

First Course Handout

AE-641A (Space Dynamics-I)

Title: Space Dynamics-I

Instructor: A. Tewari

Allotted Venue: L-19

Allotted Timings: Tue, Wed 12:00 – 13:15

Course Objectives: To introduce space dynamics in a rigorous, yet easy to comprehend manner.

Prerequisites: Knowledge of third-year UG level mathematics and basic mechanics.

Course Contents:

- Introduction to space dynamics.
- Gravity and n -body problem.
- Two-body orbits and orbital maneuvers.
- Relative orbital motion.
- Impulsive orbital rendezvous.
- Orbital perturbations.
- Spacecraft attitude dynamics.
- Attitude stabilization and maneuvers.

Online Instruction:

- The course will be conducted in the **online mode**.
- There will be **two** recorded video lectures per week uploaded to “hello.iitk” platform, with alerts sent via e-mail. The lectures will normally be available every **Tuesday** and **Friday**, unless informed otherwise. (The first lecture will be uploaded on Friday, January 6).
- Any doubts and questions regarding the lecture material should be addressed to the instructor (ashtew@iitk.ac.in) via e-mail from your **registered** e-mail account (*@iitk.ac.in).
- **Home-work exercises** will be contained at the end of every lecture, and must be attempted before the next lecture.

Evaluation Policy:

- The course will follow a **continuous evaluation** policy through **bi-weekly quizzes**.
- Instructions for taking the quizzes will be e-mailed well in advance.
- There will be **no** mid-semester and end-semester exams.
- Bi-weekly Quizzes : 5 x 1.25 hr = 6.25 hrs (100%)

References:

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