

## Mathematical Tools I

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### Teaching groups languages

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### Prerequisites

There are none. The content and the methods introduced in this course presuppose knowledge of the first year *Fonaments de Matemàtiques* and *Càlcul*.

### Objectives and Contextualisation

The aim of the course is to enable the students to use some mathematical tools which are necessary for the study and modeling of nanosystems: analysis and resolution of ordinary and partial differential equations.

### Learning Outcomes

1. CM06 (Competence) Identify the mathematical nature of certain physical and chemical phenomena, in order to abstract the essential variables that describe them.
2. CM07 (Competence) Solve real-world problems that occur in the field of science and technology using mathematical tools and methods.
3. KM08 (Knowledge) Identify the elementary mathematical models and tools used in calculus, linear algebra and differential equations.
4. KM09 (Knowledge) Understand the idea behind numerical methods: precision, discretisation, numerical error, conditioning, standardisation.
5. KM10 (Knowledge) Identify the basic tools and notions of statistical data processing.
6. KM11 (Knowledge) Recognise the mathematical methods (calculus, algebra, numerical) used for probabilistic modelling.
7. SM09 (Skill) Express oneself clearly using basic mathematical language.
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9. SM11 (Skill) Use statistical methods and programmes to process data and analyse specific problems.
10. SM12 (Skill) Use graphical and numerical methods to explore, describe and interpret data.
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## Content

### I. INTEGRATION ON CURVES AND SURFACES

- Line and surface integrals
- Vector Analysis: Theorems of Green, Gauss and Stokes

### II. DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS

- Ordinary Differential Equations of the First and Second order
- Fourier Series and Transforms
- Introduction to Partial Differential Equations.

## Activities and Methodology

Title	Hours	ECTS	Learning Outcomes
Type: Directed			
Problems classes	12	0.48	CM07, SM09, SM12
Theory classes	36	1.44	CM06, KM08, SM09
Type: Supervised			
Practical classes	4	0.16	CM07, KM09, SM09, SM12
Type: Autonomous			
Personal study	32	1.28	
Problem solving	60	2.4	CM07, KM09

- Theory classes: The concepts and methods of the different subjects will be introduced, with a variety of examples.

- Problems classes: Teachers will solve selected exercises from a collection that will be available to the students beforehand.

- Practical classes: They will be held in a computer classroom. Activities will be proposed to be carried out by means of an adequate software. The results of this practical work must be presented within a given deadline.

- Autonomous work: It is imperative that students complement face-to-face activities with autonomous, individual or group work; to practice the resolution of problems is especially important.

Annotation: Within the schedule set by the centre or degree programme, 15 minutes of one class will be reserved for students to evaluate their lecturers and their courses or modules through questionnaires.

## Assessment

## Continous Assessment Activities

Title	Weighting	Hours	ECTS	Learning Outcomes
Delivery of solved problems	10%	0	0	CM07, KM08, SM09
Partial exams:	80%	6	0.24	CM06, CM07, KM08, KM11, SM09
Results of the practical sessions	10%	0	0	KM09, KM10, SM11, SM12

Partial exams: Two partial tests will be carried out, with a weight in the final evaluation of 40% each. At the end of the course, a re-evaluation exam for this 80% will be held for students who need it.

Practical sessions and delivery of solved problems: The remaining 20% will come from the evaluation of the delivered problems and from the results of the practical sessions in equal parts. The presentation of the results of the practical sessions will be mandatory.

Re-evaluation: There will be a re-evaluation for one or both partial exams. Only students who have completed 2/3 of the assessment activities, this means both term tests, may opt for the re-evaluation.

The student who carries out evaluation activities that involve less than 50% of the total evaluation will be considered "not assessable".

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## Software

maxima: <https://maxima.sourceforge.io/>

Python

## Language list

Name	Group	Language	Semester	Turn
(PAUL) Classroom practices	1	Catalan/Spanish	first semester	afternoon
(PLAB) Practical laboratories	1	Catalan	first semester	morning-mixed
(PLAB) Practical laboratories	2	Catalan	first semester	morning-mixed

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