



**III Semester M.Sc. Degree Examination, December 2014**  
**(Semester Scheme) (NS)**  
**MATHEMATICS**  
**M 303 : Differential Geometry**

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 80

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

## PART – A

1. a) Define : (i) natural coordinate functions (ii) vector field (iii) natural frame field to  $E^3$ . Prove that every vector field is a linear combination of natural frame field. 6
- b) Let  $f$  and  $g$  be functions on  $E^3$ ,  $v_p$  be a tangent vector to  $E^3$ ,  $a$  and  $b$  be real numbers. Then prove that
- i)  $v_p[af + bg] = a v_p[f] + b v_p[g]$ ,
- ii)  $v_p[fg] = v_p[f]g(p) + f(p)v_p[g]$ . 6
- c) Prove the identity  $V = \sum_{i=1}^3 V[x_i]U_i$ , where  $V$  is a vector field and  $x_1, x_2, x_3$  are natural coordinate functions. 4
2. a) Let  $\alpha$  be a curve in  $E^3$  and let  $f$  be a differentiable function on  $E^3$ . Then prove that  $\alpha^1(t)[f] = \frac{d}{dt}(f(\alpha))(t)$ . 5
- b) Evaluate 1-form  $\phi = x^2 dx - y^2 dz$  on the vectorfield  $\frac{1}{x}V + \frac{1}{y}W$ , where  $V = xU_1 + yU_2 + zU_3$  and  $W = x^2yU_1 + y^2zU_2 + z^2xU_3$ . 6
- c) Find  $F_*$  for the mapping  $F = (x \cos y, x \sin y, z)$  and compute  $F_*(v_p)$  if  $v = (2, -1, 3)$  and  $p = (0, 0, 0)$ . 5



3. a) Compute the Frenet apparatus  $k, \tau, T, N, B$  of the unit speed curve  $\beta(s) = \left(\frac{4}{5} \cos s, 1 - \sin s, -\frac{3}{5} \cos s\right)$  show that this curve is a circle. Find its centre and radius. 7
- b) Prove that a regular curve  $\alpha$  with  $k > 0$  is a cylindrical helix if and only if  $\frac{\tau}{k}$  is constant. 5
- c) Let  $V = -yU_1 + xU_3$  and  $W = \cos xU_1 + \sin xU_2$ . Express  $\nabla_V(Z^2W)$  in terms of  $U_1, U_2, U_3$ . 4
4. a) Define connection forms. Let  $w_{ij}$  ( $1 \leq i, j \leq 3$ ) be the connection forms of a frame field  $E_1, E_2, E_3$  on  $E^3$ . Then for any vector field  $V$  on  $E^3$  prove that  $\nabla_V E_i = \sum_j w_{ij}(V)E_j$  ( $1 \leq i \leq 3$ ). 6
- b) With usual notations prove that  $d\theta_i = \sum_j w_{ij} \wedge \theta_j$  ( $1 \leq i \leq 3$ ). 6
- c) Define a translation on  $E^3$ . If  $S$  and  $T$  are translations on  $E^3$ , prove that  $ST = TS$  is also a translation. 4
- PART – B**
5. a) Define : (i) coordinate patch (ii) proper patch. If  $f$  is a differentiable real valued function on a non-empty set  $D$  of  $E^2$ , then show that  $x : D \rightarrow E^3$  defined by  $x(u, v) = (u, v, f(u, v))$  is a proper patch in  $E^3$ . 6
- b) Prove that a plane in  $E^3$  is a simple surface. 4
- c) Let  $g$  be a differentiable real valued function on  $E^3$  and  $c$  a number. Then prove that the subset  $M : g(x, y, z) = c$  of  $E^3$  is a surface if and only if the differential  $dg$  is not zero at any point of  $M$ . 6
6. a) Explain parametrization of surface of revolution. Find the parametrization of the surface obtained by revolving  $C : (z - 3)^2 + y^2 = 1$  around  $y -$  axis. 4
- b) Let  $F : M \rightarrow N$  be a mapping of surfaces and let  $\xi$  and  $\eta$  be  $p$ -forms ( $p = 0, 1, 2$ ) on  $N$ . If  $F^*$  is the pull back function, then prove that  $F^*(\xi \wedge \eta) = F^*\xi \wedge F^*\eta$ . 4
- c) Show that a mapping  $X : D \rightarrow E^3$  is regular if and only if the  $u, v$ -partial velocities  $X_u(d), X_v(d)$  are linearly independent for all  $d \in D, D \subset E^2$ . 8



7. a) Obtain the shape operator of the saddle surface  $M : z = xy$ . 6
- b) Define a umbilic point. Show that every point on a sphere is umbilic. 5
- c) Let  $k_1, k_2$  and  $e_1, e_2$  be the principal curvatures and vectors of  $M$  at  $P$ , where  $M \subset E^3$ . Then prove that  $k(u) = k_1 \cos^2 \theta + k_2 \sin^2 \theta$ , where  $u(\theta) = \cos \theta e_1 + \sin \theta e_2$ . 5
8. a) With usual notations prove that  $K = \frac{ln - m^2}{EG - F^2}$  and  $H = \frac{Gl + En - 2Fm}{2(EG - F^2)}$ . 6
- b) Compute  $K$  and  $H$  and hence  $k_1, k_2$  for the surface of helicoid given by  $X(u, v) = (u \cos v, u \sin v, bv)$ ;  $b \neq 0$ . 6
- c) Define a geodesic curve. Prove that a geodesic on a plane is a straight line. 4

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