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MAT/MAS 2516

Time: 3 hours

VECTOR CALCULUS & TRIGONOMETRY

Max marks: 75

PART-A

Answer any FIVE Questions:

(5 × 15 = 75marks)

- (i) Show that $|\overrightarrow{a \times b}|^2 + |\overrightarrow{a \cdot b}|^2 = |\vec{a}|^2 |\vec{b}|^2$

(ii) Show that the volume V of a pyramid of which the vertex is at a given point (x, y, z) and the base of a triangle formed by joining three given points $(a, 0, 0)$, $(0, b, 0)$, $(0, 0, c)$ in the rectangular coordinate axes is $V = \frac{1}{6} abc \left(\frac{x}{a} + \frac{y}{b} + \frac{z}{c} - 1 \right)$.
- (i) $\vec{v} = \vec{w} \times \vec{r}$, prove that $\vec{w} = \frac{1}{2} \text{curl } \vec{v}$, where \vec{w} is a constant vector and \vec{r} is the position vector.

(ii) Determine $f(r)$ so that the vector $\{f(r)\vec{r}\}$ is both solenoidal and irrotational.
- (i) Prove that $\mathbf{F} = (y^2 \cos x + z^3)\vec{i} + (2y \sin x - 4)\vec{j} + (3xz^2 + 2)\vec{k}$ is irrotational and find its scalar potential.

(ii) Prove that $\mathbf{v} = r^n \mathbf{r}$ irrotational. Find n when it is also solenoidal.
- The necessary and sufficient condition that the line integral $\int_A^B \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r}$ be independent of the path is that \mathbf{F} is the gradient of some scalar function ϕ .
- (i) Evaluate $\iiint \vec{F} \cdot dV$, where $\vec{F} = 2xz \vec{i} - x \vec{j} + y^2 \vec{k}$ and V is the volume enclosed by the cylinder $x^2 + y^2 = a^2$ between the plane $z = 0$ and $z = c$.

(ii) Verify the Divergence theorem for the function $\vec{F} = 2xz \vec{i} + yz \vec{j} + z^2 \vec{k}$ over the upper half of the sphere $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = a^2$.
- (i) Solve the equation $\sin 7\theta - \sin \theta = \sin 3\theta$.

(ii) Express $\cos 8\theta$ in terms of $\sin \theta$.

7. (i) If α, β, γ be the roots of the equation $x^3 + px^2 + qx + p = 0$, prove that $\tan^{-1} \alpha + \tan^{-1} \beta + \tan^{-1} \gamma = n\pi$ radians except $q = 1$.

(ii) Prove that the equation $a^h/\cos\theta - b^k/\sin\theta = a^2 - b^2$ has four roots and that the sum of the four values of θ which satisfy it is equal to an odd multiple of π radians.
