

M.Phil. DEGREE EXAMINATION, FEBRUARY 2017
MATHEMATICS
FIRST SEMESTER

COURSE : CORE
PAPER : ADVANCED TOPOLOGY AND GEOMETRY
TIME : 3 HOURS MAX. MARKS : 100

SECTION – A

ANSWER ANY FIVE QUESTIONS: (5 x 8 = 40)

1. Prove that a space X is contractible if and only if X is of the same homotopy type as a single point.
2. If (\tilde{X}, p) is a covering space of $X, \tilde{x} \in \tilde{X}$, then show that $p_* : \pi_1(\tilde{X}, \tilde{x}) \rightarrow \pi_1(X, p(\tilde{x}))$ is injective.
3. Define simplicial complex. If K is simplicial complex of dimension m , then prove that $\text{mesh } K^{(1)} \leq (m/(m+1)) \text{ mesh } K$.
4. If ω is a smooth 1-form, V and W are smooth vector fields on X , show that
$$d\omega(V, W) = \frac{1}{2} \{V(\omega(W)) - W(\omega(V)) - \omega([V, W])\}.$$
5. Prove that the maps $C_{l-1}(K, \mathcal{G}) \xleftarrow{\partial} C_l(K, \mathcal{G}) \xleftarrow{\partial} C_{l+1}(K, \mathcal{G})$ satisfy $\partial^2 = \partial \circ \partial = 0$.
6. Let φ be a simplicial approximation to $f: [K] \rightarrow [L]$. Let K_1 be a subcomplex of K , and suppose that the restriction of f to $[K_1]$ is simplicial map. Then show that there exists a homotopy between f and φ which is stationary on $[K_1]$.
7. If X and Y are smooth and $\Psi: X \rightarrow Y$ is a smooth map, prove that $d \circ \Psi^* = \Psi^* \circ d$.

SECTION B

ANSWER ANY THREE QUESTIONS:

(3 x 20 = 60)

8. (a) Define homotopy and show that it is an equivalence relation.
 (b) If X, Y, Z be arcwise connected and $x_0 \in X$, show that
 (i) if $f: X \rightarrow Y$ and $g: Y \rightarrow Z$ are continuous, then $(g \circ f)_* = g_* \circ f_*$.
 (ii) if f_0 and $f_1: X \rightarrow Y$ are homotopic maps and $F: X \times I \rightarrow Y$ is a homotopy from f_0 to f_1 , then $(f_1)_* = \sigma_{\#} \circ (f_0)_*$, where σ is a path in Y from $f_0(x_0)$ to $f_1(x_0)$ given by $\sigma(t) = F(x_0, t)$.
9. Define covering space. State and prove Covering homotopy theorem.
10. (a) If $[s] = [v_0, v_1, \dots, v_k]$ is a k -simplex and $v \in (s)$, prove that $(v, [s^{k-1}])$ is in general position and $v * [s^{k-1}] = [s]$.
 (b) If s is a simplex in R^n , then show that $\text{diam}[s] = \rho(v_1, v_2)$ for some pair v_1, v_2 of vertices of s .
11. State and prove all the properties of exterior differentiation operator d .
12. (a) State and prove Poincare's lemma.
 (b) State and prove Inverse function theorem.

