

McGill University
Department of Mathematics and Statistics
MATH 271 Linear Algebra and PDEs
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Prerequisites

MATH263 and MATH264

References:

1. Detailed Complete Notes Online
2. MATH271 Course Pack
3. Fourier Analysis, M. Spiegel (Schaum's)
4. Advanced Engineering Mathematics by D.G. Zill and M.R. Cullen

Delivery: In person.

Lectures: Tuesday and Thursday 10:05 am - 11:25 am MDHAR G-10.

Tutorials: Monday 2:35 pm - 3:25 pm LEA 14

Monday 10:35 am - 11:25 am BURN 1B39

Monday 9:35 am - 10:25 am BURN 1B39

Students are very strongly urged to attend tutorials regularly. The purpose of the tutorials are to:

1. Answer questions about the course.
2. Review materials from MATH263 and MATH264 whenever necessary.
3. Expose the students to additional problems solved by the tutors with emphasis on applications, whenever possible.

Course Outline:

1. Partial Differential Equations

The derivations of the fundamental partial differential equations governing engineering systems: fluidflow, diffusion of heat and steady state temperature distribution, electromagnetic theory and vibrations. Poisson (Laplace), Diffusion, Wave equations, Boundary conditions, uniqueness of solutions, solutions of boundary value problems using Fourier series

2. Linear Algebra

Vector spaces, inner product spaces, eigenvalues and eigenvectors, Hermitian operators, Fourier expansions

3. Sturm-Liouville Theory

Applications and solutions of boundary value problems in spherical and cylindrical coordinates, Legendre polynomials and Bessel functions, generalization

4. Linear Systems of Ordinary Differential and Difference Equations

Solutions by eigenvalues and eigenvectors, as well as by diagonalization. Cayley-Hamilton theorem, functions of matrices, e^{AT} . The exponential matrix method, solution by elimination. Applications particularly to systems of vibrating mass

The department **HelpDesk** is also available to you. Schedules and more information will follow.

Term Exam

Date, time and place to be announced. Please note that both the term and final exams will be based extensively on the assignments with appropriate modifications.

Grading Scheme

- Term Exam: 40% or 30%
- Final Exam: 60% or 70%

Whichever yields the higher mark Dates and times to be announced. Please note that the term exam and final exam will be based extensively on the assignments, with appropriate modifications. **Assignments taken from the Course Pack:**

1. Set 1: 1,2,3,4,19,11,14, and 17
2. Set 2: 13-19
3. Set 3: 1-6, 10-13
4. Sets 4 and 5: All, including the additional examples in Appendix 3.

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Right to submit in English or French

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