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Fourth Semester

Mathematics

DIFFERENTIAL GEOMETRY

(For those who joined in July 2016 only)

Time : Three hours

Maximum : 75 marks

PART A — ($10 \times 1 = 10$ marks)

Answer ALL questions.

Choose the correct answer :s

1. A point P where ————— is called a point of inflexion.
(a) $\bar{r} = \bar{o}$ (b) $\bar{r}' = \bar{o}$
(c) $\bar{r}'' = \bar{o}$ (d) $\bar{r}', \bar{r}'' = o$
2. $[\bar{r}', \bar{r}'', \bar{r}''']$ is
(a) $K^2\tau$ (b) $K\tau^2$
(c) $K^2(u^1)^6$ (d) O

3. A helix of constant curvature is necessarily
 (a) a sphere (b) a spherical helix
 (c) a cylindrical helix (d) a circular helix
4. A necessary and sufficient condition that a curve be a straight line is
 (a) $K = 0$ at all points (b) $\tau = 0$ at all points
 (c) $[\bar{r}', \bar{r}'', \bar{r}'''] = 0$ (d) $[\dot{\bar{r}}, \ddot{\bar{r}}, \ddot{\bar{r}}] = 0$
5. Eliminating u and v from $x = u \cosh v$,
 $y = u \sinh v$, $z = u^2$, the constraint equation is
 (a) $x^2 - y^2 = z$ (b) $x^2 + y^2 = z$
 (c) $x^2 + y^2 = -z$ (d) $x^2 - y^2 = -z$
6. The formula for ds^2 is
 (a) $E du^2 + F du dv + G dv^2$
 (b) $E du^2 + 2F du dv + G dv^2$
 (c) $E du + 2F du dv + G dv$
 (d) $E dv^2 + 2F du dv + G du^2$

7. If the parametric curves are orthogonal then the curve $v = c$ will be geodesic if and only if
- E is a function of v only
 - E is a function of u only
 - G is a function of v only
 - G is a function of u only
8. Orthogonal trajectories are called
- orthogonal parallels
 - orthogonal geodesic
 - geodesic parallels
 - geodesic trajectories
9. The second fundamental form is
- $Ldu^2 + 2Mdudv + Ndv^2$
 - $Ldu^2 + Mdudv + Ndv^2$
 - $Ldu + 2Mdu^2dv^2 + Ndv$
 - $Ldu^2 - 2Mdudv + Ndv^2$
10. The Gaussian curvature K is defined by
- $\frac{LN + M^2}{EG - F^2}$
 - $\frac{LN - M^2}{EG - F^2}$
 - $\frac{LN + M^2}{EG + F^2}$
 - $\frac{EG - F^2}{LN - M^2}$

PART B — ($5 \times 5 = 25$ marks)

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

Each answer should not exceed 250 words.

11. (a) Calculate the curvature and torsion of the cubic curve given by $r = (u, u^2, u^3)$.

Or

- (b) Prove that $[\bar{r}', \bar{r}'', \bar{r}'''] = K^2 \tau$.

12. (a) Show that the osculating plane at P has, in general, three point contact with the curve at P .

Or

- (b) Show that the involutes of a circular helix are plane curves.

13. (a) Show that a proper parametric transmission either leaves every normal unchanged or reverses every normal.

Or

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

14. (a) In the paraboloid $x^2 - y^2 = z$, find the orthogonal trajectories of the section by the planes $z = \text{constant}$.

Or

- (b) Prove that the curves of the family $v^3/u^2 = \text{constant}$ are geodesics on a surface with metric $v^2 du^2 - 2uv dudv + 2u^2 dv^2$ (where $u > 0, V > 0$).

15. (a) Find the geodesic curvature of the parametric curve $v = c$.

Or

- (b) Prove the Euler's formula

$$K = K_a \cos^2 \psi + K_b \sin^2 \psi.$$

PART C — ($5 \times 8 = 40$ marks)

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

Each answer should not exceed 600 words.

16. (a) Obtain the Serret-Frenet formulae.

Or

- (b) Find the curvature and the torsion of the curve $r = \{a(3u - u^3), 3au^2, a(3u + u^3)\}$.

17. (a) Show that the spherical indication of a curve is a circle if and only if the curve is a helix.

Or

- (b) Prove that the necessary and sufficient condition for a curve to be a helix is that its curvature and torsion are in a constant ratio.

18. (a) Show that the parametric curves on the sphere given by $x = a \sin u \cos v$, $y = a \sin u \sin v$, $z = a \cos u$, $0 < u < \pi/2$, $0 < v < 2\pi$, form an orthogonal system. Determine the two families of curves which meet the curves $v = \text{constant}$ at angles of $\pi/4$ and $3\pi/4$.

Or

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

19. (a) Prove that, on the general surface, a necessary and sufficient condition that the curve $v = c$ be a geodesic is $EE_2 + FE_1 - 2EF_1 = 0$ when $v = c$, for all values of u .

Or

- (b) Find the geodesics on a surface of revolution.

20. (a) Define lines of curvature and characterize the lines of curvature.

Or

- (b) State and prove Hilbert's lemma.
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