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M.Sc. DEGREE EXAMINATION – PHYSICS

FIRST SEMESTER – NOVEMBER 2019

18/17/16PPH1MC04/PH 1820/PPH 1504 – MATHEMATICAL PHYSICS - I

Date: 07-11-2019

Dept. No.

Max. : 100 Marks

Time: 01:00-04:00

PART A

ANSWER ALL THE QUESTIONS

10 x 2 = 20 Marks

1. Write the algorithm of Runge-kutta method of solving 1st order differential equation $y' = y - x$, $y(0) = 1$.
2. Sketch the graph $y = \cos x$.
3. What are equipotential surfaces? Write its characteristic equation.
4. Show that $e^{i\alpha}$ is an operator.
5. Find the norm of $(1, 7, -2)$ in R^3 with standard inner product.
6. Define the terms positivity and point of symmetry of vector spaces.
7. Obtain an expression for $P_2(x)$ where 'P' stands for Legendre polynomials.
8. Write the orthogonality relation of Bessel's polynomials..
9. Prove that $\delta_j^i \delta_k^j = \delta_k^i$
10. State Hooke's law.

PART B

ANSWER ANY FOUR QUESTIONS

4 x 7.5 = 30 Marks

11. Compute the real root of $\sqrt[3]{18}$.
12. Derive Cauchy-Riemann conditions for a function to be analytic.
13. Show that the vectors u and v of a Euclidean space are orthogonal if and only if $\|u + v\|^2 = \|u\|^2 + \|v\|^2$.
14. i) Evaluate $\int_0^1 \frac{dx}{\sqrt{-\ln x}}$ using the knowledge of special functions.
ii) Evaluate $\int_0^\infty x^3 e^{-x} dx$
15. i) Show that the sum of two tensors of the same order and type is again a tensor of the same order and type as the given tensor.
ii) Show that a symmetric tensor of the second order has only $\frac{n(n+1)}{2}$ different components.
16. Using, Newton-Raphson method, evaluate $\sqrt{18}$.

PART C

ANSWER ANY FOUR QUESTIONS

4 x 12.5 = 50 Marks

17. Find the root of the equation $2x - \log_{10} x = 7$, using Newton – Raphson method.
18. State and prove Cauchy's theorem.
19. Let v be the vector space of all polynomials in an indeterminate x , over the real field R of degree at most 2. In v , if we define inner product by $f(x), g(x) \in v$ as $\langle f, g \rangle = \int_{-1}^{+1} f(x)g(x)dx$ starting from $1, x, x^2$ of v obtain orthonormal basis.
20. Prove that $\int_{-1}^1 [P_n(x)]^2 dx = \frac{2}{2n+1}$
21. Find the components of Euclidean metric tensor and obtain the expression for the line element in cylindrical coordinates.
22. Evaluate $\int_0^{2\pi} \frac{d\theta}{13+5 \sin \theta}$ using contour integration.

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