

2016

PHYSICS

( Major )

Paper : 3.1

( **Mathematical Methods-III and Electrostatics** )

Full Marks : 60

Time : 3 hours

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks  
for the questions*

GROUP—A

( **Mathematical Physics** )

( Marks : 25 )

1. Answer the following questions : 1×3=3

(a) In matrices, find the value of  
 $(A+B+C)^2$ .

(b) Show that  $(A^2)^{-1} = (A^{-1})^2$ .

(c) What is the rank of a zero matrix?

2. Check whether

$$\begin{pmatrix} i/2 & \sqrt{3}/2 \\ \sqrt{3}/2 & i/2 \end{pmatrix}$$

is a unitary matrix.

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3. Answer any two of the following questions :

5×2=10

- (a) (i) For an orthogonal matrix, if  $\lambda$  is an eigenvalue, what is the other value? 1

(ii) If

$$A_\alpha = \begin{pmatrix} \cos\alpha & \sin\alpha \\ -\sin\alpha & \cos\alpha \end{pmatrix}, \quad A_\beta = \begin{pmatrix} \cos\beta & \sin\beta \\ -\sin\beta & \cos\beta \end{pmatrix}$$

check whether  $A_\alpha A_\beta = A_{\alpha+\beta}$  is correct or not.

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(iii) If

	Room I	Room II	
$A =$	10	12	Flat I
	9	14	Flat II
	15	14	Flat III

gives the power consumed in two rooms within three flats and

$$X = \begin{pmatrix} 10 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix} \begin{matrix} \text{Room I} \\ \text{Room II} \end{matrix}$$

gives the number of electrical items in rooms, then what information does  $Y = AX$  yield and where is its highest value?

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- (b) (i) If

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} \cos\theta & -\sin\theta \\ \sin\theta & \cos\theta \end{pmatrix}, \text{ then}$$

What does this represent geometrically?

- (ii) If  $A$  and  $B$  are Hermitian, show that  $A+B$  is Hermitian.

- (iii) Compute the adjoint of

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$$

- (c) (i) Derive the expression for the Coriolis force  $F'$  acting on a particle in a rotating frame with angular velocity  $\omega$  and force  $F$  and torque  $\tau$  forces. Name the forces.

- (ii) What is the angular acceleration of a rotating body at a place where the angular velocity is  $\omega$  and the angular momentum is  $L$ ?

4. Answer either (a), (b) or (c), (d) :  $5 \times 2 = 10$

(a) (i) If  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & a \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

then find the value of  $A^n$ . 2

(ii) In an electrical network

$$I_1 - I_2 + I_3 = 0$$

$$2I_2 - 3I_3 = 0$$

$$5I_1 + 3I_2 = 2$$

Find the currents by matrix method. 3

(b) (i) If

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & a & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad A^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ -4 & 3 & c \\ \frac{5}{2} & -\frac{3}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

then find the value of  $a+c$ . 3

(ii) If

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -3 \\ 0 & 4 \end{pmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

find  $A-B$  and also a symmetric matrix out of it. 2

(c) (i) Verify Cayley-Hamilton theorem for the matrix

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 3 & 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad 3$$

(ii) If  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$

then using the

$$A^2 - 5A$$

find the value

(d) (i) Given

$$x_1 = 3y_1 +$$

$$x_2 = -y_1 +$$

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for  $y_1, y_2$  by r

(ii) If

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} a \\ c \end{pmatrix}$$

satisfies the e

$$x^2 - (a+c)$$

then find the

$k, a,$

GROUP—B

## ( Electrostatics )

( Marks : 35 )

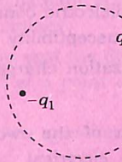
5. Choose the correct option :  $1 \times 3 = 3$ (a) The relation  $D = \epsilon E$  is true for

- (i) any medium
- (ii) homogeneous medium
- (iii) isotropic medium
- (iv) homogeneous and isotropic medium

(b) Uniqueness of electric field strength  $E$  means

- (i)  $V_1 = V_2$
- (ii)  $\nabla V_1 = \nabla V_2$
- (iii)  $V_1 = V_2 + \text{constant}$
- (iv) Both (ii) and (iii)

(c) A Gaussian surface is shown by the dot



The electric field on the

- (i) due to  $q_1, q_2$  only
- (ii) due to  $q_2$  only
- (iii) due to all
- (iv) zero

6. Answer the following question

(a) Given an electric field  $E$  surrounding an origin  $O$  for which the potential

$$\phi = ax^2 - C$$

where  $a, C$  are positive constants. Find the components of  $E$ . Where is the potential zero? What is the field intensity?



Or

Show that  $K = 1 + \chi$ where  $K$  = dielectric constant $\chi$  = susceptibility

Define polarization charges.

2+1=3

- (b) Check which of the two expressions below for electrical potential is applicable for a charged region. Correspondingly find the charge density :

2+1=3

(i)  $3x^2 + y^2 + 2z^2$

(ii)  $x^2 - y^2 + 8z$

7. Answer either (a) or (b) :

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- (a) (i) Find the electric field at a point located at a distance  $r_1$  from the axis of a dipole of length  $d$ . Show that if  $d/r_1 \ll 1$ , the field at that behaves as  $E = 2p/r_1^3$ ,  $p$  = dipole moment.

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- (ii) Define equipotential surface. What is the direction of electric field at a point on equipotential surface?

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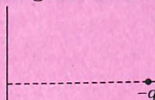
- (b) (i) A sphere of radius  $r$  is charged by charge  $Q$ . Calculate the electric field at the sphere.

- (ii) Show that the divergence of the electric field of a point charge is zero.

8. Answer any two questions

- (a) (i) An electric dipole of length 2 mm having charge  $q = 2.0 \times 10^{-8}$  C is placed in a uniform electric field of  $4.0 \times 10^4$  cm<sup>-1</sup>. Calculate the torque on the dipole.

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such that the net force on the dipole is zero. Calculate the distance of 20 cm from the dipole. If the dipole is 0.11 k N m.

- (ii) Establish the boundary conditions for the electric field at the boundary between two dielectrics.

- (b) (i) Using Laplace's equation, show that the electric field is constant in the region between the two parallel plates and it is toward the plate of lower potential. 5

- (ii) There is a solid sphere of radius  $R$  having volume charge density

$$\rho = \rho_0 (1 - r/R)$$

where  $\rho_0$  is constant and  $r$  is the distance from the centre of the sphere. Find the electric intensity  $E$  at a point inside the sphere using Gauss' law. 5

- (c) (i) Draw the field lines of  $\vec{E}$ ,  $\vec{P}$ ,  $\vec{D}$  in the region between the plates of a capacitor (of thickness  $d$ ) with the dielectric (of thickness  $t$ ) in between the plates (given  $d > t$ ). Show that  $\vec{D} = \epsilon_0 \vec{E} + \vec{P}$ . 3+2=5

- (ii) Deduce the relation between dielectric constant of a fluid and its polarizability. 5

- (d) (i) Define electrical value of surface induced charge on a conducting plane. Draw the electric field lines. State the region where the equation is satisfied.

- (ii) An electron is placed near an infinite plane conductor. Find the force experienced by it.

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