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MATHEMATICS VECTOR ANALYSIS

Previous year Questions from **1992 To 2017**

Syllabus

Scalar and vector fields, differentiation of vector field of a scalar variable; Gradient, divergence and curl in cartesian and cylindrical coordinates; Higher order derivatives; Vector identities and vector equations. Application to geometry: Curves in space, Curvature and torsion; Serret-Frenet's formulae. Gauss and Stokes' theorems, Green's identities.

**** Note: Syllabus was revised in 1990's and 2001 & 2008 ****

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2017

1. Suppose U and W are distinct four dimensional subspaces of a vector space V , where $\dim V=6$. Find the possible dimensions of subspace $U \cap W$. **(10 Marks)**
2. Evaluate the integral : $\iint_S \vec{F} \cdot \hat{n} ds$ where $\vec{F} = 3xy^2\hat{i} + (yx^2 - y^3)\hat{j} + 3zx^2\hat{k}$ and S is a surface of the cylinder $y^2 + z^2 \leq 4, -3 \leq x \leq 3$, using divergence theorem. **(9 Marks)**
3. Using Green's theorem, evaluate the $\int_C \vec{F}(\vec{r}) \cdot d\vec{r}$ counterclockwise where $F(\vec{r}) = (x^2 + y^2)\hat{i} + (x^2 - y^2)\hat{j}$ and $d\vec{r} = dx\hat{i} + dy\hat{j}$ and the curve C is the boundary of the region $R = \{(x, y) | 1 \leq y \leq 2 - x^2\}$. **(8 Marks)**

2016

4. Prove that the vector $\vec{a} = 3\hat{i} + \hat{j} - 2\hat{k}, \vec{b} = -\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}, \vec{c} = 4\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} - 6\hat{k}$ can form the sides of a triangle find the length of the medians of the triangle **(10 Marks)**
5. Find $f(r)$ such that $\nabla f = \frac{\vec{r}}{r^5}$ and $f(1)=0$ **(10 Marks)**
6. Prove that $\oint_C f d\vec{r} = \iint_S d\vec{S} \times \nabla f$ **(10 Marks)**
7. For the of cardioid $r = a(1 + \cos \theta)$ show that the square of the radius of curvature at any point (r, θ) is proportion to r . Also find the radius of curvature if $\theta = 0, \frac{\pi}{4}, \frac{\pi}{2}$. **(15 Marks)**

2015

8. Find the angle between the surfaces $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - 9 = 0$ and $z = x^2 + y^2 - 3$ at $(2, -1, 2)$ **(10 Marks)**
9. A vector field is given by $\vec{F} = (x^2 + xy^2)\hat{i} + (y^2 + x^2y)\hat{j}$. Verify that the field is irrotational or not. Find the scalar potential. **(12 Marks)**
10. Evaluate $\int_C e^{-x} (\sin y dx + \cos y dy)$, Where C is the rectangle with vertices $(0,0), (\pi,0), (\pi, \frac{\pi}{2}), (0, \frac{\pi}{2})$ **(12 Marks)**

2014

11. Find the curvature vector at any point of the curve $\vec{r}(t) = t \cos t \hat{i} + t \sin t \hat{j}, 0 \leq t \leq 2\pi$. Give its magnitude also. **(10 Marks)**

12. Evaluate by Stoke's theorem $\int_r (ydx + zdy + xdz)$, where Γ is the curve given by $x^2+y^2+z^2-2ax-2ay=0$, $x+y=2a$ starting from $(2a,0,0)$ and then going below the z -plane
(20 Marks)

2013

13. Show the curve $\vec{x}(t) = t\hat{i} + \left(\frac{1+t}{t}\right)\hat{j} + \left(\frac{1-t^2}{t}\right)\hat{k}$ lies in a plane. (10 Marks)
14. Calculate $\nabla^2(r^n)$ and find its expression in terms of r and n , r being the distance of any point (x,y,z) from the origin, n being a constant and ∇^2 being the Laplace operator. (10 Marks)
15. A curve in space is defined by the vector equation $\vec{r} = t^2\hat{i} + 2t\hat{j} - t^3\hat{k}$. Determine the angle between the tangents to this curve at the points $t = +1$ and $t = -1$
(10 Marks)
16. By using Divergence Theorem of Gauss, evaluate the surface integral $\iint (a^2x^2 + b^2y^2 + c^2z^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} dS$. where S is the surface of the ellipsoid $ax^2+by^2+cz^2=1$, a, b and c being all positive constants. (15 Marks)
17. Use Stroke's theorem to evaluate the line integral $\int_C (-y^2dx + x^2dy - z^3dz)$, where C is the intersection of the cylinder $x^2+y^2=1$ and the plane $x+y+z=1$
(15 Marks)

2012

18. If $\vec{A} = x^2yz\hat{i} - 2xz^3\hat{j} + xz^2\hat{k}$, $\vec{B} = 2z\hat{i} + y\hat{j} - x^2\hat{k}$ find the value of $\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x \partial y}(\vec{A} + \vec{B})$ at $(1,0,-2)$
(12 Marks)
19. Derive the Frenet-Serret formulae. Define the curvature and torsion for a space curve. Compute them for the space curve $x = t, y = t^2, z = \frac{2}{3}t^3$. Show that the curvature and torsion are equal for this curve. (20 Marks)
20. Verify Green's theorem in the plane for $\oint_C [xy + y^2dx + x^2dy]$ where C is the closed curve of the region bounded by $y = x$ and $y = x^2$
(20 Marks)
21. If $\vec{F} = y\hat{i} + (x - 2xz)\hat{j} - xy\hat{k}$, evaluate $\iint_S (\nabla \times \vec{F}) \cdot \vec{n} ds$ where S is the surface of the sphere $x^2+y^2+z^2=a^2$ above the xy -plane.
(20 Marks)

2011

22. For two vectors \vec{a} and \vec{b} give respectively by $\vec{a} = 5t^2\hat{i} + t\hat{j} - t^3\hat{k}$ and $\vec{b} = \sin 5t\hat{i} - \cos t\hat{j}$ determine: (i) $\frac{d}{dt}(\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b})$ and (ii) $\frac{d}{dt}(\vec{a} \times \vec{b})$ **(10 Marks)**
23. If u and v are two scalar fields and \vec{f} is a vector field, such that $u\vec{f} = \text{grad}v$, find the value of $\vec{f} \text{ curl } \vec{f}$ **(10 Marks)**
24. Examine whether the vectors $\nabla u, \nabla v, \nabla w$ are coplanar, where u, v and w are the scalar functions defined by:
 $u = x + y + z,$
 $v = x^2 + y^2 + z^2$
and $w = yz + zx + xy$ **(15 Marks)**
25. If $u = 4y\hat{i} + x\hat{j} + 2z\hat{k}$ calculate double integral $\iint (\nabla \times \vec{u}) d\vec{s}$ over the hemisphere given by $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = a^2, z \geq 0$ **(15 Marks)**
26. If \vec{r} be the position vector of a point, find the value(s) of n for which the vector. $r^n \vec{r}$
(i) irrotational, (ii) solenoidal **(15 Marks)**
27. Verify Gauss' Divergence Theorem for the vector $\vec{v} = x^2\hat{i} + y^2\hat{j} + z^2\hat{k}$ taken over the cube $0 \leq x, y, z \leq 1$. **(15 Marks)**

2010

28. Find the directional derivative of $f(x, y) = x^2y^3 + xy$ at the point $(2, 1)$ in the direction of a unit vector which makes an angle or $\frac{\pi}{3}$ with the x -axis. **(12 Marks)**
29. Show that the vector field defined by the vector function $\vec{v} = xyz(yz\hat{i} + xy\hat{j} + xy\hat{k})$ is conservative. **(12 Marks)**
30. Prove that $\text{div}(f\vec{V}) = f(\text{div}\vec{V}) + (\text{grad} \cdot f)\vec{V}$ where f is a scalar function. **(20 Marks)**
31. Use the divergence theorem to evaluate $\iint_S \vec{V} \cdot \vec{n} dA$ where $\vec{V} = x^2z\hat{i} + y\hat{j} - xz^2\hat{k}$ and S is the boundary of the region bounded by the paraboloid $z = x^2 + y^2$ and the plane $z = 4y$. **(20 Marks)**
32. Verify Green's theorem for $e^{-x}\sin y dx + e^{-x}\cos y dy$ the path of integration being the boundary of the square whose vertices are $(0, 0), (\frac{\pi}{2}, 0), (\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}),$ and $(0, \frac{\pi}{2})$ **(20 Marks)**

2009

33. Show that $\text{div}(\text{grad}r^n) = n(n+1)r^{n-2}$ where $r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}$. **(12 Marks)**

34. Find the directional derivative of (i) $4xz^3 - 3x^2y^2z^2$ (i) at $(2, -1, 1)$ along z -axis
 (ii) $-x^2yz + 4xz^2$ at $(1, -2, 1)$ in the direction of $2\hat{i} - \hat{j} - 2\hat{k}$. **(6+6=12 Marks)**

35. Find the work done in moving the particle once round the ellipse $\frac{x^2}{25} + \frac{y^2}{16} = 1, z=0$
 under the field of force given by $\vec{F} = (2x - y + z)\hat{i} + (x + y - z^2)\hat{j} + (3x - 2y + 4z)\hat{k}$. **(20 Marks)**

36. Using divergence theorem, evaluate $\iint_s \vec{A} \cdot d\vec{S}$ where $\vec{A} = x^3\hat{i} + y^3\hat{j} + z^3\hat{k}$ and S is the surface of the sphere $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = a^2$ **(20 Marks)**

37. Find the value of $\iint_s (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{f}) \cdot d\vec{S}$ taken over the upper portion of the surface $x^2 + y^2 - 2ax + az = 0$ and the bounding curve lies in the plane $z=0$, when $\vec{F} = (y^2 + z^2 - x^2)\hat{i} + (z^2 + x^2 - y^2)\hat{j} + (x^2 + y^2 - z^2)\hat{k}$ **(20 Marks)**

2008

38. Find the constants a and b so that the surface $ax^2 - byz = (a+2)x$ will be orthogonal to the surface $4x^2y + z^3 = 4$ at the point $(1, -1, 2)$. **(12 Marks)**

39. Show that $\vec{F} = (2xy + z^3)\hat{i} + x^2\hat{j} + 3xz^2\hat{k}$ is a conservative force field. Find the scalar potential for \vec{F} and the work done in moving an object in this field $(1, -2, 1)$ to $(3, 1, 4)$. **(12 Marks)**

40. Prove that $\nabla^2 f(x) = \frac{d^2 f}{dr^2} + \frac{2}{r} \frac{df}{dr}$ where $r = (x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}$. Hence find $f(x)$ such that $\nabla^2 f(r) = 0$. **(15 Marks)**

41. Show that for the space curve $x=t, y=t^2, z=\frac{2}{3}t^3$ the curvature and torsion are same at every point. **(15 Marks)**

42. Evaluate $\int_c \vec{A} \cdot d\vec{r}$ along the curve $x^2 + y^2 = 1, z=1$ from $(0, 1, 1)$ to $(1, 0, 1)$ if $\vec{A} = (yz + 2x)\hat{i} + xz\hat{j} + (xy + 2z)\hat{k}$. **(15 Marks)**

43. Evaluate $\iint_s \vec{F} \cdot \hat{n} ds$ where $\vec{A} = (yz + 2x)\hat{i} + xz\hat{j} + (xy + 2z)\hat{k}$, $\iint_s \vec{F} \cdot \hat{n} ds$ and S is the surface of the cylinder bounded by $x^2 + y^2 = 4, z=0$ and $z=3$ **(15 Marks)**

2007

44. If \vec{r} denotes the position vector of a point and if \hat{r} be the unit vector in the direction of \vec{r} , $r = |\vec{r}|$ determined grad (r^{-1}) in terms of \hat{r} and r . (12 Marks)
45. Find the curvature and torsion at any point of the curve $x = a \cos 2t$, $y = a \sin 2t$, $z = 2a \sin t$. (12 Marks)
46. For any constant vector, show that the vector \vec{a} represented by curl $(\vec{a} \times \vec{r})$ is always parallel to the vector \vec{a} , \vec{r} being the position vector of a point (x, y, z) measured from the origin. (15 Marks)
47. If $\vec{r} = x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} + x\hat{k}$ find the value(s) of n in order that $r^n \vec{r}$ may be
 (i) solenoidal (ii) irrotational (15 Marks)
48. Determine $\int_C (ydx + zdy + xdz)$ by using Stoke's theorem, where C is the curve defined by $(x-a)^2 + (y-a)^2 + z^2 = 2a^2$, $x+y=2a$ that starts from the point $(2a, 0, 0)$ goes at first below the z -plane (15 Marks)

2006

49. Find the values of constants a, b and c so that the directional derivative of the function $f = axy^2 + byz + cz^2x^2$ at the point $(1, 2, -1)$ has maximum magnitude 64 in the direction parallel to z -axis. (12 Marks)
50. If $\vec{A} = 2\vec{i} + \vec{k}$, $\vec{B} = \vec{i} + \vec{j} + \vec{k}$, $\vec{C} = 4\vec{i} - 3\vec{j} - 7\vec{k}$ determine a vector \vec{R} satisfying the vector equation $\vec{R} \times \vec{B} = \vec{C} \times \vec{B}$ & $\vec{R} \cdot \vec{A} = 0$ (15 Marks)
51. Prove that $r^n \vec{r}$ is an irrotational vector for any value of n but is solenoidal only if $n+3=0$ (15 Marks)
52. If the unit tangent vector \vec{t} and binormal \vec{b} make angles ϕ and θ respectively with a constant unit vector \vec{a} prove that $\frac{\sin \theta}{\sin \phi} \cdot \frac{d\theta}{d\phi} = -\frac{k}{\tau}$. (15 Marks)
53. Verify Stoke's theorem for the function $\vec{F} = x^2\vec{i} - xy\vec{j}$ integrated round the square in the plane $z=0$ and bounded by the lines $x=0$, $y=0$, $x=a$ and $y=a$, $a>0$. (15 Marks)

2005

54. Show that the volume of the tetrahedron $ABCD$ is $\frac{1}{6}(\vec{AB} \times \vec{AC}) \cdot \vec{AD}$ Hence find the volume of the tetrahedron with vertices $(2, 2, 2)$, $(2, 0, 0)$, $(0, 2, 0)$ and $(0, 0, 2)$ (12 Marks)
55. Prove that the curl of a vector field is independent of the choice of coordinates (12 Marks)

56. The parametric equation of a circular helix is $r = a \cos u \hat{i} + a \sin u \hat{j} + cu \hat{k}$ where c is a constant and u is a parameter. Find the unit tangent vector \hat{i} at the point u and the arc length measured from $u=0$. Also find $\frac{d\hat{i}}{ds}$ where S is the arc length. **(15 Marks)**
57. Show that $\text{curl} \left(k \times \text{grad} \frac{1}{r} \right) + \text{grad} \left(k \cdot \text{grad} \frac{1}{r} \right) = 0$ where r is the distance from the origin and K is the unit vector in the direction OZ **(15 Marks)**
58. Find the curvature and the torsion of the space curve **(15 Marks)**
59. Evaluate $\iiint_S x^3 dydz + x^2 y dzdx + x^2 z dx dy$ by Gauss divergence theorem, where S is the surface of the cylinder $x^2 + y^2 = a^2$ bounded by $z=0$ and $z=b$ **(15 Marks)**

2004

60. Show that if \bar{A} and \bar{B} are irrotational, then $\bar{A} \times \bar{B}$ is solenoidal. **(12 Marks)**
61. Show that the Frenet-Serret formulae can be written in the form $\frac{d\bar{T}}{ds} = \bar{\omega} \times \bar{T}$, $\frac{d\bar{N}}{ds} = \bar{\omega} \times \bar{N}$ & $\frac{d\bar{B}}{ds} = \bar{\omega} \times \bar{B}$, where $\bar{\omega} = \tau \bar{T} + k \bar{B}$. **(12 Marks)**
62. Prove the identity $\nabla(\bar{A} \cdot \bar{B}) = (\bar{B} \cdot \nabla) \bar{A} + (\bar{A} \cdot \nabla) \bar{B} + \bar{B} \times (\nabla \times \bar{A}) + \bar{A} \times (\nabla \times \bar{B})$ **(15 Marks)**
63. Derive the identity $\iiint_V (\phi \nabla^2 \psi - \psi \nabla^2 \phi) dV = \iint_S (\phi \nabla \psi - \psi \nabla \phi) \cdot \hat{n} dS$ Where V is the volume bounded by the closed surface S . **(15 Marks)**
64. Verify Stoke's theorem for $\hat{f} = (2x - y)\hat{i} - yz^2\hat{j} - z\hat{k}$ where S is the upper half surface of the sphere $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 1$ and C is its boundary. **(15 Marks)**

2003

65. Show that if a' , b' and c' are the reciprocals of the non-coplanar vectors, a , b and c , then any vector r may be expressed as $r = (r \cdot a')a + (r \cdot b')b + (r \cdot c')c$. **(12 Marks)**
66. Prove that the divergence of a vector field is invariant w.r. to co-ordinate transformations. **(12 Marks)**
67. Let the position vector of a particle moving on a plane curve be $r(t)$, where t is the time. Find the components of its acceleration along the radial and transverse directions. **(15 Marks)**
68. Prove the identity $\nabla A^2 = 2(A \cdot \nabla)A + 2A \times (\nabla \times A)$ where $\nabla = \hat{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \hat{j} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + \hat{k} \frac{\partial}{\partial z}$ **(15 Marks)**

69. Find the radii of curvature and torsion at a point of intersection of the surface

$$x^2 - y^2 = c^2, \quad y = x \tanh\left(\frac{z}{c}\right). \quad (15 \text{ Marks})$$

70. Evaluate $\iint_S \text{curl} A \cdot ds$ Where S is the open surface $x^2 + y^2 - 4x + 4z = 0, z \geq 0$ and

$$A = (y^2 + z^2 - x^2)\hat{i} + (2z^2 + x^2 - y^2)\hat{j} + (x^2 + y^2 - 3z^2)\hat{k}. \quad (15 \text{ Marks})$$

2002

71. Let \bar{R} be the unit vector along the vector $\bar{r}(t)$. Show that $\bar{R} \times \frac{d\bar{R}}{dt} = \frac{\bar{r}}{r^2} \times \frac{d\bar{r}}{dt}$ where

$$r = |\bar{r}| \quad (12 \text{ Marks})$$

72. Find the curvature k for the space curve $x = a \cos \theta, y = a \sin \theta, z = a \theta \tan \alpha$ (15 Marks)

73. Show that $(\text{curl} \bar{v}) = \text{grad}(\text{div} \bar{v}) - \nabla^2 \bar{v}$ (15 Marks)

74. Let D be a closed and bounded region having boundary S . Further, let f is a scalar function having second partial derivatives defined on it. Show that

$$\iint_S (f \text{grad} f) \cdot \hat{n} ds = \iiint_V [|\text{grad} f|^2 + f \nabla^2 f] dv \quad \text{Hence } \iint_S (f \text{grad} f) \cdot \hat{n} ds \quad \text{or otherwise evaluate}$$

$$\text{for } f = 2x + y + 2z \text{ over } S \equiv x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 4 \quad (15 \text{ Marks})$$

75. Find the values of constants a, b and c such that the maximum value of directional derivative of $f = axy^2 + byz + cx^2z^2$ at $(1, -1, 1)$ is in the direction parallel to y -axis and has magnitude 6. (15 Marks)

2001

76. Find the length of the arc of the twisted curve $r = (3t, 3t^2, 2t^3)$ from the point $t=0$ to the point $t=1$. Find also the unit tangent t , unit normal n and the unit binormal b at $t=1$ (12 Marks)

77. Show that $\text{curl} \frac{a \times r}{r^3} = -\frac{a}{r^3} + \frac{3r}{r^5}(a \cdot r)$ where a is constant vector. (12 Marks)

78. Find the directional derivative of $f = x^2yz^3$ along $x = e^{-t}, y = 1 + 2\sin t, z = t - \cos t$ at $t=0$ (15 Marks)

79. Show that the vector field defined by $F = 2xyz^3i + x^2z^3j + 3x^2yz^2k$ is irrotational. Find also the scalar u such that $F = \text{grad} u$ (15 Marks)

80. Verify Gauss' divergence theorem of $A = (4x, -2y^2, z^2)$ taken over the region bounded by $x^2 + y^2 = 4, z = 0$ and $z = 3$ (15 Marks)

2000

81. In What direction from the point $(-1, 1, 1)$ is the directional derivative $f = x^2yz^3$ a maximum? Compute its magnitude (12 Marks)

82. (i) Show that the covariant derivatives of the fundamental metric tensors $g_{ij}, g^{ij}, \delta^i_j$,
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(ii) Show that simultaneity is relative in special relativity theory. **(6+6=12 Marks)**

83. Show that
(i) $(A+B) \cdot (B+C) \times (C+A) = 2A \cdot B \times C$
(ii) $\nabla \times (A \times B) = (B \cdot \nabla)A - B(\nabla \cdot A) - (A \cdot \nabla)B + A(\nabla \cdot B)$ **(7+8=15 Marks)**

84. Evaluate $\iint_S F \cdot N ds$ Where $F = 2xyi + yz^2j + xzk$ and S is the surface of the parallelepiped bounded by $x=0, y=0, z=0, x=2, y=1$ and $z=3$ **(15 Marks)**

85. If g_{ij} and γ_{ij} are two metric tensors and defined at a point and $\left\{ \begin{matrix} l \\ ij \end{matrix} \right\}$ and $\left[\begin{matrix} l \\ ij \end{matrix} \right]$ are the corresponding Christoffel symbols of the second kind, then prove that $\left\{ \begin{matrix} l \\ ij \end{matrix} \right\} - \left[\begin{matrix} l \\ ij \end{matrix} \right]$ is a mixed tensor of the type A^l_{ij} **(15 Marks)**

86. Establish the formula $E=mc^2$ the symbols have their usual meaning. **(15 Marks)**

1999

87. If $\bar{a}, \bar{b}, \bar{c}$ are the position vectors of A, B, C prove that $\bar{a} \times \bar{b} + \bar{b} \times \bar{c} + \bar{c} \times \bar{a}$ is vector perpendicular to the plane ABC **(20 Marks)**

88. If $\bar{f} = \nabla(x^3 + y^3 + z^3 - 3xyz)$ find $\nabla \times \bar{f}$. **(20 Marks)**

89. Evaluate $\int_c (e^{-x} \sin y dx + e^{-x} \cos y dy)$ (by Green's theorem), where C is the rectangle

whose vertices are $(0,0), (\pi,0), \left(\pi, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$ and $\left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$ **(20 Marks)**

1998

90. If r_1 and r_2 are the vectors joining the fixed points $A(x_1, y_1, z_1)$ and $B(x_2, y_2, z_2)$ respectively to a variable point $P(x, y, z)$ then the values of $\text{grad}(r_1 \cdot r_2)$ and $\text{curl}(r_1 \times r_2)$. **(20 Marks)**

91. Show that $(a \times b) \times c = a \times (b \times c)$ if either $b=0$ (or any other vector is 0) or c is collinear with a or b is orthogonal to a and c (both) **(20 Marks)**

92. Prove that $\left\{ \begin{matrix} i \\ ik \end{matrix} \right\} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x_k} (\log \sqrt{g})$. **(20 Marks)**

1997

93. Prove that if \bar{A}, \bar{B} and \bar{C} are three given non-coplanar vectors \bar{F} then any vector can be put in the form $F = \alpha \bar{B} \times \bar{C} + \beta \bar{C} \times \bar{A} + \gamma \bar{A} \times \bar{B}$ for given determine α, β, γ . **(20 Marks)**

94. Verify Gauss theorem for $\bar{F} = 4x\hat{i} - 2y^2\hat{j} + z^2\hat{k}$ taken over the region bounded by $x^2 + y^2 = 4, z=0$ and $z=3$ **(20 Marks)**

95. Prove that the decomposition of a tensor into a symmetric and an anti-symmetric part is unique. Further show that the contracted product $S_{ij}T_{ij}$ of a tensor T_{ij} with a symmetric tensor S_{ij} is independent of the anti-symmetric part of T_{ij} . **(20 Marks)**

1996

96. State and prove 'Quotient law' of tensors **(20 Marks)**

97. If $x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} + z\hat{k}$ and $r = |\vec{r}|$ show that

(i) $\vec{r} \times \text{grad } f(r) = 0$

(ii) $\text{div}(r^n \vec{r}) = (n+3)r^n$ **(20 Marks)**

98. Verify Gauss's divergence theorem for $\vec{F} = xy\hat{i} + z^2\hat{j} + 2yz\hat{k}$ on the tetrahedron $x=y=z=0$, $x+y+z=1$ **(20 Marks)**

1995

99. Consider a physical entity that is specified by twenty-seven numbers A_{ijk} in given coordinate system. In the transition to another coordinates system of this kind. Let $A_{ijk}B_{jk}$ transform as a vector for any choice of the anti-symmetric tensor. Prove that the quantities $A_{ijk} - A_{jik}$ are the components of a tensor of third order. Is A_{ijk} the component of tensor? Give reasons for your answer **(20 Marks)**

100. Let the region V be bounded by the smooth surfaces S and Let n denote outward drawn unit normal vector at a point on S . If ϕ is harmonic in V , Show that $\int_S \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial n} ds = 0$ **(20 Marks)**

101. In the vector field $u(x)$ let there exists a surface $curl v$ on which $v=0$. Show that, at an arbitrary point of this surface $curl v$ is tangential to the surface or vanishes. **(20 Marks)**

1994

102. Show that $r^n \vec{r}$ is an irrotational vector for any value of n , but is solenoidal only if $n=-3$. **(20 Marks)**

103. If $\vec{F} = y\hat{i} + (x-2xz)\hat{j} - xy\hat{k}$ evaluate $\iint_S (\Delta \times \vec{F}) \cdot \vec{n} ds$ Where S is the surface of the sphere $x^2+y^2+z^2=a^2$ above the xy plane. **(20 Marks)**

104. Prove that $\left\{ \begin{matrix} i \\ ik \end{matrix} \right\} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (\log \sqrt{g})$. **(20 Marks)**

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105. Prove that the angular velocity or rotation at any point is equal to one half or the $curl$ of the velocity vector V . **(20 Marks)**

106. Evaluate $\iint_S \Delta \times \vec{F} \cdot \vec{n} ds$ where S is the upper half surface of the unit sphere $x^2+y^2+z^2=1$ and $\vec{F} = z\hat{i} + x\hat{j} + y\hat{k}$ **(20 Marks)**

107. Show that $\frac{\partial A_p}{\partial x^q}$ is not a tensor even though A_p is a covariant tensor or rank one

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108. If $\vec{F}(x, y, z) = (y^2 + z^2)\vec{i} + (z^2 + x^2)\vec{j} + (x^2 y^2)\vec{k}$ then calculate $\int_C \vec{f} \cdot d\vec{x}$ where C consist of

(i) The line segment from $(0,0,0)$ to $(1,1,1)$

(ii) the three line segments AB, BC and CD where A, B, C and D are respectively the points $(0,0,0)$, $(1,0,0)$, $(1,1,0)$ and $(1,1,1)$

(iii) the curve $\vec{x} + u\vec{i} + u^2\vec{j} + u^3\vec{k}, u$ from 0 to 1.

(20 Marks)

109. If \vec{a} and \vec{b} are constant vectors, show that

(i) $\text{div}\{x \times (\vec{a} \times \vec{x})\} = -2\vec{x}\vec{a}$

(ii) $\text{div}\{x \times (\vec{a} \times \vec{x}) \times (\vec{b} \times \vec{x})\} = -2\vec{a}(\vec{b} \times \vec{x}) - 2\vec{b}(\vec{a} \times \vec{x})$

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110. Obtain the formula $\text{div}\vec{A} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{g}} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \left\{ \left(\frac{g}{g_{ij}} \right)^{1/2} A^i \right\}$ where A^i are physical components

of \vec{A} and use it to derive expression of $\text{div}\vec{A}$ in cylindrical polar coordinates

(20 Marks)