

1. If the equation  $ax^2 + 2hxy + by^2 + 2gx + 2fy + c = 0$  represents two intersecting straight lines, show that the square of the distance of the point of intersection of the straight lines to the origin is  $\frac{c(a+b) - f^2 - g^2}{ab - h^2}$ .
2. If the equation  $ax^2 + 2hxy + by^2 + 2gx + 2fy + c = 0$  represents two straight lines equidistant from the origin, show that  $f^4 - g^4 = c(bf^2 - ag^2)$ .
3. If the pair of straight lines joining the origin to the points of intersection of the ellipse  $\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1$  and the straight line  $lx + my + n = 0$  are perpendicular to each other then show that  $\frac{a^2 + b^2}{l^2 + m^2} = \frac{a^2 b^2}{n^2}$ .
4. If the equation  $ax^2 + 2hxy + by^2 + 2gx + 2fy + c = 0$  represents two parallel straight lines, show that the distance between them is  $2\sqrt{\frac{g^2 - ac}{a(a+b)}}$ .
5. If the equation  $ax^2 + 2hxy + by^2 + 2gx + 2fy + c = 0$  represents a pair of straight lines, prove that the area of the triangle formed by their angle bisectors and the axis of x is  $\frac{\sqrt{(a-b)^2 + 4h^2}}{2h} \cdot \frac{ca - g^2}{ab - h^2}$ .
6. Show that if one of the lines given by the equation  $ax^2 + 2hxy + by^2 = 0$  be perpendicular to one of the lines given by  $a'x^2 + 2h'xy + b'y^2 = 0$  then  $(aa' - bb')^2 + 4(ah' + hb')(ha' + bh') = 0$ .
7. Show that the equation of the line joining the feet of the perpendiculars from the point  $(d, 0)$  on the lines  $ax^2 + 2hxy + by^2 = 0$  is  $(a-b)x + 2hy + bd = 0$ .
8. If the equation  $ax^2 + 2hxy + by^2 + 2gx + 2fy + c = 0$  represents a pair of straight lines ; show that the area of the parallelogram formed by them and the pair of parallel lines through the origin is  $\frac{c}{2\sqrt{h^2 - ab}}$ .

9. Show that the orthocenter of the triangle formed by the straight lines  $ax^2 + 2hxy + by^2 = 0$  and  $lx + my = 1$  is a point  $(x_1, y_1)$  such that  $\frac{x_1}{l} = \frac{y_1}{m} = \frac{a+b}{am^2 + bl^2 - 2hlm}$ .
10. Show that one of the bisectors of the angles between the pair of straight lines  $ax^2 + 2hxy + by^2 = 0$  will pass through the point of intersection of the two straight lines  $ax^2 + 2hxy + by^2 + 2gx + 2fy + c = 0$  if  $h(g^2 - f^2) = fg(a - b)$ .
11. If the straight lines  $ax^2 + 2hxy + by^2 = 0$  ( $b \neq 0$ ) be the two sides of a parallelogram and the straight line  $lx + my = 1$  be one of its diagonals, then show that the equation of the other diagonal is  $y(bl - hm) = x(am - hl)$ .
12. The straight lines joining the origin to the common points of intersection of the curve  $ax^2 + 2hxy + by^2 + gx + fy = c$  and the variable straight line  $lx + my = 1$  are at right angles. Find the locus of the foot of the perpendicular from the origin on the line  $lx + my = 1$ .
13. If the straight lines  $ax^2 - 2hxy + by^2 = 0$  form an equilateral triangle with the straight line  $x \cos \alpha + y \sin \alpha = p$ , then show that  $\frac{a}{1 - 2 \cos 2\alpha} = \frac{h}{2 \sin 2\alpha} = \frac{b}{1 + 2 \cos 2\alpha}$ .
14. If the equation  $ax^2 + 2hxy + by^2 + 2gx + 2fy + c = 0$  represents a pair of straight lines, then show that  $ax^2 + 2hxy + by^2 = 0$  represents a pair of straight lines through the origin parallel to the first pair. Interpret the equation  $2gx + 2fy + c = 0$  with justification.

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1. Reduce the equation  $4x^2 + 4xy + y^2 - 4x - 2y + a = 0$  to its canonical form and determine the nature of the conic for different values of "a"
2. Reduce the equation  $x^2 - 5xy + y^2 + 8x - 20y + 15 = 0$  to its canonical form and show that it represents a hyperbola.
3. Reduce the equation  $4x^2 - 4xy + y^2 - 8x - 6y + 5 = 0$  to its canonical form and show that it represents a parabola. Find the latus rectum and the equation of the axis of the parabola.
5. Reduce the equation  $x^2 - 6xy + 9y^2 + 4xy - 12y + 4 = 0$  to the canonical form and determine the type of the conic represented by it.
6. Reduce the equation  $x^2 - 2xy + y^2 + 6x - 14y + 29 = 0$  to its canonical form and determine the type of the conic represented by it.
7. Reduce the equation  $6x^2 + 24xy - y^2 - 60x - 20y + 80 = 0$  to the standard form and hence find the eccentricity of the conic represented by it.
8. Reduce the equation  $3(x^2 + y^2) + 2xy = 4\sqrt{2}(x + y)$  to its canonical form. Name the conic and determine equation of its axes.
9. Reducing the equation  $x^2 + 2xy + y^2 - 4x + 8y - 6 = 0$  to its canonical form, show that it is a parabola and determine the coordinates of its vertex.
10. Reduce the equation  $3x^2 - 8xy - 3y^2 + 10x + 13y + 8 = 0$  its canonical form and determine the type of the conic represented by it.
11. Reduce the equation  $11x^2 + 4xy + 14y^2 - 26x - 32y + 23 = 0$  to standard form and hence find the eccentricity of the conic represented by it.
12. Reducing the equation  $11x^2 - 4xy + 14y^2 - 58x - 44y + 71 = 0$  to its canonical form. Name the conic, find the eccentricity of the conic.

1. Show that the surface generated by a straight line which intersects the lines  $y = 0, z = c; x = 0, z = -c$  and curve  $z = 0, xy + c^2 = 0$  is  $z^2 - c^2 = xy$ .
2. A variable plane has intercepts on the co-ordinate axes, the sum of whose squares is  $k^2$ . Show that the locus of the foot of the perpendicular from the origin to the plane is  $(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^2 \left( \frac{1}{x^2} + \frac{1}{y^2} + \frac{1}{z^2} \right) = k^2$
3. A variable line intersects x -axis, the curve  $x = y, y^2 = cz$  and is parallel to the plane YOZ. Prove that it generates the surface  $xy = cz$ .
4. A variable straight line, parallel to yz-plane intersects the curves  $x^2 + y^2 = a^2, z = 0$  and  $x^2 = az, y = 0$ . Prove that it generates the surface  $x^4 y^2 = (a^3 - x^2)(x^2 - az)^2$
5. Show that the locus of a point which is equidistant from two given straight lines  $y = mx, z = c$  and  $y = -mx, z = -c$  is  $mxy + c(1 + m^2)z = 0$ .
6. Prove that the locus of the lines which intersects the three lines  $y-z = 1, x = 0; z-x = 1, y = 0; x-y = 1, z = 0$  is  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - 2yz - 2zx - 2xy = 1$ .
7. If  $\theta$  be the angle between two lines whose direction cosines are  $l_1, m_1, n_1$  and  $l_2, m_2, n_2$ , show that the direction cosines of their angular bisectors are  $\frac{l_1 + l_2}{2 \cos \frac{\theta}{2}}, \frac{m_1 + m_2}{2 \cos \frac{\theta}{2}}, \frac{n_1 + n_2}{2 \cos \frac{\theta}{2}}$  and  $\frac{l_1 - l_2}{2 \sin \frac{\theta}{2}}, \frac{m_1 - m_2}{2 \sin \frac{\theta}{2}}, \frac{n_1 - n_2}{2 \sin \frac{\theta}{2}}$
8. Show that the equation to the plane containing the straight line  $\frac{y}{b} + \frac{z}{c} = 1, x = 0$  and parallel to the straight line  $\frac{x}{a} - \frac{z}{c} = 1, y = 0$  is  $\frac{x}{a} - \frac{y}{b} - \frac{z}{c} + 1 = 0$  and if  $2d$  be the shortest distance between the lines then show that  $\frac{1}{d^2} = \frac{1}{a^2} + \frac{1}{b^2} + \frac{1}{c^2}$ .
9. Show that the locus of a variable line which intersects the three lines  $y = mx, z = c; y = -mx, z = -c; y = z, mx = -c$  is the surface  $y^2 - m^2 x^2 = z^2 - c^2$
10. Show that the equation to the plane through the line  $\frac{x}{l} = \frac{y}{m} = \frac{z}{n}$  and perpendicular to the plane containing the lines  $\frac{x}{m} = \frac{y}{n} = \frac{z}{l}$  and  $\frac{x}{n} = \frac{y}{l} = \frac{z}{m}$  is  $(m - n)x + (n - l)y + (l - m)z = 0$ .

11. Find the equation of the perpendicular from (1,6,3) to the line  $x + y - z + 1 = 0 = 2x - 7y + 4z - 1$ . Also determine the foot of the perpendicular.
12. Find the length of the shortest distance between the lines  $\frac{x-3}{2} = \frac{y-5}{2} = \frac{z+1}{1}$  and  $y - z - 1 = 0 = x - 2$ . Find also the coordinates of the points where the line of shortest distance meets the given lines.
13. Prove that the line of shortest distance between the z-axis and the variable line  $\frac{x}{a} + \frac{z}{c} = \lambda \left(1 + \frac{y}{b}\right)$ ,  $\frac{x}{a} - \frac{z}{c} = \frac{1}{\lambda} \left(1 - \frac{y}{b}\right)$  when  $\lambda$  varies, generates the surface  $abz(x^2 + y^2) = (a^2 - b^2)ctxy$ .
14. Find the condition that the lines  $\frac{x-\alpha}{l} = \frac{y-\beta}{m} = \frac{z-\gamma}{n}$ ,  $\frac{x-\alpha'}{l'} = \frac{y-\beta'}{m'} = \frac{z-\gamma'}{n'}$  may be coplanar. If the condition is satisfied, find the point of intersection of the lines, given that they are not parallel.
15. A variable st. line intersects the lines  $y = 0, z = c; x = 0, z = -c$  and is parallel to the plane  $lx + my + nz = p$ . Prove that the surface generated by it is  $lx(z - c) + my(z + c) + n(z^2 - c^2) = 0$ .
16. Find the shortest distance between the two lines  $x + y + 2z - 1 = 0 = x - 2y - z - 1$  and  $2x - y + z - 3 = 0 = x + y + z - 1$ .
17. A variable straight line intersects the straight lines  $x = q, y = -r; y = r, z = -p; z = p, x = -q$ . Show that the equation of the locus of the straight line is  $pxy + qyz + rzx + pqr = 0$
18. Find the shortest distance between the axis of z and the line  $ax + by + cz + d = 0 = a'x + b'y + c'z + d'$
19. Find the magnitude and equation of the line of shortest distance between the lines  $\frac{x}{4} = \frac{y+1}{3} = \frac{z-2}{2}$  and  $5x - 2y - 3z + 6 = 0 = x - 3y + 2z - 3$ .
20. Find the surface generated by the straight line which intersects the lines  $x + y = 0, z = 0; x - y = z, x + y = 2a;$  and the parabola  $x^2 = 2az, y = 0$

21. Two straight lines  $\frac{x-\alpha_1}{l_1} = \frac{y-\beta_1}{m_1} = \frac{z-\gamma_1}{n_1}$  and  $\frac{x-\alpha_2}{l_2} = \frac{y-\beta_2}{m_2} = \frac{z-\gamma_2}{n_2}$  are cut by a third line whose direction cosines are  $\lambda, \mu, \eta$ . Show that  $d$ , the length intercepted on the third line by the first two lines is given by
- $$d \begin{vmatrix} l_1 & m_1 & n_1 \\ l_2 & m_2 & n_2 \\ \lambda & \mu & \eta \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} \alpha_1 - \alpha_2 & \beta_1 - \beta_2 & \gamma_1 - \gamma_2 \\ l_1 & m_1 & n_1 \\ l_2 & m_2 & n_2 \end{vmatrix}$$

22. A variable straight line always intersects the following three lines  $x = k, y = 0; y = k, z = 0; z = k, x = 0$ . Prove that the equation to its locus is  $xy + yz + zx - k(x + y + z - k) = 0$ .
23. Find the magnitude and the equation of the line of shortest distance between the lines  $2x + y - z = 0 = x - y + 2z$  and  $x + 2y - 3z - 4 = 0 = 2x - 3y + 4z - 5$ .

1. A variable plane which is at a constant distance  $3p$  from the origin cuts the axes in A,B,C. Show that the locus of the point of intersection of the planes through A,B,C parallel to the coordinate planes is  $9\left(\frac{1}{x^2} + \frac{1}{y^2} + \frac{1}{z^2}\right) = \frac{1}{p^2}$ .
  
2. Perpendiculars PL, PM, PN are drawn from the point P (a,b,c) to the coordinate planes. Show that the equation of the plane LMN is  $\frac{x}{a} + \frac{y}{b} + \frac{z}{c} = 2$ .
  
3. A variable plane which is at a constant distance  $3p$  from the origin "O" cuts the axes at A,B,C. Show that the locus of the centroid of the triangle ABC is  $x^{-2} + y^{-2} + z^{-2} = p^{-2}$
  
4. A triangle, the lengths of whose sides are a,b and c is placed so that the middle points of the sides are on the axes. Show that the equation to the plane is  $\frac{x}{\alpha} + \frac{y}{\beta} + \frac{z}{\gamma} = 1$  where  $8\alpha^2 = b^2 + c^2 - a^2, 8\beta^2 = c^2 + a^2 - b^2, 8\gamma^2 = a^2 + b^2 - c^2$  and find the coordinates of its vertices.
  
5. A variable plane passes through a fixed point  $(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$  and meets the coordinate axes at P, Q and R. Show that the locus of the point common to the planes through P,Q,R and parallel to the coordinate planes is  $\frac{\alpha}{x} + \frac{\beta}{y} + \frac{\gamma}{z} = 1$ .
  
6. A variable plane at a constant distance  $p$  from the origin meets the axes at A,B,C. Show that the locus of the centroid of the tetrahedron OABC is  $x^{-2} + y^{-2} + z^{-2} = 16p^{-2}$

Sphere (Each question carries 5 marks)

- Obtain the equation of the sphere passing through four non coplanar points  $(x_i, y_i, z_i)$  ( $i=1, 2, 3, 4$ )
- Prove that the circles  
 $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - 2x + 3y + 4z - 5 = 0$ ,  $5y + 6z + 11 = 0$   
 $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - 3x - 4y + 5z - 6 = 0$ ,  $x + 2y - 7z = 0$   
 lie on the same sphere, whose equation is  
 $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - 2x - 2y - 2z - 6 = 0$
- Find the equation of the sphere which passes through the circle  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - 2x - 3y + 4z + 8 = 0$  and having its centre on the plane  $4x - 5y - z = 3$
- Show that the equation of the sphere which passes through the point  $(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$  and the circle  $z = 0, x^2 + y^2 = a^2$  is  $\sqrt{(x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - a^2)} = z(\alpha^2 + \beta^2 + \gamma^2 - a^2)$
- Obtain the greatest and least distance of the point  $(1, -1, 2)$  from the sphere  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - 4x + 6y - 8z = 71$
- Define great circle of a sphere. Find the equation of the sphere having the circle  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - 2x + 4y - 6z + 7 = 0, 2x - y + 2z = 5$  as a great circle
- Show that the sphere  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 + 2u_1x + 2v_1y + 2w_1z + d_1 = 0$  cuts the sphere  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 + 2u_2x + 2v_2y + 2w_2z + d_2 = 0$  in a great circle, if  $2(u_1u_2 + v_1v_2 + w_1w_2) = 2r^2 + d_1 + d_2$ , where  $r$  is the radius of the sphere
- A variable plane passes through a fixed point. Show that the locus of the foot of the perpendicular from the origin to the plane is a sphere.
- A variable sphere passes through the points  $(0, 0, \pm c)$  and cuts the straight lines  $y = x \tan \alpha, z = c$ ;  $y = -x \tan \alpha, z = -c$  in the points  $P$  and  $P'$ . If  $PP' = 2a$ , a constant, then show that the centre of the sphere lies on the circle  $z = 0, x^2 + y^2 = (a^2 - c^2) \operatorname{cosec}^2 2\alpha$
- $OA, OB$  and  $OC$  are three mutually perpendicular straight lines through the origin and their direction cosines are  $l_1, m_1, n_1; l_2, m_2, n_2; l_3, m_3, n_3$ . If  $OA = a, OB = b, OC = c$ , then prove that the equation of the sphere  $OABC$  is  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - x(al_1 + bl_2 + cl_3) - y(am_1 + bm_2 + cm_3) - z(an_1 + bn_2 + cn_3) = 0$



11. If a sphere touches the planes  $2x + 3y - 6z + 14 = 0$  and  $2x + 3y - 6z + 42 = 0$  and if its centre lies on the straight line  $2x + z = 0, y = 0$ , find the equation of the sphere.
12. Find the equations of the spheres touching the three co-ordinate planes.
13. If any tangent plane to the sphere  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = r^2$  makes intercepts  $a, b$  and  $c$  on the co-ordinate axes, then prove that  $a^{-2} + b^{-2} + c^{-2} = r^{-2}$ .
14. Find the sphere of the smallest radius that touches the straight lines  $\frac{x-2}{1} = \frac{y+1}{-2} = \frac{z-6}{1}$  and  $\frac{x+3}{7} = \frac{y+3}{-6} = \frac{z+3}{1}$ .
15. Show that there is no tangent plane to the sphere  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - 4x + 2y - 4z + 4 = 0$  that can be passed through the straight line  $\frac{x+6}{2} = \frac{y+3}{1} = \frac{z+1}{1}$ .
16. Prove that the centres of spheres which touch the straight lines  $y = ux, z = c$  and  $y = -ux, z = -c$  lie on the surface  $mx + cy + cz(1+u^2) = 0$ .

# Quadric Surfaces (Each question carries 5 marks)

## (A) Cone

- Show that the general equation of a cone with vertex at origin is  $ax^2 + by^2 + cz^2 + 2fyz + 2gzx + 2hxy = 0$  where  $\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} a & h & g \\ h & b & f \\ g & f & c \end{vmatrix} \neq 0$ .
- Obtain the condition that the general second degree equation in  $x, y, z$   $ax^2 + by^2 + cz^2 + 2fyz + 2gzx + 2hxy + 2ux + 2vy + 2wz + d = 0$ , represents a cone.
- Find the equation of the cone whose vertex is the point  $(1, 1, 1)$  and base is the curve  $x^2 + y^2 = 16, z = 0$ .
- Define a right circular cone. Show that the equation of the right circular cone whose vertex is the point  $(0, 0, 3)$  and whose guiding curve is  $x^2 + y^2 = 4, z = 0$  is  $9(x^2 + y^2) = 4(z - 3)^2$ .
- A cone has for its guiding curve the circle  $x^2 + y^2 + 2ax + 2by = 0, z = 0$  and passes through a fixed point  $(0, 0, c)$ . If the section of the cone by the plane  $x = 0$  be a rectangular hyperbola, then prove that the vertex lies on the fixed circle  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 + 2ax + 2by + cz = 0$ .
- Show that the angle between the straight lines  $x + y + z = 0, ayz + bzx + cxy = 0$  is  $90^\circ$  if  $a + b + c = 0$  and  $60^\circ$  if  $a^{-1} + b^{-1} + c^{-1} = 0$  ( $abc \neq 0$ ).
- Show that the equation of the cone which passes through the co-ordinate axes and the straight lines  $\frac{x}{1} = \frac{y}{-2} = \frac{z}{3}$  and  $\frac{x}{3} = \frac{y}{2} = \frac{z}{-1}$  is  $3y^2 + 10zx + 6xy = 0$ .
- A variable plane passing through the  $x$ -axis and a variable plane passing through the  $y$ -axis are inclined at a constant angle  $\alpha$ . Prove that their line of intersection generates the cone  $z^2(x^2 + y^2 + z^2) = x^2y^2 \tan^2 \alpha$ .
- Find the equation of the cone obtained by revolving the straight line  $x - 2y - 1 = 0$  in the plane  $z = 0$ .
- Show that the locus of points from which three mutually perpendicular straight lines can be drawn to intersect the conic  $ax^2 + by^2 = 1, z = 0$  is  $ax^2 + by^2 + (a+b)z^2 = 1$ .
- If  $2x = y = 2z$  represents one line of the set of three mutually perpendicular generators of the cone  $11yz + 6zx - 14xy = 0$ , then find the equations of the other two.

12. Prove that the conditions that the lines of section of the plane  $lx+my+nz=0$  and the cones  $ax^2+by^2+cz^2=0$ ,  $fy^2+gzx+hxy=0$  may be coincident, are

$$\frac{bm^2+cn^2}{fmn} = \frac{cl^2+an^2}{gnl} = \frac{am^2+bl^2}{hlm}$$

13. The section of the cone whose guiding curve is the ellipse  $\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1, z=0$  by the plane  $x=0$  is a rectangular hyperbola. Show that the locus of the vertex is the surface  $\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2+z^2}{b^2} = 1$

14. Show that the straight lines in which the plane  $ux+vy+wz=0$  cuts the cone  $ax^2+by^2+cz^2=0$  are perpendicular, if  $(b+c)u^2 + (c+a)v^2 + (a+b)w^2 = 0$  and parallel, if  $bcu^2 + cav^2 + abw^2 = 0$ .

15. Obtain the condition of tangency of the plane  $ux+vy+wz=0$  to the cone  $ax^2+by^2+cz^2+2fyz$

16. Prove that the lines of intersection of pairs of tangent planes to the cone  $ax^2+by^2+cz^2=0$  which touch along perpendicular generators lie on the cone  $a^2(b+c)x^2 + b^2(c+a)y^2 + c^2(a+b)z^2 = 0$ .

17. Show that the equation of the reciprocal cone of the cone whose vertex is  $(0,0,c)$  and base is  $x^2+y^2-2ax=0, z=0$  is  $a^2y^2 - c^2(z-c)^2 + 2cax(z-c) = 0$ .

18. Prove that the planes which cut the cone  $ax^2+by^2+cz^2=0$  in perpendicular straight lines, touch the cone

$$\frac{x^2}{b+c} + \frac{y^2}{c+a} + \frac{z^2}{a+b} = 0$$

19. Show that the plane  $z=a$  meets any enveloping cone of the sphere  $x^2+y^2+z^2=a^2$  in a conic which has a focus at the point  $(0,0,a)$ .

- (B) Cylinder (Each question carries 5 marks)
- Find the equation of the cylinder whose generators are parallel to the straight line  $\frac{x}{2} = \frac{y}{3} = \frac{z}{5}$  and which passes through the conic  $z=0, 3x^2+7y^2=12$ .
  - Obtain the equation of the cylinder whose generators intersect the ellipse  $9x^2+3y^2=1, z=0$  and are parallel to the straight line with direction ratios  $1, -1, 1$ .
  - Define right circular cylinder. Find the equation of the right circular cylinder which passes through the point  $(3, -1, 1)$  and has the straight line  $\frac{x-1}{2} = \frac{y+3}{-1} = \frac{z-2}{1}$  as its axis.
  - Find the equation of the right circular cylinder whose axis is  $\frac{x}{1} = \frac{y}{-2} = \frac{z}{2}$  and radius equal to  $\sqrt{6}$ .
  - Find the equation of the right circular cylinder whose axis is the straight line which passes through the point  $(1, 3, 4)$  and has  $1, -2, 3$  as its direction ratios and radius equal to 3.
  - Show that the equation of the enveloping cylinder of the sphere  $x^2+y^2+z^2-2x+4y-1=0$  having generators parallel to the straight line  $x=y=z$  is  $x^2+y^2+z^2-yz-zx-xy-4x+5y-z-2=0$ .

- (C) Conicoids (Each question carries 5 marks)
- Find the values of  $p$  for which the plane  $x+y+z=p$  is a tangent plane to the ellipsoid  $x^2+y^2+3z^2=66$ . For each one of these values of  $p$ , find the co-ordinates of the point of contact.
  - Show that there are two tangent planes to the quadric  $\frac{x^2}{42} + \frac{y^2}{18} + \frac{z^2}{3} = 1$  which pass through the line  $\frac{x-8}{-7} = \frac{y+4}{5} = \frac{z-1}{1}$ .
  - Find the points of contact of the tangent planes to the conicoid  $2x^2-25y^2+2z^2=1$  which pass through the line joining the points  $(-12, 1, 12)$  and  $(13, -1, -13)$ .
  - If  $2r$  be the distance between the two tangent planes to the ellipsoid  $\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} + \frac{z^2}{c^2} = 1$  which are parallel to the plane  $lx+my+nz=0$ , then show that  $(a^2-r^2)l^2 + (b^2-r^2)m^2 + (c^2-r^2)n^2 = 0$ .
  - Find the locus of a luminous point, if the ellipsoid  $\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} + \frac{z^2}{c^2} = 1$  casts a circular shadow on the plane  $z=0$ .

6. Show that the locus of a point from which three mutually perpendicular tangent planes can be drawn to touch the ellipse  $\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1, z=0$  is the sphere  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = a^2 + b^2$

7. Prove that the locus of the feet of the perpendiculars drawn from the centre of the ellipsoid  $\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} + \frac{z^2}{c^2} = 1$  upon the tangent planes is  $a^2 x^2 + b^2 y^2 + c^2 z^2 = (x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^2$

8. Show that, in general, six normals can be drawn from a point to the conicoid  $a^2 x^2 + b^2 y^2 + c^2 z^2 = 1$ ;

9. Find the equation of the cone through the six normals drawn from the point  $(t, g, h)$  to the ellipsoid  $\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} + \frac{z^2}{c^2} = 1$

10. Show that the points  $(12, -18, 8)$  and  $(-6, 18, -10)$  are at the feet of the normals to the ellipsoid  $x^2 + 2y^2 + 3z^2 = 984$  which lie on the plane  $x + y + z = 2$ .

11. Show that, in general, three normals can be drawn from a given point to the paraboloid  $x^2 + y^2 = 2az$ , but if the point lies on the surface  $27a(x^2 + y^2) + 8(a - 2)^3 = 0$ , then two of them coincide.

12. If the normal at the point P to the ellipsoid  $\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} + \frac{z^2}{c^2} = 1$  meets the principal planes in  $G_1, G_2, G_3$ , then show that  $PG_1 : PG_2 : PG_3 = a^2 : b^2 : c^2$

13. If the length of the normal chord through the point  $P_1$  of the ellipsoid  $\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} + \frac{z^2}{c^2} = 1$  be equal to  $4 PG_3$  where  $G_3$  is the point in which the normal meets the plane  $z=0$ , then show that P lies on the cone  $\frac{x^2}{a^2} (2c^2 - a^2) + \frac{y^2}{b^2} (2c^2 - b^2) + \frac{z^2}{c^2} = 0$

14. If the feet of the six normals from the point  $(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$  to the ellipsoid  $\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} + \frac{z^2}{c^2} = 1$  be  $(x_i, y_i, z_i)$  ( $i=1, 2, 3, \dots, 6$ ) then prove that  $a^2 \alpha \sum_{i=1}^6 x_i^{-1} + b^2 \beta \sum_{i=1}^6 y_i^{-1} + c^2 \gamma \sum_{i=1}^6 z_i^{-1} = 0$ .

15. Show that the feet of the normals from the point  $(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$  to the ellipsoid  $\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} + \frac{z^2}{c^2} = 1$  lie on the intersection of the ellipsoid and the cone  $\frac{a^2 \alpha (b^2 - c^2)}{x} + \frac{\beta b^2 (c^2 - a^2)}{y} + \frac{\gamma c^2 (a^2 - b^2)}{z} = 0$