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(For candidates admitted from the academic year 2015–16 & thereafter)

SUBJECT CODE: 15MT/PC/DG44

M. Sc. DEGREE EXAMINATION, APRIL 2018  
BRANCH I – MATHEMATICS  
FOURTH SEMESTER

COURSE : CORE  
PAPER : DIFFERENTIAL GEOMETRY  
TIME : 3 HOURS

MAX. MARKS : 100

SECTION - A (5x2=10)  
ANSWER ALL THE QUESTIONS

1. Find the speed for the logarithmic spiral.
2. When is a surface patch said to be regular.
3. Calculate the first fundamental form of the surface  $\bar{\sigma}(u, v) = \bar{a} + u\bar{p} + v\bar{q}$ .
4. Write the second fundamental form.
5. Define gaussian curvature.

SECTION - B (5x6=30)  
ANSWER ANY FIVE QUESTIONS

6. Find the curvature of the circular helix  $\gamma(\theta) = (a\cos\theta, a\sin\theta, b\theta)$ ,  $-\infty < \theta < \infty$  where 'a' and 'b' are constants.
7. Let  $\gamma(t)$  be a regular curve in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  with nowhere vanishing curvature, then show that its torsion is 
$$= \frac{(\dot{\gamma} \times \ddot{\gamma}) \cdot \dddot{\gamma}}{\|\dot{\gamma} \times \ddot{\gamma}\|^2}.$$
8. If  $f: S_1 \rightarrow S_2$  be a diffeomorphism and if  $\bar{\sigma}_1$  is an allowable surface patch on  $S_1$  then prove that  $f \circ \bar{\sigma}_1$  is allowable surface patch on  $S_2$ .
9. Show that the area of a surface patch is unchanged by reparametrisation.
10. State and prove Meusnier's Theorem.
11. Show that a curve  $\gamma$  on a surface is a geodesic if and only if for any part  $\gamma(t) = \bar{\sigma}(u(t), v(t))$  of  $\gamma$  contained in a surface patch  $\bar{\sigma}$  of  $S$  the following two equations are satisfied

$$\frac{d}{dt}(E\dot{u} + F\dot{v}) = \frac{1}{2}(E_u\dot{u}^2 + 2F_u\dot{u}\dot{v} + G_u\dot{v}^2)$$

$$\frac{d}{dt}(F\dot{u} + G\dot{v}) = \frac{1}{2}(E_u\dot{u}^2 + 2F_u\dot{u}\dot{v} + G_u\dot{v}^2)$$

where  $Edu^2 + 2Fdudv + Gdv^2$  is the first fundamental form of  $\bar{\sigma}$ .

12. With the usual notation, show that

$$\bar{e}'_u \cdot \bar{e}''_v - \bar{e}''_u \cdot \bar{e}'_v = \lambda' \mu'' - \lambda'' \mu' = \alpha_v - \beta_u = \frac{LN - M^2}{(EG - F^2)^{1/2}}$$

**SECTION - C (3x20=60)**  
**ANSWER ANY THREE QUESTIONS**

13. a) Prove that a parametric curve has a unit speed reparametrisation if and only if it is regular.  
 b) State and prove the Frenet-Serret equation..
14. a) Show that the unit sphere  $S^2$  is a smooth surface.  
 b) Let  $U$  and  $\tilde{U}$  be open subset of  $\mathbb{R}^2$  and let  $\bar{\sigma}: U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  be regular surface patches. If  $\bar{\varphi}: \tilde{U} \rightarrow U$  be an bijective smooth map with smooth inverse map  $\varphi^{-1}: U \rightarrow \tilde{U}$  then prove that  $\tilde{\sigma} = \bar{\sigma} \circ \bar{\varphi}$  is a regular surface patch.
15. a) Show that a diffeomorphism  $f: S_1 \rightarrow S_2$  is a isometry if and only if for any surface patch  $\bar{\sigma}_1$  of  $S_1$ , show that the patches  $\bar{\sigma}_1$  and  $f \circ \bar{\sigma}_1$  of  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  have the same first fundamental form.  
 b) Show that any tangent developable is isometric to a plane.
16. a) If  $\gamma(t) = \bar{\sigma}(u(t), v(t))$  is a unit-speed curve on a surface path  $\bar{\sigma}$ , prove that its normal curvature is given by  $\kappa_n = L\dot{u}^2 + 2M\dot{u}\dot{v} + N\dot{v}^2$  where  $Ldu^2 + 2Mdudv + Ndv^2$  is the second fundamental form of  $\bar{\sigma}$ .  
 b) Let  $\kappa_1$  and  $\kappa_2$  be the principal curvatures at a point  $P$  of a surface patch  $\bar{\sigma}$  then show that  
 i)  $\kappa_1$  and  $\kappa_2$  are real.  
 ii) If  $\kappa_1 = \kappa_2 = \kappa$  (say) then  $\mathcal{F}_{II} = \kappa \mathcal{F}_I$  and hence every tangent vector to  $\bar{\sigma}$  at  $P$  is a principal vector .
17. a) Prove that a curve on a surface is a geodesic if and only if its geodesic curvature is zero everywhere.  
 b) Show that any point of a surface of constant gaussian curvature is contained in a patch that is isometric to parts of a plane, a sphere or a pseudo sphere.

