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Subject: Geometric Geodetic Surveying
Code: CVE535
Year : Diploma level course, Public Works
Time Allowed : Three hours
Total Marks : 100 marks

Answer all Questions (Use complete equations & clear sketches) [Marks]

Question (1) [30]

a) Compute the mean radius of curvature along the line AB , given that:

$$\varphi_A = 29^\circ 00' 31'' N \quad , \quad \varphi_B = 29^\circ 21' 19'' N ,$$

$$\alpha_{AB} = 114^\circ 25' 18'' \quad , \quad \alpha_{BA} = 294^\circ 31' 48'' ,$$

$$a = 6378136.992 \text{ m} \quad , \quad \frac{1}{f} = 298.25723$$

b) Using two methods, compute the global mean radius of curvature for the ellipsoid.

Question (2) [30]

Given a reference ellipsoid defined by:

$$a = 6378136.415 \text{ m} \quad , \quad \frac{1}{f} = 297.8773$$

a) Calculate the mean radius of curvature at point E , if $\varphi_E = 26^\circ 00' 17'' S$,

b) Compute the radius of curvature in the meridian direction for a point at the equator,

c) Determine the radius of curvature at the poles.

Question (3) [13]

a) Mention the difference between the 3D-Cartesian and curvilinear coordinates,

b) Explain the relation between the 3D-curvilinear coordinates of a point and the corresponding Cartesian ones; within a given geodetic system.

Question (4) [14]

a) Discuss the direct transformation from the local geodetic to the geodetic coordinate systems,

b) Explain the inverse transformation from the geodetic into the local geodetic coordinate systems.

Question (5) [13]

a) State the advantages of the 3D- over the 2D geodetic position computations,

b) Clarify briefly the direct and inverse geodetic problems in 3D geodetic computations.

Best Wishes