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4th YEAR 1st SEMESTER 2017/2018 ACADEMIC YEAR

MAIN CAMPUS

COURSE CODE: SMA405

COURSE TITLE: PARTIAL DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS I

EXAM VENUE:

STREAM: BSc Y4S1

TIME: 2 HOURS

EXAM SESSION:

Instructions:

Answer question 1 and any other two questions

- 1. Show all the necessary working**
- 2. Candidates are advised not to write on the question paper**
- 3. Candidates must hand in their answer booklets to the invigilator while in the examination room**

QUESTION ONE(30 MARKS) -COMPULSORY

(a) Explain the three main properties of classifying the partial differential equation

$$a \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + b \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x \partial y} + c \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} + d \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + e \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + fu + g = 0 \quad (3\text{Mks})$$

(b) If the points $p(a,b)$ of the curve $g(x,y) = 4x^2y - y^2 - 8x^2 - 2x^4 + 1400$

satisfy system of the equations $\frac{\partial g}{\partial x} = 0$, $\frac{\partial g}{\partial y} = 0$

discuss the nature of such point $p(a,b)$ (8Mks)

(c) Prove that the Pfaffian differential equation

$$(y^2 + yz)dx + (xz + z^2)dy + (y^2 - xy)dz = 0 \text{ is integrable} \quad (8\text{Mks})$$

(d) Categorize the given partial differential equations below;

(i) $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} + xy = 0$ (ii) $\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = 1002 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}$ (iii) $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + y^3 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = 0$ (iv)

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + t \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t \partial x} = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} \quad [5 \text{ marks}]$$

(e) State degree of the partial differential equations below;

(i) $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \sqrt{\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2}} + 2y^4 = 0$ (ii) $\left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial t}\right)^9 = 1002 \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}$ (iii) $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + y^3 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = 0$

and identify which of the equations are linear [6 marks]

QUESTION TWO (20Mks)

Show that the differential equation $(x^2z - y^3)dx + 3xy^2dy + x^3dz = 0$ is

- i) homogenous
- ii) integrable
- iii) in Pfaffian form

and solve it.

(20Mks)

QUESTION THREE (20 Mks)

Given the curve $F(x, y, z) = 8x^2 + 24y^2 + 16z^2 + 24x + 16z - 10$

i) evaluate $\frac{\partial F}{\partial x} = 0$, $\frac{\partial F}{\partial y} = 0$, $\frac{\partial F}{\partial z} = 0$

ii) determine and classify all the critical points

iii) construct H_F the Hermitian matrix F

iv) obtain the minimum and maximum values of F

QUESTION FOUR (20 Mks)

a) Use Charpit's method to solve partial differential equation; $p^2 - 3q^2 = z$. (6 marks)

b) Consider a perfectly flexible elastic string, stretched between two points at $x = 0$ and $x = 1$ with uniform tension τ .

If the string is displaced slightly from its initial position while the ends remain fixed, and then released, the string will oscillate. The position u in the string at any instant will then be a function of its distance from one end x , of the string and also of time t

$$u = u(x, t),$$

i) Show that the equation of the motion is given by the partial differential equation

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2}$$

ii) Use variable separation, to solve the equation $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2}$ given

the boundary conditions

$$u(0, t) = u(1, t) = 0 \text{ for all time } t \geq 0$$

and the initial condition

$$u(x, 0) = \sin 2\pi x, \quad u_t(x, 0) = 0 \quad (14 \text{ marks})$$

QUESTION FIVE (20Mks)

Use the Jacobi method to solve the partial differential equation $p^2x + q^2x = 2z$
(20 mark)