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Mathematics

DIFFERENTIAL GEOMETRY

(For those who joined in July 2012 – 2015)

Time : Three hours

Maximum : 75 marks

PART A — (10 × 1 = 10 marks)

Answer ALL questions.

Choose the correct answer.

1. As P moves along a curve, the arc-rate at which the osculating plane turns about the tangent is called the _____.
(a) torsion (b) curvature
(c) normal line (d) none
2. The normal in a direction orthogonal to the osculating plane in the _____ line.
(a) tangent (b) binormal
(c) normal (d) none

3. The osculating circle at a point P on a curve has _____ point of contact with the curve at P.
(a) one (b) two
(c) three (d) no
4. The position vector of center of spherical curvature is $\bar{C} =$ _____.
(a) $\bar{r} + \rho\bar{n} + \sigma\rho'\bar{b}$ (b) $\bar{r} + \rho\bar{b}$
(c) $\bar{r} + \rho\bar{t}$ (d) $\bar{r} + \rho\bar{n}$
5. Since $\bar{r}_1 \times \bar{r}_2 \neq 0$, parametric curves of different systems _____ each other.
(a) touch (b) cannot touch
(c) intersect (d) none
6. If w is the angle between the parametric curves, then $\sin w =$ _____.
(a) $EG - F^2$ (b) F/\sqrt{EG}
(c) G/\sqrt{EG} (d) none
7. Geodesics are _____ of any particular parametric representation of the surface.
(a) dependent (b) independent
(c) the curves (d) none



8. At every point on a geodesic, its principal normal is _____ to the surface.
 (a) orthogonal (b) parallel
 (c) normal (d) none
9. If k_a and k_b are two principal curvatures at a point on a surface, then the Gaussian curvature $k =$ _____.
 (a) $\sqrt{k_a k_b}$ (b) $k_a k_b$
 (c) $k_a + k_b$ (d) none
10. A point on a surface at which $\frac{L}{E} = \frac{M}{F} = \frac{N}{G}$ is called _____ point.
 (a) umbilic (b) parabolic
 (c) elliptic (d) hyperbolic

PART B — (5 × 5 = 25 marks)

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

Each answer should not exceed 250 words.

11. (a) Find the arc length of the curve $\vec{r} = (a \cos^3 t, a \sin^3 t, 0)$.
 Or
 (b) Show that the length of the common perpendicular d of the tangents at two near point distance s apart is approximately given by $d = k \pi s^3 / 12$.

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12. (a) Derive the locus of center 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) Find the angle between the parametric curves.
 Or
 (b) Find the coefficients of the direction which makes an angle $\pi/2$ with the direction whose coefficients are (l, m) .

14. (a) Prove that the curves of the family $v^3/u^2 = c$, a constant are geodesics on a surface with metric $v^2 du^2 - 2uv du dv + 2u^2 dv^2$.

Or

- (b) Prove that every helix on a cylinder is a geodesic.
15. (a) Prove that if the orthogonal trajectories of the curves $v = c$ are geodesics, then H^2/E is independent of u .
 Or
 (b) State and prove Meusnier's theorem.

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PART C — (5 × 8 = 40 marks)

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

Each answer should not exceed 600 words.

16. (a) Derive Serret-Frenet formulae.

Or

- (b) Show that the necessary and sufficient condition that a curve lies on a sphere is

$$\frac{\rho}{\sigma} + \frac{d}{ds}(\sigma\rho') = 0.$$

17. (a) Show that the intrinsic equation of $x = a(\theta - \sin \theta)$, $y = a(1 - \cos \theta)$, $z = 0$ are $l^2 s^2 = 16a^2$, $\tau = 0$.

Or

- (b) State and prove fundamental existence theorem for space curves.

18. (a) Calculate the fundamental magnitudes for the right helicoid given by $x = u \cos v$, $y = u \sin v$, $z = cv$.

Or

- (b) Show that a proper parametric transformation either leaves every normal unchanged or reverses every normal.

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19. (a) (i) Discuss about orthogonal trajectories.
(ii) On the paraboloids $x^2 - y^2 = z$, find the orthogonal trajectories of the sections by the plane $z = \text{constant}$.

Or

- (b) Derive the differential equations satisfied by the geodesics on a given surface.

20. (a) Derive the Liouville's formula for Kg.

Or

- (b) (i) Find the geodesic curvature of the parametric curve $v = \text{constant}$.
(ii) State and prove Rodrigue's formula.

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