

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (B.Sc.)

Term-End Examination

December, 2013

PHYSICS

**PHE-04 : MATHEMATICAL METHODS IN
PHYSICS-I**

Time : 1½ hours

Maximum Marks : 25

B.Sc. EXAMINATION,

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**PHE-05 : MATHEMATICAL METHODS
IN PHYSICS-II**

Instructions :

1. Students registered for both **PHE-04** & **PHE-05** courses should answer both the question papers in two separate answer books entering their enrolment number, course code and course title clearly on both the answer books.
2. Students who have registered for **PHE-04** or **PHE-05** should answer the relevant question paper after entering their enrolment number, course code and course title on the answer book.

Note : Attempt *all* questions. The marks for each question are indicated against it. You *may* use log tables or calculators. Symbols have their usual meanings.

1. Attempt any three parts :

4x3=12

(a) Determine the volume of the parallelepiped

formed by $\vec{r}_1 = 2\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} - 5\hat{k}$,

$$\vec{r}_2 = \hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}, \quad \vec{r}_3 = \hat{i} + \hat{j}$$

(b) A particular electromagnetic field in free space is given by $E_x = 0$,

$E_y = E_0 \sin(kx + \omega t)$, $E_z = 0$, $B_x = 0$, $B_y = 0$,
 $B_z = -E_0 \sin(kx + \omega t)$. Obtain the relation between ω and k for which the following equation holds :

$$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E} = -\frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t}$$

(c) The position vector of a particle of mass m

is $\vec{r} = x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} + z\hat{k}$. Obtain its angular

momentum $\left(\vec{r} \times m\vec{V} \right)$ in cylindrical coordinates.

(d) Show that for a scalar field $\phi(x, y, z)$,

$$\vec{\nabla} \times (\vec{\nabla} \phi) = \vec{0}$$

(e) If $\vec{F} = xy\hat{i} - z\hat{j} + x^2\hat{k}$ and C is the curve

$$x = t^2, y = 2t, z = t^3 \text{ from } t = 0 \text{ to } t = 1,$$

evaluate the integral $\int_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r}$.

2. State Stoke's theorem and evaluate the integral 5

$\int_S \vec{A} \cdot d\vec{s}$ for $\vec{A} = (2x-y)\hat{i} - yz^2\hat{j} - y^2z\hat{k}$, where S is

the upper half surface of the sphere $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 1$.

OR

Use Green's theorem : 5

$$\oint_C Pdx + Qdy = \iint_R \left(\frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial P}{\partial y} \right) dx dy \text{ where } R$$

is a region in xy -plane bounded by a simple closed curve C , to evaluate

$$\oint_C [(y - \sin x)dx + \cos x dy], \text{ where } c \text{ is a}$$

triangle OAB such that the co-ordinates of O, A

and B are respectively $(0, 0)$, $\left(\frac{\pi}{2}, 0\right)$ and $\left(\frac{\pi}{2}, 1\right)$.

3. In an objective type examination, 10 questions are true-false type. Calculate the probability of guessing at least 8 correct answers. 3

OR

Let y designate the number of tails which appear when 3 coins are tossed. Calculate $E(y)$. 3

4. The Maxwell-Boltzmann distribution of velocity v , of particles each of mass m , is given by 5

$$f(v) = 4\pi \left(\frac{m}{2\pi k_B T} \right)^{3/2} v^2 \exp\left(-\frac{m v^2}{2k_B T} \right) ;$$

$0 \leq v \leq \infty$, where T is the temperature and k_B is the Boltzmann constant. Show that the mean

velocity, $\bar{v} = \sqrt{\frac{8k_B T}{m\pi}}$.

OR

The pressure of a gas corresponding to various volume V is measured, yielding the following data : 5

$V(\text{cm}^3)$	50	60	70	90	100
$p(\text{kg cm}^{-2})$	65	50	40	25	10

Fit the data to the equation $pV^\gamma = c$.

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