

Essential mathematics 1 (MST124) content listing

Unit 1 <i>Algebra</i>	Numbers, algebraic expressions, factors, multiples and fractions
	Roots and powers, equations
	Writing mathematics
Unit 2	Plotting graphs: straight-line and parabolic graphs and their equations,
Graphs and 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	The distance between two points, midpoints and perpendicular
Coordinate geometry and vectors	bisectors of a line, equation of a circle, points of intersection, working
	in three dimensions
	Vector algebra, vectors in component form, magnitude and direction,
	scalar product
Unit 6 <i>Differentiation</i>	An introduction to calculus, gradients of graphs, derivatives of simple
	functions, using differentiation to find rates of change, stationary
	points, second derivatives
Unit 7	Further differentiation, product rule, quotient rule, chain rule,
Differentiation methods and integration	optimisation problems
	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 <i>Matrice</i> s	Matrix manipulation and operations, networks, matrix inverses, solving
	simultaneous equations using matrices
Unit 10	Arithmetic and geometric sequences, series, sigma notation, the
Sequences and series	binomial theorem
Unit 11 <i>Taylor polynomials</i>	Linear Taylor polynomials, quadratic Taylor polynomials, higher order
[optional]	Taylor polynomials
	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
	De Moivre's formula, Euler's formula, roots of complex numbers, the
	fundamental theorem of algebra