

# IAS MATHEMATICS (OPT.)-2009

## PAPER - I : SOLUTIONS

1(a) Find a Hermitian and a skew-Hermitian matrix each whose sum is the matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} 2i & 3 & -1 \\ 1 & 2+3i & 2 \\ -i+1 & 4 & 5i \end{bmatrix}$

Sol<sup>n</sup>: Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2i & 3 & -1 \\ 1 & 2+3i & 2 \\ -i+1 & 4 & 5i \end{bmatrix}$

then  $A+A^{\theta}$  is Hermitian and  
 $A-A^{\theta}$  is skew-Hermitian.

$\therefore \frac{1}{2}(A+A^{\theta})$  is Hermitian and  
 $\frac{1}{2}(A-A^{\theta})$  is skew-Hermitian.

Given that  $A = \frac{1}{2}(A+A^{\theta}) + \frac{1}{2}(A-A^{\theta})$

$P+Q$  (say)

where  $P$  is Hermitian and  
 $Q$  is skew-Hermitian.

To find  $P$  and  $Q$ :

Now  $A^{\theta} = (\bar{A})^T$   

$$= \begin{bmatrix} -2i & 3 & -1 \\ 1 & 2-3i & 2 \\ i+1 & 4 & -5i \end{bmatrix}^T$$
  

$$= \begin{bmatrix} -2i & 1 & i+1 \\ 3 & 2-3i & 4 \\ -1 & 2 & -5i \end{bmatrix}$$

we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 P &= \frac{1}{2} (A + A^{\theta}) \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \left( \begin{bmatrix} 2i & 3 & -1 \\ 1 & 2+3i & 2 \\ -i+1 & 4 & 5i \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} -2i & 1 & i+1 \\ 3 & 2-3i & 4 \\ -1 & 2 & -5i \end{bmatrix} \right) \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 4 & 2 \\ 4 & 4 & 6 \\ -2 & 6 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 & i/2 \\ 2 & 2 & 3 \\ -i/2 & 3 & 0 \end{bmatrix}
 \end{aligned}$$

now we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 Q &= \frac{1}{2} \left( \begin{bmatrix} 2i & 3 & -1 \\ 1 & 2+3i & 2 \\ -i+1 & 4 & 5i \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} -2i & 1 & i+1 \\ 3 & 2-3i & 4 \\ -1 & 2 & -5i \end{bmatrix} \right) \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 4i & 2 & -i-2 \\ -2 & 6i & -2 \\ -i+2 & 2 & 10i \end{bmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{bmatrix} 2i & 1 & \frac{-i-2}{2} \\ -1 & 3i & -1 \\ \frac{-i+2}{2} & 1 & 5i \end{bmatrix}
 \end{aligned}$$

∴ The required Hermitian and skew-

Hermitian matrices are  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 & i/2 \\ 2 & 2 & 3 \\ -i/2 & 3 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  and

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2i & 1 & \frac{-i-2}{2} \\ -1 & 3i & -1 \\ \frac{-i+2}{2} & 1 & 5i \end{bmatrix} \text{ respectively.}$$

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 1(b) → 2. prove that the set  $V$  of the vectors  $(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4)$  in  $\mathbb{R}^4$  which satisfy the equations  $x_1 + x_2 + 2x_3 + x_4 = 0$  and  $2x_1 + 3x_2 - x_3 + x_4 = 0$ , is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^4$ . what is the dimension of this subspace? find one of its bases.

Sol. Let  $\mathbb{R}^4 = \{(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) / x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4 \in \mathbb{R}\}$  be the given vectorspace.  
 Let  $V = \left\{ (x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) \in \mathbb{R}^4 / \begin{array}{l} x_1 + x_2 + 2x_3 + x_4 = 0 \\ 2x_1 + 3x_2 - x_3 + x_4 = 0 \\ x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4 \in \mathbb{R} \end{array} \right\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^4$ .

$$\text{Since } (0, 0, 0, 0) \in \mathbb{R}^4; \quad 0 + 0 + 2(0) + 0 = 0 \text{ and } 2(0) + 3(0) - 0 + 0 = 0$$

$$\therefore (0, 0, 0, 0) \in V$$

$\therefore V$  is non-empty subset of  $\mathbb{R}^4$ .

$$\text{Let } \alpha = (x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4)$$

$$\beta = (y_1, y_2, y_3, y_4) \in V \text{ then } \begin{array}{l} x_1 + x_2 + 2x_3 + x_4 = 0 \\ 2x_1 + 3x_2 - x_3 + x_4 = 0 \\ y_1 + y_2 + 2y_3 + y_4 = 0 \\ 2y_1 + 3y_2 - y_3 + y_4 = 0 \end{array}$$

Let  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$  then we have

$$a\alpha + b\beta = (ax_1 + by_1, ax_2 + by_2, ax_3 + by_3, ax_4 + by_4)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Since } (ax_1 + by_1) + (ax_2 + by_2) + 2(ax_3 + by_3) + (ax_4 + by_4) &= a(x_1 + x_2 + 2x_3 + x_4) + b(y_1 + y_2 + 2y_3 + y_4) \\ &= a(0) + b(0) \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{and } 2(ax_1 + by_1) + 3(ax_2 + by_2) - (ax_3 + by_3) + (ax_4 + by_4) &= a(2x_1 + 3x_2 - x_3 + x_4) + b(2y_1 + 3y_2 - y_3 + y_4) \\ &= a(0) + b(0) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Since the number of elements in a basis 's' is 2.

$$\therefore \boxed{\dim V = 2}$$



2009 (e). 2009 3-Dimensional Geometry, Paper-I, IAS  
 1(e) A line drawn through a variable point on the ellipse  $\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1, z=0$  to meet two fixed lines  $y=mx, z=c$  and  $y=-mx, z=-c$ . Find the locus of the line.

Soln: The given lines are  
 $y-mx=0, z-c=0$  — (1)  
 $y+mx=0, z+c=0$  — (2)  
 and the ellipse is

$$\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1 ; z=0 \text{ — (3)}$$

Any line intersecting (1) & (2) is

$$\left. \begin{aligned} y-mx+k_1(z-c) &= 0 \\ y+mx+k_2(z+c) &= 0 \end{aligned} \right\} \text{ — (4)}$$

If it meets the ellipse (3), we have to eliminate  $x, y, z$  from (3) & (4).

③ putting  $z=0$  in (4), we get

$$\begin{aligned} y-mx+k_1(-c) &= 0 \\ y+mx+k_2(c) &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Solving:

$$\frac{y}{-mk_2c+mk_1c} = \frac{x}{-ck_1-ck_2} = \frac{1}{m+m}$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{-(k_1+k_2)}{2m} ; y = \frac{c(k_1-k_2)}{2}$$

putting these values of  $x, y$  in (3) we get

$$\frac{c^2(k_1+k_2)^2}{4a^2m^2} + \frac{c^2(k_1-k_2)^2}{4b^2} = 1.$$

$$\Rightarrow b^2c^2(k_1+k_2)^2 + a^2c^2(k_1-k_2)^2 = 4a^2b^2m^2$$

$$\Rightarrow b^2c^2 \left[ \frac{mx-y}{z-c} + \frac{(mx-y)}{z+c} \right]^2 + c^2m^2a^2 \left[ \frac{mx-y}{z-c} + \frac{mx+y}{z+c} \right]^2 = 4a^2b^2m^2$$

$$\Rightarrow b^2c^2 \left[ \frac{(z+c)(mx-y) - (mx+y)(z-c)}{z^2-c^2} \right]^2 + c^2a^2m^2 \left[ \frac{(mx-y)(z+c) + (mx+y)(z-c)}{z^2-c^2} \right]^2 = 4a^2b^2m^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{b^2c^2}{(z^2-c^2)^2} [mx^2 - y^2 + cmx - yc - mxz + mac - yz + yc]^2 + \frac{c^2a^2m^2}{(z^2-c^2)^2} [mx^2 - y^2 + mac - yc + mxz - mac + yz - yc]^2 = 4a^2b^2m^2$$

$$\Rightarrow b^2c^2 (2mx^2 - 2yz) + c^2a^2m^2 [2mx^2 - 2yc] = 4a^2b^2m^2 (z^2 - c^2)$$

$$\Rightarrow 4b^2c^2 (mx^2 - yz) + 4c^2a^2m^2 (mx^2 - yc) = 4a^2b^2m^2 (z^2 - c^2)$$

$$\Rightarrow b^2c^2 (mx^2 - yz) + c^2a^2m^2 (mx^2 - yc) = a^2b^2m^2 (z^2 - c^2)$$

which is the required locus.

→ 4(f) Find the equation of the sphere having its centre on the plane  $4x - 5y - z = 3$ , and passing through the circle  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - 12x - 3y + 4z + 8 = 0$   
 $3x + 4y - 5z + 3 = 0.$



→ Q(1) Find the equation of the sphere having its centre on the plane  $4x - 5y - z = 3$ , and passing through the circle  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - 12x - 3y + 4z + 8 = 0$   
 $3x + 4y - 5z + 3 = 0$ .

Sol<sup>n</sup>: The given circle is

$$x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - 12x - 3y + 4z + 8 = 0$$

$$3x + 4y - 5z + 3 = 0.$$

Any sphere through the circle is

$$x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - 12x - 3y + 4z + 8 + \lambda(3x + 4y - 5z + 3) = 0 \quad \text{①}$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 + y^2 + z^2 + x(12 + 3\lambda) + y(-3 + 4\lambda) + z(4 - 5\lambda) + 8 + 3\lambda = 0$$

$$\text{Its centre is } \left( \frac{12 + 3\lambda}{2}, \frac{-3 + 4\lambda}{2}, \frac{5\lambda - 4}{2} \right)$$

Since it lies on the plane  $4x - 5y - z = 3$

$$\Rightarrow 4\left(\frac{12 + 3\lambda}{2}\right) - 5\left(\frac{-3 + 4\lambda}{2}\right) - \left(\frac{5\lambda - 4}{2}\right) = 3$$

$$\Rightarrow 48 - 12\lambda - 15 + 20\lambda - 5\lambda + 4 = 6$$

$$\Rightarrow 3\lambda = -31$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\lambda = -\frac{31}{3}}$$

$\therefore$  putting the value of  $\lambda$  in ①, we get-

$$x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - 12x - 3y + 4z + 8 - \frac{31}{3}(3x + 4y - 5z + 3) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 3(x^2 + y^2 + z^2) - 36x - 9y + 12z + 24 - 93x - 124y + 155z - 93 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 3(x^2 + y^2 + z^2) - 129x - 133y + 167z - 69 = 0.$$

which is the required equation of the sphere.

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2(a)

Let  $B = \{(1, 1, 0), (1, 0, 1), (0, 1, 1)\}$  and  $B' = \{(2, 1, 1), (1, 2, 1), (-1, 1, 1)\}$  be the two ordered bases of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . Then find a matrix representing the linear transformation  $T: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  which transforms  $B$  into  $B'$ . Use this matrix representation to find  $T(\bar{x})$ , where  $\bar{x} = (2, 3, 1)$ .

sol Let  $T: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  be the given linear transformation.

Let  $B = \{(1, 1, 0), (1, 0, 1), (0, 1, 1)\}$  and

$B' = \{(2, 1, 1), (1, 2, 1), (-1, 1, 1)\}$  be two

ordered bases of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

then we have

$$T(1, 1, 0) = (2, 1, 1)$$

$$T(1, 0, 1) = (1, 2, 1)$$

$$T(0, 1, 1) = (-1, 1, 1)$$

(A)

Since  $B'$  is the basis of  $\mathbb{R}^3$

let  $(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3$  then

$$(x, y, z) = a(2, 1, 1) + b(1, 2, 1) + c(-1, 1, 1) \quad \text{--- (B)}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2a + b - c = x \quad \text{--- (i)}$$

$$a + 2b + c = y \quad \text{--- (ii)}$$

$$a + b + c = z \quad \text{--- (iii)}$$



from (ii) & (ii),

$$\boxed{b = y - 2}$$

from (i) & (ii), we have

$$3a + 3b = x + y$$

$$\Rightarrow a = \frac{x+y}{3} - (y-2)$$

$$\boxed{a = \frac{x - 2y + 3z}{3}}$$

from (iii)

$$a + b + c = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow c = -(a + b)$$

$$= -\left[\frac{x - 2y + 3z}{3} + y - 2\right]$$

$$\boxed{c = -\left[\frac{x + y}{3}\right]}$$

$\therefore$  from (B),

$$\begin{aligned} (x, y, z) &= \left(\frac{x - 2y + 3z}{3}\right)(2, 1, 1) + (y - 2)(1, 2, 1) \\ &\quad + \left(\frac{x + y}{3}\right)(-1, 1, 1) \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore$  from (A),

$$\begin{aligned} T(1, 1, 0) &= \frac{2-2+3}{3}(2, 1, 1) + 0(1, 2, 1) + \left(\frac{2+1}{3}\right)(-1, 1, 1) \\ &= 1(2, 1, 1) + 0(1, 2, 1) + 1(-1, 1, 1) \quad \text{(i)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} T(1, 0, 1) &= \left(\frac{1-4+3}{3}\right)(2, 1, 1) + (2-1)(1, 2, 1) + \left(\frac{1+3}{3}\right)(-1, 1, 1) \\ &= 0(2, 1, 1) + 1(1, 2, 1) + \frac{4}{3}(-1, 1, 1) \quad \text{(ii)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} T(0, 1, 1) &= \frac{-1-2+3}{3}(2, 1, 1) + (1-1)(1, 2, 1) + \left(-\frac{1+1}{3}\right)(-1, 1, 1) \\ &= 0(2, 1, 1) + 0(1, 2, 1) + 0(-1, 1, 1) \quad \text{(iii)} \end{aligned}$$

Now the matrix of linear transformation

$$T: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$$

$$[T: B, B'] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 4/3 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$



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To find linear transformation  $T: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  explicitly by using this matrix:

Since  $\alpha$  is the basis of  $\mathbb{R}^3$  &

let  $\beta = (p, q, r) \in \mathbb{R}^3 : p, q, r \in \mathbb{R}$

then we have

$$(p, q, r) = x(1, 1, 0) + y(1, 0, 1) + z(0, 1, 1) \quad \text{--- (D)}$$

$$\Rightarrow x + y = p$$

$$x + z = q$$

$$y + z = r$$

After solving these equations, we get

$$x = \frac{q - r + p}{2}, \quad y = \frac{p - q + r}{2}, \quad z = \frac{q + r - p}{2}$$

$\therefore$  from (D),

$$(p, q, r) = \frac{p + q - r}{2}(1, 1, 0) + \frac{p - q + r}{2}(1, 0, 1) + \frac{-p + q + r}{2}(0, 1, 1)$$

$$\Rightarrow T(p, q, r) = \frac{p + q - r}{2} T(1, 1, 0) + \frac{p - q + r}{2} T(1, 0, 1) + \frac{-p + q + r}{2} T(0, 1, 1) \quad (\because T \text{ is LT})$$

$$= \frac{p + q - r}{2} (2, 1, 1) + \frac{p - q + r}{2} (1, 2, 1) + \frac{-p + q + r}{2} (-1, 1, 1)$$

$$T(p, q, r) = \left( \frac{4p - 2r}{2}, \frac{2p + 2r}{2}, \frac{p + q + r}{2} \right)$$

To find  $T(\bar{\alpha})$ : where  $\bar{\alpha} = (2, 3, 1)$ .

$$\therefore T(2, 3, 1) = \left( \frac{4(2) - 2(1)}{2}, \frac{2(2) + 2(1)}{2}, \frac{2 + 3 + 1}{2} \right)$$

$$= \underline{\underline{(1, 2, 3)}}.$$

2017 (4)  
2009 Let  $L: \mathbb{R}^4 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  be a linear transformation defined by

3(a)

$$L(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) = (x_3 + x_4 - x_1 - x_2, x_3 - x_2, x_4 - x_1).$$

Then find the rank and nullity of  $L$ .  
Also, determine null space and range space of  $L$ .

Sol<sup>n</sup>: Given that  $L: \mathbb{R}^4 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  is a linear transformation such that

$$L(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) = (x_3 + x_4 - x_1 - x_2, x_3 - x_2, x_4 - x_1).$$

Range space of  $L = \{ \rho \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid \rho = L(x) \text{ for } x \in \mathbb{R}^4 \}$

$\therefore$  The range space consists of all vectors of the type  $(x_3 + x_4 - x_1 - x_2, x_3 - x_2, x_4 - x_1)$  for all  $(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) \in \mathbb{R}^4$ .

$$\therefore R(L) = \{ (x_3 + x_4 - x_1 - x_2, x_3 - x_2, x_4 - x_1) \mid x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4 \in \mathbb{R} \}.$$

Let  $\rho = (x_3 + x_4 - x_1 - x_2, x_3 - x_2, x_4 - x_1) \in R(L)$

$$\text{Then } \rho = x_3(1, 1, 0) + x_4(1, 0, 1) + x_1(-1, 0, -1) + x_2(-1, -1, 0).$$

$\in L(S)$  (Linear span of  $S$ ).

$$\text{where } S = \left\{ (1, 1, 0), (1, 0, 1), (-1, 0, -1), (-1, -1, 0) \right\} \subseteq R(L).$$

$$\therefore \rho \in R(L) \Rightarrow \rho \in L(S).$$

$$\therefore R(L) \subseteq L(S).$$

$$\text{Since } S \subseteq R(L)$$

$$\Rightarrow L(S) \subseteq R(L).$$



$\therefore$  from (2) and (3), we have

$$L(S) = R(L).$$

i.e.  $S$  spans  $R(L)$ .

Now we construct a matrix, whose rows are vectors of the subset  $S'$  of  $R(L)$ , and convert into echelon form by using E-row transformations.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}_{4 \times 3} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{array}{l} R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - R_1 \\ R_3 \rightarrow R_3 + R_1 \\ R_4 \rightarrow R_4 + R_1 \end{array}$$

$$\sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{array}{l} R_3 \rightarrow R_3 + R_2 \end{array}$$

clearly which is in echelon form, and the number of non-zero rows of echelon form is 2.

$\therefore$  the set  $\{(1, 1, 0), (1, 0, 1)\}$  forms a basis of  $R(L)$ , and the number of elements of  $S' = 2$ .

$$\therefore \dim(R(L)) = 2.$$

$$\text{rank of } L = \rho(L) = 2.$$

We know that  $\text{rank of } L + \text{nullity of } L = \dim R^4$

$$\Rightarrow 2 + \text{nullity of } L = 4$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\text{nullity of } L = 2}$$

Now we find nullspace of  $L$ !

Null space of  $L = N(L)$

$$= \left\{ x \in \mathbb{R}^4 \mid T(x) = (0, 0, 0) \text{ s.t. } \mathbb{R}^3 \right\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^4.$$

Let  $x \in N(L)$

$$\text{i.e. } (x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) \in N(L)$$

$$\Rightarrow T(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) = (0, 0, 0)$$

$$\Rightarrow (x_3 + x_4 - x_1 - x_2, x_3 - x_2, x_4 - x_1) = (0, 0, 0)$$

$$\Rightarrow \left. \begin{aligned} x_3 + x_4 - x_1 - x_2 &= 0 \quad \text{--- (i)} \\ x_3 - x_2 &= 0 \quad \text{--- (ii)} \\ x_4 - x_1 &= 0 \quad \text{--- (iii)} \end{aligned} \right\}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\begin{aligned} x_3 &= x_2 \\ x_4 &= x_1 \end{aligned}}$$

$$\therefore N(L) = \left\{ (x_1, x_2, x_2, x_1) \mid x_1, x_2 \in \mathbb{R} \right\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^4.$$

clearly which is the required nullspace of  $L$ .



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20M  
2009-10  
Let  $f: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be defined as

3(b)

$$f(x, y) = \begin{cases} \frac{xy}{\sqrt{x^2+y^2}}, & \text{if } (x, y) \neq (0, 0) \\ 0, & \text{if } (x, y) = (0, 0). \end{cases}$$

Is  $f$  continuous at  $(0, 0)$ ? Compute partial derivatives of  $f$  at any point  $(x, y)$ , if exist.

Soln:

Given that

$$f(x, y) = \begin{cases} \frac{xy}{\sqrt{x^2+y^2}}, & \text{if } (x, y) \neq (0, 0) \\ 0, & \text{if } (x, y) = (0, 0). \end{cases}$$

Let  $\epsilon > 0$  be given

Now we have

$$|f(x, y) - f(0, 0)| = \left| \frac{xy}{\sqrt{x^2+y^2}} - 0 \right|$$

$$= \left| \frac{xy}{\sqrt{x^2+y^2}} \right|$$

$$= |xy| \left| \frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2+y^2}} \right|$$

$$= |xy| \frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2+y^2}}$$

$$= \left| \frac{xy}{x^2+y^2} \right| \sqrt{x^2+y^2}$$

$$\leq \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{x^2+y^2} \quad \left( \because 2|xy| \leq x^2+y^2 \right)$$

$$< \sqrt{x^2+y^2}$$

$$< \epsilon \quad \text{whenever } x^2+y^2 < \epsilon^2 \quad (\text{choosing})$$

$\therefore |f(x, y) - f(0, 0)| < \epsilon$  whenever  $x^2 + y^2 < \delta$   
 $\therefore f(x, y)$  is continuous at  $(0, 0)$ .

Now

$$\begin{aligned} f_x(0, 0) &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(0+h, 0) - f(0, 0)}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{h(0)}{\sqrt{h^2+0}} - 0}{h} \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{and } f_y(0, 0) &= \lim_{k \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(0, 0+k) - f(0, 0)}{k} \\ &= \lim_{k \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{0(k)}{\sqrt{0+k^2}} - 0}{k} \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore f$  possesses partial derivatives at  $(0, 0)$ .

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## IAS/IFoS MATHEMATICS (Opt.) BY K. VENKANNA

2009 4(c) → Prove that the normals from the point  $(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$  to the paraboloid  $\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 2z$  lie on the cone.

$$\frac{\alpha}{x-\alpha} + \frac{\beta}{y-\beta} + \frac{\alpha^2 - b^2}{z-\gamma} = 0.$$

Sol'n:- The given paraboloid is  $\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 2z$  ——— (1)

Let any line through  $(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$  be

$$\frac{x-\alpha}{l} = \frac{y-\beta}{m} = \frac{z-\gamma}{n} \quad \text{————— (2)}$$

be the normal at  $(x_1, y_1, z_1)$  to (1).

The equation of the tangent plane at  $(x_1, y_1, z_1)$  to (1) is

$$\frac{xx_1}{a^2} + \frac{yy_1}{b^2} - (z + z_1) = 0 \quad \text{————— (3)}$$

Since (2) is normal to (3)  $\therefore$  it is  $\parallel$  to the normal to (3)

$$\therefore \frac{l}{\frac{x_1}{a^2}} = \frac{m}{\frac{y_1}{b^2}} = \frac{n}{-1} = k \text{ (say)} \quad \text{————— (4)}$$

Again if the normal at  $(x_1, y_1, z_1)$  to (1) passes through  $(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$  then  $x_1 = \frac{a^2 \alpha}{a^2 + \lambda}$ ,  $y_1 = \frac{b^2 \beta}{b^2 + \lambda}$ ,  $z_1 = \gamma + \lambda$  ——— (5)

$$\text{from (4), } l = k \frac{x_1}{a^2} = \frac{k}{a^2} \cdot \frac{a^2 \alpha}{a^2 + \lambda} = \frac{k \alpha}{a^2 + \lambda} \text{ [using (5)]}$$

$$\text{or } a^2 + \lambda = \frac{k \alpha}{l} \quad \text{————— (6)}$$

$$m = k \frac{y_1}{b^2} = \frac{k}{b^2} \cdot \frac{b^2 \beta}{b^2 + \lambda} = \frac{k \beta}{b^2 + \lambda} \text{ (or) } b^2 + \lambda = \frac{k \beta}{m} \quad \text{————— (7)}$$

$$n = -k \quad \text{————— (8)}$$

Subtracting (7) from (6), we get

$$\begin{aligned} a^2 - b^2 &= k \left( \frac{\alpha}{l} - \frac{\beta}{m} \right) \\ &= -n \left( \frac{\alpha}{l} - \frac{\beta}{m} \right) \quad \text{————— (9)} \\ &\quad \text{(using 8)} \end{aligned}$$

To find the locus, we have to eliminate  $l, m, n$  from (2) and (9). Putting the value of  $l, m, n$  from (2) in (9), we have

$$a^2 - b^2 = -(z-r) \left( \frac{\alpha}{x-\alpha} - \frac{\beta}{y-\beta} \right)$$

$$\textcircled{1} \text{ (or) } \frac{a^2 - b^2}{z-r} = -\frac{\alpha}{x-\alpha} + \frac{\beta}{y-\beta}$$

$$\text{or) } \frac{\alpha}{x-\alpha} - \frac{\beta}{y-\beta} + \frac{a^2 - b^2}{z-r} = 0$$

which is the required result.



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