

M.Sc. (CBCS) DEGREE SPECIAL SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION,

APRIL 2020

SECOND SEMESTER

MATHEMATICS

DIFFERENTIAL GEOMETRY

(For those who joined in July 2017 onwards)

Maximum : 75 marks

Time: Three hours

Part A – (10X1=10 marks)

Answer ALL the questions, Choose the correct answer

1. A regular vector valued function $r = R(u)$ of class m is called
- a) an analytic function b) a curve of class m
- c) a path of class m d) none

2. A point where $\dot{r} = 0$ is called a
- a) regular point b) reflexive point
- c) essential point d) singular point

3. A curve is a helix if and only if
- a) $\kappa = \tau$ b) $\kappa = 0$
- c) $\tau = 0$ d) $\kappa/\tau = \text{constant}$

4. Radius of curvature ρ is
- a) κ b) $1/\kappa$
- c) τ d) $1/\tau$

5. ----- point is defined as one for which

$$r_1 \times r_2 \neq 0.$$

- a) ordinary b) singular
- c) variable d) irregular

6. The parametric curves are orthogonal if

- a) $E = 0$ b) $F = 0$
- c) $G = 0$ d) $H = 0$

7. Every helix on a ----- is a geodesic

- a) sphere
- b) cone
- c) helicoid
- d) cylinder

8. Geodesics are ----- of any particular parametric representation of the surface.

- a) Dependent
- b) independent
- c) the curves
- d) none

9. If at a point $LN - M^2 = 0$ then it is called a ----- point.

- a) asymptotic
- b) elliptic
- c) hyperbolic
- d) parabolic

10. The point where $L/E = M/F = N/G$ is called -----

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

PART B - (5 x 5 = 25 marks)

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

11.(a) Find the length of the circular helix

$$R(u) = (a \cos u, a \sin u, bu), 0 < u < 2\pi$$

Or

(b) Prove that a necessary and sufficient

condition for a curve to be a straight line is

$\kappa = 0$ at all points of the curve.

12.(a) Derive the equation of an involute of a curve C.

Or

(b) Calculate the curvature of the cubic curve given by

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$$\mathbf{r} = (u, u^2, u^3).$$

- 13.(a) Show that on a right helicoid, the family of curves orthogonal to the curves $u \cos v = \text{constant}$ is the family $(u^2 + a^2) \sin^2 v = \text{constant}$.

Or

- (b) Find the coefficients of the direction which makes an angle $\pi/2$ with the direction whose coefficients are (l, m) .

- 14.(a) Define orthogonal trajectory and find its differential equation.

Or

- (b) A helicoids generated by the screw motion of a straight line which meets the axis at an angle α . Find the orthogonal trajectories of the generators.

- 15.(a) Show that the anchor ring contains all three types of points.

Or

- (b) State and prove Euler's theorem on principal curvatures.

PART C - (5 x 8 = 40 marks)

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

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

Or

- (b) State and prove the Serret-Frenet formulae.

- 17.(a) Derive the equation of evolute

Or

- (b) Prove that the product of curvatures at the corresponding points on a curve is equal to the product of torsions.

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18.(a) Prove that, on the general surface, a necessary and sufficient condition that the curve $v = c$ be a geodesic is

$$EE_2 + FE_1 - 2EF_1 = 0$$

Or

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

19.(a) Derive the normal property of geodesics.

Or

(b) Derive the canonical geodesic equations.

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

Or

(b) Derive the Rodrigue's formula for the lines of curvature.