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Instructions: Answer any three (3) questions
All questions are marked equally

Duration 2 Hours
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Discipline(s) Applied Mathematics
Course Co-ordinators(s)

Requirements:

MCQ
Handout
Statistical Tables/ Log Tables Yes
Cambridge Tables
Graph paper
Log Graph Paper
Other Materials

1. (a) Use the chain rule to calculate $f_t = df/dt$ in each of the following cases:

i. $f(x, y, z) = x^2 + y^2 - z$ while $x = t^3 - 1$, $y = 2t$, $z = 1/(t - 1)$.

ii. $f(x, y, z) = xyz$ while $x = e^{-t} \sin t$, $y = e^{-t} \cos t$, $z = t$.

(20 marks)

(b) Let $f(x, y) = Ax^4 + Bx^2y^2 + Cy^4$ where A , B and C are arbitrary constants. Determine the value of (the number) p for which

$$x \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = pf$$

(13 marks)

2. (a) Find all stationary points of the function

$$g(x, y) = x^3 + xy^2 - 12x - y^2$$

Classify the nature of the stationary points and calculate the value of g at these points.
(18 marks)

(b) Use Lagrange multipliers to find the temperature of the hottest and coldest points on a circle (centered on the origin) of radius 2, where the temperature is given by

$$T(x, y) = 1 + xy.$$

(15 marks)

3. (a) The function $f(x)$ is defined on the interval $-2 \leq x \leq 2$ by

$$f(x) = x + |x|,$$

while $f(x) = f(x - 4)$ for $x > 2$ and $f(x) = f(x + 4)$ for $x < -2$.

i. Sketch the function on the interval $[-8, 8]$.

ii. Determine the Fourier Series for this function.

(20 marks)

(b) Prove that if a periodic function f (of period $2L$) is odd, then the Fourier coefficients

$$a_n = \frac{1}{L} \int_{-L}^L f(x) \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) dx$$

are all zero.

(13 marks)

4. (a) Evaluate

$$\int \int (x^2 + y^2) dx dy$$

over the triangle with vertices $(0,0)$, $(2,0)$ and $(1,1)$.

(11 marks)

(b) Calculate

$$\int_0^2 \int_{x^2}^4 x^3 y dy dx.$$

(11 marks)

(c) Use polar coordinates to evaluate the integral

$$\int \int_A e^{-(x^2+y^2)} dx dy$$

where A is the disc given by

$$3 \leq x^2 + y^2 \leq 4.$$

(11 marks)

5. Verify Green's theorem for the integral

$$\oint_{\partial C} (x + y) dx + x^2 dy$$

where C is bounded by the x and y axes and the line $y = 1 - x/2$.

(33 marks)