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SPH 204: MATHEMATICAL PHYSICS I

7TH DECEMBER, 2016

TIME: 4.00-6.00 P.M

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- **This paper consists of FIVE questions.**
- **Answer question ONE and any other TWO questions.**
- **Question ONE carries 30 mark while the other TWO questions carry 20 marks each**

QUESTION 1 [30 MARKS COMPULSORY]

- a. Calculate $\int_0^1 \tan^{-1} x dx$ [4 marks]
- b. Evaluate $\int (4x^3 + 5x - 7) dx$ [2 marks]
- c. Find $\int \sin^5 x \cos^2 x dx$ [4 marks]
- d. Evaluate $\int \frac{2x^2 - x + 4}{x^3 + 4x^2} dx$ [4 marks]
- e. integrate $\int (1 + \sin x)^5 \cos x dx$ [4 marks]
- f. Approximate using arctanx the value of π [3 marks]
- g. Find the interval of convergence of $\sum_0^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n!} = 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{6} + \dots \dots \dots \frac{x^n}{n!} + \dots$ [3 marks]

- h. Show that $\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} = 2 \frac{dy}{dx}$, which has solution of the form $y = c_1 + c_2 e^{2x}$ [3 marks]
- i. Compute the divergence of following vector field $\vec{F}(x, y, z) = [x^3 y^3, 3x^2, 3zy^2]$ [3 marks]

QUESTION 2 [20 MARKS]

- a. The earth is an oblate spheroid i.e. a sphere flattened at the poles whose radius is given by $r = a(1 - \varepsilon \cos^2 \Phi)$, where a is the equatorial radius and $a(1 - \varepsilon)$ that the poles. Find the volume of the earth (since ε is so small keep only the first order power in ε) [5 marks]
- b. Show that $\text{div}(\text{curl}\vec{F}) = 0$ using the vector field $\vec{F} = yz^2\vec{i} + xy\vec{j} + yz\vec{k}$ [6 marks]
- c. Given $f(x, y, z) = 2x^2 + 3y^2 + z^2$ and $\vec{a} = [1, 0, -2]$ evaluate the direction of \vec{a} at the point $[2, 1, 3]$ [4 marks]
- d. Evaluate $\int \frac{x^2 + 2x - 1}{2x^3 + 3x^2 - 2x} dx$ [4 marks]

QUESTION 3 , 20 MARKS

- a. Calculate the total flux of the vector field with Cartesian components i.e. $\iint u \cdot dA$ $u = (2x, y, -3x)$ out of the closed surface of the circular cylinder $x^2 + y^2 = a^2$ for $0 \leq z \leq h$ [5 marks]
- b. Determine whether $\vec{F} = x^2 y \vec{i} + xyz \vec{j} - x^2 y^2 \vec{k}$ is a conservative field [5 marks]
- c. Find a unit normal vector of the cone of the revolution $z^2 = 4(x^2 + y^2)$ at point $p = (1, 0, 2)$ [5 marks]
- d. Find $\int \tan^5 \theta \sec^7 \theta d\theta$ [5 marks]

QUESTION 4, [20 MARKS]

- a. A curve between the points $(0, 0, 0)$ and $(1, 1, 1)$ is defined in the parametric form by $x = \lambda, y = \lambda^2, z = \lambda^3$ where the parameter λ run from 0 to 1. Calculate the vector field with Cartesian components $\int u \cdot dl$ $u = (y - z, z - x, x - y)$ [5 marks]
- b. Compute the curl of the following vector field $\vec{F}(x, y, z) = [e^x \cos y, e^x \sin y, 0]$ [4 marks]
- c. Find the particular solution of $y''' = 0$ given that $y(0) = 3, y'(1) = 4, y''(2) = 6$ [5 marks]
- d. Evaluate $\int x \sin x dx$ [3 marks]

e. Show that the differential equation $\frac{dy}{dx} \ln x - \frac{y}{x} = 0$ has the solution $y = c \ln x$

[3marks]

QUESTION 5, [20 MARKS]

a. Evaluate the integral $I = \iint_D x^2 y dx dy$ where D is a triangular region bound by the lines

$$x = 0, y = 0, x + y = 1 \quad [5 \text{ marks}]$$

b. Show that $y = c_1 \sin 2x + 3 \cos 2x$ is a general solution for the differential equation of

$$\text{the form } \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + 4y = 0 \quad [4 \text{ marks}]$$

c. Find the general solution for the differential equation $dy + 7x dx = 0$ and a particular solution at $y(0) = 3$ to find K

[4 marks]

d. Find $\int \frac{1}{x^2 \sqrt{x^2 + 4}} dx$ [4 marks]

e. Approximate $\frac{1}{1 - 0.02}$ to six decimal places [3 marks]

Some integrals you may need

$$\int x^n dx = \frac{x^{n+1}}{n+1} + C \quad (n \neq -1)$$

$$\int \frac{1}{x} dx = \ln |x| + C$$

$$\int e^x dx = e^x + C$$

$$\int a^x dx = \frac{a^x}{\ln a} + C$$

$$\int \sin x dx = -\cos x + C$$

$$\int \cos x dx = \sin x + C$$

$$\int \sec^2 x dx = \tan x + C$$

$$\int \csc^2 x dx = -\cot x + C$$

$$\int \sec x \tan x dx = \sec x + C$$

$$\int \csc x \cot x dx = -\csc x + C$$

$$\int \sinh x dx = \cosh x + C$$

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$$\int \tan x dx = \ln |\sec x| + C$$

$$\int \cot x dx = \ln |\sin x| + C$$

$$\int \frac{1}{x^2 + a^2} dx = \frac{1}{a} \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{x}{a} \right) + C$$

$$\int \frac{1}{\sqrt{a^2 - x^2}} dx = \sin^{-1} \left(\frac{x}{a} \right) + C$$

- (1) $\frac{1}{1-x} = 1 + x + x^2 + x^3 + x^4 + \dots, \quad |x| < 1$
- (2) $\frac{1}{1+x} = 1 - x + x^2 - x^3 + x^4 - \dots, \quad |x| < 1$
- (3) $\frac{1}{1-2x} = 1 + 2x + 2^2x^2 + 2^3x^3 + 2^4x^4 + \dots, \quad |x| < \frac{1}{2}$
- (4) $\ln(1-x) = -x - \frac{x^2}{2} - \frac{x^3}{3} - \frac{x^4}{4} - \dots, \quad |x| < 1$
- (5) $\frac{1}{1+x^2} = 1 - x^2 + x^4 - x^6 + x^8 - \dots, \quad |x| < 1$
- (6) $\arctan x = x - \frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{x^5}{5} - \frac{x^7}{7} + \frac{x^9}{9} - \dots, \quad |x| < 1$
- (7) $\frac{1}{(1-x)^2} = 1 + 2x + 3x^2 + 4x^3 + 5x^4 + \dots, \quad |x| < 1$
- (8) $e^x = 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} + \dots$
- (9) $e^{-x} = 1 - x + \frac{x^2}{2!} - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} - \dots$
- (10) $\cosh x = 1 + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} + \frac{x^6}{6!} + \frac{x^8}{8!} + \dots$
- (11) $\sinh x = x + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} + \frac{x^7}{7!} + \frac{x^9}{9!} + \dots$
- (12) $e^{-x^2} = 1 - x^2 + \frac{x^4}{2!} - \frac{x^6}{3!} + \frac{x^8}{4!} - \dots$

$$(13) \quad \int_0^x e^{-t^2} dt = x - \frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{x^5}{5 \cdot 2!} - \frac{x^7}{7 \cdot 3!} + \frac{x^9}{9 \cdot 4!} - \dots$$

$$(14) \quad \ln \left(\frac{1+x}{1-x} \right) = 2x + \frac{2x^3}{3} + \frac{2x^5}{5} + \frac{2x^7}{7} + \frac{2x^9}{9} + \dots, \quad |x| < 1$$

$$(15) \quad \sin x = x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} - \frac{x^7}{7!} + \frac{x^9}{9!} - \dots$$

$$(16) \quad \cos x = 1 - \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} - \frac{x^6}{6!} + \frac{x^8}{8!} - \dots$$

$$(17) \quad (1+x)^p = 1 + px + \frac{p(p-1)}{2!}x^2 + \frac{p(p-1)(p-2)}{3!}x^3 + \dots, \quad |x| < 1,$$

where p is constant.