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Second Semester

Mathematics

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 :

1. The length of one complete turn of the helix $\vec{r} = (a \cos u, a \sin u, bu)$ is
(a) πab (b) $2\pi ab$
(c) $2\pi\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$ (d) $\pi a^2 b^2$
2. The normal in a direction orthogonal to the osculating plane is _____ line.
(a) tangent (b) normal
(c) binormal (d) none

3. The osculating circle at a point P on a curve has _____ point with the curve at P .
(a) one (b) two
(c) three (d) four
4. Radius of curvature ρ
(a) K (b) $\frac{1}{K}$
(c) τ (d) $\frac{1}{\tau}$
5. Since $\vec{r}_1 \times \vec{r}_2 \neq \vec{0}$ at an ordinary point the parametric curves $u = c_1$ and $v = c_2$ _____ each other.
(a) touch (b) cannot touch
(c) intersect (d) none
6. The parametric curves are orthogonal if
(a) $E = 0$ (b) $F = 0$
(c) $G = 0$ (d) $H = 0$
7. A sufficient condition for the parametric curve $u = \text{constant}$ to be geodesic is
(a) $U - V = 0$ (b) $U + V = 0$
(c) $U = 0$ (d) $V = 0$

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8. For the geodesic curvature vector $\bar{K}_g = \lambda \bar{r}_1 + \mu \bar{r}_2$, we have $\lambda =$

(a) $\frac{EV - FU}{H^2}$ (b) $\frac{UG - VF}{H^2}$
 (c) $\frac{EG - F^2}{H^2}$ (d) $\frac{E^2 - FG}{H^2}$

9. Which of the following is correct?

(a) $\frac{\partial T}{\partial \dot{u}} = \bar{r} \cdot \dot{\bar{r}}_1$ (b) $T = \frac{1}{2} \dot{\bar{r}}^2$
 (c) $\frac{\partial T}{\partial \dot{v}} = \bar{r} \cdot \dot{\bar{r}}_2$ (d) $U(t) = \bar{r} \cdot \ddot{\bar{r}}_1$

10. The point where $\frac{E}{L} = \frac{F}{M} = \frac{G}{N}$ is called _____.

- (a) the centre (b) the focus
 (c) the origin (d) an umbilic

PART B — (5 × 5 = 25 marks)

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

11. (a) Derive Serret-Frenet formulae.

Or

(b) Prove that $K = \frac{|\dot{\bar{r}} \cdot \ddot{\bar{r}}|}{|\dot{\bar{r}}|^3}$ and $T = \frac{[\dot{\bar{r}}, \ddot{\bar{r}}, \ddot{\bar{r}}]}{|\dot{\bar{r}} \times \ddot{\bar{r}}|^2}$.

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12. (a) Derive the locus of centre of spherical curvature.

Or

- (b) Show that the ratio of the curvature to the torsion is constant at all points on a helix.

13. (a) Show that a proper transformation transforms a regular point into a regular point.

Or

- (b) Compute the first fundamental coefficients E, F, G, H for this paraboloid $\bar{r} = (u, v, u^2 - v^2)$.

14. (a) Show that the curve $v = \text{constant}$ is a geodesic if and only if $EE_2 + FE_1 - 2EF_1 = 0$ for all values of u .

Or

- (b) Prove that a necessary and sufficient condition for a curve $u = u(t), v = v(t)$ on the surface $\bar{r} = \bar{r}(u, v)$ to be a geodesic is $U \frac{\partial T}{\partial V} - V \frac{\partial T}{\partial U} = 0$.

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15. (a) If U, V are the intrinsic quantities of a surface at a point (u, v) , prove that

$$(i) K_g = \frac{1}{H} \left(V(s) \frac{\partial T}{\partial u'} - U(s) \frac{\partial T}{\partial V'} \right)$$

$$(ii) K_g = \frac{1}{H} \frac{U(s)}{u'} \text{ and } (iii) K_g = -\frac{1}{H} \frac{V(s)}{V'}$$

Or

- (b) State and prove Meusnier's theorem.

PART C — (5 × 8 = 40 marks)

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

16. (a) Derive the curvature and torsion of the curve of intersection of the quadratic surfaces $ax^2 + by^2 + cz^2 = 1$, $a^1x^2 + b^1y^2 + c^1z^2 = 1$.

Or

- (b) Find the equation of the osculating plane at a general point on the cubic curve $\vec{r} = (u, u^2, u^3)$ and show that the osculating planes at any three points of the curve meet at a point lying in the plane determined by these three points.

17. (a) Derive the equation of an evolute of a curve.

Or

- (b) Show that the torsion of an involute of a curve is equal to $\frac{\rho(\sigma\rho^1 - \sigma^1\rho)}{(\rho^2 + \sigma^2)(c-s)}$.

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18. (a) For the anchor ring $\vec{r} = ((b + a \cos u) \cos V, (b + a \cos u) \sin V, a \sin u)$ compute E, F, G, H and prove that the area of the surface $(0 \leq u \leq 2\pi, 0 \leq V \leq 2\pi)$ is $4\pi^2 ab$.

Or

- (b) Prove that the metric is invariant under a parametric transformation but the coefficients E, F, G are not invariant.

19. (a) State and prove the normal property of geodesics.

Or

- (b) Find the geodesics on the surface with metric $ds^2 = e^{2r}(du^2 + U^2 dV^2)$ whose U is a function of u alone.

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

Or

- (b) If $K_1, K_2, \dots, K_m$ denotes the normal curvatures of m sections of a surface which make equal angles $\frac{2\pi}{m}$ with one another, prove that if $m > 2$, $K_1 + K_2 + \dots + K_m = m_\mu$.

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