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V Semester B.Sc. Degree (C.B.C.S.S. – O.B.E. – Regular/Supplementary/
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(2019 to 2022 Admissions)
CORE COURSE IN MATHEMATICS
5B09 MAT: Vector Calculus

Time: 3 Hours Max. Marks: 48

PART - A

Answer any four questions from this Part. Each question carries 1 mark. (4×1=4)

- 1. Find parametric equations for the line through the origin and parallel to the vector 2j + k.
- 2. Examine the continuity of the vector valued function r(t) = (cost)i + (sint)j + tk.
- 3. Find $\partial w/\partial x$ if $w = x^2 + y^2 + z^2$ and $z = x^2 + y^2$.
- 4. State Divergence theorem.
- 5. Find the curl of the vector field $F(x, y) = (x^2 2y) i + (xy y^2)j$.

PART - B

Answer any eight questions from this Part. Each question carries 2 marks. (8x2=16)

- 6. Find an equation for the plane through (2, 4, 5) and perpendicular to the line x = 5 + t, y = 1 + 3t, z = 4t.
- 7. A particle moves so that its position vector is given by $\mathbf{r}(t) = \cos\omega t \mathbf{i} + \sin\omega t \mathbf{j}$ where ω is a constant. Show that the velocity of the particle is perpendicular to r.
- 8. Find the arc length parameter along the helix r(t) = (cost)i + (sint)j + tk from $t_0 = 0$ to t.
- 9. Find the curvature of the circle having radius a and centre at the origin.

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- 10. Find the linearization of $f(x,y) = x^2 xy + \frac{1}{2}y^2 + 12$ at the point (3, 2).
- 11. Find the directional derivative of $f(x,y) = x^2 + xy$ at the point (1, 2) in the direction of the unit vector $\mathbf{u} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\mathbf{i} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\mathbf{j}$.
- 12. Find an equation for the tangent plane to the surface $2xz^2 3xy 4x = 7$ at the point (1, -1, 2).
- 13. Find the work done by $F = (y x^2)i + (z y^2)j + (x z^2)k$ over the curve $r(t) = ti + t^2j + t^3k$, $0 \le t \le 1$, from (0, 0, 0) to (1, 1, 1).
- 14. A fluid's velocity field is F = xi + zj + yk. Find the flow along the helix r(t) = (cost)i + (sint)j + tk, $0 \le t \le \pi/2$.
- 15. Show that ydx + xdy + 4dz is exact.
- 16. Find a parametrization of the paraboloid $z = x^2 + y^2$, $z \le 4$.

PART - C

Answer any four questions from this Part. Each question carries 4 marks. (4×4=16)

17. Determine whether the following two lines are parallel, intersect or are skew. If they intersect, find the point of intersection.

$$L_1: x = 1 + 4s, y = 1 + 2s, z = -3 + 4s, -\infty < s < \infty$$

$$L_2$$
: $x = 3 + 2r$, $y = 2 + r$, $z = -2 + 2r$, $-\infty < r < \infty$

- 18. Consider the function $f(x,y) = \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{y^2}{2}$. Find the directions in which
 - i) f increases most rapidly at the point (1, 1) and
 - ii) f decreases most rapidly at the point (1, 1).
- 19. Show that $F = (e^x \cos y + yz) i + (xz e^x \sin y)j + (xy + z)k$ is conservative and find a potential function for it.
- 20. Find the work done in moving a particle once round a circle C in the xy plane where the circle has centre at the origin at radius 3, and the force field is given by $F = (2x y + z) i + (x + y z^2)j + (3x 2y + 4z)k$.



- 21. A slender metal arch, denser at the bottom than top, lies along the semicircle $y^2 + z^2 = 1$, $z \ge 0$, in the yz-plane. Find the center of the arch's mass if the density at the point (x, y, z) on the arch is $\delta(x, y, z) = 2 z$.
- 22. Find the surface area of a sphere of radius a.
- 23. Evaluate $\iint_{S} (7xi zk) \cdot nd\sigma$ over the sphere S: $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 4$ by the Divergence Theorem.

PART - D

Answer any two questions from this Part. Each question carries 6 marks. (2×6=12)

24. Find the plane determined by the intersection of the lines:

L1:
$$x = -1+t$$
, $y = 2+t$, $z = 1-t$, $-\infty < t < \infty$
L2: $x = 1-4s$, $y = 1+2s$, $z = 2-2s$, $-\infty < s < \infty$.

- 25. The plane x + y + z = 1 cuts the cylinder $x^2 + y^2 = 1$ in an ellipse. Find the points on the ellipse that lie closest to and farthest from the origin.
- 26. Verify Green's theorem in the plane for $\oint_C (xydx + x^2dy)$, where C is the curve enclosing the region bounded by the parabola $y = x^2$ and the line y = x.
- 27. Use Stoke's theorem to evaluate $\int_C \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r}$, if $\mathbf{F} = xz\mathbf{i} + xy\mathbf{j} + 3xz\mathbf{k}$ and C is the boundary of the portion of the plane 2x + y + z = 2 in the first octant traversed counterclockwise as viewed from above.