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Mathematics

DIFFERENTIAL GEOMETRY

(For those who joined in July 2012 onwards)

Time : Three hours

Maximum : 75 marks

PART A — (10 × 1 = 10 marks)

Answer ALL questions.

Choose the correct answer :

1. A necessary and sufficient condition that a curve be a straight line is _____
- (a) $k=0$
(b) $\lambda=0$
(c) $k=1$
(d) $k \neq 0$.

2. The _____ at p is the normal in a direction orthogonal to the osculating plane
- (a) normal line (b) binormal line
(c) osculating line (d) tangent line.
3. The circle which has three point contact with the curve at p is the _____
- (a) osculating circle (b) normal circle
(c) binormal circle (d) trinormal circle.
4. The radius of spherical curvature is $R =$ _____
- (a) $(e + \sigma e')^{1/2}$ (b) $(e^2 + \sigma^2 e'^2)^{1/2}$
(c) $(e'^2 + \sigma^2 e^2)^{1/2}$ (d) $(e^2 e'^2 + \sigma^2)^{1/2}$.
5. A point for which _____ is called an ordinary point
- (a) $r_1 \times r_2 = 0$ (b) $r_1 \times r_2 \neq 0$
(c) $r_1 \times r_2 = r$ (d) $r_1 \times r_2 = 1$
6. The parametric curves $u = \text{constant}$ are called the _____
- (a) meridians (b) parallels
(c) normal curves (d) tangent curves.



7. A characteristic property of a geodesic is that at every point its principle normal is _____ to the surface

- (a) normal (b) tangent
(c) torsion (d) parallel.

8. A particle is constrained to move on a smooth surface under no force except the normal reaction. Then its path is a _____

- (a) straight line
(b) geodesic
(c) helix
(d) circle.

9. If a surface admits two orthogonal families of geodesics, then it is isometric with the _____

- (a) surface (b) families
(c) plane (d) space.

10. The geodesic curvature of a geodesic is _____

- (a) finite (b) 1
(c) zero (d) $\frac{1}{2}$.

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PART B — (5 × 5 = 25 marks)

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

11. (a) Find the curvature of the curve $\vec{r} = (u, u^2, u^3)$.

Or

(b) Find the equation of the osculating plane of the curve $\vec{r} = \vec{r}(u)$.

12. (a) Show that the necessary and sufficient condition that a curve be a helix is

$$[\vec{r}^{IV}, \vec{r}^{III}, \vec{r}^{II}] = -k^5 \frac{d}{ds} \left(\frac{\tau}{k} \right) = 0.$$

Or

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

13. (a) If w is the angle between two parametric curves, find $\cos w$ and $\sin w$.

Or

(b) For the paraboloid, show that $E = 1 + 4u^2$, $F = -4uv$, $G = 1 + 4v^2$ and $H = (1 + 4u^2 + 4v^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}$.

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14. (a) Prove that every helix on cylinder is a geodesic.

Or

- (b) State and prove the normal property of geodesic.

15. (a) Obtain the expression of Geodesic curvature K_g in the form $K_g = H(u' \mu - v' \lambda)$.

Or

- (b) State and prove Rodrigue's formula.

PART C — (5 × 8 = 40 marks)

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

16. (a) State and prove the necessary and sufficient condition that a curve be a
- Straight line and
 - A plane curve.

Or

- (b) Derive the curvature and torsion of a curve given as the intersection of two surfaces.

17. (a) Prove that a curve is a helix if and only if $\frac{k}{\tau} = \text{constant}$.

Or

- (b) Find the involutes and evolutes of the twisted cubic curve $x = u, y = u^2, z = u^3$.

18. (a) Find the angle between the direction (du, dv) and the parametric are $u = c$.

Or

- (b) Find the curvature of a normal section of a helicoid $x = u \cos v, y = u \sin v, z = f(u) + cv$.

19. (a) Prove that the curves bisecting the angle between the parametric curves are given by $E du^2 - G dv^2 = 0$.

Or

- (b) Prove that if θ is the angle at a point (u, v) between the two directions given by $pdu^2 + 2Qdudv + Rdv^2 = 0$ then

$$\tan \theta = \frac{2H(Q^2 - PR)^{1/2}}{ER - 2FQ + GP}.$$



20. (a) State and prove Liouville's formula for Kg.

Or

(b) State and prove Meusnier's theorem.



