1402 (Mathematical Methods 2)

Year: 2017–2018
Code: MATH1402
Level: First
Value: Half unit (= 7.5 ECTS credits)
Term: 2
Structure: 3 hour lectures and 1 hour problem class per week.
Weekly assessed coursework.
Assessment: The final weighted mark for the module is given by: 10% programming exercises (pass/fail, mandatory for taking the exam). 15% programming project. 5% assessed homework vector calculus. 70% unseen exam, with one mandatory exercise on the programming part.
In order to pass the module you must have at least 40% in both the examination and the final weighted mark.

Normal Pre-requisites: MATH1401
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Problem class teacher: Dr SN Timoshin

Course Description and Objectives

This module consists of two parts. First an introduction to programming for the mathematical sciences (4 weeks) and then an introduction to multivariable calculus (5 weeks). Programming is becoming an increasingly important tool for a mathematician both in industry and in research. In view of this some elements of basic scientific computation should be part of any modern undergraduate curriculum in Mathematics. Multivariable calculus on the other hand is of fundamental importance in a variety of fields of pure and applied mathematics such as electromagnetism, fluid mechanics, differential geometry, integration theory etc. The aim of the rst part is to introduce the students to the ideas of computer programming and its uses in scientific computing for science and applications. The programming language Python will be considered in the course, but the underlying principles are general. They should learn how to write accurate programs for the computational solution of mathematical problems. The aim of the second part is to introduce the students to the ideas of calculus of several variables and to develop their understanding of functions of several variables, their derivatives and integrals.

Recommended Texts

Recommended books: Advanced Calculus (Schaum Outline Series).
H.-P. Langtangen, A Primer on Scientific Programming with Python Springer Verlag.

Detailed Syllabus

- Week 1. Python, notebooks, reserved words, variables, types, arithmetic operators. Interactive programming, the program, basic output. Week 2. Strings, eval, exec. Data structures (lists, tuples, arrays). Basic constructions (loops, for, while, if-else). Week 3. Functions, main program, local and global variables, modules, input/output (also to files), error handling. Week 4. Array computing, random numbers, discrete differentiation and integration, curve plotting. The project. Week 5: Review of partial derivatives, Tangent planes, linear approximation, derivatives, Chain rule. Week 6: Directional derivatives,

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