

FOURTH SEMESTER M.Sc. DEGREE EXAMINATION, APRIL 2025

(CBCSS - PG)

(Regular/Supplementary/Improvement)

CC19P MTH4 E09 - DIFFERENTIAL GEOMETRY

(Mathematics)

(2019 Admission onwards)

Time : 3 Hours

Maximum : 30 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. Let S be an $n - 1$ - surface in $\mathbb{R}^n$ given by $S = f^{-1}(c)$ where $f : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, (U open in $\mathbb{R}^n$) is such that $\nabla f(p) \neq 0$ for all $p \in f^{-1}(c)$. Let $g : U_1 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, defined by $g(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n+1}) = f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$ where $U_1 = U \times \mathbb{R}$. Then prove that $g^{-1}(c)$ is an n -surface in $\mathbb{R}^{n+1}$.
3. Write the statement of Lagrange multiplier theorem.
4. Show that if $\alpha : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$ is a parametrized curve with constant speed, then $\dot{\alpha}(t) \perp \ddot{\alpha}(t)$ for every $t \in I$.
5. Let S be an n - surface in $\mathbb{R}^{n+1}$ and $\alpha : I \rightarrow S$ be a parametrised curve on S . Then for smooth vector fields $\mathbf{X}$ and $\mathbf{Y}$, prove that $(\mathbf{X} + \mathbf{Y})' = \mathbf{X}' + \mathbf{Y}'$.
6. Compute $\nabla_v f$, where $f : \mathbb{R}^{n+1} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $v \in \mathbb{R}_p^{n+1}$, where $f(x_1, x_2) = 2x_1^2 + 3x_2^2$, $v = (1, 0, 2, 1)$, $n = 1$.
7. If β is any reparametrisation of α , then $\int_\alpha \omega = \int_\beta \omega$.
8. Define a surface of dimension n in $\mathbb{R}^{n+k}$, ($k \geq 1$).

(8 × 1 = 8 Weightage)

Part B

Answer any *two* questions each unit. Each question carries 2 weightage.

UNIT - I

9. 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 $c = f(p)$. Then the set of all vectors tangent to $f^{-1}(c)$ at p is equal to $[\nabla f(p)]^\perp$.
10. Let $S \subset \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$ be a connected n - surface in $\mathbb{R}^{n+1}$. Then prove that there exists exactly two orientations on S .
11. Find the integral curve of the vector field $\mathbf{X}(p) = (p, X(p))$ where $X(x_1, x_2) = (-x_2, x_1)$ passing through (i) $(1, 0)$ and (ii) (a, b) .

UNIT - II

12. Let $\mathbf{X}$ and $\mathbf{Y}$ be any two smooth vector fields on U and $f : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a smooth function and let $p \in U$, $v \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$, then prove that (i) $\nabla_v(\mathbf{X} + \mathbf{Y}) = \nabla_v(\mathbf{X}) + \nabla_v(\mathbf{Y})$ and (ii) $\nabla_v(f\mathbf{X}) = \nabla_v(f)\mathbf{X}(p) + f(p)\nabla_v(\mathbf{X})$.
13. Find the global parametrization of the curve $(x_1 - a)^2 + (x_2 - b)^2 = r^2$.
14. Find the length of the connected oriented plane curve $f^{-1}(c)$ oriented by $\frac{\nabla f}{\|\nabla f\|}$ where $f : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is given by $f(x_1, x_2) = 5x_1 + 12x_2$, $U = \{(x_1, x_2) : x_1^2 + x_2^2 < 169\}$, $c = 0$.

UNIT - III

15. 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 . Then prove that there exists an orthonormal basis for V consisting of eigen vectors of L .
16. On each compact oriented n - surface S in $\mathbb{R}^{n+1}$, prove that there exists a point p such that the second fundamental form at p is definite.
17. If $L : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$ ($k \geq 1$) is a non singular linear map and let $w \in \mathbb{R}^{n+k}$, then show that the map $\psi : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{n+k}$ defined by $\psi(p) = L(p) + w$ is a parametrised n - surface (n - plane) through w in $\mathbb{R}^{n+k}$.

(6 × 2 = 12 Weightage)

Part C

Answer any **two** questions. Each question carries 5 weightage.

18. Let X be a smooth vector field on an open set $U \subset \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$, and let $p \in U$. Then, prove that there exists an open interval I containing 0 and an integral curve $\alpha : I \rightarrow U$ of X such that: (i) $\alpha(0) = p$, (ii) If $\beta : \tilde{I} \rightarrow U$ is any other integral curve of X with $\beta(0) = p$, then $\tilde{I} \subset I$, and $\beta(t) = \alpha(t)$ for all $t \in \tilde{I}$.
19. 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 that there exists an open interval I containing 0 and a parametrized curve $\alpha : I \rightarrow S$ such that:
(i) $\alpha(0) = p$, (ii) $\alpha'(t) = X(\alpha(t))$, for every $t \in I$ (iii) If $\beta : \tilde{I} \rightarrow S$ is any other parametrized curve in S satisfying (i) and (ii), then prove that $\tilde{I} \subset I$, and $\beta(t) = \alpha(t)$ for all $t \in \tilde{I}$.
20. Let S be an S surface in $\mathbb{R}^{n+1}$, let $p \in S$ and $v \in S_p$. Then prove the existence and uniqueness of the maximal geodesic in S passing through p with initial velocity v .
21. State and prove inverse function theorem for n - surfaces. Hence deduce that if S is a compact connected oriented n - surface in $\mathbb{R}^{n+1}$ whose Gauss Kronecker curvature is nowhere zero, then the Gauss map $N : S \rightarrow S^n$ is a diffeomorphism.

(2 × 5 = 10 Weightage)
