

B.Sc./2nd Sem (H)/MTM/25(CBCS)

2025

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 :  $2 \times 10 = 20$

(a) If  $S$  is defined by the rectangle  $|x| \leq a, |y| \leq b$ ,  
show that the function  $f(x, y) = x \sin y + y \cos x$ ,  
satisfy the Lipschitz condition. Find the Lipschitz  
constant.

(b) Verify that origin is regular singular point of the  
equation  $2x^2 y'' + xy' - (x+1)y = 0$ .

(c) Find the linear differential equation with real  
constant coefficients that is satisfied by the function

$$y = 9 - 3x + \frac{1}{6}e^{5x}.$$

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(d) Find the indicial roots of the differential equation  $x^2 y'' + xy' + (x^2 - 4)y = 0$  near  $x = 0$ .

(e) If  $e^{2x}$  and  $x e^{2x}$  are particular solutions of a second order homogeneous differential equation with constant coefficients, then find the differential equation.

(f) Find the recurrence relation for the series solution of the differential equation  $\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + x \frac{dy}{dx} + (x^2 + 2)y = 0$ .

(g) Find the volume of the parallelepiped whose edges are represented by  $\vec{a} = 2\hat{i} - 4\hat{j} + 5\hat{k}$ ,  $\vec{b} = \hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k}$ ,  $\vec{c} = 3\hat{i} - 5\hat{j} + \hat{k}$ .

(h) Given that

$$\vec{r} = 4a \sin^3 \theta \hat{i} + 4a \cos^3 \theta \hat{j} + 3b \cos 2\theta \hat{k},$$

$$\text{find } \left| \frac{d\vec{r}}{d\theta} \times \frac{d^2 \vec{r}}{d\theta^2} \right|.$$

(i) Evaluate  $\int \vec{a} \cdot \left( \vec{r} \times \frac{d^2 \vec{r}}{dt^2} \right) dt$ .

(j) Show that one solution of  $\frac{xdx}{y^2 z} = \frac{ydy}{xz} = \frac{dz}{y^2}$  represents a hyperbola.

(k) Define the critical point and isolated point in a plane autonomous system.

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Discuss the singularity of the differential equation  $x^2(x-2)^2 \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + 2(x-2) \frac{dy}{dx} + (x+1)y = 0$ .

Determine the nature of the critical point (0,0) plane autonomous system  $\dot{x} = 5x - 2y$ ,  $\dot{y} = -2x + 5y$ .

(n) With the use of undetermined coefficients, find the particular integral of  $\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} - \frac{dy}{dx} - 2y = x^2 e^x$ .

(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 :

(a) Solve by the method of variation of parameters  $\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + a^2 y = \sec ax$ .

(b) Solve the system of simultaneous equations  $2 \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} - \frac{dz}{dx} - 4y = 2x$ ;  $2 \frac{dy}{dx} + 4 \frac{dz}{dx} - 3z = 0$ .

(c) Prove that

$$[\vec{a} \times \vec{p}, \vec{b} \times \vec{q}, \vec{c} \times \vec{r}] + [\vec{a} \times \vec{q}, \vec{b} \times \vec{r}, \vec{c} \times \vec{p}] + [\vec{a} \times \vec{r}, \vec{b} \times \vec{p}, \vec{c} \times \vec{q}] = 0$$

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(d) Prove that  $\nabla^2(r^n \vec{r}) = n(n+3)r^{n-2}\vec{r}$ .

(e) Show  $\vec{F} = (2xy + z^3)\hat{i} + x^2\hat{j} + 3xz^2\hat{k}$  is a conservative force field. Find the scalar potential.

(f) Given that  $y = e^{2x}$  is a solution of

$$(2x+1)\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - 4(x+1)\frac{dy}{dx} + 4y = 0,$$

find a linearly independent solution by reducing the order. Write the general solution.

3. Answer any two questions:

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(a) (i) Find the series solution of the equation

$$(x^2 - 1)y'' + 4xy' + 2y = 0 \text{ near } x = 0.$$

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

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

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(b) (i) Find the nature of the critical point (0, 0) of the linear autonomous system.

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = x + 7y, \quad \frac{dy}{dt} = 3x + 5y$$

Discuss the stability of the critical point. Find the general solution. Draw a diagram in the phase plane.

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(ii) Show that  $[\vec{a} \times \vec{b}, \vec{b} \times \vec{c}, \vec{c} \times \vec{a}] = [\vec{a}\vec{b}\vec{c}]$ .

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(i) Solve the system:  $\frac{dy}{dt} + 2\frac{dx}{dt} + x + 5y = 4t$

$$\text{and } \frac{dy}{dt} + \frac{dx}{dt} + 2x + 2y = 2.$$

(ii) In what direction from the point (1, 1, -1) is the directional derivative of

$$\phi = x^2 - 2y^2 + 4z^2$$

a maximum? What is the magnitude of this maximum directional derivative?

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(d) (i) Solve the differential equation

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + (x-1)^2 \frac{dy}{dx} - 4(x-1)y = 0,$$

in series about the point  $x = 1$ .

(ii) Calculate  $\int_{(0,0,0)}^{(1,1,1)} \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r}$ ,

$$\vec{F} = (y^2 + z^2)\hat{i} + (x^2 + z^2)\hat{j} + (x^2 + y^2)\hat{k}$$

along the path  $t\hat{i} + t^2\hat{j} + t^3\hat{k}$ .

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