(x-ct)]$

7. The Laplace transformation of  $1/\sqrt{t}$  is

(a)  $\frac{1}{s} - a$

(b)  $\left(\frac{1}{s-a}\right)$

(c)  $s - a$

(d)  $\sqrt{\frac{\pi}{8}}$

8. The Laplace transformation of  $1/\sqrt{\pi t}(1+2at)e^{at}$  is

(a)  $\frac{s}{s-a\sqrt{s-a}}$

(b)  $\frac{a}{s-a}$

(c)  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{s+a}}$

(d)  $s - a$





9. Which Boundary condition  $\left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial n}\right)$  is prescribed on a boundary?

- (a) Neumann condition
- (b) Mixed condition
- (c) Dirichlet condition
- (d) All (a), (b), (c)

10. Schrodinger equation (time dependent)

- (a)  $\nabla^2 u + [\lambda - q(x)]u = 0$
- (b)  $\nabla u + q(x) = 0$
- (c)  $\nabla^3 u + [\lambda - q(x)]u = 0$
- (d)  $\nabla^2 u + \lambda t = 0$

11. In free space the Poisson equation become

- (a) Maxwell equation
- (b) Ampere equation
- (c) Lapalce equation
- (d) Steady state equation

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12. Which one of the following is a property of the solutions to the Laplace equation :  $\nabla^2 f = 0$  ?

- (a) The solution have neither maxima nor minima anywhere except at the boundaries
- (b) The solution are not separable in the coordinates
- (c) The solution are not continuous
- (d) The solution are not dependent on the boundary condition

13. The Greens function is \_\_\_\_\_.

- (a) Antisymmetric
- (b) Symmetric
- (c) Operators
- (d) Delta

14. Let us consider the differential equation  $\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} = f(x)$ ,  $y(0) = y(1) = 0$  if  $G(x, s)$  be the greens function. Then which of the following is correct?

- (a)  $G(x, s) = G(s, x)$  for all  $x$  and  $s$
- (b)  $G(x, s) = G(s, x)$  for some  $x$  and  $s$
- (c)  $G(x, s) = -G(s, x)$  for all  $x$  and  $s$
- (d)  $G(x, s) = -G(s, x)$  for some  $x$  and  $s$

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15. The Dirac delta function is also known as \_\_\_\_\_.

- (a) Impulse (b) Greens function  
(c) Unit Dirac (d) Unit impluse

PART B — (5 × 4 = 20 marks)

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

16. (a) Prove that the equation  $u_{xx} + x^2 u_{yy} + 0$  is elliptic.

Or

(b) Explain hyperbola type in equation with constant co-efficient.

17. (a) Determine the solution of the initial value problem  $u_{tt} - c^2 u_{xx} = 0$ ,  $u(x, 0) = \sin x$ ,  $u_t(x, 0) = x^2$ .

Or

(b) Solve the initial value problem  $u_{xx} + 2u_{xy} - 3u_{yy} = 0$ ,  $u(x, 0) = \sin x$ ,  $u_y(x, 0) = x$ .

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18. (a) Solve  $u_{tt} = c^2 u_{xx}$ ,  $0 < x < 1$ ,  $t > 0$ ,

$$u(x, 0) = x(1-x), \quad u_t(x, 0) = 0, \quad 0 \leq x \leq 1, \\ u(0, t) = u(1, t) = 0, \quad t > 0.$$

Or

(b) Obtain the solution  $u_t = 4u_{xx}$ ,  $0 < x < 1$ ,  $t > 0$ ,  
 $u(x, 0) = x^2(1-x)$ ,  $0 \leq x \leq 1$ ,  $u(0, t) = 0$ ,  
 $u(1, t) = 0$ ,  $t \geq 0$ .

19. (a) Determine the solution  $\nabla^2 u = 0$ ,  $1 < r < 2$ ,  
 $0 < \theta < \pi$ ,  
 $u(1, \theta) = \sin \theta$ ,  $u(2, \theta) = 0$ ,  $0 \leq \theta \leq \pi$ ,  
 $u(r, 0) = 0$ ,  $u(r, \pi) = 0$ ,  $1 \leq r \leq 2$ .

Or

(b) Solve  $\nabla^2 u = 0$ ,  $1 < r < 2$ ,  $0 < \theta < 2\pi$ ,  
 $u_r(1, \theta) = \sin \theta$ ,  $u_r(2, \theta) = 0$ ,  $0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi$ .

20. (a) Obtain the solution of Laplace equation  $\nabla^2 u = 0$ ,  $0 < r < \infty$ ,  $0 < \theta < 2\pi$ ,  
 $u(r, 0+) = u(r, 2\pi-) = 0$ .

Or

(b) Prove that  $\frac{\partial G}{\partial n}$  is discontinuous at  $(\xi, \eta)$ ; in particular

$$\lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \iint_{C_\epsilon} \frac{\partial G}{\partial n} ds = 1, \quad C_\epsilon : (x - \xi)^2 + (y - \eta)^2 = \epsilon^2.$$

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PART C — (5 × 8 = 40 marks)

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

21. (a) Consider the current  $I(x, t)$  and the potential  $v(x, t)$  at a point  $x$  and time  $t$  of a uniform electric transmission line with resistance  $R$ , inductance  $L$ , capacity  $C$  and leakage conductance  $G$  per unit length. Find the equations for  $I$  and  $V$  in the following cases :

- (i) Lossless transmission line ( $R = G = 0$ ),
- (ii) Ideal submarine cable ( $L = G = 0$ ),
- (iii) Heaviside's distortion less line  $\frac{R}{L} = \frac{G}{C} = \text{Constant} = k$ .

Or

- (b) Classify the equations and reduce into canonical form.

- (i)  $yu_{xx} - xu_{yy} = 0, x > 0, y > 0$ ;
- (ii)  $u_{xx} - (\sec^4 x)u_{yy} = 0$ ;
- (iii)  $u_{xx} + 6u_{xy} + 9u_{yy} + 3yu_y = 0$ .

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22. (a) Solve  $xu_{xx} - x^3u_{yy} - u_x = 0, x \neq 0, u(x, y) = f(y)$   
on  $y - \frac{x^2}{2} = 0$  for  $0 \leq y \leq 2$ ,

$$u(x, y) = g(y) \text{ on } y + \frac{x^2}{2} = 4 \text{ for } 2 \leq y \leq 4.$$

Or

- (b) Find the solution of the characteristics initial value problem.

$$y^3u_{xx} - yu_{yy} + u_y = 0,$$

$$u(x, y) = f(x) \text{ on } x + \frac{y^2}{2} = 4 \text{ for } 2 \leq x \leq 4,$$

$$u(x, y) = g(x) \text{ on } x - \frac{y^2}{2} = 0 \text{ for } 0 \leq x \leq 2, \text{ with } f(2) = g(2).$$

23. (a) State and prove uniqueness theorem of the vibrating string problem.

Or

- (b) Find the temperature distribution in a rod length  $l$ , the faces are insulated and the initial temperature distribution is given by  $x(l - x)$ .

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