

**October 2025**  
**B.A./B.Sc.**  
**Third Semester**  
**MAJOR – 3**  
**PHYSICS**  
*Course Code: PHM 3.11*  
(Mathematical Physics - I)

Total Mark: 50

Pass Mark: 20

Time: 2 hours

I. Answer three questions, taking one from each unit.

**UNIT-I**

1. (a) Solve the differential equation:

$$(x^3 - x) \frac{dy}{dx} - (3x^2 - 1) y = x^5 - 2x^3 + x \quad 4$$

(b) If  $y_1 = e^{-x} \cos x$ ,  $y_2 = e^{-x} \sin x$  and  $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + \frac{2dy}{dx} + 2y = 0$ , then

2+1+1=4

(i) calculate the Wronskian determinant.

(ii) verify that  $y_1$  and  $y_2$  satisfy the given differential equation.

(iii) apply Wronskian test to check that  $y_1$  and  $y_2$  are linearly independent.

(c) Solve the partial differential equation:

$$x(y^2 + z)p - y(x^2 + z)q = z(x^2 - y^2)$$

$$\text{where, } p = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \text{ and } q = \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \quad 4$$

2. (a) Obtain the complete solution of the differential equation:

$$\frac{d^3y}{dx^3} - 3\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 4\frac{dy}{dx} - 2y = e^x + \cos x \quad 4$$

(b) Solve and obtain the general solution of the differential equation:

$$y'' - 2y' + 2y = x + e^x \cos x \quad 5$$

(c) Check whether the following equations are exact differentials or not: 3

(a)  $(x^2 + y^2 + 3)dx - 2xydy = 0$

(b)  $(y^4 + 2y)dx + (xy^3 + 2y^4 - 4x)dy = 0$

### UNIT-II

3. (a) Find the angle between the surfaces  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 9$  and  $z = z^2 + y^2 - 3$  at the point  $(2, -1, 2)$ . 4

(b) Prove that  $(y^2 - z^2 + 3xy - 2x)\hat{i} + (3xz + 2xy)\hat{j} + (3xy - 2xz + 2z)\hat{k}$  is both solenoidal and irrotational. 4

(c) If  $f$  and  $g$  are two scalar point functions, prove that:  
 $div (f\nabla h) = f\nabla^2 g + \nabla f \cdot \nabla g$  4

4. (a) Evaluate  $\iint_S (yz\hat{i} + zx\hat{j} + xy\hat{k}) \cdot \vec{ds}$ , where  $S$  is the surface of the sphere  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = a^2$  in the first octant. 4

(b) If  $\vec{F} = 2xz\hat{i} - x\hat{j} + y^2\hat{k}$ , evaluate  $\iiint \vec{F} dV$  over the region bounded by the surfaces  $x = 0$ ,  $y = 0$ ,  $y = 6$  and  $z = x^2$ ,  $z = 4$ . 4

(c) Use Divergence theorem to evaluate  $\iint_S \vec{A} \cdot \vec{ds}$ , where  $\vec{A} = x^3\hat{i} + y^3\hat{j} + z^3\hat{k}$ , and  $S$  is the surface of the sphere  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = a^2$ . 4

### UNIT-III

5. (a) Derive the expression of curl  $\vec{f}$  in the orthogonal curvilinear coordinates. 4

(b) Show that the spherical co-ordinate system  $(\vec{T}_r, \vec{T}_\theta, \vec{T}_\phi)$  is self-reciprocal. 3

(c) Express  $z\hat{i} - 2x\hat{j} + y\hat{k}$  in cylindrical co-ordinates. 5

6. (a) Define Dirac delta function and show that

$$\delta(x^2 - a^2) = \frac{\delta(x - a) + \delta(x + a)}{2|a|} \quad 1+4=5$$

- (b) Show that  $\int_0^\infty f(t)\delta(t) dt = f(0)$ . 3

- (c) Show that the Gaussian function,  $G_\sigma(x) = \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left[\frac{-x^2}{2\sigma^2}\right]$ ,  
 $\sigma > 0$  has a unit area under its curve. 4

II. Answer any two questions from the following.

### UNIT-I

7. Find the complete solution for the differential equation:

$$\frac{d^3y}{dx^3} - 7\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 10\frac{dy}{dx} = e^{2x} \sin x. \quad 7$$

### UNIT-II

8. Show that  $\text{div}(\text{grad } r^n) = n(n+1)r^{n-2}$ , where  $r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}$

Hence, show that  $\nabla^2\left(\frac{1}{r}\right) = 0$ . 7

### UNIT-III

9. State Stoke's theorem. Verify Stoke's theorem for

$\vec{A} = (2x - y)\hat{i} + yz^2\hat{j} - y^2z\hat{k}$ , where  $S$  is the upper half surface of the sphere  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 1$  and  $c$  is its boundary. 7