

**B.Tech. IN CIVIL ENGINEERING (BTCLEVI)**

**Term-End Examination**

00285

**December, 2014**

**BICEE-004 : STRUCTURAL OPTIMIZATION**

*Time : 3 hours*

*Maximum Marks : 70*

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*Note : Answer any **seven** out of **ten** questions. Use of scientific calculator is permitted. Assume any missing data.*

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1. (a) State five engineering applications of optimization. 5
- (b) Explain the terms 'design constraints' and 'objective function' in optimization problem with suitable examples. 5
  
2. Determine the maximum and minimum values of the function 10

$$f(x) = 12x^5 - 45x^4 + 40x^3 + 5.$$

3. A manufacturing company is engaged in producing three types of products A, B and C.

The production department produces, each day, components sufficient to make 50 units of A, 25 units of B and 30 units of C. The management is confronted with the problem of optimizing the daily production of the products in the assembly department, where only 100 man-hours are available daily for assembling the products. The following additional information is available :

Type of product	Profit contribution per unit of product (₹)	Assembly Time per product (hours)
A	12	0.8
B	20	1.7
C	45	2.5

The company has a daily order commitment for 20 units of product A and a total of 15 units of products B and C. Formulate this problem as a linear programming model so as to maximize the total profit.

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4. Find the maximum of the function

$$f(x) = 2x_1 + x_2 + 10$$

subject to,

$$g(x) = x_1 + 2x_2^2 = 3$$

using the Lagrange multiplier method.

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5. (a) What is random walk method ? 3  
 (b) Find the minimum of  $f = x(x - 1.5)$  by starting from 0.0 with initial step size of 0.05. 7
6. (a) Describe the Quadratic interpolation method. 5  
 (b) Describe the Direct root method. 5
7. Determine  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  so as to maximize  
 $z = 12x_1 + 21x_2 + 2x_1x_2 - 2x_1^2 - 2x_2^2$   
 subject to,  $x_1 \leq 8$ ,  $x_1 + x_2 \leq 10$ ,  $x_1, x_2 \geq 0$ . 10
8. Minimize  
 $f(x) = 7x_1x_2^{-1} + 3x_2x_3^{-2} + 5x_1^{-3}x_2x_3 + x_1x_2x_3$ ,  
 $x_1, x_2, x_3 \geq 0$ , using the geometric programming method. 10
9. (a) How does dynamic programming conceptually differ from linear programming ? 3  
 (b) Solve the following linear programming by dynamic programming approach. 7  
 Maximize  $z = 8x_1 + 7x_2$   
 subject to  
 $2x_1 + x_2 \leq 8$   
 $5x_1 + 2x_2 \leq 15$   
 $x_1, x_2 \geq 0$

10. (a) Briefly explain the concept of 'Reproduction' in Genetic operators. 3
- (b) What do you understand by 'Direct Method' in constrained optimization technique? 2
- (c) Describe the steps/procedure being following in 'Random Search Method'. 5
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