PHY 7110 Methods of Theoretical Physics 2 Fall 2014 Sean Gavin

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TEXT: Mathematical Methods for Physics, by H.W. Wyld, 2nd Edition, ISBN-10: 0738201251, |

ISBN-13: 978-0738201252

Schaum's Mathematical Handbook of Formulas and Tables, 4th Edition, ISBN-10:

0071795375,ISBN-13: 978-0071795371

SUPPLEMENTS: Lower level: Mathematical Methods in the Physical Sciences, Boas

Encyclopedic: Mathematical Methods for Physics and Engineering: a Comprehensive

Guide, by Riley, Hobson and Bence; Mathematical Methods, Arfken

Higher level: Mathematics for Physics, Stone and Goldbart

OFFICE HOURS: Monday 3-4 PM or after class

HOMEWORK: Every 1-2 weeks. **Late homework will not be accepted.** The lowest homework

will be dropped.

GRADES: There will be two midterm exams and one final. Dates of the exams may

change if the class departs from the expected schedule. Changes will be

announced in class.

Homework 40% Midterm Exams 40% Final Exam 20%

FINAL EXAM: Friday, December 12, 2013, 8:00a.m. – 10:30a.m

Week of	Chapter	Comments			
8/27	1	Partial Differential Equations (PDE)			
9/1	1	No class Monday, 9/1			
		Standard PDE of Mathematical Physics			
9/8	2	Separation of Variables and			
		Ordinary Differential Equations (ODE)			
9/15	2	Power Series Solutions to ODE;			
		Eigenfunctions, Sturm-Liouville Equations			
9/22	3	Sturm Liouville Problems; Legendre Equation			
9/29	3	Spherical Harmonics and PDE with Spherical Symmetry			
10/6	4	Boundary Value Problems with Spherical Symmetry;			
		Intro to Bessel Functions			
10/13	4	Bessel Functions: Properties and Applications			
10/20	4, 5	Boundary Value Problems with Cylindrical Symmetry;			
		Initial Value Problems			
10/27	5, 6	Transient and Steady State Behavior, Normal Modes			
		Exam on Chapters 1, 2, 3, 4			
11/3	6	Examples: PDE Normal Modes			
11/10	11	Complex variables			
11/17	11	Application of Complex variables			
11/24	12, 14	Monday only – Thanksgiving holiday			
		Exam on Chapters 5 and 6			
12/1	14	Applications of Complex Variables			
12/8	review	Monday only			