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Mathematics — Core

CALCULUS OF VARIATIONS AND INTEGRAL
EQUATIONS

(For those who joined in July 2023 onwards)

Time : Three hours

Maximum : 75 marks

PART A — (15 × 1 = 15 marks)

Answer ALL questions.

Choose the correct answer :

1. A sufficient condition that y be a maximum at x_0 relative to values at neighboring points is

- (a) $\frac{dy}{dx} = 0$ at $x_0, \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} > 0$
(b) $\frac{dy}{dx} = 0$ at $x_0, \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} < 0$
(c) $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = 0$ at $x_0, \frac{dy}{dx} > 0$
(d) $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = 0$ at $x_0, \frac{dy}{dx} < 0$

2. Solutions of Euler's equation are known as

- (a) Elementary solutions
(b) Euler's solutions
(c) External
(d) Primitive solution

3. The operators δ and $\frac{d}{dx}$ are commutative if

- (a) x is the independent variable
(b) x is the dependent variable
(c) y is the dependent variable
(d) y is the independent variable

4. The condition $\left[F + (g' - y') \frac{\partial F}{\partial y'} \right]_{x=x_2} = 0$ is called

- (a) Transversality condition
(b) Euler's condition
(c) Normalizing condition
(d) Rayleigh's condition

5. The degrees of freedom for the compound pendulum is

- (a) 1 (b) 2
(c) 3 (d) 4

6. The energy difference $L = T - V$ is called

- (a) Kinetic energy (b) Potential energy
(c) Euler's function (d) the kinetic potential

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7. An integral equation is an equation
- involving integers
 - in which a function to be determined appears under an integral sign
 - involving derivative of functions
 - in which a function to be determined appears as a difference of two functions
8. The differential operator Z is given by
- $\frac{d}{dx} \left(p \frac{d}{dx} \right) + q$
 - $\frac{d}{dx} (p) + \frac{d}{dx} (q)$
 - $\frac{d}{dx} \left(p \frac{d}{dx} \right)$
 - $p \frac{d^2}{dx^2} + \frac{dp}{dx} + q$
9. If $I(y) = \int_0^1 \sqrt{1+y^{1^2}} dx$, then $I(x)$ is
- 2
 - 0
 - $\sqrt{2}$
 - 1
10. The function $G(x, \varepsilon)$ which represents the effect at x due to a unit concentrated cause at ε is often known as the
- influence function
 - distribution function
 - deflection function
 - separable function

11. If $F = 1 + x + y + y^{1^2}$, $y = \sin x$, $dx = \varepsilon$ then dF for $x = 0$ is
- 0
 - 2ε
 - 3ε
 - ε
12. Which one of the following is not a separable kernel?
- $\sin(x + \varepsilon)$
 - $e^x + \sin x + \cos \varepsilon$
 - $\cos x \tan \varepsilon + x^2 \sin \varepsilon$
 - $e^x \sin \varepsilon + e^\varepsilon \cos x$
13. The characteristic number of a Fredholm equation with a real symmetric Kernel are
- all real
 - all purely imaginary
 - zero
 - unit modulus
14. The integral operator H is defined by the equation
- $Hf(x) = \int_a^b f(\varepsilon) d\varepsilon$
 - $Hf(x) = \int_a^b K(x, \varepsilon) f(\varepsilon) d\varepsilon$
 - $Hf(x) = \int_a^b K(x, \varepsilon) f(n) d\varepsilon$
 - $Hf(x) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_a^b K(x, \varepsilon) f(\varepsilon) d\varepsilon$



15. The Kernel $K(x, \varepsilon) = \sin x \cos \varepsilon$ has _____ characteristic numbers associated with $(0, 2\pi)$.

(a) double (b) single
(c) no (d) triple

PART B — $(5 \times 4 = 20 \text{ marks})$

Answer ALL questions, choosing either (a) or (b).
Each answer should not exceed 250 words.

16. (a) Determine the point on the curve of intersection of the surfaces $z = xy + 5$, $x + y + z = 1$ which is nearest the origin.

Or

- (b) Show that the integral $I = \int_{x_1}^{x_2} F(x, y, y') dx$ is stationary if and only if its first variation vanishes for every permissible variation δy .

17. (a) Using Hamilton's principle to conservative system derive Lagrange's equations.

Or

- (b) Derive the equation of motion for a simple pendulum.

18. (a) State the four properties of Green's function G .

Or

- (b) Derive the Volterra equation of the second kind from the initial value problem

$$\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + A(x) \frac{dy}{dx} + B(x)y = f(x), \quad y(a) = y_0, \\ y'(a) = y_0^1.$$

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19. (a) Define the separable Kernel and give an example.

Or

- (b) Consider $y(x) = F(x) + \lambda \int_0^{2\pi} \cos(x + \varepsilon) y(\varepsilon) d\varepsilon$.

Determine the characteristic values of λ and the corresponding characteristic functions.

20. (a) Obtain the resolvent Kernel associated with $K(x, \varepsilon) = x\varepsilon$ in $(0, 1)$.

Or

- (b) Prove that the characteristic numbers of a Fredholm equation with a real symmetric Kernel are all real.

PART C — $(5 \times 8 = 40 \text{ marks})$

Answer ALL questions, choosing either (a) or (b).
Each answer should not exceed 600 words.

21. (a) If $y(x)$ minimizes to integral $\int_{x_1}^{x_2} F(x, y, y') dx$, prove that it must satisfy the Euler's equation.

Or

- (b) Obtain the partial differential equation satisfied by the equation of a minimal surface.

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22. (a) Derive the Hamilton's principle in its most general form as applied to the motion of a single particle.

Or

- (b) Determine $y(x)$ such that

$$\delta I = \delta \int_{x_1}^{x_2} F(x, y, y') dx = 0 \text{ where } y(x_1) = y_1 \text{ and}$$

$y(x_2) = g(x_2)$ where x_1 is fixed but x_2 is not pre assigned and $g(x)$ is a given function of x .

23. (a) Show that the integral equation corresponding to the boundary value problem $\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + \lambda y = 0$, $y(0) = 0$, $y(l) = 0$ is a Fredholm equation of the second kind.

Or

- (b) Transform the problem

$$x^2 \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + x \frac{dy}{dx} + (\lambda x^2 - 1)y = 0 \quad y(0) = 0, y(1) = 0$$

to the integral equation

$$y(x) = \lambda \int_0^1 G(x, \varepsilon) \varepsilon y(\varepsilon) d\varepsilon.$$

24. (a) Prove that any solution of $y(x) = \lambda \int_0^1 (1 - 3x\varepsilon) y(\varepsilon) d\varepsilon + F(x)$ can be

expressed as the sum of $F(x)$ and some linear combination of the characteristic functions.

Or

- (b) Obtain the most general solution of the equation $y(x) = \lambda \int_0^{2\pi} \sin(x + \varepsilon) y(\varepsilon) d\varepsilon + F(x)$ when $F(x) = x$ and when $F(x) = 1$ under the assumption that $\lambda \neq \pm 1/\pi$.

25. (a) Explain the method of solving integral equations of the second kind by a method of successive approximations.

Or

- (b) If $y_m(x)$ and $y_n(x)$ are characteristics functions of $y(x) = \lambda \int_a^b K(x, \varepsilon) y(\varepsilon) d\varepsilon$ corresponding to distinct characteristic numbers, prove that $y_m(x)$ and $y_n(x)$ are orthogonal over the interval (a, b) .

