

## UG 1st Semester Examination 2021

MATHEMATICS (Honours/General)

Paper : DC-1 / GE-1

[Classical Algebra & Analytic Geometry]  
(CBCS)

Full Marks : 32

Time : 2 Hours

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks.  
Notations and symbols have their usual meanings.*

**Group - A**

**(4 Marks)**

1. Answer any *four* questions : 4×1=4

- (a) Find the value of  $\phi(323)$ .
- (b) Let  $A$  be a skew-symmetric matrix of order 3. What is the value of  $\det(A)$ .
- (c) Find the modulus and argument of  $-1 - i$ .
- (d) Apply Descartes' rule of signs to determine the minimum number of complex roots of the equation :  $x^7 - 3x^3 + 1 = 0$ .
- (e) Find the points on the x-axis whose distance from the point  $(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$  is  $\sqrt{\alpha^2 + \beta^2 + \gamma^2}$ .
- (f) Find the center and radius of the sphere  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 + 2x + 2y + 2z - 12 = 0$ .
- (g) Determine the rank of the matrix :  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 2 & 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 1 & 3 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ .

**Group - B**  
**(10 Marks)**

Answer any *two* questions :

2×5=10

2. Use the principle of induction to prove that  $(3+\sqrt{5})^n + (3-\sqrt{5})^n$  is divisible by  $2^n$ , for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

3. Use Laplace's expansion to prove that 
$$\begin{vmatrix} a & b & c & d \\ -b & a & d & -c \\ -c & -d & a & b \\ -d & c & -b & a \end{vmatrix} = (a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + d^2)^2.$$
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4. A change of the rectangular axes, without changing the origin, transforms  $ax^2 + 2hxy + by^2$  and  $cx^2 + 2gxy + dy^2$  to  $a'x'^2 + 2h'x'y' + b'y'^2$  and  $c'x'^2 + 2g'x'y' + d'y'^2$ , respectively. Show that  $ad + bc - 2hg = a'd' + b'c' - 2h'g'$ . 5

5. Show that only one tangent plane can be drawn to the sphere

$x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - 2x + 6y + 2z + 8 = 0$  through the line  $3x - 4y - 8 = 0 = y - 3z + 2$ . 5

**Group - C**  
**(18 Marks)**

Answer any *two* questions :

2×9=18

6. (a) If  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$  be the roots of the equation  $x^3 + qx - r = 0$ , then find the value of

$$\sum \frac{1}{\alpha^2 - \beta\gamma}. \quad 5$$

- (b) Prove that  $3 \cdot 4^{n+1} \equiv 3 \pmod{9}$ , where  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . 4

7. (a) If  $\tan(\theta + i\phi) = \sin(\alpha + i\beta)$ , prove that  $\sin 2\theta \cot \alpha = \sin h 2\phi \cot h\beta$ . 5

(b) If  $A$  be the matrix  $\begin{pmatrix} 4 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 4 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$  then show that  $A^2 - 10A + 16I = O$ . Hence obtain  $A^{-1}$ . 4

8. (a) Find the values of  $a$  and  $b$  for which the plane  $ax + by + 5z - 7 = 0$  is perpendicular to the line  $x = 4r + 3, y = -5r + 4, z = -4r - 2$ , where  $r$  is a parameter. 4

(b) A conic  $\Gamma'$  is described having the same focus and eccentricity as the conic  $\Gamma: \frac{l}{r} = 1 + e \cos \theta$  ( $e < 1$ ). The two conics  $\Gamma$  and  $\Gamma'$  touch each other only at the

point  $\theta$  with  $\theta = \alpha$ . Prove that the latus rectum of the conic  $\Gamma'$  is  $\frac{2l(1 - e^2)}{1 + 2e \cos \alpha + e^2}$ .

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