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MATHEMATICS III (CHEMICAL)

2 hours

*Attempt all the questions. The allocation of marks is shown in brackets.
The paper is marked out of a total of 60 marks.*

- 1 (i) The temperature $T(x, y, z)$ of a gas in a reactor is given by the equation

$$T = x^2 - y^2 + xyz + 273.$$

Find the direction in which the temperature increases most rapidly at the point $(1, -2, 3)$.

What is the rate of the increase in temperature in this direction?

(2 marks)

- (ii) Find the directional derivative of the scalar field $q(x, y, z)$ which is given by

$$q = x^2z + xy$$

at the point $(-1, 2, 1)$ in the direction of the vector $\mathbf{a} = (2, -2, 1)$.

(3 marks)

- (iii) A force field $\mathbf{F}(x, y, z)$ is given by

$$\mathbf{F} = (3x^2yz - 3y, x^3z - 3x, x^3y + 2z).$$

- (a) Verify that $\nabla \times \mathbf{F} = \mathbf{0}$. *(2 marks)*

- (b) Find a scalar potential ϕ such that $\mathbf{F} = \nabla\phi$. *(5 marks)*

- (iv) (a) Compute the divergence of the vector field $\mathbf{h}(x, y, z) = (x^3, y^3, z^3)$. *(1 mark)*

- (b) The scalar field $\psi(x, y)$ is given by

$$\psi = x^3 - 3xy^2 + y^3.$$

Calculate $\nabla^2\psi$.

(2 marks)

- 2** (i) Find and classify the stationary points of the function

$$f(x, y) = 4x^2 + 4y^2 + x^4 - 6x^2y^2 + y^4.$$

(9 marks)

- (ii) The function $g(x, y)$ satisfies the differential equation

$$y \frac{\partial g}{\partial x} + x \frac{\partial g}{\partial y} = 0.$$

By changing to new variables, $u = x^2 - y^2$ and $v = 2xy$, show that g is, in fact, a function of $x^2 - y^2$ only. *(6 marks)*

- 3** (i) Write down the iteration formula for the Newton-Raphson method. Starting with an initial guess of $x_0 = 0.5$, use the Newton-Raphson method to solve the equation

$$\cos x = 2x,$$

correct to four decimal places. *(4 marks)*

- (ii) A periodic function, $f(t)$, with period 2π is defined by

$$f(t) = t \quad \text{for } 0 \leq t < 2\pi, \quad f(t) = f(t + 2\pi).$$

Sketch a graph of the function $f(t)$ for values of t from $t = -4\pi$ to $t = 4\pi$. *(2 marks)*

Obtain the Fourier series expansion for $f(t)$. *(9 marks)*

- 4** (i) Show that the partial differential equation

$$6 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} - \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x \partial t} - \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = 0$$

has solutions of the form $u(x, t) = f(x + 2t) + g(x - 3t)$, where f and g are arbitrary twice differentiable functions. *(4 marks)*

Given that for all x , u satisfies the conditions

$$u(x, 0) = x^2 - 1$$

and

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t}(x, 0) = 2x,$$

find the solution for u . *(11 marks)*

End of Question Paper

Formula Sheet

Fourier Series

Suppose that $f(x)$ is defined on the interval $-L \leq x \leq L$. The Fourier series for $f(x)$ is given by

$$f(x) = \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(a_n \cos \frac{n\pi x}{L} + b_n \sin \frac{n\pi x}{L} \right)$$

where

$$a_n = \frac{1}{L} \int_{-L}^L f(x) \cos \frac{n\pi x}{L} dx, \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots,$$

$$b_n = \frac{1}{L} \int_{-L}^L f(x) \sin \frac{n\pi x}{L} dx, \quad n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

On the interval $0 \leq x \leq L$ the Fourier cosine series for $f(x)$ is

$$f(x) = \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos \frac{n\pi x}{L}, \quad a_n = \frac{2}{L} \int_0^L f(x) \cos \frac{n\pi x}{L} dx$$

and the Fourier sine series is

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin \frac{n\pi x}{L}, \quad b_n = \frac{2}{L} \int_0^L f(x) \sin \frac{n\pi x}{L} dx$$

Gradient of a Scalar Field

The gradient of the scalar field $\phi(x, y, z)$ is given by

$$\nabla\phi = \text{grad } \phi = \left(\frac{\partial\phi}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial\phi}{\partial y}, \frac{\partial\phi}{\partial z} \right).$$

Chain Rule

- 1 If $z = f(x, y)$, where $x = x(t)$, $y = y(t)$, then

$$\frac{dz}{dt} = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \frac{dy}{dt}.$$

- 2 If $z = f(x, y)$, where $x = x(u, v)$, $y = y(u, v)$, then

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial u} = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial u} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial u}, \quad \frac{\partial z}{\partial v} = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial v} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial v}.$$

- 3 If $z = f(u, v)$, where $u = u(x, y)$, $v = v(x, y)$, then

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial z}{\partial u} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial v} \frac{\partial v}{\partial x}, \quad \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial z}{\partial u} \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial v} \frac{\partial v}{\partial y}.$$

Maxima and Minima

- 1 The function $f(x, y)$ has a stationary point at (x_0, y_0) if

$$f_x = f_y = 0 \quad \text{at } (x_0, y_0).$$

- 2 At (x_0, y_0) , the function $f(x, y)$ has:

- (i) a minimum if

$$f_{xx}f_{yy} - f_{xy}^2 > 0 \quad \text{and} \quad f_{xx} > 0 \quad \text{at } (x_0, y_0),$$

- (ii) a maximum if

$$f_{xx}f_{yy} - f_{xy}^2 > 0 \quad \text{and} \quad f_{xx} < 0 \quad \text{at } (x_0, y_0),$$

- (iii) a saddle point if

$$f_{xx}f_{yy} - f_{xy}^2 < 0 \quad \text{at } (x_0, y_0).$$