

PSG COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCE
(AUTONOMOUS)
MSc DEGREE EXAMINATION MAY 2024
(Fourth Semester)

Branch – MATHEMATICS
MATHEMATICAL METHODS

Time: Three Hours

Maximum: 50 Marks

SECTION-A (5 Marks)

Answer ALL questions

ALL questions carry EQUAL marks (5 x 1 = 5)

1. A complex-valued function $K(s,t)$ is called symmetric if _____.
(i) $K(s,t)=K^*(t,s)$ (ii) $K(s,t)=K(t,s)$ (iii) $K(s,t)=K^*(s,t)$ (iv) $K(s,t)=1$
2. In Fredholm's first theorem, the solution of the homogeneous equation $g(s) = \lambda \int K(s,t) dt$ is _____.
(i) zero (ii) identically zero (iii) one (iv) constant
3. An integral equation is called _____ if either the range of integration is infinite or the kernel has singularities within the range of integration.
(i) constant (ii) non-singular (iii) singular (iv) symmetric
4. A function $f(x)$ is called _____ if to a small change of x there corresponds a small change in the function $f(x)$.
(i) continuous (ii) discontinuous (iii) differentiable (iv) analytic
5. If a proper field is formed by a family of extremals of a certain variational problem, then it is called an _____ field.
(i) constant (ii) functional (iii) internal (iv) extremal

SECTION - B (15 Marks)

Answer ALL Questions

ALL Questions Carry EQUAL Marks (5 x 3 = 15)

6. a) Solve the Fredholm integral equation of the second kind
$$g(s) = s + \lambda \int_0^1 (st^2 + s^2t)g(t)dt.$$

[OR]

b) Solve the homogeneous Fredholm integral equation $g(s) = \lambda \int_0^1 e^s e^t g(t)dt.$
7. a) Solve the integral equation $g(s) = f(s) + \lambda \int_0^1 e^{s-t} g(t)dt.$

[OR]

b) Prove that the m th iterated kernel $K_m(s,t)$ satisfies the following relation:
$$K_m(s,t) = \int K_r(s,x)K_{m-r}(x,t)dx,$$
 where r is any positive integer less than m .
8. a) Reduce the initial value problem $y''(s) + \lambda y(s) = F(s), y(0) = 1, y'(0) = 0$ to a Volterra integral equation.

[OR]

b) Solve the integral equation $s = \int_0^s \frac{g(t)dt}{(s-t)^{1/2}}.$

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9. a) Prove that if a differentiable function $f(x)$ achieves a maximum or a minimum at an interior point $x = x_0$ of the domain of definition of the function, then at this point $df = 0$.

[OR]

- b) Find the extremals of the functional

$$v[y(x), z(x)] = \int_0^{\pi/2} [y'^2 + z'^2 + 2yz] dx, y(0) = 0, y\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = 1, z(0) = 0, z\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = -1.$$

- 10.a) Is the Jacobi condition fulfilled for the extremal of the functional

$$v = \int_0^a (y'^2 - y^2) dx \text{ that passes through the points } A(0,0) \text{ and } B(a,0)?$$

[OR]

- b) Test for an extremum the functional

$$v[y(x)] = \int^a (y'^2 - y^2) dx, a > 0; y(0) = 0, y(a) = 0.$$

SECTION -C (30 Marks)

Answer ALL questions

ALL questions carry EQUAL Marks

(5 x 6 = 30)

11. a) Solve the integral equation $g(s) = f(s) + \lambda \int_0^1 (s+t)g(t)dt$ and find the eigen values.

[OR]

- b) Show that the integral equation $g(s) = f(s) + (1/\pi) \int_0^{2\pi} [\sin(s+t)]g(t)dt$ possesses no solution for $f(s) = s$, but that it possesses infinitely many solutions when $f(s) = 1$.

12. a) Solve the Fredholm integral equation $g(s) = 1 + \lambda \int_0^1 (1-3st)g(t)dt$ and evaluate the resolvent kernel.

[OR]

- b) Evaluate the resolvent for the integral equation $g(s) = f(s) + \lambda \int_0^1 (s+t)g(t)dt$.

13. a) Reduce the boundary value problem $y''(s) + \lambda P(s)y = Q(s), y(a) = 0, y(b) = 0$ to a Fredholm integral equation.

[OR]

- b) Solve the integral equation (a) $f(s) = \int_a^s \frac{g(t)dt}{(s^2-t^2)^\alpha}, 0 < \alpha < 1; a < s < b$, and

$$(b) f(s) = \int_s^b \frac{g(t)dt}{(t^2-s^2)^\alpha}, 0 < \alpha < 1; a < s < b.$$

14. a) State and prove the fundamental lemma of the calculus of variations.

[OR]

- b) Derive Euler equation of the functional $F(x, y, y')$.

- 15.a) Test for an extremum the functional

$$v[y(x)] = \int_0^a \left(\frac{y}{y'^2}\right) dx, a > 0, 0 < b < 1; y(0) = 1, y(a) = b.$$

[OR]

- b) Find the equation of geodesics on a surface on which the element of length of the curve is of the form $ds^2 = [\Phi_1(x) + \Phi_2(y)](dx^2 + dy^2)$, that is, find the extremals of the functional $S = \int_{x_0} \sqrt{[\Phi_1(x) + \Phi_2(y)](1 + y'^2)} dx$.