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PHYSICS

(Honours)

Paper : PHY-HC-1016

**(Mathematical Physics-I)**

Full Marks : 60

Time : Three hours

**The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions.**

1. Answer **any seven** of the following questions : 1×7=7

(a) Define unit vectors.

(b) If  $\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} = 0$ , then what is the angle between  $\vec{A}$  and  $\vec{B}$  ?

(c) What is a 'DEL' operator ?

(d) Find the Laplacian of the scalar field

$$\phi = xy^2z^3$$

Contd.

(e) State Green's theorem.

(f) Write the order and degree of the differential equation

$$2y \left( \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} \right) + \left( \frac{dy}{dx} \right)^4 = 0$$

(g) What do you understand by the statement  $\bar{\nabla} \cdot \bar{A} = 0$ ?

(h) What is an 'error' in statistics?

(i) Define coordinate surfaces in curvilinear co-ordinates.

(j) Write the integrating factor of the differential equation

$$\frac{dy}{dx} + 5y = x^2$$

(k) Write the geometrical interpretation of the scalar triple product.

(l) Define variance in statistics.

2. Answer **any four** of the following questions :  
2×4=8

(a) Give examples of a scalar field and a vector field.

(b) If  $\vec{r}$  represents the position vector, then find the value of  $\nabla \cdot \vec{r}$ .

(c) Define the line integral of a vector.

(d) Write down the relation of cylindrical co-ordinate  $(r, \theta, z)$  with cartesian co-ordinate  $(x, y, z)$ .

(e) Explain the scale factors  $h_1, h_2, h_3$  in curvilinear co-ordinate system.

(f) For what value of  $N$ , the vectors  $\vec{A} = 2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} - 6\hat{k}$  and  $\vec{B} = N\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$  are perpendicular to each other.

(g) Evaluate  $\iint_S \vec{r} \cdot \hat{n} ds$ , where  $S$  is a closed surface.

(h) Prove that  $\delta(x) = \delta(-x)$ .

3. Answer **any three** of the following questions : 5×3=15

(a) Show that

$$\frac{d}{dt}(\vec{A} \times \vec{B}) = \frac{d\vec{A}}{dt} \times \vec{B} + \vec{A} \times \frac{d\vec{B}}{dt}$$

(b) If  $\phi = xy + yz + zx$  and  $\vec{F} = \vec{\nabla} \phi$ , then find  $\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{F}$  and  $\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{F}$ .

(c) Apply Green's theorem in the plane to evaluate the integral

$$\oint_C [(xy - x^2)dx + x^2y dy]$$

over the triangle bounded by the lines  $y = 0$ ,  $x = 1$  and  $y = x$ .

(d) Solve the differential equation

$$2xy \frac{dy}{dx} = x^2 + 3y^2$$

(e) Express  $\nabla^2 \psi$  in cylindrical coordinate system.

(f) Prove that

$$\delta(x^2 - a^2) = \frac{1}{2a} [\delta(x - a) + \delta(x + a)]$$

(g) A function is defined as

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{for } x < 2 \\ \frac{1}{18}(2x + 3) & \text{for } 2 \leq x \leq 4 \\ 0 & \text{for } x > 4 \end{cases}$$

Show that it is a probability density function.

(h) If  $\vec{F}$  is a vector, prove that  

$$\vec{\nabla} \times (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{F}) = \vec{\nabla}(\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{F}) - \nabla^2 \vec{F}$$

4. Answer **any three** of the following questions : 10×3=30

(a) (i) Show that the gradient of a scalar field is a vector. 5

(ii) Show that 2½×2=5

1.  $\text{div curl } \vec{A} = 0$  and

2.  $\text{curl}(\text{grad } \phi) = 0$

(b) (i) Define curvilinear co-ordinate system. When it is called orthogonal ? 3+1=4

(ii) Obtain expression for length, area and volume elements in curvilinear coordinate system. 2+2+2=6

(c) (i) State and explain Gauss-divergence theorem. 3

(ii) Give the physical meaning of divergence and curl of a vector. 2+2=4

(iii) Find an expression of  $\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{A}$  in spherical polar co-ordinate system. 3

(d) (i) Find the directional derivative of  $\phi(x, y, z) = xy^2 + yz^3$  at the point  $(2, -1, 1)$  in the direction of vector  $\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$ . 5

(ii) Prove that  $\nabla^2 \left( \frac{1}{r} \right) = 0$ . 5

(e) Solve the following differential equations: 5+5=10

(i)  $(1 + x^2) \frac{dy}{dx} + 2xy = \cos x$

(ii)  $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - 5 \frac{dy}{dx} + 6y = e^{4x}$

(f) State and prove Stoke's theorem. Using Stoke's theorem show that

$$\oint_C \vec{r} \times d\vec{r} = 2 \iint_S d\vec{S}, \text{ where } C \text{ is the closed}$$

perimeter curve bounding the open surface  $S$ . 1+5+4=10

(g) (i) Solve  $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - 3 \frac{dy}{dx} + 2y = 0$ , subject

to the condition  $y(0) = 0, y'(0) = 1$  6

(ii) Prove that

$$\bar{A} \cdot (\bar{B} \times \bar{C}) = (\bar{A} \times \bar{B}) \cdot \bar{C}$$

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(h) (i) If  $\bar{A} = 6\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$   
 $\bar{B} = 2\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} - 3\hat{k}$   
 $\bar{C} = \hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}$  then evaluate

$$\bar{A} \times (\bar{B} \times \bar{C})$$

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(ii) Evaluate  $\oint_C x^2 y dx + y^2 dy$ , where  $C$  is the boundary of the region enclosed by  $y = x$  and  $y^2 = x$ . 6