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M.Sc. - END SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS APRIL - 2022

SEMESTER - IV

17PAMCT4A11 - Differential Geometry and Tensor Calculus

Total Duration : 3 Hrs.

Total Marks : 60

Section A

Answer any **SIX** questions ($6 \times 5 = 30$ Marks)

1. Obtain the curvature and torsion of the curve of intersection of the two quadric surfaces $ax^2+by^2+cz^2 = 1, a'x^2+b'y^2+c'z^2 = 1$.
2. A helicoid is generated by the screw motion of a straight line skew to the axis. Find the curve coplanar with the axis which generates the same helicoid.
3. Prove that the curves of the family $v^3/u^2 = \text{constant}$ are geodesics on a surface with metric $v^2 du^2 - 2uv dudv + 2u^2 dv^2$ ($u > 0, v > 0$).
4. Prove that, if θ is the angle at the point (u, v) between the two directions given by the quadratic differential equation $Pdu^2 + 2Qdudv + Rdv^2 = 0$,
then $\tan \theta = \frac{2H(Q^2 - PR)}{ER - 2FQ + GP}$.
5. Prove that if (λ, μ) is the geodesic curvature vector, then $K_g = \frac{-H\lambda}{Fu' + Gv'} = \frac{H\mu}{Eu' + Fv'}$.
6. The sum (or difference) of two tensors which have the same number of covariant and the same number of Contravariant indices is again a tensor of the same type and rank as the given tensors.
7. If a_{ij} is a skew symmetric tensor and A^i is a covariant vector then prove that $a_{ij} A^i A^j = 0$.
8. Show that $\frac{\partial g_{ij}}{\partial x^k} - \frac{\partial g_{ik}}{\partial x^j} = [jk, i] - [ij, k]$.

Section B

Part A

Answer any **TWO** questions ($2 \times 10 = 20$ Marks)

9. Prove that, on the general surface, a necessary and sufficient condition that the curve $v = c$ be a geodesic is $EE_2 + FE_1 - 2EF_1 = 0$ when $v = c$, for all values of u .
10. State and prove Gauss - Bonnet theorem.

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11. If a transformation of coordinates T possesses an inverse T^{-1} and if J and K are the Jacobians of T and T^{-1} respectively then prove that $JK=1$.
12. State and prove Ricci's theorem.

Part B

Compulsory question ($1 \times 10 = 10$ Marks)

13. A helicoid is generated by the screw motion of a straight line which meets the axis at an angle α . Find the orthogonal trajectories of the generators. Find also the metric of the surface referred to the generators and their orthogonal trajectories as parametric curves.
