

# Exercise Sheet 02

## Problems 01 - 04

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# Problem Setup

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Figure: Problem - 01.

# Proposed Solution

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In order to solve the problem.....

$$\cos^3 \theta = \frac{1}{4} \cos \theta + \frac{3}{4} \cos 3\theta \quad (2)$$

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- 2 Explanation
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Subtitle

<b>Treatments</b>	<b>Response 1</b>	<b>Response 2</b>
Treatment 1	0.0003262	0.562
Treatment 2	0.0015681	0.910
Treatment 3	0.0009271	0.296

Table: Table caption

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# Definitions & Examples

## Definition

A **prime number** is a number that has exactly two divisors.

## Example

- 2 is prime (two divisors: 1 and 2).
- 3 is prime (two divisors: 1 and 3).
- 4 is not prime (**three** divisors: 1, 2, and 4).

You can also use the theorem, lemma, proof and corollary environments.

# Theorem, Corollary & Proof

Theorem (Mass-energy equivalence)

$$E = mc^2$$

Corollary

$$x + y = y + x$$

Proof.

$$\omega + \phi = \epsilon$$



# Equation

$$\cos^3 \theta = \frac{1}{4} \cos \theta + \frac{3}{4} \cos 3\theta \quad (3)$$

## Example (Theorem Slide Code)

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\frametitle{Theorem}  
\begin{theorem} [Mass--energy equivalence]  
$E = mc^2$  
\end{theorem}  
\end{frame}
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# Citing References

An example of the `\cite` command to cite within the presentation:

This statement requires citation [Smith, 2022, Kennedy, 2023].

# References



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Questions? Comments?