

# Vector Analysis

Previous year Questions from  
2016 to 1992

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2016

# 2016

1. Prove that the vector  $\vec{a} = 3\hat{i} + \hat{j} - 2\hat{k}, \vec{b} = -\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}, \vec{c} = 4\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} - 6\hat{k}$  can form the sides of a triangle find the length of the medians of the triangle **(10 marks)**
2. Find  $f(r)$  such that  $\nabla f = \frac{\vec{r}}{r^5}$  and  $f(1) = 0$  **(10 marks)**
3. Prove that  $\oint_C f d\vec{r} = \iint_S d\vec{S} \times \nabla f$  **(10 marks)**
4. For the cardioid  $r = a(1 + \cos \theta)$  show that the square of the radius of curvature at any point  $(r, \theta)$  is proportion to  $r$ . Also find the radius of curvature if  $\theta = 0, \frac{\pi}{4}, \frac{\pi}{2}$ . **(15 marks)**

# 2015

5. Find the angle between the surfaces  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - 9 = 0$  and  $z = x^2 + y^2 - 3$  at  $(2, -1, 2)$  **(10 Marks)**
6. A vector field is given by  $\vec{F} = (x^2 + xy^2)\hat{i} + (y^2 + x^2y)\hat{j}$ . Verify that the field is irrotational or not. Find the scalar potential. **(12 Marks)**
7. Evaluate  $\int_C e^{-x}(\sin y dx + \cos y dy)$ , where  $C$  is the rectangle with vertices  $(0,0), (\pi, 0), (\pi, \frac{\pi}{2}), (0, \frac{\pi}{2})$  **(12 Marks)**

# 2014

8. Find the curvature vector at any point of the curve  $\vec{r}(t) = t \cos t \hat{i} + t \sin t \hat{j}$ ,  $0 \leq t \leq 2\pi$ . Give its magnitude also. **(10 Marks)**
9. Evaluate by Stokes' theorem  $\int_{\Gamma} (y dx + z dy + x dz)$ , where  $\Gamma$  is the curve given by  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - 2ax - 2ay = 0$ ,  $x + y = 2a$  starting from  $(2a, 0, 0)$  and then going below the  $z$ -plane. **(20 Marks)**

# 2013

10. Show the curve  $\vec{x}(t) = t\hat{i} + \left(\frac{1+t}{t}\right)\hat{j} + \left(\frac{1-t^2}{t}\right)\hat{k}$  lies in a plane. **(10 Marks)**
11. Calculate  $\nabla^2(r^n)$  and find its expression in terms of  $r$  and  $n$ ,  $r$  being the distance of any point  $(x, y, z)$  from the origin,  $n$  being a constant and  $\nabla^2$  being the Laplace operator **(10 Marks)**
12. A curve in space is defined by the vector equation  $\vec{r} = t^2\hat{i} + 2t\hat{j} - t^3\hat{k}$ . Determine the angle between the tangents to this curve at the points  $t = +1$  and  $t = -1$  **(10 Marks)**
13. By using Divergence Theorem of Gauss, evaluate the surface integral  $\iint (a^2x^2 + b^2y^2 + c^2z^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} dS$ , where  $S$  is the surface of the ellipsoid  $ax^2 + by^2 + cz^2 = 1$ ,  $a, b$  and  $c$  being all positive constants. **(15 Marks)**

14. Use Stokes' theorem to evaluate the line integral  $\int_C (-y^3 dx + x^3 dy - z^3 dz)$ , where  $C$  is the intersection of the cylinder  $x^2 + y^2 = 1$  and the plane  $x + y + z = 1$  (15 Marks)

## 2012

15. If  $\vec{A} = x^2 yz \vec{i} - 2xz^3 \vec{j} + xz^2 \vec{k}$ ,  $\vec{B} = 2z \vec{i} + y \vec{j} - x^2 \vec{k}$  find the value of  $\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x \partial y} (\vec{A} + \vec{B})$  at  $(1, 0, -2)$  (12 Marks)
16. Derive the Frenet-Serret formulae. Define the curvature and torsion for a space curve. Compute them for the space curve  $x = t, y = t^2, z = \frac{2}{3}t^3$ . Show that the curvature and torsion are equal for this curve. (20 Marks)
17. Verify Green's theorem in the plane for  $\oint_C [xy + y^2 dx + x^2 dy]$  where  $C$  is the closed curve of the region bounded by  $y = x$  and  $y = x^2$  (20 Marks)
18. If  $\vec{F} = y \vec{i} + (x - 2xz) \vec{j} - xy \vec{k}$ , evaluate  $\iint_S (\nabla \times \vec{F}) \cdot \vec{n} d\vec{s}$  where  $S$  is the surface of the sphere  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = a^2$  above the  $xy$ -plane. (20 Marks)

## 2011

19. For two vectors  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$  give respectively by  $\vec{a} = 5t^2 \hat{i} + t \hat{j} - t^3 \hat{k}$  and  $\vec{b} = \sin 5t \hat{i} - \cos t \hat{j}$  determine: (i)  $\frac{d}{dt} (\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b})$  and (ii)  $\frac{d}{dt} (\vec{a} \times \vec{b})$  (10 Marks)
20. If  $u$  and  $v$  are two scalar fields and  $\vec{f}$  is a vector field, such that  $u \vec{f} = \text{grad } v$ , find the value of  $\vec{f} \text{curl } \vec{f}$  (10 Marks)
21. Examine whether the vectors  $\nabla u, \nabla v$  and  $\nabla w$  are coplanar, where  $u, v$  and  $w$  are the scalar functions defined by:  

$$u = x + y + z,$$

$$v = x^2 + y^2 + z^2$$
 and  $w = yz + zx + xy$  (15 Marks)
22. If  $\vec{u} = 4y \hat{i} + x \hat{j} + 2z \hat{k}$  calculate the double integral  $\iint (\nabla \times \vec{u}) \cdot d\vec{s}$  over the hemisphere given by  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = a^2, z \geq 0$  (15 Marks)
23. If  $\vec{r}$  be the position vector of a point, find the value(s) of  $n$  for which the vector  $r^n \vec{r}$  is (i) irrotational, (ii) solenoidal (15 Marks)
24. Verify Gauss' Divergence Theorem for the vector  $\vec{v} = x^2 \hat{i} + y^2 \hat{j} + z^2 \hat{k}$  taken over the cube  $0 \leq x, y, z \leq 1$ . (15 Marks)

# 2010

25. Find the directional derivative of  $f(x, y) = x^2y^3 + xy$  at the point  $(2, 1)$  in the direction of a unit vector which makes an angle or  $\frac{\pi}{3}$  with the x-axis. **(12 Marks)**
26. Show that the vector field defined by the vector function  $\vec{v} = xyz(\vec{i} + xy\vec{j} + xy\vec{k})$  is conservative. **(12 Marks)**
27. Prove that  $\text{div}(f\vec{V}) = f(\text{div}\vec{V}) + (\text{grad}.f)\vec{V}$  where  $f$  is a scalar function. **(20 Marks)**
28. Use the divergence theorem to evaluate  $\iint_S \vec{V} \cdot \vec{n} dA$  where  $\vec{V} = x^2z\vec{i} + y\vec{j} - xz^2\vec{k}$  and  $S$  is the boundary of the region bounded by the paraboloid  $z = x^2 + y^2$  and the plane  $z = 4y$ . **(20 Marks)**
29. Verify Green's theorem for  $e^{-x} \sin y dx + e^{-x} \cos y dy$  by the path of integration being the boundary of the square whose vertices are  $(0, 0)$ ,  $(\frac{\pi}{2}, 0)$ ,  $(\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2})$  and  $(0, \frac{\pi}{2})$ . **(20 Marks)**

# 2009

30. Show that  $\text{div}(\text{grad}r^n) = n(n+1)r^{n-2}$  where  $r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}$ . **(12 Marks)**
31. Find the directional derivative of (i)  $4xz^3 - 3x^2y^2z^2$  (ii)  $-x^2yz + 4xz^2$  at  $(2, -1, 2)$  along z-axis (i) at  $(2, -1, 2)$  along z-axis (ii)  $-x^2yz + 4xz^2$  at  $(1, -2, 1)$  in the direction of  $2\hat{i} - \hat{j} - 2\hat{k}$ . **(6+6=12 Marks)**
32. Find the work done in moving the particle once round the ellipse  $\frac{x^2}{25} + \frac{y^2}{16} = 1, z = 0$  under the field of force of given by  $\vec{F} = (2x - y + z)\hat{i} + (x + y - z^2)\hat{j} + (3x - 2y + 4z)\hat{k}$ . **(20 Marks)**
33. Using divergence theorem, evaluate  $\iint_S \vec{A} \cdot \vec{dS}$  where  $\vec{A} = x^3\hat{i} + y^3\hat{j} + z^3\hat{k}$  and  $S$  is the surface of the sphere  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = a^2$ . **(20 Marks)**
34. Find the value of  $\iint_S (\vec{V} \times \vec{f}) \cdot \vec{dS}$  taken over the upper portion of the surface  $x^2 + y^2 - 2ax + az = 0$  and the bounding curve lies in the plane  $z = 0$ , when  $\vec{F} = (y^2 + z^2 - x^2)\hat{i} + (z^2 + x^2 - y^2)\hat{j} + (x^2 + y^2 - z^2)\hat{k}$ . **(20 Marks)**

# 2008

35. Find the constants  $a$  and  $b$  so that the surface  $ax^2 - byz = (a+2)x$  will be orthogonal to the surface  $4x^2y + z^3 = 4$  at the point  $(1, -1, 2)$ . **(12 Marks)**
36. Show that  $\vec{F} = (2xy + z^3)\hat{i} + x^2\hat{j} + 3xz^2\hat{k}$  is a conservative force field. Find the scalar potential for  $\vec{F}$  and the work done in moving an object in this field from  $(1, -2, 1)$  to  $(3, 1, 4)$ . **(12 Marks)**
37. Prove that  $\nabla^2 f(x) = \frac{d^2 f}{dr^2} + \frac{2}{r} \frac{df}{dr}$  where  $r = (x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}$ . Hence find  $f(x)$  such that  $\nabla^2 f(r) = 0$ . **(15 Marks)**

38. Show that for the space curve  $x = t, y = t^2, z = \frac{2}{3}t^3$  the curvature and torsion are same at every point. (15 Marks)
39. Evaluate  $\int_c \vec{A} d\vec{r}$  along the curve  $x^2 + y^2 = 1, z = 1$  from  $(0,1,1)$  to  $(1,0,1)$  if  $\vec{A} = (yz + 2x)\hat{i} + xz\hat{j} + (xy + 2z)\hat{k}$ . (15 Marks)
40. Evaluate  $\iint_s \vec{F} \cdot \hat{n} ds$  where  $\vec{A} = (yz + 2x)\hat{i} + xz\hat{j} + (xy + 2z)\hat{k}$ ,  $\iint_s \vec{F} \cdot \hat{n} ds$  and S is the surface of the cylinder bounded by  $x^2 + y^2 = 4z = 0$  and  $z = 3$  (15 Marks)

## 2007

41. If  $\vec{r}$  denotes the position vector of a point and if  $\hat{r}$  be the unit vector in the direction of  $\vec{r}, r = |\vec{r}|$  determined  $\text{grad}(r^{-1})$  in terms of  $\hat{r}$  and  $r$ . (12 Marks)
42. Find the curvature and torsion at any point of the curve  $x = a \cos 2t, y = a \sin 2t, z = 2a \sin t$ . (12 Marks)
43. For any constant vector, show that the vector  $\vec{a}$  represented by  $\text{curl}(\vec{a} \times \vec{r})$  is always parallel to the vector  $\vec{a}, \vec{r}$  being the position vector of a point  $(x, y, z)$  measured from the origin. (15 Marks)
44. If  $\vec{r} = x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} + xz\hat{k}$  find the value(s) of  $n$  in order that  $r^n \vec{r}$  may be (i) solenoidal (ii) irrotational (15 Marks)
45. Determine  $\int_c (ydx + zdy + xdz)$  by using Stoke's theorem, where C is the curve defined by  $(x-a)^2 + (y-a)^2 + z^2 = 2a^2, x + y = 2a$  that starts from the point  $(2a, 0, 0)$  goes at first below the z-plane. (15 Marks)

## 2006

46. Find the values of constants a, b and c so that the directional derivative of the function  $f = axy^2 + byz + cz^2x^2$  at the point  $(1, 2, -1)$  has maximum magnitude 64 in the direction parallel to z-axis. (12 Marks)
47. If  $\vec{A} = 2\vec{i} + \vec{k}, \vec{B} = \vec{i} + \vec{j} + \vec{k}, \vec{C} = 4\vec{i} - 3\vec{j} - 7\vec{k}$  determine a vector  $\vec{R}$  satisfying the vector equation  $\vec{R} \times \vec{B} = \vec{C} \times \vec{B}$  &  $\vec{R} \cdot \vec{A} = 0$  (15 Marks)
48. Prove that  $r^n \vec{r}$  is an irrotational vector for any value of n but is solenoidal only if  $n + 3 = 0$  (15 Marks)
49. If the unit tangent vector  $\vec{t}$  and binormal  $\vec{b}$  make angles  $\phi$  and  $\psi$  respectively with a constant unit vector  $\vec{a}$  prove that  $\frac{\sin \theta}{\sin \phi} \cdot \frac{d\theta}{d\phi} = -\frac{k}{\tau}$ . (15 Marks)
50. Verify Stokes' theorem for the function  $\vec{F} = x^2\hat{i} - xy\hat{j}$  integrated round the square in the plane  $z = 0$  and bounded by the lines  $x = 0, y = 0, x = a$  and  $y = a, a > 0$ . (15 Marks)

# 2005

51. Show that the volume of the tetrahedron  $ABCD$  is  $\frac{1}{6}(\overline{AB} \times \overline{AC}) \cdot \overline{AD}$ . Hence find the volume of the tetrahedron with vertices  $(2, 2, 2), (2, 0, 0), (0, 2, 0)$  and  $(0, 0, 2)$  **(12 Marks)**
52. Prove that the curl of a vector field is independent of the choice of coordinates **(12 Marks)**
53. The parametric equation of a circular helix is  $r = a \cos u \hat{i} + a \sin u \hat{j} + cu \hat{k}$  where  $c$  is a constant and  $u$  is a parameter. Find the unit tangent vector  $\hat{t}$  at the point  $u$  and the arc length measured from  $u = 0$ . Also find  $\frac{d\hat{t}}{ds}$  where  $s$  is the arc length. **(15 Marks)**
54. Show that  $\text{curl}\left(k \times \text{grad} \frac{1}{r}\right) + \text{grad}\left(k \cdot \text{grad} \frac{1}{r}\right) = 0$  where  $r$  is the distance from the origin and  $k$  is the unit vector in the direction  $OZ$  **(15 Marks)**
55. Find the curvature and the torsion of the space curve **(15 Marks)**
56. Evaluate by Gauss divergence theorem, where  $S$  is the surface of the cylinder bounded by and **(15 Marks)**

# 2004

57. Show that if  $\overline{A}$  and  $\overline{B}$  are irrotational, then  $\overline{A} \times \overline{B}$  is solenoidal. **(12 Marks)**
58. Show that the Frenet-Serret formulae can be written in the form  $\frac{d\overline{T}}{ds} = \overline{\omega} \times \overline{T}, \frac{d\overline{N}}{ds} = \overline{\omega} \times \overline{N}$  &  $\frac{d\overline{B}}{ds} = \overline{\omega} \times \overline{B}$ , where  $\overline{\omega} = \tau \overline{T} + k \overline{B}$ . **(12 Marks)**
59. Prove the identity  $\nabla(\overline{A} \cdot \overline{B}) = (\overline{B} \cdot \nabla) \overline{A} + (\overline{A} \cdot \nabla) \overline{B} + \overline{B} \times (\nabla \times \overline{A}) + \overline{A} \times (\nabla \times \overline{B})$  **(15 Marks)**
60. Derive the identity  $\iiint_V (\phi \nabla^2 \psi - \psi \nabla^2 \phi) dV = \iint_S (\phi \nabla \psi - \psi \nabla \phi) \cdot \hat{n} dS$  where  $V$  is the volume bounded by the closed surface  $S$ . **(15 Marks)**
61. Verify Stokes' theorem for  $\hat{f} = (2x - y)\hat{i} - yz^2\hat{j} + z^2\hat{k}$  where  $S$  is the upper half surface of the sphere  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 1$  and  $C$  is its boundary. **(15 Marks)**

# 2003

62. Show that if  $a', b'$  and  $c'$  are the reciprocals of the non-coplanar vectors  $a, b$  and  $c$ , then any vector  $r$  may be expressed as  $r = (r \cdot a')a + (r \cdot b')b + (r \cdot c')c$ . **(12 Marks)**
63. Prove that the divergence of a vector field is invariant w.r. to co-ordinate transformations. **(12 Marks)**
64. Let the position vector of a particle moving on a plane curve be  $r(t)$ , where  $t$  is the time. Find the components of its acceleration along the radial and transverse directions. **(15 Marks)**
65. Prove the identity  $\nabla^2 A^2 = 2(A \cdot \nabla)A + 2A \times (\nabla \times A)$  where  $\nabla = \hat{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \hat{j} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + \hat{k} \frac{\partial}{\partial z}$  **(15 Marks)**
66. Find the radii of curvature and torsion at a point of intersection of the surface  $x^2 - y^2 = c^2, y = x \tanh\left(\frac{z}{c}\right)$ . **(15 Marks)**

67. Evaluate  $\int_S \text{curl } A \cdot ds$  where S is the open surface  $x^2 + y^2 - 4x + 4z = 0, z \geq 0$  and  
 $A = (y^2 + z^2 - x^2)\hat{i} + (2z^2 + x^2 - y^2)\hat{j} + (x^2 + y^2 - 3z^2)\hat{k}$ . (15 Marks)

## 2002

68. Let  $\bar{R}$  be the unit vector along the vector  $\bar{r}(t)$  Show that  $\bar{R} \times \frac{d\bar{R}}{dt} = \frac{\bar{r}}{r^2} \times \frac{d\bar{r}}{dt}$  where  $r = |\bar{r}|$  (12 Marks)
69. Find the curvature  $k$  for the space curve  $x = a \cos \theta, y = a \sin \theta, z = a\theta \tan \alpha$  (15 Marks)
70. Show that  $(\text{curl } \bar{v}) = \text{grad}(\text{div } \bar{v}) - \nabla^2 \bar{v}$ . (15 Marks)
71. Let D be a closed and bounded region having boundary S. Further, let f is a scalar function having second partial derivatives defined on it. Show that  $\iint_S (f \text{grad } f) \cdot \hat{n} ds = \iiint_V [|\text{grad } f|^2 + f \nabla^2 f] dv$  Hence  $\iint_S (f \text{grad } f) \cdot \hat{n} ds$  or otherwise evaluate for  $f = 2x + y + 2z$  over  $s = x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 4$  (15 Marks)
72. Find the values of constants a, b and c such that the maximum value of directional derivative of  $f = axy^2 + byz + cx^2z^2$  at  $(1, -1, 1)$  is in the direction parallel to y-axis and has magnitude 6. (15 Marks)

## 2001

73. Find the length of the arc of the twisted curve  $r = (3t, 3t^2, 2t^3)$  from the point  $t = 0$  to the point  $t = 1$   
 Find also the unit tangent t, unit normal n and the unit binormal b at  $t = 1$ . (12 Marks)
74. Show that  $\text{curl} \frac{a \times r}{r^3} = -\frac{a}{r^3} + \frac{3r}{r^5} (a \cdot r)$  where a is constant vector. (12 Marks)
75. Find the directional derivative of  $f = x^2yz^3$  along  $x = e^{-t}, y = 1 + 2 \sin t, z = t - \cos t$  at  $t = 0$  (15 Marks)
76. Show that the vector field defined by  $F = 2xyz^3i + x^2z^3j + 3x^2yz^2k$  is irrotational. Find also the scalar u such that  $F = \text{grad } u$  (15 Marks)
77. Verify Gauss' divergence theorem of  $A = (4x, -2y^2, z^2)$  taken over the region bounded by  $x^2 + y^2 = 4, z = 0$  and  $z = 3$ . (15 Marks)

## 2000

78. In what direction from the point  $(-1, 1, 1)$  is the directional derivative  $f = x^2yz^3$  of a maximum?  
 Compute its magnitude. (12 Marks)
79. Show that the covariant derivatives of the fundamental metric tensors  $g_{ij} \cdot g^{ij}, \delta^i_j$  Vanish  
 (ii) Show that simultaneity is relative in special relativity theory. (6+6=12 Marks)
80. Show that  
 (i)  $(A+B) \cdot (B+C) \times (C+A) = 2A \cdot B \times C$   
 (ii)  $\nabla \times (A \times B) = (B \cdot \nabla) A - B(\nabla \cdot A) - (A \cdot \nabla) B + A(\nabla \cdot B)$  (7+8=15 Marks)

81. Evaluate  $\iint_S F \cdot N ds$  where  $F = 2xyi + yz^2j + xzk$  and  $S$  is the surface of the parallelepiped bounded by  $x = 0, y = 0, z = 0, x = 2, y = 1$  and  $z = 3$  (15 Marks)
82. If  $g_{ij}$  and  $\gamma_{ij}$  are two metric tensors defined at a point and  $\left\{ \begin{smallmatrix} l \\ ij \end{smallmatrix} \right\}$  and  $\left[ \begin{smallmatrix} l \\ ij \end{smallmatrix} \right]$  are the corresponding Christoffel symbols of the second kind, then prove that  $\left\{ \begin{smallmatrix} l \\ ij \end{smallmatrix} \right\} - \left[ \begin{smallmatrix} l \\ ij \end{smallmatrix} \right]$  is a mixed tensor of the type  $A^l_{ij}$  (15 Marks)
83. Establish the formula  $E = mc^2$  the symbols have their usual meaning. (15 Marks)

## 1999

84. If  $\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}$  are the position vectors of  $A, B, C$  prove that  $\vec{a} \times \vec{b} + \vec{b} \times \vec{c} + \vec{c} \times \vec{a}$  is vector perpendicular to the plane  $ABC$  (20 Marks)
85. If  $\vec{f} = \nabla(x^3 + y^3 + z^3 - 3xyz)$  find  $\nabla \times \vec{f}$ . (20 Marks)
86. Evaluate  $\int_C (e^{-x} \sin y dx + e^{-x} \cos y dy)$  (by Green's theorem), where  $C$  is the rectangle whose vertices are  $(0,0), (\pi,0), (\pi, \frac{\pi}{2})$  and  $(0, \frac{\pi}{2})$  (20 Marks)

## 1998

87. If  $r_1$  and  $r_2$  are the vectors joining the fixed points  $A(x_1, y_1, z_1)$  and  $B(x_2, y_2, z_2)$  respectively to a variable point  $P(x, y, z)$  then the values of  $\text{grad}(r_1 \cdot r_2)$  and  $\text{curl}(r_1 \times r_2)$ . (20 Marks)
88. Show that  $(a \times b) \times c = a \times (a \times b)$  if either  $b = 0$  (or any other vector is 0) or  $c$  is collinear with  $a$  or  $b$  is orthogonal to  $a$  and  $c$  (both) (20 Marks)
89. Prove that  $\left\{ \begin{smallmatrix} i \\ ik \end{smallmatrix} \right\} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x_k} (\log \sqrt{g})$ . (20 Marks)

## 1997

90. Prove that if  $\vec{A}, \vec{B}$  and  $\vec{C}$  are three given non-coplanar vectors  $\vec{F}$  then any vector can be put in the form  $\vec{F} = \alpha \vec{B} \times \vec{C} + \beta \vec{C} \times \vec{A} + \gamma \vec{A} \times \vec{B}$  for given determine  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$ . (20 Marks)
91. Verify Gauss theorem for  $\vec{F} = 4x\hat{i} - 2y^2\hat{j} + z^2\hat{k}$  taken over the region bounded by  $x^2 + y^2 = 4, z = 0$  and  $z = 3$  (20 Marks)
92. Prove that the decomposition of a tensor into a symmetric and an anti-symmetric part is unique. Further show that the contracted product  $S_{ij}T_{ij}$  of a tensor  $T_{ij}$  with a symmetric tensor  $S_{ij}$  is independent of the anti-symmetric part of  $T_{ij}$ . (20 Marks)



# 1996

93. State and prove 'Quotient law' of tensors (20 Marks)
94. If  $x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} + z\hat{k}$  and  $r = |\vec{r}|$  show that  
(i)  $\vec{r} \times \text{grad}f(r) = 0$   
(ii)  $\text{div}(r^n \vec{r}) = (n+3)r^n$  (20 Marks)
95. Verify Gauss's divergence theorem for  $\vec{F} = xyx\hat{i} + z^2\hat{j} + 2yz\hat{k}$  on the tetrahedron  $x = y = z, x + y + z = 1$ . (20 Marks)

# 1995

96. Consider a physical entity that is specified by twenty-seven numbers  $A_{ijk}$  in given coordinate system. In the transition to another coordinate system of this kind. Let  $A_{ijk} B_{jkl}$  transform as a vector for any choice of the anti-symmetric tensor. Prove that the quantities  $A_{ijk} - A_{jik}$  are the components of a tensor  $B_{jkl}$  of third order. Is the component of tensor? Give reasons for your answer (20 Marks)
97. Let the region V be bounded by the smooth surface S and let n denote outward drawn unit normal vector at a point on S. If  $\phi$  is harmonic in V, show that  $\int_S \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial n} ds = 0$  (20 Marks)
98. In the vector field  $u(x)$  let there exist a surface  $\text{curl} u$  on which  $v = 0$ . Show that, at an arbitrary point of this surface  $\text{curl} u$  is tangential to the surface or vanishes. (20 Marks)

# 1994

99. Show that  $r^n \vec{r}$  is an irrotational vector for any value of n, but is solenoidal only if  $n = -3$ . (20 Marks)
100. If  $\vec{F} = y\hat{i} + (x - 2xz)\hat{j} - xy\hat{k}$  evaluate  $\iint_S (\Delta \times \vec{F}) \cdot \vec{n} ds$  Where S is the surface of the sphere  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = a^2$  above the xy plane. (20 Marks)
101. Prove that  $\left\{ \begin{matrix} i \\ ik \end{matrix} \right\} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (\log \sqrt{g})$ . (20 Marks)

# 1993

102. Prove that the angular velocity or rotation at any point is equal to one half of the curl of the velocity vector V. (20 Marks)
103. Evaluate  $\iint_S \Delta \times \vec{F} \cdot \vec{n} ds$  where S is the upper half surface of the unit sphere  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 1$  and  $\vec{F} = z\hat{i} + x\hat{j} + y\hat{k}$  (20 Marks)
104. Show that  $\frac{\partial A_p}{\partial x^q}$  is not a tensor even though  $A_p$  is a covariant tensor or rank one (20 Marks)

# 1992

105. If  $\vec{F}(x, y, z) = (y^2 + z^2)\vec{i} + (z^2 + x^2)\vec{j} + (x^2 + y^2)\vec{k}$  then calculate  $\int_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{x}$  where C consist of  
(i) The line segment from  $(0, 0, 0)$  to  $(1, 1, 1)$  (ii) the three line segments  $AB, BC$  and  $CD$  where  $A, B, C$  and  $D$  are respectively the points  $(0, 0, 0), (1, 0, 0), (1, 1, 0)$  and  $(1, 1, 1)$  (iii) the curve  $\vec{x} + u\vec{i} + u^2\vec{j} + u^2\vec{k}, u$  from 0 to 1. (20 Marks)
106. If  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$  are constant vectors, show that  
(i)  $\text{div}\{x \times (\vec{a} \times \vec{x})\} = -2\vec{x}\vec{a}$   
(ii)  $\text{div}\{x \times (\vec{a} \times \vec{x}) \times (\vec{b} \times \vec{x})\} = 2\vec{a}(\vec{b} \times \vec{x}) - 2\vec{b}(\vec{a} \times \vec{x})$  (20 Marks)
107. Obtain the formula  $\text{div}\vec{A} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{g}} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \left\{ \left( \frac{g}{g_{ij}} \right)^{1/2} A^i \right\}$  where  $A^i$  are physical components of  $\vec{A}$  and use it to derive expression of  $\text{div}\vec{A}$  in cylindrical polar coordinates (20 Marks)