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TITLE OF PAPER : VECTOR ANALYSIS

COURSE NUMBER : M312

TIME ALLOWED : THREE (3) HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS : 1. THIS PAPER CONSISTS OF
SEVEN QUESTIONS.
2. ANSWER ANY FIVE QUESTIONS

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS : NONE

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PERMISSION HAS BEEN GRANTED BY THE INVIGILATOR.

QUESTION 1

- (a) Prove that the diagonals of a parallelogram bisect each other. [6]
- (b) Prove that a parallelogram is a rectangle if and only if its diagonals are equal in length. [6]
- (c) Find the unit vectors that are tangent and normal to the curve $y = \int_0^x \sqrt{3+t^4} dt$ at the point $(0, 0)$. [6]
- (d) Prove that $\hat{i} \cdot (\hat{j} \times \hat{k}) = 1$. [2]

QUESTION 2

- (a) Let \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} be nonzero vectors in space. Prove each of the following geometric properties of the cross product $\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}$:
- (i) $\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}$ is perpendicular to the plane containing \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} ; [3]
- (ii) $|\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}| = |\mathbf{u}||\mathbf{v}| \sin \theta$, where θ is the angle between \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} ; [3]
- (iii) $\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{0}$ if and only if \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} are either parallel or antiparallel; and [2]
- (iv) $|\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}|$ is the area of the parallelogram $ABCD$, where $\overrightarrow{AB} = \mathbf{u}$ and $\overrightarrow{AD} = \mathbf{v}$. [3]
- (b) Let $\mathbf{F}(t) = (e^t \hat{i} + \hat{j} + t^2 \hat{k}) \times (t^3 \hat{i} + \hat{j} - \hat{k})$. Find $\mathbf{F}'(t)$. [4]
- (c) Let \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} be space vectors. Prove *Lagrange's Identity*,

$$|\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}|^2 = (|\mathbf{u}||\mathbf{v}|)^2 - (\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v})^2.$$

[5]

QUESTION 3

- (a) Reparametrize the curve

$$x = \sin t, \quad y = \cos t, \quad z = t; \quad 0 \leq t \leq 2\pi,$$

in terms of the arc length. [4]

- (b) Let C be the curve traced by $\mathbf{r} = \mathbf{r}(t)$; a suitably differentiable vector function.

Show that:

(i) $\hat{\mathbf{B}} = \frac{\mathbf{r}'(t) \times \mathbf{r}''(t)}{|\mathbf{r}'(t) \times \mathbf{r}''(t)|}$; and [3]

(ii) $\hat{\mathbf{N}} = \frac{(\mathbf{r}'(t) \times \mathbf{r}''(t)) \times \mathbf{r}'(t)}{|(\mathbf{r}'(t) \times \mathbf{r}''(t)) \times \mathbf{r}'(t)|}$. [3]

- (c) Find the outward unit normal vector to the ellipse

$$\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1, \quad a, b > 0,$$

at the point $P\left(\frac{-a}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{b}{\sqrt{2}}\right)$. [10]

QUESTION 4

- (a) A curvilinear coordinate system (u, v, ϕ) is defined by

$$x = auv \cos \phi, \quad y = auv \sin \phi, \quad z = \frac{a}{2}(u^2 - v^2), \quad \text{where } u, v > 0, \quad -\pi < \phi < \pi.$$

(i) Find the scale factors and the unit vectors. [6]

(ii) Show that the coordinate system is orthogonal. [3]

(iii) Find the line element and the volume element. [1,2]

- (b) Find the maximum rate of increase of $f(x, y, z) = x + xyz$ at $(1, 3, -2)$. In what direction does this occur? [5]

- (c) Find an equation for the tangent plane to the level surface $x^2 + yz = 5$ at $(2, 2, 1)$ [3]

QUESTION 5

- (a) By any method, find the integral of $H(x, y, z) = yz$ over the part of the sphere $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 16$ that lies above the cone $z = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$. [6]
- (b) Find the work done in moving a particle in the counterclockwise direction once around the ellipse $\frac{x^2}{4} + \frac{y^2}{3} = 1$ if the force field is given by $\mathbf{F} = (3x - 4y)\hat{\mathbf{i}} + (4x + 2y)\hat{\mathbf{j}} - 4y^2\hat{\mathbf{k}}$. [4]
- (c) Find out which of the fields given below are conservative. For conservative fields, find a potential function.
- (i) $\mathbf{F} = (yz^2)\hat{\mathbf{i}} + (xz^2)\hat{\mathbf{j}} + (x^2yz)\hat{\mathbf{k}}$. [2]
- (ii) $\mathbf{F} = (e^x \sin y)\hat{\mathbf{i}} + (e^x \cos y + \sin z)\hat{\mathbf{j}} + (y \cos z)\hat{\mathbf{k}}$. [8]

QUESTION 6

- (a) Evaluate $\iint_S [xz^2 dy dz + (x^2y - z^3) dz dx + (2xy + y^2z) dx dy]$, where S is the entire surface of the hemispherical region bounded by $z = \sqrt{a^2 - x^2 - y^2}$ and $z = 0$
- (i) by the divergence theorem (Green's theorem in space), [5]
- (ii) directly. [7]
- (b) Verify Stokes' theorem for $\mathbf{A} = 3y\hat{\mathbf{i}} - xz\hat{\mathbf{j}} + yz^2\hat{\mathbf{k}}$, where S is the surface of the paraboloid $2z = x^2 + y^2$ bounded by $z = 2$ and C is its boundary. [8]

QUESTION 7

(a) Let $J_n(x)$ be the Bessel function of the first kind of order n . Evaluate

(i) $\int_0^1 \frac{dx}{\sqrt{\ln \frac{1}{x}}}$. [3]

(ii) $\int_0^\infty \sqrt{y} \exp^{-y^3} dy$. [3]

(b) Using the Bessel function of the first kind ($J_n(x)$), express $J_4(ax)$ in terms of $J_0(ax)$ and $J_1(ax)$. [6]

(c) Legendre's differential equation is given by

$$(1 - x^2)P_n''(x) - 2xP_n'(x) + n(n + 1)P_n(x) = 0.$$

Using this, or by any other method, prove that

$$\int_{-1}^1 P_m(x)P_n(x)dx = 0, \quad \text{if } m \neq n.$$

[8]

END OF EXAMINATION