



II Semester M.Sc. Degree Examination, June/July 2014
(NS) (2006 Scheme)
MATHEMATICS
M - 204 : Partial Differential Equations

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 80

Instructions : 1) Answer **any five** questions choosing at least **two** from **each** Part.
2) **All** questions carry **equal** marks.

PART – A

1. a) Define linear, semilinear, quasilinear and nonlinear equations of first order partial differential equation with an example each. Explain the method of characteristics for solving quasilinear partial differential equation.

$$a(x, y, u) u_x + b(x, y, u) u_y = c(x, y, u) \quad 6$$

- b) Solve the following by the method of characteristics

i) $u_x + u_y + u = 1$ with $u = \sin x$ on $y = x + x^2$

ii) $u \cdot u_x + u_y = 1$ with $u = 0$ on $y^2 = 2x$. 10

2. a) Solve the Cauchy problem $yu_x + xu_y = u$

With the Cauchy data

$$u(x, 0) = x^3, u(0, y) = y^3 \quad 5$$

- b) Solve the initial value problem

$$u_t + u \cdot u_x = 0, x \in \mathbb{R}, t > 0$$

$$u(x, 0) = \begin{cases} a^2 - x^2, & |x| \leq a \\ 0 & , |x| \geq a \end{cases} \quad 6$$

- c) Solve the problem

$$p^2x + qy - u = 0 \text{ with } u = -x \text{ on } y = 1 \quad 5$$



3. a) Solve :

$$i) \frac{\partial^3 z}{\partial x^3} - 2 \frac{\partial^3 z}{\partial x^2 \partial y} - \frac{\partial^3 z}{\partial x \partial y^2} + 2 \frac{\partial^3 z}{\partial y^3} = e^{x+y}$$

$$ii) (D^3 + D^2 D' - D D'^2 - D'^3)z = e^x \cos 2y$$

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b) Classify the equation :

$$\frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x^2} + x^2 \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial y^2} = 0$$

and reduce it to its canonical form.

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c) Solve by Monges method

$$rq^2 - 2pqs + tp^2 = pt - qs$$

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4. a) Explain the method of solving the equation

$$Rr + Ss + Tt + U(rt - s^2) = V$$

Where R, S, T, U, V are functions of x, y, z, p and q.

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b) Write down the necessary condition for the extremization of the functional

$$I[u(x,y)] = \int_{x=a}^b \int_{y=c}^d f(x,y,u,u_x,u_y) dx dy.$$

Using this result make a weak formulation of $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = 0$.

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c) Verify whether

$$x^3 u_{xx} + (y^2 + yz) u_{yy} + (x+y)^2 u_{zz} + 3x^2 u_x + (2y + z) u_y = 0 \text{ is self adjoint or not.}$$

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PART – B

- 5. a) Solve the Neumann problem for a circle. 8
- b) Show that a separable solution of the Laplace's equation in cylindrical polar coordinates yields a Bessel differential equation. 8

- 6. a) Using an appropriate Fourier transform obtain the D' Alembert solution of the Cauchy problem involving a one dimensional wave equation

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = c^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}, -\infty < x, t < \infty \quad 8$$

$$\text{Subject to } \left. \begin{array}{l} u(x,0) = f(x) \\ \frac{\partial u}{\partial t}(x,0) = g(x) \end{array} \right\} -\infty < x < \infty$$

- b) Solve $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} = x^2, 0 \leq x \leq 1, t \in \mathbb{R}$

$$\text{Subject to } \left. \begin{array}{l} u(x,0) = x \\ \frac{\partial u}{\partial t}(x,0) = 0 \end{array} \right\}, 0 \leq x \leq 1$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} u(0,t) = 1 \\ u(1,t) = 0 \end{array} \right\}, t \in \mathbb{R} \quad 8$$

- 7. a) Using Duhamel's principle obtain the solution of the IBVP. 8

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}, 0 \leq x \leq 1, t \geq 0$$

$$u(x,0) = 0, 0 \leq x \leq 1$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} u(0,t) = 1 \\ u(1,t) = 0 \end{array} \right\}, t \geq 0$$

- b) Illustrate Green's function approach for a simple parabolic partial differential equation. 8



8. a) Using a suitable partial differential equation with two independent variables explain the concept of a similarity transformation and hence obtain the resulting ordinary differential equation. **8**

b) Obtain a series solution in x and y of the

$$\text{BVP : } xu_x + u_y = 3u^2 ;$$

$$u(x, 0) = x^2, u(0, y) = 0.$$

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