

**M.Sc. DEGREE (C.S.S.) EXAMINATION, JANUARY 2016****Third Semester****Faculty of Science****Branch I (A)—Mathematics****MT 03 C13—DIFFERENTIAL GEOMETRY**

(2012 Admission onwards)

Time : Three Hours

Maximum Weight : 30

**Part A***Answer any five questions.**Each question has weight 1.*

1. Find the gradient field of  $X(x_1, x_2) = (x_2, x_1)$ .
2. Define (i) Regular point of a smooth function ; (ii) Tangent space.
3. Define a geodesic. Show that geodesics have constant speed.
4. Prove that if  $X$  and  $Y$  are two parallel vector fields along  $\alpha$ ,  $X \cdot Y$  is constant along  $\alpha$ .
5. Compute  $\nabla_v f$  where  $f: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  defined by  $f(x_1, x_2) = 2x_1^2 + 3x_2^2$ , where  $v = (1, 0, 2, 1)$ .
6. Define a differential 1-form. How will you define the sum of two 1-forms.
7. Define a parametrized  $n$ -surface. Write the map which represent the parametrized torus in  $\mathbb{R}^4$ .
8. State inverse function theorem.

(5 × 1 = 5)

**Part B***Answer any five questions.**Each question has weight 2.*

9. Sketch the level curves and graph of  $f(x_1, x_2) = x_1^2 - x_2^2$ .
10. Let  $S \subset \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$  be a connected  $n$ -surface in  $\mathbb{R}^{n+1}$ . Prove that there exist on  $S$  exactly two smooth unit normal vector fields  $N_1$  and  $N_2$  and  $N_2(p) = -N_1(p)$  for all  $p \in S$ .

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11. Describe the spherical image when  $n = 1$  and  $n = 2$  of the surface  $-x_1^2 + x_2^2 + \dots + x_{n+1}^2 = 0$ ,  $x_1 > 0$ , oriented by  $\nabla f / \|\nabla f\|$ .
12. Let  $S$  be an  $n$ -surface in  $\mathbb{R}^{n+1}$ , let  $\alpha: I \rightarrow S$  be a parametrized curve and let  $X$  and  $Y$  be vector fields tangent to  $S$  along  $\alpha$ . Show that (i)  $(X + Y)' = X' + Y'$ ; (ii)  $(fX)' = f'X + fX'$  for all smooth functions  $f$  along  $\alpha$ .
13. Find the global parametrization of the plane curve oriented by  $\nabla f / \|\nabla f\|$  where  $f$  is the function defined by  $ax_1 + bx_2 = c$ ,  $(a, b) \neq (0, 0)$ .
14. Let  $V$  be a finite dimensional vector space with dot product and let  $L: V \rightarrow V$  be a self-adjoint linear transformation on  $V$ . Show that there exists an orthonormal basis for  $V$  consisting of eigenvectors of  $L$ .
15. Find the Gaussian curvature of the parametrized 2-surface.

$$\phi(t, \theta) = (\cos \theta, \sin \theta, t).$$

16. Let  $C$  be a connected oriented plane curve and let  $\beta: I \rightarrow C$  be a unit speed global parametrization of  $C$ .

Prove that  $\beta$  is either one-one or periodic. Also show that  $\beta$  is periodic if and only if  $C$  is compact.

(5 × 2 = 10)

### Part C

Answer any **three** questions.  
Each question has weight 5.

17. Let  $U$  be an open set in  $\mathbb{R}^{n+1}$  and let  $f: U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be smooth. Let  $p \in U$  be a regular point of  $f$  and let  $f(p) = c$ . Prove that the set of all vectors tangent to  $f^{-1}(c)$  at  $p$  is equal to  $[\nabla f(p)]^\perp$ .
18. Let  $S$  be a compact connected oriented  $n$ -surface in  $\mathbb{R}^{n+1}$  exhibited as a level set  $f^{-1}(c)$  of a smooth function  $f: \mathbb{R}^{n+1} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  with  $\nabla f(p) \neq 0$  for all  $p \in S$ . Prove that the Gauss map maps  $S$  onto the unit sphere  $S^n$ .
19. Let  $C$  be an oriented plane curve. Prove that there exists a global parametrization of  $C$  if and only if  $C$  is connected.



20. (a) Prove that the Weingarten map  $L_p$  is self adjoint.
- (b) Prove that  $\nabla_v (f X) = (\nabla_v f) \times (p) + P(p) (\nabla_v X)$ .
21. (a) Prove that on each compact oriented  $n$ -surface  $S$  in  $\mathbb{R}^{n+1}$ , there exists a point  $P$  such that the second fundamental form of  $P$  is definite.
- (b) Find the Gauss-Kronecker and mean curvatures of  $f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n+1}) = c$  oriented by  $\nabla f / \|\nabla f\|$ , where  $x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_{n+1} = 1$ ,  $p = (1, 0, \dots, 0)$ .
22. Let  $S$  be an  $n$ -surface in  $\mathbb{R}^{n+1}$  and let  $f: S \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^k$ . Prove that  $f$  is smooth if and only if  $f \circ \phi: U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^k$  is smooth for each local parametrization  $\phi: U \rightarrow S$ .

(3 × 5 = 15)