

**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (B.Sc.)
Term-End Examination**

June, 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 unit vector perpendicular to the plane formed by the two vectors :

$$\vec{a} = 2\hat{i} - \hat{k}, \vec{b} = 3\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$$

- (b) Obtain the components of acceleration in cylindrical coordinates for a particle moving in space.

- (c) Obtain the directional derivative of

$$V = \frac{k}{(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{1/2}} \text{ at the point}$$

(1, 2, 1) in the direction

$$\hat{n} = \left(\hat{i} + \hat{j} - 2\hat{k} \right) / \sqrt{6}$$

- (d) Determine the work done by the force

$\vec{F} = y^2 \times \hat{i} + xy \hat{j}$ in moving a particle along the curve $y^2 = 4x$ from (0, 0) to (1, 2).

- (e) Show that for a vector field \vec{A} ,

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \left(\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A} \right) = 0$$

2. State Gauss's divergence theorem and use it to **1+4**

evaluate $\iint_s \vec{F} \cdot \hat{n} \, ds$ for $\vec{F} = 2xz \hat{i} - z^2 \hat{j} + zx \hat{k}$

where s is the surface of a cube bounded by $x=0$, $x=1$, $y=0$, $y=1$, $z=0$ and $z=1$.

OR

Using stoke's theorem, prove Green's theorem in a plane. 5

$$\oint_C [P dx + Q dy] = \iint_R \left(\frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial P}{\partial y} \right) dx dy, \text{ where}$$

R is a region of the xy - plane bounded by a simple closed curve C.

3. Write down an expression for the binomial distribution function $b(x; n, p)$. Hence find mean and variance of a binomial random variable X. 4

OR

The number of bomb - hits recorded in each of the 550 small areas in a city are recorded below : 3+1

x_i	0	1	2	3	4
$f(x_i)$	224	206	88	30	2

Does it fit a poisson distribution ?

4. Determine the expectation value of x for the probability density function $f(x) = ax e^{-bx}, 0 < x < \infty$. 4

OR

The heat capacity of liquid sulphuric acid was measured at various temperatures yielding the following set of data : 4

X - Temp ($^{\circ}\text{C}$) :	50	100	150	200	250
Y - Heat capacity (in $\text{cal}/^{\circ}\text{C}$) :	0.38	0.39	0.41	0.43	0.45

Compute the correlation coefficient r_{XY} .