

**Birla Institute of Technology and Science, Pilani**  
**2nd Semester 2017-18**  
**Differential Geometry (MATH F342)**  
**Comprehensive Exam**  
**Part A (Closed book)**

**Max. Time: 100 mins**

**Max. marks : 50**

**Instructions :** 1) Use arrow notation on top of all vectors. 2) All notations used in question paper are standard. 3) Explain all the steps.

1. Let  $\vec{\gamma}(t)$  be a simple closed smooth unit speed plane curve with period  $l$  and  $\kappa_s(t)$  denote its signed curvature. Show that  $\int_0^l \frac{d\kappa_s}{dt} \vec{\gamma}(t) dt = \vec{0}$ . [8]

2. Let  $S = \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 : x^2 + y^2 + (z-1)^2 = 1\}$  and  $N = (0, 0, 2) \in S$ . Find a surface patch  $\vec{\sigma} : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow S$  such that  $\vec{\sigma}(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}) = (S \cap L) - \{N\}$  where  $L$  is the line segment joining  $(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}, 0)$  to  $N$ . Also find an open set  $W$  of  $\mathbb{R}^3$  such that  $\vec{\sigma}(\mathbb{R}^2) = S \cap W$ . [8]

3. Let  $S = \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 : x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 1\}$ . Let  $\vec{\sigma}_i : U_i \rightarrow S, i = 1, 2$  be surface patches of  $S$  defined by

$$\vec{\sigma}_1(u_1, v_1) = \left( u_1, v_1, \sqrt{1 - u_1^2 - v_1^2} \right), (u_1, v_1) \in U_1 = \{(u_1, v_1) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : u_1^2 + v_1^2 < 1\},$$

$$\vec{\sigma}_2(u_2, v_2) = \left( u_2, \sqrt{1 - u_2^2 - v_2^2}, v_2 \right), (u_2, v_2) \in U_2 = \{(u_2, v_2) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : u_2^2 + v_2^2 < 1\}.$$

Find the transition map from  $\vec{\sigma}_1$  to  $\vec{\sigma}_2$  along with its domain. [8]

4. For the regular surface patch

$$\vec{\sigma}(u, v) = ((2 + \cos u) \cos v, (2 + \cos u) \sin v, \sin u); (u, v) \in (0, 2\pi) \times (0, 2\pi),$$

find the 1<sup>st</sup> Fundamental Form and hence find the area of the image of  $\vec{\sigma}$ . [8]

5. Let  $S_1 = \{(x, y, 0) : x, y \in \mathbb{R}\}$  and  $S_2 = \{(x, y, \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}) : (x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 - \{(0, 0)\}\}$ . For the diffeomorphism  $f : S_1 \rightarrow S_2$  given by  $f(x, y, 0) = (x, y, \sqrt{x^2 + y^2})$ , verify if  $f$  is (a) Isometry, (b) conformal map, (c) equiareal map. [10]

6. Suppose a regular surface patch  $\vec{\sigma}$  has 1<sup>st</sup> Fundamental form  $(2 + v^2)^2 du^2 + 2uvdudv + (2 + u^2)^2 dv^2$  and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Fundamental Form  $\frac{dudv}{2+u^2+v^2}$ .

(A) Find the normal curvature of  $\vec{\gamma}(t) = \vec{\sigma}(t, \mathbf{e}^t)$  at  $\vec{\gamma}(0)$ .

(B) Find the principal curvatures of  $\vec{\sigma}$  at  $\vec{\sigma}(0, 1)$ .

(C) Decide whether  $\vec{\sigma}(0, 1)$  is elliptic, hyperbolic, parabolic or planar. [2+4+2]

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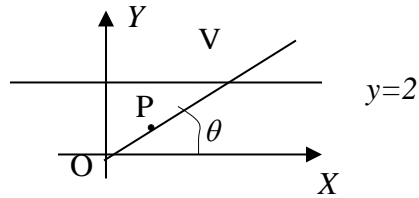
Part B (Open book)

**Max. Time: 80 mins**

**Max. marks : 40**

**Instructions :** 1) Use arrow notation on top of all vectors. 2) All notations used in question paper are standard. 3) Explain all the steps.

1. Let  $V$  be a point on the line  $y = 2$  in  $xy$  – plane and let  $P$  be the point on the line segment from  $V$  to the origin  $O$  such that  $\|\vec{VP}\| = 2$ . Find the parametric equation  $\vec{\gamma}$  of the curve traced by  $P$  as  $V$  varies over the line  $y = 2$  with parameter  $\theta =$  the angle made by the line  $OV$  with the positive  $x$ -axis. Refer to the figure below. What are the values of  $\theta \in (0, \pi)$  for which  $\vec{\gamma}$  is regular? [6]



2. Find a plane unit speed smooth curve whose signed curvature is given by  $\kappa_s(s) = -\frac{1}{s}, s > 0$ . [8]
3. Find the involute  $\vec{l}(t)$  of  $\vec{\gamma}(t) = \left(\frac{t^2}{2}, \frac{t^3}{3}\right), 0 < t < 1$ . [6]
4. Let  $\vec{\gamma}(s)$  be smooth unit speed curve in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  with non-vanishing constant curvature  $\kappa$  and non-vanishing torsion. Let  $\vec{\gamma}_1(s) = \vec{\gamma}(s) + \frac{\vec{n}(s)}{\kappa}$ . Find the curvature and torsion of  $\vec{\gamma}_1(s)$ . [10]
5. Suppose  $\vec{\gamma}(s)$  is a smooth unit speed space curve with non-vanishing curvature  $\kappa(s)$  and torsion  $\tau(s)$ . Let  $\frac{d^n \vec{\gamma}}{ds^n} = a_n(s)\vec{t}(s) + b_n(s)\vec{n}(s) + c_n(s)\vec{b}(s)$  for any positive integer  $n$  where  $\vec{t}, \vec{n}, \vec{b}$  are respectively unit tangent, principal normal and binormal vectors of  $\vec{\gamma}$ . Show that for any positive integer  $n$ , we have  $a_{n+1}(s) = \frac{da_n}{ds} - \kappa(s)b_n(s)$ ,  $b_{n+1}(s) = \frac{db_n}{ds} + \kappa(s)a_n(s) - \tau(s)c_n(s)$  and  $c_{n+1}(s) = \frac{dc_n}{ds} + \tau(s)b_n(s)$ . Hence find  $\frac{d^4 \vec{\gamma}}{ds^4}$  without evaluating  $\frac{d^n \vec{\gamma}}{ds^n}$  for  $n = 2, 3$ . [10]