

M. Sc. DEGREE EXAMINATION, APRIL 2015  
BRANCH I – MATHEMATICS  
FOURTH SEMESTER

COURSE : CORE

PAPER : PARTIAL DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS

TIME : 3 HOURS

MAX. MARKS : 100

SECTION – A

ANSWER ALL THE QUESTIONS:

(5 x 2 = 10)

1. When can you say two partial differential equations  $f(x, y, z, p, q) = 0$  and  $g(x, y, z, p, q) = 0$  are compatible?
2. Solve  $(D^2 - D')z = e^{2x-y}$ .
3. State Churchill's problem.
4. State Robin's boundary condition.
5. State some of the fields, where one dimensional equation is used.

SECTION – B

ANSWER ANY FIVE QUESTIONS:

(5 x 6 = 30)

6. Solve by Charpits method:  $(p^2 + q^2)y = qz$ .
7. Find the integral surface of the linear partial differential equation.  
 $x(y^2 + z)p - y(x^2 + z)q = (x^2 - y^2)z$  containing the straight line  $x + y = 0, z = 1$ .
8. Solve the equation  $\frac{\partial^3 z}{\partial x^3} - 2\frac{\partial^3 z}{\partial x^2 \partial y} - \frac{\partial^3 z}{\partial x \partial y^2} + 2\frac{\partial^3 z}{\partial y^3} = e^{x+y}$ .
9. Reduce the partial differential equation  $y^2 \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x^2} - 2xy \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x \partial y} + x^2 \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial y^2} = \frac{y^2}{x} \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} + \frac{x^2}{y} \frac{\partial z}{\partial y}$  into canonical form.
10. Derive Poisson equation.
11. State and prove maximum –minimum principle.
12. Obtain the D'Alembert's solution of one dimensional wave equation.

SECTION – C

ANSWER ANY THREE QUESTIONS:

(3 x 20 = 60)

13. a) Show that the equations  $xp - yq = x, x^2p + q = xz$  are compatible and find their solution.  
b) Use Jacobi's method to solve  $p^2x + q^2y = z$ .
14. a) Find the solution of the equation  $\nabla_1^2 z = e^{-x} \cos y$  which tends to zero as  $x$  tends to  $\infty$  and has value  $\cos y$  when  $x = 0$ .  
b) Solve  $\frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x^2} + 2\frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x \partial y} + \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial y^2} = x^2 + xy + y^2$ .

15. a) State and solve the interior Dirichlet problem for a circle.

b) Show that in cylindrical coordinates  $(r, \theta, z)$ , Laplace equation has solution of the form

$R(r)e^{\pm mz \pm in\theta}$ , where  $R(r)$  is a solution of the Bessel's equation

$$\frac{d^2R}{dr^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{dR}{dr} + \left(m^2 - \frac{n^2}{r^2}\right)R = 0. \text{ If } R \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } z \rightarrow \infty \text{ and is finite when } r=0, \text{ show that}$$

in the usual notation for Bessels functions the appropriate solutions are made up of terms of the form  $J_n(mr)e^{-mz \pm in\theta}$ .

16. a) The ends A and B of a rod 10cm in length are kept at temperature  $0^\circ\text{C}$  and  $100^\circ\text{C}$  respectively until the steady state condition prevails. Suddenly the temperature at the end A is increased to  $20^\circ\text{C}$  and the end B is decreased to  $60^\circ\text{C}$ .

Find the temperature distribution in rod at time 't'.

b) Find the solution of the one dimensional diffusion equation satisfying the boundary

conditions      i)  $T$  is bounded as  $t \rightarrow \infty$               ii)  $\frac{\partial T}{\partial x} /_{x=0} = 0$ , for all  $t$

iii)  $\frac{\partial T}{\partial x} /_{x=a} = 0$ , for all  $t$               iv)  $T(x, 0) = x(a - x), 0 < x < a$ .

17. a) By separating the variables, show that one dimensional wave equation  $\frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x^2} = \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial t^2}$  has

solution of the form  $A \exp(\pm inx \pm inct)$ , where  $A$  and  $n$  are constants. Hence

show that functions of the form  $Z(x, t) = \sum_r (A_r \cos \frac{r\pi ct}{a} + B_r \sin \frac{r\pi ct}{a}) \sin \frac{r\pi x}{a}$  where

$A_r$ 's and  $B_r$ 's are constants, satisfy the wave equation and the boundary conditions

$z(0, t) = 0, z(a, t) = 0$  for all  $t$ .

b) Consider Maxwell's equations of electromagnetic theory given by,

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{E} = 4\pi\rho, \quad \nabla \cdot \vec{H} = 0, \quad \nabla \times \vec{E} = \frac{-1}{c} \frac{\partial \vec{H}}{\partial t}, \quad \nabla \times \vec{H} = \frac{4\pi i}{c} + \frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t},$$

where  $\vec{E}$  is an electric field,  $\rho$  is electric charge density,  $\vec{H}$  is the magnetic field,  $i$  is the current density,  $c$  is the

velocity of the light. Show that in the absence of charge,  $\vec{E}$  and  $\vec{H}$  satisfy the wave equation.

