

M.Sc. DEGREE (C.S.S.) EXAMINATION, JANUARY 2015**Third Semester**

Faculty of Science

Branch I-(A) : Mathematics

MT 03 C13—DIFFERENTIAL GEOMETRY

(2012 Admission onwards)

Time : Three Hours

Maximum Weight : 30

Part A

*Answer any five questions.
Each question has weight 1.*

1. Show that the graph of any function $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a level set for some function $F : \mathbb{R}^{n+1} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$.
2. Show that the gradient of f at $P \in f^{-1}(c)$ is orthogonal to all vectors tangent to $f^{-1}(c)$ at P .
3. Define a geodesic, show that the parametrized curve $\alpha(t) = (\cos(at+b), \sin(at+b), ct+d)$ is a geodesic in the cylinder $x_1^2 + x_2^2 = 1$ in \mathbb{R}^3 .
4. Define Gauss Map and Spherical image of an oriented n -surface S .
5. Show that $\nabla_v(X+Y) = \nabla_v X + \nabla_v Y$ for all smooth vector fields X and Y on S .
6. Define a global parametrization of an oriented plane curve C .
7. Find the normal curvature $k(v)$ for each tangent direction v at the point $p = (1, 0, \dots, 0)$ of $x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_{n+1} = 1$ oriented by $\nabla f / \|\nabla f\|$, where

$$f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n+1}) = x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_{n+1}.$$
8. Define a parametrized n -surface in \mathbb{R}^{n+k} . Give an example.

(5 × 1 = 5)

Turn over

Part B

Answer any **five** questions.
Each question has weight 2.

9. Find and sketch the gradient field of $f(x_1, x_2) = x_1 - x_2^2$.
10. Show that the cylinder $x_1^2 + x_2^2 = 1$ can be represented as a level set of $f(x_1, x_2, x_3) = -x_1^2 - x_2^2$.
11. Describe the spherical image when $n = 1$ and when $n = 2$ of the n surface $x_2^2 + \dots + x_{n+1}^2 = 1$ oriented by $\nabla f \|\nabla f\|$ where f is the function $x_2^2 + \dots + x_{n+1}^2$.
12. Find the velocity, the acceleration and the speed of $\alpha(t) = (\cos t, \sin t, t)$.
13. Compute $\nabla_v X$ where $V \in \mathbb{R}_p^{n+1}$, $X(x_1, x_2) = (x_1, x_2, x_1 x_2, x_2^2)$, $V = (1, 0, 0, 1)$ and $n = 1$.
14. For each 1-form w on U (U open in \mathbb{R}^{n+1}) show that there exist unique functions $f_i : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ($i \in \{1, 2, \dots, n+1\}$) such that $w = \sum_{i=1}^{n+1} f_i dx_i$.
15. Find the Gaussian curvature $K : S \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ where S is the surface given by $x_1^2 + x_2^2 - x_3^2 = 0$, $x_3 > 0$.
16. State and prove inverse function theorem for n -surfaces.

(5 × 2 = 10)

Part C

Answer any **three** questions.
Each question has weight 5.

17. Let U be an open set in \mathbb{R}^{n+1} and let $f : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be smooth. Let $p \in U$ be a regular point of f and let $c = f(p)$. Prove that the set of all vectors tangent to $f^{-1}(c)$ at p is equal to $[\nabla f(p)]^\perp$.
18. Let S be an n -surface in \mathbb{R}^{n+1} , let $p \in S$, and let $v \in S_p$. Prove that there exists an open interval I containing 0 and a geodesic $\alpha : I \rightarrow S$ such that (i) $\alpha(0) = p$ and $\dot{\alpha}(0) = v$; (ii) If $\beta : \bar{I} \rightarrow S$ is any other geodesic in S with $\beta(0) = p$ and $\dot{\beta}(0) = v$, then $\bar{I} \subset I$ and $\beta(t) = \alpha(t)$ for all $t \in \bar{I}$.

19. Prove that the Weingarten map L_p is self-adjoint.

20. Let η be the 1-form on $\mathbb{R}^2 - \{0\}$ defined by $\eta = -\frac{x_2^2}{x_1^2 + x_2^2} dx_1 + \frac{x_1^2}{x_1^2 + x_2^2} dx_2$.

Prove that for $\alpha : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2 - \{0\}$, any closed piecewise smooth parametrized curve in $\mathbb{R}^2 - \{0\}$,

$$\int_{\alpha} \eta = 2\pi k \text{ for some integer } k.$$

21. Let $\phi : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$ be a parametrized n -surface in \mathbb{R}^{n+1} and let $p \in U$.

Prove that there exists an open set $U_1 \subset U$ about p such that $\phi(U_1)$ is an n -surface in \mathbb{R}^{n+1} .

22. Prove that on each compact oriented n -surface S in \mathbb{R}^{n+1} there exists a point p such that the second fundamental form at p is definite.

(3 × 5 = 15)