

FOURTH SEMESTER M.Sc. DEGREE EXAMINATION, JUNE 2015

(CUCSS)

Mathematics

MT 4C 16—DIFFERENTIAL GEOMETRY

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 36 Weightage

Part A

*Answer all questions.**Each question carries 1 weightage.*

1. Show that the graph of any function $f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a level set for some function $F: \mathbb{R}^{n+1} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$.
2. Find and sketch the gradient field of the function $f(x_1, x_2) = x_1 - x_2$.
3. Let $f: U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a smooth function and let $\alpha: I \rightarrow U$ be an integral curve of ∇f . Show that :

$$\left(\frac{d}{dt}\right)(f \circ \alpha)(t) = \|\nabla f(\alpha(t))\|^2 \text{ for all } t \in I.$$

4. Sketch the cylinder over the graph of $f(x) = \cos x$.
5. Show that the two orientations on the unit n-sphere $x_1^2 + \dots + x_{n+1}^2 = 1$ are given by :
 $N_1(p) = (p, p)$ and $N_2(p) = (-p, p)$.
6. Prove that geodesics have constant speed.
7. 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 α . Verify that $(X + Y) \cdot \alpha' = X \cdot \alpha' + Y \cdot \alpha'$.
8. Compute $\nabla \cdot v$ where $f: \mathbb{R}^{n+1} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $p \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$, $v \in \mathbb{R}^n$ where $f(x_1, x_2, x_3) = x_1^2 + x_2^2 + x_3^2$ and $v = (1, 1, 1, a, b, c)$ ($n = 2$).
9. Find a global parametrization of the plane curve $x_1^2 + \frac{x_2^2}{4} = 1$. (You may choose the orientation).

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10. Find the length of the parametrized curve $\alpha : [0, 2\pi] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^4$ given by $\alpha(t) = (\cos t, \sin t, \cos t, \sin t)$.
11. Let $S \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ be an oriented n -surface, let $p \in S$. Define the second fundamental form of S at p .
12. Let U be an open set in \mathbb{R}^n , let $\phi : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ be a smooth map, let $d\phi$ be the differential of ϕ .
Prove that the restriction $d\phi_p$ of $d\phi$ to \mathbb{R}^n_p is a linear map $d\phi_p : \mathbb{R}^n_p \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m_{\phi(p)}$.
13. Let $Q : U_1 \rightarrow U_2$ and $\psi : U_2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ be smooth where $U_1 \subset \mathbb{R}^l$ and $U_2 \subset \mathbb{R}^m$. Verify the chain rule $d(\psi \circ Q) = d\psi \circ dQ$.
14. Let S be an n -surface in \mathbb{R}^n ($k \geq 1$). Let $p \in S$. Define the tangent space S_p at p .

(14 x 1 = 14 weightage)

Part B

Answer any **seven** questions.
Each question carries 2 weightage.

15. Find the integral curve through $p = (a, b)$ of the vector field X on \mathbb{R}^2 given by $X(p) = (p, X(p))$, where $X(x_1, x_2) = (x_2, x_1)$.
16. Sketch the tangent space at a typical point of the level set $f^{-1}(1)$ where $f(x_1, x_2, x_3) = x_1^2 + x_2^2 + x_3^2$.
17. Show that the set S of all unit vectors at all points of \mathbb{R}^2 forms a 3-surface in \mathbb{R}^4 .
18. Show that the spherical image of an n -surface with orientation N is the reflection through the origin of the spherical image of the same n -surface with orientation $-N$.
19. Prove that, in an n -phase, parallel transport is path independent.
20. Let S be the unit n -sphere $\sum_{i=1}^{n+1} x_i^2 = 1$ oriented by the outward unit normal vector field. Prove that the Weingarten map of S is multiplication by -1 .
21. Let $\alpha(t) = (x(t), y(t)) (t \in I)$ be a local parametrization of the plane curve C . Show that :

$$r \cdot \alpha = (x' y'' - y' x'') / (x'^2 + y'^2)^{3/2}.$$

22. Let S be the ellipsoid $\left(\frac{x_1^2}{a^2} + \frac{x_2^2}{b^2} + \frac{x_3^2}{c^2} = 1\right)$. Find the Gaussian curvature of S . ($abc \neq 0$).
23. Show that the Weingarten map at each point of a parametrized n -surface is **self-adjoint**.
24. State and prove the Inverse Function Theorem for n -surfaces.

(7 x 2 = 14 weightage)

Part C

*Answer any two questions.
Each question carries 4 weightage.*

25. Let U be an open set in \mathbb{R}^{n+1} and let $f: U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ be smooth. Let $p \in U$ be a regular point of f and let $c = f(p)$. Then prove: the set of all vectors tangent to $f^{-1}(c)$ at p is equal to $[\ker df_p]$.
26. Let S be an n -surface in \mathbb{R}^{n+1} , let $p \in S$ and let $v \in T_p S$. Then prove there exists an open interval I containing 0 and a geodesic $\alpha: I \rightarrow S$ such that:
- $\alpha(0) = p$ and $\dot{\alpha}(0) = v$
 - If $\beta: I' \rightarrow S$ is any other geodesic in S with $\beta(0) = p$ and $\dot{\beta}(0) = v$, then $I' \subset I$ and $\beta(t) = \alpha(t)$ for all $t \in I'$.
27. Let ω be the 1-form on $\mathbb{R}^2 - \{0\}$ defined by:

$$\omega = \frac{-x_2 dx_1 + x_1 dx_2}{x_1^2 + x_2^2}$$

Then prove that for $\alpha: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2 - \{0\}$, any **piecewise** smooth closed parametrized curve in $\mathbb{R}^2 - \{0\}$ $\int_{\alpha} \omega = 2\pi K$ for some integer K .

28. Let $\varphi: U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$ be a parametrized n -surface in \mathbb{R}^{n+1} and let $p \in U$. Then show that there exists an open set $U_1 \subset U$ about p such that $\varphi(U_1)$ is an n -surface in \mathbb{R}^{n+1} .

(2 x 4 = 8 weightage)