

	P.R.Government College (Autonomous) KAKINADA	Program&Semester II B.Sc. Major (III Sem) w.e.f 2025-26 admitted batch			
Course Code MAT- 304 T	TITLE OF THE COURSE SPECIAL FUNCTIONS & Problem Solving Sessions				
Teaching	Hours Allocated: 60 (Theory)	L	T	P	C
Pre-requisites:	Multivariable calculus and Differential Equations	3	-	-	3

Course Objectives:

To formalise the study of numbers and functions and to investigate important concepts such as limits and continuity. These concepts underpin calculus and its applications.

Course Outcomes:

On Completion of the course, the students will be able to-	
C01	Understand the Beta and Gamma functions, their properties and relation between these two functions, understand the orthogonal properties of Chebyshev polynomials and recurrence relations.
C02	Find power series solutions of ordinary differential equations
C03	Solve Hermite equation and write the Hermite Polynomial of order (degree) n, also
C04	Solve Legendre equation and write the Legendre equation of first kind, also find the generating function for Legendre Polynomials, understand the orthogonal properties of Legendre Polynomials.
C05	Solve Bessel equation and write the Bessel equation of first kind of order n, also find the generating function for Bessel function understand the orthogonal properties of Bessel function.

Course with focus on employability/entrepreneurship /Skill Development modules

Skill Development		Employability		Entrepreneurship	
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UNIT I

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Hermite polynomials

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3. Generating function for $J_n(x)$, orthogonally of Bessel functions.

Co-Curricular Activities

Seminar/ Quiz/ Assignments/ Applications of Functions of complex variables to Real life

Problem

/Problem Solving Sessions.

TEXT BOOK

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SEMESTER-III

Unit	TOPIC	S.A.Q	E.Q	Marks allotted to the Unit
I	Beta and Gamma functions, Chebyshev polynomials.	2	2	30
II	Power series and Power series solutions of ordinary differential equations.	2	1	20
III	Hermite polynomials	1	1	15
IV	Legendre polynomials	1	1	15
V	Bessel's equation	1	1	15
Total		7	6	95

S.A.Q. = Short answer questions (5 marks)

E.Q = Essay questions (10 marks)

Short answer questions : 4 X 5 = 20 M

Essay questions : 3 X 10 = 30 M

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Total Marks = 50 M

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II year B.Sc., Degree Examinations - III Semester
Mathematics Course VIII: SPECIAL FUNCTIONS
Model Paper (w.e.f. 2025-26)

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Time: 2Hrs

Max. Marks: 50

SECTION-A

Answer any three questions selecting atleast one question from each part

Part – A

3 X 10 = 30

1. Essay question from unit - I.
2. Essay question from unit - I.
3. Essay question from unit - II.

Part – B

4. Essay question from unit - III.
5. Essay question from unit - IV.
6. Essay question from unit - V.

SECTION-B

Answer any four questions

4 X 5 M = 20 M

7. Short answer question from unit – I.
8. Short answer question from unit - I.
9. Short answer question from unit – II.
10. Short answer question from unit - II .
11. Short answer question from unit – III.
12. Short answer question from unit – IV.
13. Short answer question from unit - V

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QUESTION BANK

Short Answer questions

Unit - I

1. Prove that $\int_0^1 x^m (\log x)^n dx = \frac{(-1)^n n!}{(m+1)^{n+1}}$
2. Evaluate $\int_0^1 \frac{dx}{\sqrt{-\log_e x}}$
3. Prove that $\Gamma(n) = \frac{1}{n} \int_0^\infty e^{-y^{1/n}} dy$ and hence show that $\Gamma\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = \sqrt{\pi}$
4. Prove that $\Gamma(n)\Gamma(1-n) = \frac{\pi}{\sin n\pi}$
5. Prove that $(1-x^2)T_n'(x) = -n x T_n(x) + n T_{n-1}(x)$
6. Prove that $U_{n+1}(x) - 2x U_n(x) + U_{n-1}(x) = 0$
7. Find the first four Chebyshev polynomials.
8. Prove that $T_n(-1) = (-1)^n$ and $U_n(-1) = 0$

Unit – II

9. If the power series $\sum a_n x^n$ is such that $a_n \neq 0$ for all n and $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = \frac{1}{R}$ then $\sum a_n x^n$ is convergent for $|x| < R$ and divergent for $|x| > R$.
10. Find the radius of convergence of the series $\frac{x}{2} + \frac{1.3}{2.5} x^2 + \frac{1.3.5}{2.5.8} x^3 + \dots$
11. Find the radius of the convergence of the series $\sum (-1)^n \frac{x^{2n+1}}{(2n+1)!}$
12. Determine whether $x = 0$ is an ordinary point or a regular singular point of the differential equation $2x^2 \left(\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} \right) + 7x(x+1) \frac{dy}{dx} - 3y = 0$.
13. Show that $x = 0$ and $x = -1$ are singular points of $x^2(x+1)^2 y'' + (x^2 - 1)y' + 2y = 0$ where the first is irregular and the other is regular.
14. Solve by power series method $y' - y = 0$.

Unit - III

15. Prove that $H_{2n}(0) = (-1)^n \frac{(2n)!}{n!}$ and $H_{2n+1}(0) = 0$.
16. Find Hermit Polynomials for $n=0, 1, 2, 3, 4$.
17. Prove that $H_n'' = 4n(n-1)H_{n-2}$
18. Prove that $H_n'(x) = 2xH_n(x) - H_{n+1}(x)$
19. Prove that $H_n(-x) = (-1)^n H_n(x)$.
20. Prove that, if $m < n$, $\frac{d^m}{dx^m} \{H_n(x)\} = \frac{2^m n!}{(n-m)!} H_{n-m}(x)$.

Unit - IV

21. Prove that $P_n(-x) = (-1)^n P_n(x)$ and hence deduce that $P_n(-1) = (-1)^n$
22. Prove that $P'_n = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$
23. Prove that $(2n+1)P_n = P'_{n+1} - P'_{n-1}$.
24. Prove that $xP'_n - P'_{n-1} = nP_n$.
25. Prove that $(n+1)P_n = P'_{n+1} - xP'_n$.
26. Prove that $(1-x^2)P'_n = n(P_{n-1} - xP_n)$.
27. Prove that $P_3(x) = \frac{1}{2}(5x^3 - 3x)$.

Unit – V

28. Prove that, when n is a positive integer $J_{-n}(x) = (-1)^n J_n(x)$.
39. Show that $J_n(-x) = (-1)^n J_n(x)$ for positive or negative integers.
30. Prove that $J_n(x) = \frac{x}{2n} [J_{n-1}(x) + J_{n+1}(x)]$
31. Prove that $\frac{d}{dx} [x^{-n} J_n(x)] = -x^{-n} J_{n+1}(x)$
32. Prove that $J_0(x) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^\pi \cos(x \sin \theta) d\theta$
33. Show that $J_{1/2}(x) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi x}} \sin x$.
34. Show that $\int_0^\infty e^{-ax} J_0(bx) dx = \frac{1}{\sqrt{(a^2+b^2)}} , a > 0$

Essay Questions

Unit –I

1. When n is a positive integer, prove that $\Gamma\left(-n + \frac{1}{2}\right) = \frac{(-1)^n 2^n \sqrt{\pi}}{1.3.5 \dots (2n-1)}$
2. Prove that $\beta(m, n) = \frac{\Gamma(m)\Gamma(n)}{\Gamma(m+n)}$
3. Prove that $\int_0^{\pi/2} \sin^{2l-1} \theta \cdot \cos^{2m-1} \theta d\theta = \frac{\Gamma(l)\Gamma(m)}{2\Gamma(l+m)}$.
4. State and prove orthogonal properties of Chebyshev polynomials.
5. prove that $T_n(x)$ and $U_n(x)$ are independent solution of Chebyshev's differential equation.
6. Show that $\frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} U_n(x)$ satisfies the differential equation $(1-x^2) \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} - 3x \frac{dy}{dx} + (n^2 - 1)y = 0$.

Unit – II

1. If the power series $\sum a_n x^n$ is such that $a_n \neq 0$ for all n and $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |a_n|^{\frac{1}{n}} = \frac{1}{R}$ then $\sum a_n x^n$ is convergent for $|x| < R$ and divergent for $|x| > R$.
2. Find the radius of convergence the exact interval of convergence of the power series $\sum \frac{(n+1)}{(n+2)(n+3)} x^n$

3. Determine the interval of convergence of the power series $\sum \frac{1}{n} (-1)^{n+1} (x-1)^n$
4. Find the power series solution of the equation $(x^2 + 1)y'' + xy' - xy = 0$ in powers of x.
5. Find the solution in series of $\left(\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}\right) + x\left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right) + x^2y = 0$ about $x = 0$.
6. Find the general solution of $y'' + (x-3)y' + y = 0$ near $x = 2$.

Unit – III

1. State and Prove generating function of the Hermit's polynomial.
2. State and Prove Rodrigues formula for $H_n(x)$.
3. State and Prove Orthogonal Properties of Hermite Polynomials.
4. Prove that $2xH_n(x) = 2nH_{n-1}(x) + H_{n+1}(x)$.
5. Prove that $H'_n(x) = 2nH_{n-1}(x)$ $n \geq 1$ and $H'_0(x) = 0$.
6. Prove that $H_n(x) = (-1)^n e^{x^2} \frac{d^n}{dx^n} (e^{-x^2})$

Unit – IV

1. Show that $P_n(x)$ is the coefficient of h^n in the expansion of $(1 - 2xh + h^2)^{-1/2}$ in Ascending powers of h for $|x| \leq 1$ and $|h| < 1$.

2. Prove that $P_n(x) = \frac{1}{n!2^n} \cdot \frac{d^n}{dx^n} (x^2 - 1)^n$.
3. Prove that $\int_{-1}^1 [P_n(x)]^2 dx = \frac{2}{2n+1}$.
4. Prove that $\int_{-1}^1 P_m(x) \cdot P_n(x) dx = 0$ if $m \neq n$. and $2/(2n+1)$ if $m = n$.
5. Prove that $(2n+1)xP_n = (n+1)P_{n+1} + nP_{n-1}$
6. Prove that $\int_{-1}^1 (x^2 - 1)P_{n+1}P'_n dx = \frac{2n(n+1)}{(2n+1)(2n+3)}$.

Unit V

1. Prove that when n is a positive integer, $J_n(x)$ is the coefficient of z^n in the expansion of $e^{\frac{x(z-\frac{1}{z})}{2}}$ in ascending and descending powers of z.
2. Prove that $xJ'_n(x) = nJ_n(x) - xJ_{n+1}(x)$.
3. Prove that $xJ'_n(x) = -nJ_n(x) + xJ_{n-1}(x)$.
4. Prove that $x^2J''_n(x) = (n^2 - n - x^2)J_n(x) + xJ_{n+1}(x)$
5. Prove that i) $\frac{d}{dx} [x^n J_n(x)] = x^n J_{n-1}(x)$ (ii) $\frac{d}{dx} [x^{-n} J_n(x)] = -x^{-n} J_{n+1}(x)$.
6. Prove that $\sqrt{\frac{\pi x}{2}} J_{3/2}(x) = \frac{1}{x} \sin x - \cos x$.

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Semester – III End Practical Examinations

Scheme of Valuation for Practical's

Time : 2 Hours

Max.Marks : 50

- **Record - 10 Marks**
- **Viva voce - 10 Marks**
- **Test - 30 Marks**
- **Answer any 5 questions. At least 2 questions from each section. Each question carries 6 marks.**

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COURSE-VIII - SPECIAL FUNCTIONS

Unit	TOPIC	E.Q	Marks allotted to the Unit
I	Beta and Gamma functions, Chebyshev polynomials.	2	12
II	Power series and Power series solutions of ordinary differential equations.	2	12
III	Hermite polynomials	1	06
IV	Legendre polynomials	2	12
V	Bessel's equation	1	06
	Total	08	48

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Mathematics Course-VIII: SPECIAL FUNCTIONS

(w.e.f. 2024-25 Admitted Batch)

Practical Model Paper (w.e.f. 2025-2026)

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Time: 2Hrs

Max. Marks: 50M

Answer any 5 questions. At least 2 questions from each section.

5 x 6 = 30 Marks

SECTION - A

1. Unit - I.
2. Unit – I.
3. Unit - II.
4. Unit – II.

SECTION – B

5. Unit - III.
6. Unit - IV.
7. Unit – IV.
8. Unit - V.

- **Record** - 10 Marks
- **Viva voce** - 10 Marks