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MMA23 — PARTIAL DIFFERENTIAL
EQUATIONS

Time : Three hours

Maximum : 75 marks



SECTION A — (5 × 6 = 30 marks)

Answer ALL questions.

1. (a) Find the integral surface of the linear partial differential equation $x(y^2 + z)p - y(x^2 + z)q = (x^2 - y^2)z$ which contains the straight line $x + y = 0, z = 1$.

Or

- (b) Find the characteristics of the equation $pq = z$ and hence determine the integral surface which passes through the parabola $x = 0, y^2 = z$.
2. (a) Reduce the following equation to a canonical form

$$(1 + x^2)u_{xx} + (1 + y^2)u_{yy} + xu_x + yu_y = 0.$$

Or

- (b) If $L_u = a(x)\frac{d^2u}{dx^2} + b(x)\frac{du}{dx} + c(x)u$ then find its adjoint L^* . Construct an adjoint to $L(u) = u_{xx} + u_{yy}$.

3. (a) Obtain the solution of Laplace equation in cylindrical co-ordinates.

Or

- (b) Find a general spherically symmetric solution of the Helmholtz equation $(\nabla^2 - k^2)u = 0$.
4. (a) A one-dimensional infinite region, $-\infty < x < \infty$ is initially kept at zero temperature. A heat source of strength g_s units, situated at $x = \varepsilon$ releases heat instantaneously at time $t = \tau$. Determine the temperature in the region for $t > \tau$.

Or

- (b) Solve by separation of variables $\frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = \alpha \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x^2}$.
5. (a) Obtain the D'Alemberts solution of the one dimensional wave equation.

Or

- (b) State and prove uniqueness theorem.

SECTION B — (3 × 15 = 45 marks)

Answer any THREE questions.

6. (a) Show that the equations $xp = yq$ $z(xp + yq) = 2xy$ are compatible and solve them.
- (b) Find the complete integral of $(p^2 + q^2)y = qz$ using Charpits method.
7. Explain: Riemann's method.
8. Explain: Dirichlet problem for a rectangle.
9. A uniform rod of length L whose surface is thermally insulated is initially at temperature $\theta = \theta_0$. At time $t = 0$, one end is suddenly cooled out at $\theta = 0$ and subsequently maintained at this temperature; the other end remains thermally insulated. Find the temperature distribution $\theta(x, t)$.
10. Obtain the solution of one-dimensional wave equation by canonical reduction.