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BHM 504 : DIFFERENTIAL GEOMETRY

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 60

SECTION – A

Answer any 4 questions out of 5 questions. Each question carries 1 mark. (4×1=4)

1. Define the graph of a function $f : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $U \subseteq \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$.
2. If $f(x_1, \dots, x_{n+1}) = x_1^2 + \dots + x_{n+1}^2$, what is the level set $f^{-1}(c)$, for $c < 0$.
3. Define an integral curve.
4. Give an example of a surface on which there exists no orientation.
5. Define the covariant derivative of the tangent vector field X with respect to $\nabla \in S_p$.

SECTION – B

Answer any 6 questions out of 9 questions. Each question carries 2 marks. (6×2=12)

6. Define a vector field and give an example.
7. Define the velocity vector at time t of the parametrized curve $\alpha : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$. If α is an integral curve of the vector field X , give the relation between $\alpha(t)$ and $X(\alpha(t))$.
8. Define a right handed and left handed ordered orthonormal basis for the tangent space S_p to S , where S is an oriented 3-surface in \mathbb{R}^4 .
9. Define a smooth vector field X along a parametrized curve α and its derivative \dot{X} .
10. For each pair of orthogonal unit vectors $\{e_1, e_2\}$ in \mathbb{R}^3 and each $a \in \mathbb{R}$, prove that the great circle $\alpha(t) = (\cos at)G + (\sin at)e_2$ is a geodesic in the 2-sphere $x_1^2 + x_2^2 + x_3^2 = 1$ in \mathbb{R}^3 .



11. Show that the function \bar{v} into $\nabla_{\bar{v}}f$ is a linear map from \mathbb{R}_p^{n+1} to \mathbb{R} , where $f: U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, U is open in \mathbb{R}^{n+1} .
12. Why the Weingarten map L_p is sometimes called the shape operator of a surface at 'p'?
13. Find $\nabla_{\bar{v}}f$ where $f(x_1, x_2, x_3) = x_1x_2x_3^2$ and $\bar{v} = (1, 1, 1, a, b, c)$.
14. Prove that local parametrization of plane curves are unique up to reparametrization.

SECTION - C

Answer any 8 questions out of 12 questions. Each question carries 4 marks. (8x4=32)

15. Show that the gradient of a function $f: U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $U \subseteq \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$, is orthogonal to all vectors tangent to $f^{-1}(c)$ at p .
16. Prove that the n -plane $a_1x_1 + \dots + a_{n+1}x_{n+1} = b$ is an n -surface, where $(a_1, \dots, a_{n+1}) \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$ and $(a_1, \dots, a_n) \neq 0$.
17. If S is a connected n -surface in \mathbb{R}^{n+1} , then show that there exists exactly two normal vector fields N_1 and N_2 on S such that $N_2(p) = -N_1(p)$ for all $p \in S$.
18. Prove that geodesics have constant speed. If an n -surface s contains a straight line segment, $\alpha(t) = p + tv$, where $\alpha: I \rightarrow S$ and $t \in I$, show that this segment is a geodesic in s .
19. Show that the great circle $\alpha(t) = \cos(at)e_1 + \sin(at)e_2$, where e_1 and e_2 are pair of orthogonal vectors in \mathbb{R}^3 , is a geodesic in the 2-sphere $x_1^2 + x_2^2 + x_3^2 = 1$.
20. If X and Y are smooth vector fields along the parametrized curve $\alpha: I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$, prove that $(X \cdot Y)' = X \cdot Y' + X' \cdot Y$, where X' represents the derivative of X along α .
21. Let S be an n -surface in \mathbb{R}^{n+1} , let $p, q \in S$ and α be a piecewise smooth parametrized curve from p to q . Then prove that the parallel transport $P_\alpha: S_p \rightarrow S_q$ along α is a vector space isomorphism which preserves dot products.
22. Define Levi-Civita parallelism. Also, prove that if X and Y are parallel along α , then X has a constant length and $X \cdot Y$ is constant along α .



23. Compute $\nabla_{\bar{v}}X$, where $\bar{v} \in \mathbb{R}_p^{n+1}$ and X is given by $X(x_1, x_2) = (x_1, x_2, x_1x_2, x_2^2)$, $v = (1, 0, 0, 1)$ and $n = 1$.
24. Show that the Weingarten map of radius r is simply multiplication by $\frac{1}{r}$.
25. Define a local parametrization and global parametrization of a plane curve c .
26. Explain a method to obtain local parametrization of plane curves.

SECTION - D

Answer any 2 questions out of 4. Each question carries 6 marks.

(2x6=12)

27. If U is an open set in \mathbb{R}^{n+1} , $F: U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is smooth, $P \in U$ is a regular point of f and $c = f(p)$, then show that the set of all vectors tangent to $f^{-1}(c)$ at p is equal to $[\nabla f(p)]^\perp$.
28. Let S be an n -surface in \mathbb{R}^{n+1} , $p \in S$ and $\bar{v} \in S_p$. Prove that there exists an open interval containing 0 and a geodesic $\alpha: I \rightarrow S$ such that $\alpha(0) = p$ and $\alpha'(0) = \bar{v}$.
29. Let $f(x_1, x_2) = (x_1 - a)^2 + (x_2 - b)^2$ and let c be the circle $f^{-1}(r^2)$ oriented by the outward normal $\nabla f / \|\nabla f\|$. Prove that $K(\alpha(t)) = -\frac{1}{r}$, where $\alpha(t) = (a + r \cos 2t, b - r \sin 2t)$ is the global parametrization of c .
30. Prove that $L_p(\bar{v}) \cdot \bar{w} = \bar{v} \cdot L_p(\bar{w})$, where L_p is the Weingarten map and $\bar{v}, \bar{w} \in S_p$.