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**Module Name: Linear Algebra & Differential Equations**

**[Three hours]**

**[Answer all questions, each question carries 12 marks]**

- Q1. a) An electrical circuit has an inductance  $L$  in series with a resistance  $R$  and is connected to an alternating voltage supply of  $V \cos \omega t$ . The current  $i$  at a time  $t$  after switch is closed and the voltage is applied, is given by the differential equation

$$L \frac{di}{dt} + Ri = V \cos \omega t.$$

Solve the equation if the current is zero when  $t = 0$ .

[3 Marks]

- b) Prove that, if  $F(-\alpha^2) \neq 0$  then

i.  $\frac{1}{F(D^2)} \{\cos \alpha x\} = \frac{1}{F(-\alpha^2)} \cos \alpha x$

ii.  $\frac{1}{F(D^2)} \{\sin \alpha x\} = \frac{1}{F(-\alpha^2)} \sin \alpha x$

Hence determine the value of  $\frac{1}{D^2-2} \sin 4x$ .

[4 Marks]

- c) i. Show that the following differential equation has regular singular point at infinity.

$$2x^2(x-1) \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 3x(x-1) \frac{dy}{dx} + 3y = 0$$

- ii. Solve the above differential equation about the infinity.

[5 Marks]

- Q2. a) i. Define a conservative vector field.

- ii. Let  $F = \nabla \phi$ , where  $\phi$  is single-valued and has continuous partial derivatives. Show that the work done in moving a particle from one point  $P_1 \equiv (x_1, y_1, z_1)$  in the field  $F$  to another point  $P_2 \equiv (x_2, y_2, z_2)$  is independent of the path joining the two points.

[4 Marks]

- b) i. Let  $\mathbf{F} = (2xy + z^3)\mathbf{i} + x^2\mathbf{j} + 3xz^2\mathbf{k}$ . Show that  $\mathbf{F}$  is a conservative force field.  
 ii. Find the scalar potential such that  $F = \nabla\phi$ .  
 iii. Calculate the work done in moving an object in this field from  $(1, -2, 1)$  to  $(3, 1, 4)$ .  
 [5 Marks]

- c) Evaluate  $\iint_S A \cdot \mathbf{n} \, ds$ , where  $A = z\mathbf{i} + x\mathbf{j} - 3y^2z\mathbf{k}$  and  $S$  is the surface of the cylinder  $x^2 + y^2 = 16$  included in the first octant between  $z = 0$  and  $z = 5$ .  
 [3 Marks]

Q3. a) State

- i. The divergence theorem  
 ii. Stokes' theorem.

[3 Marks]

- b) Verify the divergence theorem for  $\mathbf{A} = 4x\mathbf{i} - 2y^2\mathbf{j} + z^2\mathbf{k}$  taken over the region bounded by  $x^2 + y^2 = 4$ ,  $z = 0$ ,  $z = 3$ .  
 [5 Marks]

- c) Let  $V$  be the volume bounded by the closed surface  $S$ . The scalar field  $\phi$  and  $\varphi$  are acting on the surface  $S$ . If  $\mathbf{n}$  is the outward unit normal vector 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.  $\iiint_V (\phi \nabla^2 \varphi - \varphi \nabla^2 \phi) \, dv = \iint_S (\phi \nabla \varphi - \varphi \nabla \phi) \, dS$   
 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) If  $V$  is a vector space over a field  $F$  then show that

- i. For any scalar  $k \in F$  and  $\mathbf{0} \in V$ ,  $k\mathbf{0} = \mathbf{0}$ .  
 ii. For  $0 \in F$  and for any  $v \in V$ ,  $0v = \mathbf{0}$   
 iii. If  $kv = \mathbf{0}$ , where  $k \in F$  and  $v \in V$ , then  $k = 0$  or  $v = \mathbf{0}$

[3 Marks]

- b) i. Let  $V = \mathbb{R}^3$ . Write down two subspaces of  $V$ . Justify your answer.  
 ii. Let  $U$  and  $W$  be two subspaces of the vector space  $V$ . If  $U \cup W$  is also a subspace of  $V$ , show that  $U \subseteq W$  or  $W \subseteq U$ .

[5 Marks]

- c) Let  $S = \{(-1, 2, 1, -4), (2, 1, 3, 3), (3, -2, 1, 8), (1, 0, 1, 2), (0, 1, 1, -1)\}$ .

- i. Determine whether  $S$  is linearly independent.  
 ii. Determine whether  $S$  spans  $\mathbb{R}^4$ .  
 iii. If  $W$  is a subspace generated by  $S$ , find a basis and the dimension of  $W$ .  
 iv. Extend the basis in iii. above to a basis of  $\mathbb{R}^4$ .

[4 Marks]

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

- i. Briefly explain what is meant by the Kernel and Image of  $T$ .
- ii. Show that  $T(0) = 0$ .
- iii. Show that  $\text{Ker}(T)$  is a subspaces of  $V$ .

[3 Marks]

b) Consider the matrix  $A$  corresponds to the linear transformation  $T: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^4$ , where

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & -2 \\ 3 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & -3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Find a basis and the dimension of the kernel and the image of  $T$ .

[2 Marks]

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

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

[2 Marks]

d) Consider the matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & -4 & 8 \\ 8 & -7 & 8 \\ 0 & 0 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$$

- i. Find eigenvalues and corresponding eigen vectors of  $A$ .
- ii. 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.
- iii. Hence, find  $A^{-1}$ .
- iv. Write down the eigenvalues of  $A^{-1}$ .

[5 Marks]