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TDC (CBCS) Odd Semester Exam., 2022

PHYSICS

(Honours)

(1st Semester)

Course No. : PSHHCC-101T

(Mathematical Physics—I)

Full Marks : 50

Pass Marks : 20

Time : 3 hours

The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions

UNIT—1

1. Answer any *two* of the following : 2×2=4

(a) Given

$$3 \begin{bmatrix} x & y \\ z & w \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x & 6 \\ -1 & 2w \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 4 & x+y \\ z+w & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

find x , y , z and w .

(b) If

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}, B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

find $2A + 3B$.



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- (c) Write the order and the degree of the differential equation

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + a^2x = 0$$

2. Answer either (a) and (b) or (c) and (d) :

- (a) Show that any square matrix can be expressed as the sum of two matrices, one symmetric and the other anti-symmetric. 3

- (b) Write the matrix A given below as the sum of a symmetric and a skew-symmetric matrix : 3

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 4 \\ -2 & 5 & 3 \\ -1 & 6 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

- (c) Solve the differential equation

$$(x+1)\frac{dy}{dx} = x(y^2 + 1) \quad 3$$

- (d) Solve

$$x\frac{dy}{dx} + \cot y = 0$$

given $y = \frac{\pi}{4}$, where $x = \sqrt{2}$. 3

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UNIT-2

3. Answer any two of the following : 2×2=4

- (a) Find a unit vector perpendicular to both of the vectors $\vec{A} = 2\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + \hat{k}$ and $\vec{B} = 7\hat{i} - 5\hat{j} + \hat{k}$.

- (b) Show that $(\vec{a} - \vec{b}) \times (\vec{a} + \vec{b}) = 2\vec{a} \times \vec{b}$.

- (c) Find the unit tangent vector at $t=2$ on the curve $x = t^2 - 1$, $y = 4t - 3$, $z = 2t^2 - 6t$, where t is any variable.

4. Answer either (a) and (b) or (c) and (d) :

- (a) Show that the vectors $5\vec{a} + 6\vec{b} + 7\vec{c}$, $7\vec{a} - 8\vec{b} + 9\vec{c}$ and $3\vec{a} + 20\vec{b} + 5\vec{c}$ are coplanar, \vec{a} , \vec{b} and \vec{c} being three non-collinear vectors. 3

- (b) If $\hat{a} \times (\hat{b} \times \hat{c}) = \frac{1}{2}\hat{b}$, find the angle which \hat{a} makes with \hat{b} and \hat{c} . 3

- (c) Calculate the curl of the vector $xyz\hat{i} + 3x^2y\hat{j} + (xz^2 - y^2z)\hat{k}$ 3

- (d) Prove that for every field \vec{v} , $\text{div curl } \vec{v} = 0$. 3



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UNIT—3

5. Answer any two of the following : 2×2=4

- (a) State Stokes' theorem.
- (b) Use Green's theorem to evaluate

$$\int_C (x^2 + xy) dx + (x^2 + y^2) dy$$

where C is the square formed by the lines $y = \pm 1$, $x = \pm 1$.

- (c) State Gauss' divergence theorem.

6. Answer either (a) and (b) or (c) and (d) :

- (a) Using Green's theorem, evaluate

$$\int_C (x^2 y dx + x^2 dy)$$

where C is the boundary described counterclockwise of the triangle with vertices $(0,0)$, $(1,0)$ and $(1,1)$. 3

- (b) Apply Stokes' theorem to find the value of

$$\int_C (y dx + z dy + x dz)$$

where C is the curve of intersection of $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = a^2$ and $x + z = a$. 3

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- (c) Use Gauss' divergence theorem to evaluate

$$\int_S \vec{A} \cdot d\vec{S}$$

where $A = x^3 \hat{i} + y^3 \hat{j} + z^3 \hat{k}$, where S is the surface of the sphere $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = a^2$. 3

- (d) Use Gauss' divergence theorem to evaluate

$$\iint \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{S}$$

where $\vec{F} = 4x \hat{i} - 2y^2 \hat{j} + z^2 \hat{k}$, where S is the surface bounding the region $x^2 + y^2 = 4$, $z = 0$ and $z = 3$. 3

UNIT—4

7. Answer any two of the following questions :

2×2=4

- (a) Write the expression for line element in cylindrical coordinate system.
- (b) Write the expression for volume element in spherical polar coordinate system.
- (c) Write the expression for gradient of a scalar field in spherical polar coordinate system.



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8. Answer either (a) and (b) or (c) and (d) :

- (a) Derive an expression for divergence of the vector \vec{F} in the orthogonal curvilinear coordinate system. 3
- (b) Find gradient of $\phi = xyz$ in cylindrical coordinate system. 3
- (c) Find the location of the positive roots of $x^3 - 9x + 1 = 0$, and evaluate the smallest one by bisection method correct to two decimal places. 3
- (d) Evaluate $f(1.2)$ from the following data using Newton's forward interpolation formula : 3

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|---|---|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| x | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| y | 1 | 1.5 | 2.2 | 3.1 | 4.3 |

UNIT—5

9. Answer any two of the following questions : $2 \times 2 = 4$

- (a) What do you mean by independent random variables?
- (b) Explain random errors with examples.
- (c) Define the terms (i) mean and (ii) variance.

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10. Answer either (a) and (b) or (c) and (d) :

- (a) Explain the basic rules for propagation of errors. 3
- (b) If the physical quantities, a , b , y and z are related by the expression
$$x = \frac{3a^k b^p}{y^k z^r}$$
where k , p , r are indices. Find the expression of relative error of x . 3
- (c) What is binomial distribution? Write two properties of binomial distribution. $1+2=3$
- (d) Explain conditional probability. A disc is thrown twice and the sum of numbers appearing is observed to be 6. What is the conditional probability that the number 4 has appeared at least once? $1\frac{1}{2}+1\frac{1}{2}=3$

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