BIRLA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY AND SCIENCE, PILANI-HYDERABAD CAMPUS

**SECOND SEMESTER 2019–2020**

**COURSE HANDOUT**

*Date : 06.01.2020*

In addition to Part I (General Handout for all courses appended to the Time Table), this portion gives further specific details regarding the course.

**Course No. :** PHY F243

**Course Title :**  Methods of Mathematical Physics I

**Instructor-in-charge :**  **Rahul Nigam**

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**Course Description :**

This course deals with some of the mathematical methods which are used in many branches of theoretical physics.

**Scope and Objective :**

MMP I is a course on mathematical methods used in physics. The emphasis will be on understanding the general principles and on methods which have not been covered in the various core Mathematics courses which the student has already undergone. Applications cover a wide range of physical problems.

**Text Books:**

Mathematical Methods for Physicists: Arfken, Weber, Harris, 7th edition, Academic Press, 2012.

**Reference Books:**

R1. Mathematical Methods in Classical and Quantum Physics, Tulsi Dass and Satish K Sharma, Universities Press, 1998

R2. Tensor Analysis, Schaum’s outline on theory and problems of tensor calculus. Tata Mcgraw Hill.

R3. Introduction to Vector Spaces in Physics, K.A.I.L. Wijewardena Gamalath, Cambridge University Press

**Course Plan:**

Sections referred to are from the text book unless stated otherwise.

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| Lecture No. | Learning Objectives | Topics to be Covered | Chapter in the Text Book |
| 1 | Introduction |  |  |
| 2-7 | Complex Analysis | Stereographic projection, Analytic functions, Cauchy’s theorem, Jordan’s lemma, Evaluation of integrals, gamma function | Chapter 11, R1 chapter 4 |
| 8-12 | Fourier Transform | Definition and Properties of Fourier Transform, Convolution Theorem and Applications | Chapter 20, R1 chapter 9. |
| 13-17 | Partial Differential equations | Examples of PDEs: Continuity equation, diffusion equation, Wave equation, Poisson and Laplace equation, Seperation of Variables, Boundary conditions. | Chapter 9. |
| 18-21 | Green’s functions | One dimensional and multi dimensional inhomogeneous solutions | Chapter 10 |
| 22-30 | Matrices, Vector Spaces, Linear Operators. | Matrix Properties, Levi Civita symbol, Hermitian, Orthogonal Matrices, Vector spaces, Norms and Inner products, Gram Schmidt Orthogonalisation, Similarity transformations, diagonalisation | Chapter 1,2,3,4 of R3 |
| 31-35 | Tensors and Differential Geometry | Covariant, contravariant tensors, invariants, tensors and relativity | R2: Chapter 1,2,3,4 |
| 36-40 | Group Theory | Discrete Groups and Lie Groups | Chapter 15 R1 |

**Evaluation Scheme:**

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| **EC No.** | Component | **Duration** | | **Weightage**  **(%)** | **Date & time** | **Nature of Component** |
| 1 | Mid Sem Exam | 1.5 hrs | 30 | | 7/3 9.00 - 10.30AM | Close Book |
| 2 | Assignments |  | 30 | |  | Open Book |
| 3 | Comprehensive exam | 3 hours | 40 | | 14/05 FN | Close Book |

**Chamber Consultation Hours:** To be announced in the class.

**Notices:**  Will be displayed on the Physics department notice board and announced in class only.

**Make-up Policy:** Make-up will be given only in genuine cases, that is, illness leading to hospitalization or going out of station with prior permission. No make-ups for the surprise tests.

**Academic Honesty and Integrity Policy**: Academic honesty and integrity are to be maintained by all the students throughout the semester and no type of academic dishonesty is acceptable.

**Instructor-in-charge**

**PHY C332**