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MATHEMATICS AND COMPUTER SCIENCE**

**AMA 4410: PARTIAL DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS 1**

END OF SEMESTER EXAMINATION

**SERIES: APRIL 2016**

**TIME: 2 HOURS**

**DATE: Pick Date May 2016**

**Instructions to Candidates**

You should have the following for this examination

-Answer Booklet, examination pass and student ID

This paper consists of **FIVE** questions. Attempt question ONE (Compulsory) and any other TWO questions.

**Do not write on the question paper. PAPER 2**

**QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)**

- a. Solve the linear PDE  $p + 3q = 5z + \tan(y - 3x)$  (5 marks)
- b. Derive a PDE by eliminating the arbitrary function  $\phi$  from the equation  $\phi(x^3 + y^3 + z^3, z^3 - 2x^2y^2) = 0$  (6 marks)
- c. Classify each of the following equations as elliptic, parabolic or hyperbolic
- i.  $u_{xx} + u_{yy} = 0$  (2marks)
- ii.  $u_{xx} + 3u_{xy} + 4u_{yy} + 5u_x - 2u_y + 4u = 2x - 3y$  (2marks)
- d. Find the general solution of  $r - 3s + 2t = e^{x+y}$  [7 Marks]
- e. Find the equation of the surface satisfying the equation  $4yzp + q + 2y = 0$  and passing through  $y^2 + z^2 = 1, x + z = 2$ . [8 marks]

### QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- a. Find the complete integral of  $2p_1x_1x_3 + p_2^2p_3 + 3p_2x_3^2 = 0$  using the Jacobi's method. (10 marks)
- b. Use Charpit's method to find the complete integral of  $xp + q = p^2$  (10 marks)

### QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- a. Derive a PDE by eliminating the arbitrary constants  $a$  and  $b$  from  $z = ax^2 + by^2 + ab$ . (5 marks)
- b. A string of length  $L$  is stretched between points  $(0,0)$  and  $(L,0)$  on the  $x$  axis. At time  $t = 0$  it has a shape given by  $f(x)$ ,  $0 \leq x \leq L$  and it is released from rest. Find the displacement of the string at any latter time. (15 marks)

### QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- a. Solve the heat conduction equation  $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} = \frac{1}{k} \frac{\partial u}{\partial t}$ ,  $k = \text{constant}$  subject to the following boundary conditions:  $\begin{cases} u(x,0) = f(x), & 0 \leq x \leq L \\ \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \Big|_{x=0} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \Big|_{x=L} = 0, & t \geq 0 \end{cases}$  [12 Marks]
- b. Solve  $(D_x^2 - D_x D_y - 2D_y^2 + 3D_x + 2)z = 0$  [8 Marks]

### QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

- a. Show that the orthogonal trajectories on the hyperboloid  $x^2 + y^2 - z^2 = 1$  of a conic in which it is cut by the system of planes  $x + y = c$  are the curves of intersection with the family of surfaces  $(x - y)z = k$  where  $k$  is a parameter. (13marks)

Find the integral curves of the equations  $\frac{dx}{x^2 - y^2 - z^2} = \frac{dy}{2xy} = \frac{dz}{2xz}$  (7 marks)