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UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS 2023/2024

FIRST YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR DEGREE OF MASTERS OF
SCIENCE IN APPLIED MATHEMATICS

SMA 5138: RIEMANNIAH GEOMETRY

DATE: APRIL 2023

TIME: 3 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer any THREE questions.

QUESTION ONE (20 MARKS)

- Write the law of transformation for the tensor B_{ijk}^{mn} (4marks)
- Find the unit vectors e_r, e_θ, e_ϕ of spherical coordinates system in terms of i,j,k(8marks)
- Prove that a cylindrical coordinate system is orthogonal (8marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- Define the following terms;
 - Hausdorff space (1mark)
 - Symmetric tensor (2marks)
 - Skew symmetric tensor (2marks)
- Given that A_r^{pq} and B_r^{pq} are tensors show that their sum and difference are tensors (6marks)
- Express the velocity \vec{v} and acceleration \vec{a} of a particle in cylindrical coordinates (9marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- Express the vector $\vec{A} = 2yi - zj + 3xk$ in spherical coordinates and determine A_r, A_θ and A_ϕ . (8marks)



- b) Determine the square of the element of are length in spherical forms coordinate form (8marks)
- c) Prove that $\frac{d}{dt}(e_e) = \Phi e_\phi$ where the dot denotes differentiation w.r.t.t (4marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- a) Show that the velocity of a fluid at any point is a contravariant tensor of rank one (5marks)
- b) Prove that the contraction of the tensor A_q^p is invariant (scalar) (7marks)
- c) Given the tensors A_r^p and B_t^{qs} , prove that their inner product is a tensor of rank three (8marks)

QUESTION FIVE (20MARKS)

- a) A quantity $A(j,k,l,m)$ which is a function of coordinate x' transforms to another coordinate system x^{-l} according to the rule;

$$\bar{A}(p, q, r, s) = \frac{\partial x^j}{\partial x^{-p}} \frac{\partial x^{-q}}{\partial x^k} \frac{\partial x^{-r}}{\partial x^l} \frac{\partial x^{-s}}{\partial x^m} A(j, k, l, m)$$

- i. Determine whether the quantity is a tensor (5marks)
- ii. If the quantity is a tensor, write in suitable notation (2marks)
- iii. Give the contravariant, covariant order and rank (4marks)
- b) Given that a tensor A_{st}^{pqr} is skew symmetric with respect to indices p and q in one coordinate system, show that it remains skew symmetric with respect to p and q in any other coordinate system (3marks)
- c) Determine the metric tensor in cylindrical coordinates (6marks)

