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Module Number: IS2401

Module Name: Linear Algebra & Differential Equations

[Three hours]

[Answer all questions, each question carries 12 marks]

- Q1. a) The temperature of a body is changing from  $100^{\circ}\text{C}$  to  $80^{\circ}\text{C}$  in 10 minutes. Find the time when the temperature will be  $50^{\circ}\text{C}$ , if the temperature of the air is  $30^{\circ}\text{C}$ . Assume that the rate of change of the temperature is given by

$$\frac{d\theta}{dt} = -k(\theta - \theta_0), \quad k > 0,$$

where  $\theta(t)$  denote the temperature of the body at a time  $t$ ,  $\theta_0$  is the temperature of the surrounding medium and  $k$  is the constant of proportionality.

[3 Marks]

- b) Determine for what values of  $a$  and  $b$ , the following differential equation is exact and obtain the general solution of the exact equation

$$(y + x^3)dx + (ax + by^3)dy = 0.$$

[2 Marks]

- c) Prove that

i. if  $F(\alpha) \neq 0$ , then  $\frac{1}{F(D)}\{e^{\alpha x}\} = \frac{1}{F(\alpha)}e^{\alpha x}$ .

ii.  $\frac{1}{1-D}\{x^n\} = \sum_{r=0}^n \frac{n!}{(n-r)!}x^{n-r}$ .

[2 Marks]

- d) Obtain the solution of the following differential equation about  $x = 0$ .

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

[5 Marks]

- Q2. a) i. Define an irrotational motion.  
ii. Show that  $\mathbf{F} = y(z - 2x)\mathbf{i} - x(x - z)\mathbf{j} + xy\mathbf{k}$  is an irrotational motion and hence, find the scalar potential of  $\mathbf{F}$ .

[3 Marks]

- b) Evaluate  $\int_C \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r}$  along the following path  $C$ , where  $\mathbf{F} = 2y\mathbf{i} + (xz + 3)\mathbf{j} + (yz - x)\mathbf{k}$ .
- $x = t^2, y = 2t^2, z = t$  from  $t = 0$  to  $t = 2$ .
  - The polygonal path consisting of the line segments from  $(0,0,0)$  to  $(0,0,1)$ , from  $(0,0,1)$  to  $(0,1,1)$  and from  $(0,1,1)$  to  $(2,1,1)$ .
  - The line segment joining from  $(0,0,0)$  to  $(2,2,1)$ .

[3 Marks]

- c) Evaluate  $\int_S \mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{n} ds$ , where  $\mathbf{A} = xy\mathbf{i} - x^2\mathbf{j} + (x + z)\mathbf{k}$ , and  $S$  is the portion of the plane  $2x + 2y + z = 6$  included in the first octant, and  $\mathbf{n}$  is a unit normal to  $S$ .

[3 Marks]

- d) i. Sketch the three-dimensional region  $\mathcal{R}$  bounded by  $x + y + z = a$  ( $a > 0$ ),  $x = 0, y = 0, z = 0$ .
- ii. Give a physical interpretation to

$$\iiint_V (x^2 + y^2 + z^2) dx dy dz.$$

- iii. Evaluate the triple integral in part ii).

[3 Marks]

Q3. a) State

- The divergence theorem
- Stokes' theorem.

[2 Marks]

- b) Verify the divergence theorem for  $\mathbf{A} = (2x - z)\mathbf{i} + x^2y\mathbf{j} - xz^2\mathbf{k}$ , taken over the region bounded by  $x = 0, x = 1, y = 0, y = 1, z = 0, z = 1$ .

[3 Marks]

- c) Verify Stokes' theorem for  $\mathbf{A} = 2y\mathbf{i} + 3x\mathbf{j} - z^2\mathbf{k}$ , where  $S$  is the upper half surface of the sphere  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 9$  and  $C$  is its boundary.

[3 Marks]

- d) Let  $V$  be the volume bounded by the closed surface  $S$ . The vector field  $\mathbf{A}$  and the scalar field  $\phi$  are acting on the surface  $S$ . If  $\mathbf{n}$  is the outward unit normal to the surface  $S$  at the point  $(x, y, z)$  and  $\mathbf{r}$  is the position vector of the point  $(x, y, z)$ , prove that

i.  $\iiint_V (\nabla \times \mathbf{A}) dv = \iint_S (\mathbf{n} \times \mathbf{A}) ds$

ii.  $\int_C \phi d\mathbf{r} = \iint_S (\mathbf{n} \times \nabla \phi) ds = \iint_S d\mathbf{S} \times \nabla \phi$

[4 Marks]

- Q4. a) Let  $V$  be a vector space over the field  $F$ . Explain what is meant by
- $W$  is a subspace of  $V$ .
  - $S$  is a basis of  $V$ .
  - Sum and direct sum of subspaces  $U$  and  $W$  of  $V$ .

[3 Marks]

b) State whether each of the following is true or false. Justify your answers.

- $W = \{(x, y, z); x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}, xyz = 0\}$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^3$  under the usual addition and scalar multiplication.
- If  $U = \{(x + x^2, 1 - x + 2x^2, 1 + x); x \in \mathbb{R}\}$  is a basis for the vector space of polynomials of degree 2.
- $V = \{(x, y, z); x, y, z \in \mathbb{R} \text{ and } z = 1\}$  is not a vector space over  $\mathbb{R}$  under the usual addition and scalar multiplication.
- If  $U = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} x & y \\ z & 0 \end{bmatrix}, x, y \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$  and  $W = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} x & 0 \\ 0 & t \end{bmatrix}, x, t \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$ , the vector space  $M_{2 \times 2}$  is the direct sum of  $U$  and  $W$ .

[6 Marks]

c) Let  $U$  be the subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^4$  generated by the set

$$S = \{(1, 1, -1, -2), (1, 2, 0, -1), (0, 1, 1, 1), (2, 1, -3, -5)\}$$

- Show that  $S$  is not a linearly independent set.
- Find a basis and the dimension of  $U$ .
- Extend the above basis of  $U$  to a basis of  $\mathbb{R}^4$ .

[3 Marks]

Q5. a) Let  $T: V \rightarrow U$  be a linear transformation, where  $V$  and  $U$  are two vector spaces over the field  $\mathbb{F}$

- Briefly explain what is meant by the Kernel and Image of  $T$ .
- Show that the kernel is a subspace of  $V$  and Image is a subspace of  $U$ .

[3 Marks]

b) Let  $T: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^5$  be a linear transformation where,

$$T(x, y, z) = (x + y, 2x - z, 2y + z, 2x - 4y - 3z, x - y - z)$$

Find bases and dimensions of the Kernel and the Image of  $T$ .

[2 Marks]

c) If a matrix  $A$  has eigenvalue  $\lambda$ , show that

- $A^{-1}$  has eigenvalue  $\frac{1}{\lambda}$
- $A^2$  has eigenvalue  $\lambda^2$

[2 Marks]

d) Consider the matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 6 & -6 \\ 3 & 5 & -6 \\ 3 & 6 & -7 \end{bmatrix}$$

- i. Show that  $P^{-1}AP = D$ ; where  $D$  is a diagonal matrix whose entries are eigenvalues of  $A$  and  $P$  is a square matrix with corresponding eigenvectors.
- ii. Hence, find  $A^5$ .
- iii. Write down the eigenvalues of  $A^5$ .

[5 Marks]