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Math Methods

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**Office hours:** Wed. Fri., 2:30 - 4:00 p.m

**Class times:** M W F, 11:30-12:20, CW 146

**Textbook:** Arfken and Weber, 'Mathematical Methods for Physicists',  
Mathews and Walker, 'Mathematical Methods of Physics'

This class will introduce mathematical methods at the graduate level in a wide range of areas and should provide a good grounding for other graduate level course. We will apply various mathematical methods to analyze as many physics problems as possible during the semester.

**Homework:** Homework is listed overleaf. Solutions to selected problems will be posted on my notice board. Exam solutions will be posted (exam 1,2) or e-mailed (Final Exam) to you.

**Mathcad13:** Available in room 34 on several of the computers. I encourage you to use Mathcad to solve some problems. I will distribute templates for solving several problems during the course of the semester. Note that you will not have access to Mathcad during exams!

**Exams:** There will be 2 one hour exams and a final exam – see schedule overleaf. No books or notes (except for an equation I will distribute) can be used in these exams.

**Disabilities:** If you have any condition such as a physical or learning disability, which will make it difficult for you to carry out the work as I have outlined it or which will require academic accommodations, please notify me and contact the Disabled Students Office (Holton 202), in the first two weeks of the course.

**Plagiarism:** Plagiarism and cheating are serious offenses and may be punished by failure on the exam, paper or project; failure in the course; and/or expulsion from the University. For more information refer to the "Academic Dishonesty" policy in K-State Undergraduate Catalog and the Undergraduate Honor System Policy on the Provost's web page at <http://www.ksu.edu/honor/>

Assignment	Worth(%)
2 Exams	2 x 20
Homework	30
Final Exam	30
Total	100

Grade Scale	Score (%)
A	90-100
B	80-89.9
C	70-79.9
D	60-69.9
F	Less than 60

Date	Class, Exam	HW (turn in boldface problems at start of class)
Mon. Aug 21 <sup>st</sup>	Chap. 1 Review	See uploaded HW assignments (for 4 <sup>th</sup> ed of text)
23		
25	Chap. 2 Review	1.3.4, <b>1.5.5</b> , 1.6.2, <b>1.8.3</b> , <b>1.8.7</b> , 1.8.8, 1.8.16, 1.9.2, 1.9.5, <b>1.10.4</b> , 1.12.3, 1.13.11, 1.15.3. <b>Due Aug. 25<sup>th</sup></b>
Mon. 28		
30	Chap.3 Matrices	<b>2.2.2</b> , 2.4.7, 2.4.8, <b>2.4.11</b> , 2.5.9, 2.5.11, <b>2.5.14</b> . <b>Due Aug. 30<sup>th</sup></b>
Sept. 1		
Mon. 4	<b>No class</b>	
6	Chap. 5 Infinite series	<b>3.2.4</b> , 3.2.15, <b>3.2.19</b> , <b>3.2.20</b> , <b>3.3.1</b> , <b>3.3.12</b> , <b>3.4.15</b> , <b>3.5.30</b> , 3.6.2 <b>Due Sept. 6<sup>th</sup></b>

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Mon. 11		
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15	Chap. 6 Complex var I	5.1.1, <b>5.2.6, 5.2.8</b> , 5.2.14, 5.2.19, 5.4.2, 5.6.2, <b>5.6.15, 5.6.23 Due Sep. 15<sup>th</sup></b>
Mon. 18		
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Mon. 25		
27	Chap. 7 Complex var II	<b>6.1.3, 6.1.8, 6.1.15, 6.1.16</b> , 6.2.5, <b>6.3.3, 6.4.3</b> , 6.5.10, Due Sep. 27 <sup>th</sup>
29		
Mon.Oct.2 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>No class</b>	
4		
6	<b>Exam1(Chaps1-7)Oct5<sup>th</sup></b>	7.1.4, <b>7.2.1, 7.2.5, 7.2.8, 7.2.13 Due Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup></b>
Mon. 9		
11		
13	Chap. 8 Differential Equ	7.2.16,7.2.18, 7.2.20, <b>7.2.22, 7.3.2, 7.3.4 Due Oct. 13<sup>th</sup></b>
Mon. 16		
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Mon. 23		
25		8.2.2, 8.2.5, 8.3.2, <b>8.3.8</b> , 8.4.1, <b>8.5.12 Due Oct. 25<sup>th</sup></b>
27	Chap. 9 Sturm-Liouville Theory	
Mon. 30	(sec 1,2,3)	
Nov. 1 <sup>st</sup>		
3	Chap 8/9, other materials on Green's Functions (A. Chakrabarti)	<b>8.5.6, 8.5.14, 8.6.3, 9.1.1, 9.1.8, 9.2.6 Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup></b>
Mon. 5		
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Mon. 13		
15	Chap. 11 Bessel fns (sec. 1,2,3)	<b>Greens function HW to be announced</b>
17	(sec. 1,2,3)	
Mon. 20 <sup>th</sup> (no class 22 <sup>nd</sup> 24 <sup>th</sup> )	Chap. 12 Legendre fns (sec. 1,2,3)	
Mon. 27	Chap 13 Hermite, Laguerre fn	
30	(sec1,2)	<b>11.1.16,11.2.2,12.1.6, 12.3.15, 13.2.4,13.2.9 Nov.29<sup>th</sup></b>
Dec. 1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Exam 2 (chap 8-13)</b>	
Mon. 54	Chap. 14 Fourier Series	
6		
8	<b>Last day of class</b>	14.1.5, 14.3.4, 14.3.6, 14.4.9 <b>Dec. 8<sup>th</sup></b>
Mon.Dec.11 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Final Exam 11:50 a.m. – 1:40 p.m.</b>	