

1 Resources

1.1 Textbook

- Hassani, *Mathematical Methods For Students of Physics and Related Fields*, 2009, Springer

1.2 Books to have handy for review

- Your favorite calculus book. There are a gazillion calculus books out there, so pick one you like. Since I can't possibly provide references to every calculus book, I'll give you section references to two that are easily obtained by TTU students:
 - If you took calculus at TTU, you probably have: (SST) Smith, Strauss, and Toda, *Calculus*, 2014, Kendall Hunt.
 - A series of top-quality calculus books freely distributed online is: (OSTXC) OpenStax, *Calculus*. You can download PDFs or apps.
 - * Volume 1: <https://openstax.org/details/books/calculus-volume-1>
 - * Volume 2: <https://openstax.org/details/books/calculus-volume-2>
 - * Volume 3: <https://openstax.org/details/books/calculus-volume-3>
- Your favorite intro physics book.
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 - * Volume 1: <https://openstax.org/details/books/university-physics-volume-1>
 - * Volume 2: <https://openstax.org/details/books/university-physics-volume-2>
 - * Volume 3: <https://openstax.org/details/books/university-physics-volume-3>
 - A classic available freely online is (FLP) Feynman, Leighton, and Sands, *The Feynman Lectures on Physics*, online edition: <https://www.feynmanlectures.caltech.edu/>

1.3 Math reference handbook

Nobody can remember everything, so make yourself familiar with a good repository of mathematical knowledge.

- (DLMF) Olver (ed), *NIST digital library of mathematical functions*
 - Available online at <https://dlmf.nist.gov/>
 - This is an online edition of the hardcopy book *NIST Handbook of Mathematical Functions*, 2010, Cambridge.
- The original NIST (then NBS) *Handbook of Mathematical Functions*, edited by Abramowitz and Stegun, was published in 1964. It is now freely available in PDF form. There's an inexpensive Dover version if you like hardcopy.

1.4 Related books

- Boyce and DiPrima, *Elementary Differential Equations and Boundary Value Problems* is the classic undergraduate text on differential equations. You can probably find a used copy of an earlier edition at Amazon or other used bookseller.
- If you're looking for other books at about the level of this course, here are a few:
 - Boas, *Mathematical Methods in the Physical Sciences* is another standard undergraduate Math Methods of Physics text
 - Arfken and Weber, *Mathematical Methods for Physicists* is at about the same mathematical level as this course, with lots of problems and examples. However, the discussion assumes you know physics at about the senior level.
 - Tang's three-volume series *Mathematical Methods for Engineers and Scientists* is good.
- If you really like this subject, more advanced books include:
 - Hassani, *Mathematical Physics*
 - Cahill, *Physical Mathematics*
 - Byron and Fuller, *Mathematics of Classical and Quantum Physics*. This is available as a Dover reprint.
 - Morse and Feshbach, *Methods of Theoretical Physics*.
 - Bamberg and Sternberg, *A Course in Mathematics for Students of Physics*, a two-volume set. This isn't a "math methods" book; it covers fundamental mathematics (linear algebra, real analysis, differential geometry, and algebraic topology) aimed at applications to physics.

1.5 Online presentations

- **3Blue1Brown** video series by Grant Sanderson. These are wonderful. Some series of particular relevance to this course are:
 - Calculus: <https://www.3blue1brown.com/topics/calculus>
 - Linear algebra: <https://www.3blue1brown.com/topics/linear-algebra>
 - Differential equations: <https://www.3blue1brown.com/topics/differential-equations>
 - Fourier analysis, vector calculus: in <https://www.3blue1brown.com/topics/analysis>
- **MIT OpenCourseWare** has courses on many subjects. Relevant to this course are:
 - Differential equations: [MIT 18.03](#)
 - Linear algebra: [MIT 18.06](#)
 - Multivariable calculus [MIT 18.02](#)