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KIRIRI WOMENS' UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
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THIRD YEAR, FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION
FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE
(MATHEMATICS AND COMPUTER SCIENCE)
SPECIAL EXAMINATION

Date: 3rd August, 2022
Time: 11.30am – 1.30pm

KMA 311 - PARTIAL DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

ANSWER QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY) AND ANY OTHER TWO QUESTIONS

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- a) Define a real valued function in more than one independent variable. (4marks)
b) State the domain and range of the functions below; (6marks)

Function	Domain	Range
$z = \sqrt{y - x^2}$		
$z = \sin xy$		
$w = \frac{1}{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}$		

- c) Let $f(x, y) = x^2y + 3x^2y^2 - 5$. Find
i. $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}$
ii. $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2}$ (4marks)
- d) Describe the level surface of the function $f(x, y, z) = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}$ (5marks)
- e) The plane $x = 1$ intersects the paraboloid $z = x^2 + y^2$ in a parabola. Find the slope of the tangent to the paraboloid at $(1, 2, 5)$. (3marks)
- f) Given the following partial differential equations, state their linearity, order, dependent and independent variables;
i. $x^2 \frac{\partial^3 R}{\partial y^3} = y^3 \frac{\partial^2 R}{\partial x^2}$ (4marks)

ii. $\left(\frac{\partial z}{\partial u}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\partial z}{\partial v}\right)^2 = 1$ (4marks)

QUESTION TWO (20MARKS)

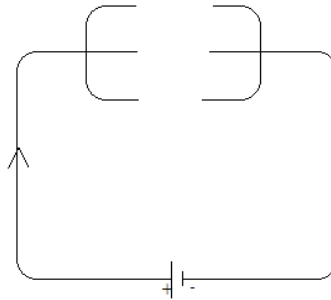
a) Let $f(x, y) = x^2 + 3xy + y - 1$. Find

i) $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}$

ii) $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}$ at the point (4,-5) (4marks)

b) The function $yz - \ln z = x + y$ defines z a function of the two independent variables x and y and given that the partial derivative exists, find $\frac{\partial z}{\partial x}$. (4marks)

c) The resistors of R_1 , R_2 and R_3 Ohms are connected in parallel to make an R-Ohm resistor, where the value of R can be found from the equation $\frac{1}{R} = \frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2} + \frac{1}{R_3}$.



Find the value of $\frac{\partial R}{\partial R_2}$ when $R_1 = 30$, $R_2 = 45$ and $R_3 = 90$ Ohms. (6marks)

d) i). State and describe the equation for Transverse Vibrations of a Beam. (3marks)

ii. Give the following characteristics of the equation; order, linearity and homogeneity. (3marks)

QUESTION THREE (20MARKS)

a) Show that $u(x, t) = e^{-8t} \sin 2x$ is a solution to the boundary-value problem $\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = 2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}$ given $u(0, t) = u(\pi, t) = 0$ and $u(x, 0) = \sin 2x$. (8marks)

b) Show that $V = F(y - 3y)$ where F is an arbitrary function is a general solution of the partial differential equation $\frac{\partial v}{\partial x} + 3 \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = 0$. (5marks)

Hence find the particular solution which satisfies the equation $v(0, y) = 4 \sin y$ (4marks)

- c) Solve the partial differential equation $t \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x \partial y} + 2 \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = x^2$ (3marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20MARKS)

- a) Solve the boundary-value problem $\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = 4 \frac{\partial u}{\partial y}$, $u(0, y) = 8e^{-3y}$ by the method of separation of variables. (10marks)

Further find $u(x, y)$ given that $u(0, y) = 8e^{-3y} + 4e^{-5y}$ (6marks)

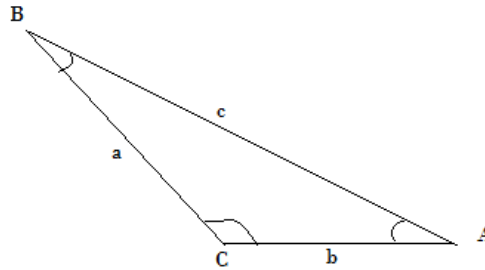
- b) Find $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{x^2 - xy}{\sqrt{x} - \sqrt{y}}$ (4marks)

QUESTION FIVE (20MARKS)

- a) Find $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2}$ if $f(x, y) = \frac{2y}{y + \cos x}$ (6marks)

- b) Find f_{xyz} if $f(x, y, z) = 1 - 2xy^2z + x^2y$ (4marks)

- c) Given the obtuse angle triangle ABC, express A implicitly as a function of a, b and c. Hence calculate $\frac{\partial A}{\partial a}$ (5marks)



- d) Solve the boundary value problem $\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = 4 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}$, $u(0, t) = 0$, $u(3, t) = 0$, $u(x, 0) = 10 \sin 2\pi x - 6 \sin 4\pi x$ (5marks)