FACULTY OF ENGINEERING, SCIENCE AND THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Unit title: Mathematics A
Unit number: BCE/1/325

Unit Level: 1
Unit value: 1.0

Unit co-ordinator: I Kraincanic

Contact time: Lectures 26 hours

Tutorials 13 hours Assessment 3 hours

Private study time: 108 hours
Total study time: 150 hours
Unit pre-requisites: None.

SHORT DESCRIPTION

Mathematical theory and its applications relevant to civil engineering are covered. Topics include logarithms, matrices, simultaneous equations, differentiation, integration, differential equations and complex numbers.

AIMS

To present key mathematical concepts for engineering profession.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

The student should be able to:

- demonstrate relationships graphically and solve equations,
- differentiate simple relationships,
- understand integration as a reverse of differentiation,
- solve simple differential equations.

TEACHING AND LEARNING PATTERN

Lectures and tutorials supplemented by printed handouts.

INDICATIVE CONTENT

Logarithms

Introduction to logarithms; the use of logarithms in the graphical representation of relationships

Complex Numbers

Addition, subtraction, division, and multiplication of complex numbers; De Moivre's theorem; roots of complex numbers

Differentiation

Differentiation by first principles; differentiation of a function of a function; differentiation of products, quotients, and implicit functions; partial differentiation

Integration

Differentiation as a reverse of integration; integration by substitution and by partial fractions; integration of products; areas under curves; moments, volumes

Matrices

Addition, subtraction, and multiplication of matrices; inverse of matrices; solutions of simultaneous equations by matrix methods

Differential Equations

First order linear equations; second order linear equations; the significance of these types of equations in structural, fluid and soil mechanics

ASSESSMENT METHOD

50% 2 hour end of unit examination

50% Coursework consisting of two pieces of work.

INDICATIVE SOURCES

Core

Boas, M. Mathematical methods in the physical sciences, J. Wiley, 1998.

Stroud, K.A, and Booth, D. Engineering mathematics, Palgrave, Macmillan, 2001 (5th Edition).

Background

Bostock, L. and Chandler, S., Core maths for advanced level, Stanley Thornes Ltd, 2000.

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Bird, J., Engineering mathematics, Newnes, 2001.

Jeffrey, A., Essentials of engineering mathematics: worked examples and problems, Chapman & Hall/CRC Press, 2004.

Singh K., Engineering mathematics through applications, Palgrave, Macmillan, 2003.