Essential mathematics 1 (MST124) content listing

| Unit 1 Algebra | Numbers, algebraic expressions, factors, multiples and fractions Roots and powers, equations Writing mathematics |
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| Unit 2 <br> Graphs and equations | Plotting graphs: straight-line and parabolic graphs and their equations, solving simultaneous equations and quadratic equations Introduction to Maxima, a computer algebra system, which you'll continue to use in later units |
| Unit 3 Functions | Introduction to functions, graphing functions, inverse functions, translations and scaling of graphs, exponential and logarithmic functions, inequalities |
| Unit 4 Trigonometry | Right-angled triangles, trigonometric functions, sine and cosine rules, trigonometric identities |
| Unit 5 <br> Coordinate geometry and vectors | The distance between two points, midpoints and perpendicular bisectors of a line, equation of a circle, points of intersection, working in three dimensions <br> Vector algebra, vectors in component form, magnitude and direction, scalar product |
| Unit 6 Differentiation | An introduction to calculus, gradients of graphs, derivatives of simple functions, using differentiation to find rates of change, stationary points, second derivatives |
| Unit 7 <br> Differentiation methods and integration | Further differentiation, product rule, quotient rule, chain rule, optimisation problems <br> Integration of power functions, reciprocal functions, exponential functions and trigonometric functions, using integration to find rates of change, constant multiple rule, sum rule |
| Unit 8 Integration methods | Definite integrals, fundamental theorem of calculus, integration by substitution, integration by parts, trigonometric integrals |
| Unit 9 Matrices | Matrix manipulation and operations, networks, matrix inverses, solving simultaneous equations using matrices |
| Unit 10 Sequences and series | Arithmetic and geometric sequences, series, sigma notation, the binomial theorem |
| Unit 11 Taylor polynomials [optional] | Linear Taylor polynomials, quadratic Taylor polynomials, higher order Taylor polynomials <br> Taylor series: adding, subtracting, multiplying, differentiating and integrating Taylor series |
| Unit 12 Complex numbers | Arithmetic with complex numbers, the complex plane, modulus, argument, polar form <br> De Moivre's formula, Euler's formula, roots of complex numbers, the fundamental theorem of algebra |

