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## FOURTH SEMESTER M.Sc. DEGREE EXAMINATION, JUNE 2016

(CUCSS)

Mathematics

## MT 4C 16—DIFFERENTIAL GEOMETRY

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 36 Weightage

*Standard notation as in the prescribed text is followed.*

## Part A

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

1. Sketch the level sets  $f^{-1}(c)$  at the heights indicated

$$f(x_1, x_2, x_3) = x_1^2 - x_2^2 - x_3^2; c = -1, 0.$$

2. Find and sketch the gradient field of the function  $f(x_1, x_2) = (x_1^2 - x_2^2)/4$ .
3. Show by example that the set of vectors tangent at a point  $p$  of a level set might be all of  $\mathbb{R}_p^{n+1}$ .
4. Show that the set  $S$  of all unit vectors at all points of  $\mathbb{R}^2$  forms a 3-surface in  $\mathbb{R}^4$ .
5. Show that if  $S$  is a connected  $n$ -surface in  $\mathbb{R}^{n+1}$  and  $g : S \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is continuous and takes on only finitely many values, then  $g$  is constant.
6. Describe the spherical image of the paraboloid  $-x_1 + x_2^2 + x_3^2 = 0$  (Choose your orientation).
7. Show that if  $\alpha : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$  is a parametrized curve with constant speed, then  $\ddot{\alpha}(t) \perp \dot{\alpha}(t)$  for all  $t \in I$ .
8. Let  $S$  be an  $n$ -surface in  $\mathbb{R}^{n+1}$ , let  $\alpha : I \rightarrow S$  be a parametrized curve. Let  $X$  be a vector field tangent to  $S$  along  $\alpha$ . Verify that

$$(f'X)' = f'X + fX'$$

for all smooth functions  $f$  along  $\alpha$ .

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9. Compute  $\nabla f$  where  $f: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and  $v \in \mathbb{R}_p^2, p \in \mathbb{R}^2$ .

$$f(x_1, x_2) = x_1^2 - x_2^2, v = (1, 1, \cos \theta, \sin \theta).$$

10. Let  $C$  be an oriented plane curve and  $p \in C$  with  $k(p) \neq 0$ . Define the circle of curvature at  $p$ .
11. Find the length of the given parametrized curve  $d: [0, 2\pi] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ , where
- $$\alpha(t) = (\sqrt{2} \cos 2t, \sin 2t, \sin 2t).$$
12. Let  $S$  be an oriented 2-surface in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  and let  $p \in S$ . Show that for each  $v, \omega \in S_p$

$$L_p(\vartheta) \times L_p(\omega) = k(p) \vartheta \times \omega.$$

13. Let  $Q: U_1 \rightarrow U_2$  and  $\psi: U_2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^k$  be smooth. Verify the chain rule  $d(\psi \circ \phi) = d\psi \circ d\phi$ .
14. Show that if  $S = f^{-1}(c)$  is an  $n$ -surface in  $\mathbb{R}^{n+k}$  and  $p \in S$ , then the tangent space  $S_p$  to  $S$  at  $p$  is equal to the kernel of  $df_p$ .

(14 × 1 = 14 weightage)

### Part B

Answer any seven questions. Each question carries weightage 2.

15. Find the integral curve through  $p(0,1)$  of the vector field  $X$  on  $\mathbb{R}^2$  given by

$$X(p) = (p, X(p)) \text{ where } X(x_1, x_2) = (-2x_1, \frac{-1}{2}x_2).$$

16. Show that the maximum and minimum values of the function  $g(x_1, \dots, x_{n+1}) = \sum_{i,j=1}^{n+1} a_{ij} x_i x_j$

on the unit  $n$ -sphere  $\sum_{i=1}^{n+1} x_i^2 = 1$  where  $(a_{ij})$  is a symmetric  $n \times n$  matrix of real numbers, are the eigenvalues of the matrix  $(a_{ij})$ .

17. Let  $S$  be an  $n$ -surface in  $\mathbb{R}^{n+1}$ , let  $X$  be a smooth tangent vector field on  $S$  and let  $p \in S$ . Then prove the existence of the maximal integral curve of  $X$  through  $p$ .
18. Show that if the spherical image of a connected  $n$ -surface is a single point, then  $S$  is contained in an  $n$ -plane.
19. For  $\theta \in \mathbb{R}$ , let  $\alpha_\theta : [0, \pi] \rightarrow S^2$  be the parametrized curve in the unit sphere  $S^2$  from the north pole  $p = (0, 0, 1)$  to the south pole  $q = (0, 0, -1)$ , defined by  $\alpha_\theta(t) = (\cos \theta \sin t, \sin \theta \sin t, \cos t)$ . Let  $v = (p, 1, 0, 0) \in S_p$ . Then compute  $P_{\alpha_\theta}(v)$ .
20. Let  $S$  be an  $n$ -surface in  $\mathbb{R}^{n+1}$ , oriented by the unit normal vector field  $N$ . Let  $p \in S$  and  $v \in S_p$ . Let  $\alpha : I \rightarrow S$  be a parametrized curve with  $\alpha(t_0) = p$  for some  $t_0 \in I$ . Then prove that  $\dot{\alpha}(t_0) \cdot N(p) = L_p(v) \cdot v$ .
21. 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  $|g''(t)| / (1 + g'(t)^2)^{3/2}$  for an appropriate choice of orientation.
22. Find the Gaussian curvature of the ellipsoid  $x_1^2/4 + x_2^2/4 + x_3^2/9 = 1$ .
23. Show that the Weingarten map at each point of a parametrized  $n$ -surface in  $\mathbb{R}^{n+1}$  is self-adjoint.
24. State and prove inverse function theorem for  $n$ -surfaces.

(7 × 2 = 14 weightage)

### Part C

Answer any two questions.

Each question carries weightage 4.

25. Let  $S$  be a compact, connected oriented  $n$ -surface in  $\mathbb{R}^{n+1}$ . Prove that the Gauss map maps  $S$  onto the unit  $n$ -sphere  $S^n$ .

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26. Let  $C$  be a connected, oriented plane curve and let  $\beta: I \rightarrow C$  be a unit speed global parametrization of  $C$ . Then prove that  $\beta$  is either one-to-one or periodic. Further show that  $\beta$  is periodic iff  $C$  is compact.
27. Let  $S$  be a compact oriented  $n$ -surface in  $\mathbb{R}^{n+1}$ . Prove: There exists a point  $p \in S$  such that the second fundamental form at  $p$  is definite.
28. Let  $S$  be an  $n$ -surface in  $\mathbb{R}^{n+1}$  and let  $f: S \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^k$ . Suppose that  $f \circ g$  is smooth for each level set parametrization,  $\varphi: U \rightarrow S$ . Then prove that  $f$  is smooth.

(2 × 4 = 8 weights)