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## M.Sc. DEGREE EXAMINATION – MATHEMATICS

SECOND SEMESTER – APRIL 2018

### 17/16PMT2MC03- PARTIAL DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS

Date: 21-04-2018  
Time: 01:00-04:00

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Max. : 100 Marks

#### Answer ALL the questions:

1. (a) Find the partial differential equation of the family of planes, the sum of whose  $x, y, z$  intercepts is equal to unity. (5)

(OR)

- (b) Use Lagrange's method to solve the equation  $\begin{vmatrix} x & y & z \\ \alpha & \beta & \gamma \\ \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} & -1 \end{vmatrix} = 0$  where  $z = z(x, y)$ . (5)

- (c) Find the characteristics of the equation  $pq = z$  and determine the integral surface which passes through the parabola  $x = 0, y^2 = z$ . (15)

(OR)

- (d) Derive the necessary and sufficient conditions for the two partial differential equations  $f(x, y, z, p, q) = 0$  and  $g(x, y, z, p, q) = 0$  to be compatible. (15)

2. (a) Find the characteristic equations of  $u_{xx} + 2u_{xy} + \sin^2 x u_{yy} + u_y = 0$ . (5)

(OR)

- (b) Construct the adjoint operator for  $L(u) = a(x)\frac{d^2u}{dx^2} + b(x)\frac{du}{dx} + c(x)u$ . (5)

- (c) Obtain the Riemann solution for the equation  $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x \partial y} = F(x, y)$  given that (i)  $u = f(x)$  on  $\Gamma$ , (ii)  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = g(x)$  on  $\Gamma$ , where  $\Gamma$  is the curve  $y = x$ . (15)

(OR)

- (d) Explain the canonical form for second order elliptic partial differential equation and reduce the following equation  $(1 + x^2)u_{xx} + (1 + y^2)u_{yy} + xu_x + yu_y = 0$  to a canonical form. (15)

3. (a) Derive Poisson's equation. (5)

(OR)

- (b) Obtain the solutions of Laplace's equation in cylindrical coordinates. (5)

- (c) Solve the interior Dirichlet's problem for a circle. (15)

(OR)

- (d) Solve the PDE  $\nabla^2 u = 0, 0 \leq x \leq a, 0 \leq y \leq b$ , subject to the boundary condition  $u_x(0, y) = u_x(a, y) = 0, u_y(x, 0) = 0, u_y(x, b) = f(x)$ . (15)

4. (a) Solve the 3-dimensional diffusion equation  $\frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = \alpha \nabla^2 T$  where  $T = T(r, \theta, z, t)$ . (5)

(OR)

- (b) Derive the periodic solutions of one-dimensional wave equation in spherical polar coordinates. (5)

- (c) Obtain the solution of the equation  $u_{tt} - c^2 u_{xx} = 0$  under the following conditions: (i)  $u(0, t) = 0$ , (ii)  $u(2, t) = 0$ , (iii)  $u(x, 0) = \sin^3 \frac{\pi x}{2}$ , and (iv)  $u_t(x, 0) = 0$ . (15)

(OR)

- (d) Solve the one-dimensional diffusion equation in the region  $0 \leq x \leq \pi, t \geq 0$  subject to the conditions (i)  $T$  remains finite as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ , (ii)  $T = 0$ , if  $x = 0, \pi$  for all  $t$ , and (iii) At  $t = 0, T =$
- $$\begin{cases} x & : 0 \leq x \leq \pi/2 \\ \pi - x & : \pi/2 \leq x \leq \pi \end{cases} \quad (15)$$

5. (a) Use Green's function technique to solve the Dirichlet's problem for a semi-infinite space. (5)

(OR)

- (b) Find the Green's function for the Dirichlet problem on the rectangle  $\mathbb{R}: 0 \leq x \leq a, 0 \leq y \leq b$ , described by the partial differential equation  $(\nabla^2 + \lambda)u = 0$  in  $\mathbb{R}$  and the boundary condition  $u = 0$  on  $\partial\mathbb{R}$ . (5)

- (c) Show that the solution of the Dirichlet's problem is reduced to the determination of Green's function. (15)

(OR)

- (d) State and prove Helmholtz theorem. (15)

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