

2024

2nd Semester Examination  
MATHEMATICS (Honours)

Paper : C 4-T

[Differential Equations and Vector Calculus]

[CBCS]

Full Marks : 60

Time : Three Hours

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks.*

*Candidates are required to give their answers*

*in their own words as far as practicable.*

1. Answer any *ten* questions : 2×10=20

(a) Define Wronskian.

(b) Show that  $x^2$  and  $x|x|$  are linearly independent on  $-\infty < x < \infty$ .

(c) Find the values of  $a$  and  $b$  for which all real solutions of the equation  $y'' + 2ay' + by = \cos x$  (where  $a$  and  $b$  are real constants) will be periodic.

(d) If  $y_p(x) = x \cos 2x$  be the particular solution of the differential equation  $y'' + \alpha y = -4 \sin 2x$  then find the value of  $\alpha$ .

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- (e) Obtain a linear differential equation with real coefficients that is satisfied by the function

$$y = 3e^{-x} \sin 3x.$$

- (f) Reduce the differential equation

$$(x+a)^2 \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} - 4(x+a) \frac{dy}{dx} + 6y = x$$

to a differential equation with constant coefficients.

- (g) Show that the vectors  $4\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}$ ,  $2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$  and  $8\hat{i} + 7\hat{k}$  are co-planar.

- (h) If  $\vec{r} \cdot d\vec{r} = 0$  then find  $|\vec{r}|$ .

- (i) If  $\vec{r}(t) = 2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$  when  $t = 2$   
 $= 4\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$  when  $t = 3$

Find the value of  $\int_2^3 \vec{r} \cdot \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} dt$ .

- (j) Absolute value of vector triple product is the volume of a parallelepiped. Justify.
- (k) Differentiate the singular point and regular singular point.
- (l) Discuss the singularity of the differential equation

$$x^2(x-2)^2 \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + 2(x-2) \frac{dy}{dx} + (x+1)y = 0$$

- (m) Explain saddle point of a plane autonomous system.



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(n) Why linear combination of two independent solutions are also a solution of a differential equation?

(o) Factorise  $[xD^2 + (x-1)D - 1]y = x^2$  and reduce it to a first order differential equation.

2. Answer any **four** questions :

5×4=20

(a) Solve  $x^2 \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} - x \frac{dy}{dx} - 3y = x^2 \log x$ .

(b) Solve by the method of variation of parameters

$$x^2 \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + x \frac{dy}{dx} - y = x^2 e^x.$$

(c) Show that  $[\vec{\beta} \times \vec{\gamma}, \vec{\gamma} \times \vec{\alpha}, \vec{\alpha} \times \vec{\beta}] = [\vec{\alpha}, \vec{\beta}, \vec{\gamma}]^2$ .

(d) Evaluate  $\frac{d^2}{dt^2} \left\{ \left( \vec{r} \times \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} \right) \times \frac{d^2 \vec{r}}{dt^2} \right\}$  where  $\vec{r}$  is a vector function of  $t$ .

(e) If  $\vec{F} = xy\hat{i} - z\hat{j} + x^2\hat{k}$ . Evaluate  $\int_C \vec{F} \times d\vec{r}$ ,  
where  $C : x = t, y = 2t, z = t^3, t : 0 \rightarrow 1$ .

(f) Given that  $y = x$  is a solution of

$$(x^2 - 1) \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} - 2x \frac{dy}{dx} + 2y = 0, \text{ find the linearly}$$

independent solutions by reducing the order. Write the general solution.

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3. Answer any *two* questions :

10×2=20

(a) Consider the autonomous equation

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dx}{dt} &= 10x + x^2 \\ \frac{dy}{dt} &= 20y + x^3\end{aligned}$$

- (i) Determine the type of the critical point (0, 0).
- (ii) Obtain the differential equation of the paths and find its general solution.
- (iii) Obtain the differential equation of the paths of the corresponding reduced linear system and find its general solution. Determine the stability of the critical point. Make a sketch of the paths in the phase plane.

(b) (i) If  $\vec{r}(t) = 5t^2\hat{i} + t\hat{j} - t^3\hat{k}$ , prove that

$$\int_1^2 \vec{r} \times \frac{d^2\vec{r}}{dt^2} dt = -14\hat{i} + 75\hat{j} - 15\hat{k}. \quad 5$$

(ii) Solve by the method of undetermined coefficients.

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 2\frac{dy}{dx} + 2y = x^2 + \sin x. \quad 5$$



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- (c) Use the method of Frobenius to find solution near  $x = 0$  of the differential equation

$$x \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} - (x^2 + 2) \frac{dy}{dx} + xy = 0. \quad 10$$

- (d) (i) Find the power series solution in power of the following initial value problem

$$\begin{aligned} (x^2 - 1) \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + 3x \frac{dy}{dx} + xy &= 0, \quad y(0) = 4, \\ y'(0) &= 6. \end{aligned} \quad 6$$

- (ii) The acceleration of a particle at any time  $t \geq 0$  is given by

$$\vec{a} = \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} = (25 \cos 2t) \hat{i} + (16 \sin 2t) \hat{j} + (9t) \hat{k}.$$

Find  $\vec{r}$ . 4

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