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BHM 504 : DIFFERENTIAL GEOMETRY

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Max. Marks : 60

## SECTION – A

Answer **any four** questions from the following. **Each** question carries **1** mark. (4×1=4)

1. Sketch the vector field  $X(p) = (1, 0)$  on  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .
2. Define a level set.
3. Find the regular points of the function  $f : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  defined by  $f(x_1, x_2) = x_1^2 + x_2^2$ .
4. Define an  $n$  – surface in  $\mathbb{R}^{n+1}$ .
5. Find the speed of the parametrized curve  $\alpha(t) = (\sin t, \cos t)$ .

## SECTION – B

Answer **any six** questions. **Each** question carries **2** marks. (6×2=12)

6. Sketch the graph of the function  $f(x_1, x_2) = x_1 - x_2$ .
7. Show that graph of any function  $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a level set for some function  $F : \mathbb{R}^{n+1} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ .
8. Does the Mobius strip is orientable ? Justify your answer.
9. Find  $\nabla f(p)$  for  $f(x_1, x_2) = x_1^2 + x_2^2$  at  $p = (1, 1)$ .
10. Show that the gradient of  $f$  at  $p \in f^{-1}(c)$  is orthogonal to all vectors tangent to  $f^{-1}(c)$  at  $p$ .

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11. Show by an example that the set of all vectors tangent at a point  $p$  of a level set need not in general be a vector subspace of  $\mathbb{R}_p^{n+1}$ .
12. With the usual notations, show that  $(X + Y) = \dot{X} + \dot{Y}$ .
13. Prove that geodesics have constant speed.
14. Given that  $X$  is parallel along  $\alpha$ . Show that  $X$  has constant length.

## SECTION – C

Answer **any eight** questions. **Each** question carries **4** marks **each**. (8×4=32)

15. Does the integral curve of a vector field cross itself ? Justify your answer.
16. Prove that  $x_1 + 3x_2 - 2x_3 = 1$  is an 2-surface in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .
17. Does the parametrized curve  $\alpha(t) = (-\cos t, t, -\sin t)$  is a geodesic in the cylinder  $x_1^2 + x_2^2 = 1$  in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . Justify your answer.
18. Compute  $\Delta_v f$  where  $f(x_1, x_2) = x_1^3 - 3x_2^2 + 3x_1x_2^2$ ,  $v = (-1, 0, -1, 0)$ .
19. Let  $S$  be an  $n$  – surface in  $\mathbb{R}^{n+1}$  and let,  $\alpha : I \rightarrow S$  be a parametrized curve, and let  $X$  be a vector field tangent to  $S$  along  $\alpha$ . Prove that  $(fX)' = f'X + fX'$ .
20. Find the integral curve through  $(-1, 0)$  of the vector field  $X(x_1, x_2) = (x_1, x_2, -x_2, x_1)$ .
21. Prove that an  $n$  – sphere is connected.
22. Sketch the cylinder over the graph of  $f(x) = \sin x$ .
23. State and prove Lagrange Multiplier Theorem.
24. Let  $a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $ac - b^2 > 0$ . Show that the maximum and minimum values of the function  $g(x_1, x_2) = x_1^2 + x_2^2$  on the ellipse  $ax_1^2 + 2bx_1x_2 + cx_2^2 = 1$  are of the form  $\frac{1}{\lambda_1}, \frac{1}{\lambda_2}$  where  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2$  are the eigen values of the matrix  $\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ b & c \end{pmatrix}$ .
25. Sketch the surface of revolution obtained by rotating the curve  $x_2^2 = x_1, 0 < x_1 < 1$  about the  $x_1$  – axis.
26. Compute the Weingarten map for the cylinder  $x_1^2 + x_2^2 = 1$  in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .



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## SECTION – D

Answer **any two** questions. **Each** question carries **6** marks **each**. (2×6=12)

27. Let  $g : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a smooth function and let  $C$  denote the graph of  $g$ . Show that the curvature of  $C$  at the point  $(t, g(t))$  is  $\frac{g''(t)}{(1 + (g'(t))^2)^{3/2}}$ .
28. Prove the following : Let  $S$  be an  $n$  surface in  $\mathbb{R}^{n+1}$  and let  $p \in S$  and let  $v \in S_p$ . Then there exist an open interval  $I$  containing  $0$  and a geodesic  $\alpha : I \rightarrow S$  such that
  - i)  $\alpha(0) = p, \dot{\alpha}(0) = v$
  - ii) If  $\beta : \tilde{I} \rightarrow S$  is any other geodesic in  $S$  with  $\beta(0) = p, \dot{\beta}(0) = v$ , then  $\tilde{I} \subset I$  and  $\alpha(t) = \beta(t)$  for all  $t \in \tilde{I}$ .
29. Prove that the Weingarten map is self-adjoint.
30. With the usual notations, prove that the parallel transport  $P_\alpha : S_p \rightarrow S_q$  along  $\alpha$  is a vector space isomorphism which preserves dot product.