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## Syllabus: Mathematics for Economists 3678 (on-line, asynchronous course)

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**Office hours:** On request: please, e-mail the teacher before a given Tuesday, otherwise there will be no office hours; Tuesday 13-14h in the virtual room via Teams (link on Moodle)

**Textbook:** Either of the two options:

- 1. Option 1) K. Sydsaeter, P. Hammond, 'Essential Mathematics for Economic Analysis', Pearson, 4th edition, 2012 (also available as an e-book from Hanken's library) and K. Sydsaeter, P. Hammond, 'Further Mathematics for Economic Analysis', Pearson, 2nd edition, 2008, or
- 2. Option 2) K. Sydsaeter, P. Hammond, 'Mathematics for economic analysis', Prentice-Hall, 1995

Course outline follows chapters from Option 2, K. Sydsaeter, P. Hammond, 'Mathematics for economic analysis', Prentice-Hall, 1995. See Table 2 below for chapter correspondence between Option 1 and Option 2.

**Teaching materials available on Moodle:** Self-enrolment key for Moodle: please, check SISU. Detailed weekly guidelines for self-study; weekly tasks follow recommended agenda from Table 1. Theory slides, exercise set (and solutions), computer lab notes in a Jupyter-Notebook format, video links to exercise sessions recorded in 2018, discussion forum, instructions for installing software, useful links, etc.

**Software:** Python (computing, symbolic calculations and graphics) and markdown (generation of documents with latex syntax for type-setting mathematical formulas) used in Jupyter Notebook. All software ingredients can be obtained at once by installing Anaconda (instructions can be found on Moodle).

**Marks:** 90% for the final exam plus 10% for the assignments/quizzes

Final exam (90%): exam consists of 8-10 exercises embedded into a Moodle quiz; exam has to be performed in max. 6h, 09:00h-15:00h; exam dates: 30.06.2025 (first attempt), 12.07.2025 (second attempt); exercises have to be answered sequentially (you can only go forward; you cannot go back to modify your answers)

- some of the exercises will have answers/solutions to be entered directly into a given quiz question/exercise, and
- some of the exercises will have answers/solutions to be provided by uploading a Jupyter Notebook file to Moodle, with all the calculation steps and comments type-set using markdown and latex syntax; a corresponding template .ipynb file will be supplied by the teacher

Pre-requisite: to be allowed to take the exam, you need to pass at least one ComputerQuiz (to demonstrate that you know how to open, dissect, modify, etc a Jupyter Notebook file, and that you can use markdown and latex syntax).

Assignments/Quizzes  $(10\% = 10 \times 1\%)$ : ten Moodle quizzes; each quiz has to be performed in max. 6h from when you start/open it; quiz opens at 00:00h and closes at 23:59h on a given day - see Table 1 for the exact dates; exercises have to be answered sequentially (you can only go forward; you cannot go back to modify your answers)

- 7 Moodle quizzes requiring calculations 'by hand' (show-your-work type) and choosing intermediate and/or final answers in the quiz questions, with possibly short, software-related questions; there will also be questions where answers have to be entered as an algebraic expression using special syntax; as a preparation for the final exam, it is recommended that you type-set at least some of your solutions in Jupyter Notebook, using markdown and latex syntax
- 3 Moodle quizzes which are software-based
- 1 Moodle quiz that is optional (for bonus 1%), Quiz0

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Week	Dates	Chapters	Thursday	Friday
21	19-23.05	1.Intro.,2.Func.of one var., 3.Pol.,Pow.,Exp.		Quiz0 (Ch.1-3),
		4.Diff.		optional
22	26-30.05	5. More on Differentiation	Quiz1 (Ch.4-5)	CompQuiz1
		6.Limits, continuity, series		
23	02-06.06	7.Implications of cont. and diff.	Quiz2 (Ch.6-7)	CompQuiz2
		8.Exp and Log, 9.Optim		
24	09-13.06	9.Optim	Quiz3 (Ch.8-9)	Quiz4 (Ch.10-11)
		10.Integration, 11.More on integ.		
25	16-20.06	12.Lin. Alg., 13.Determ., Matrix Inv.	Quiz5 (Ch.12-13)	CompQuiz3,
		14.More on Lin. Alg.	open Wed-Thu	open Thu-Fri
26	23-27.06	15.Func. of several var., 16.Tools for Comp.	Quiz6 (Ch.13-14)	Quiz7 (Ch.15-18)
		Statics, 17.Multiv. Opt., 18.Constrained Opt.		

Table 1: Recommended agenda for self-study (chapters follow textbook Option 2: 'Mathematics for economic analysis')

Option	Option 2		
'Essential Mathematics	'Further Mathematics		
for Economic Analysis'	for Economic Analysis'	'Mathematics for economic analysis'	
Ch.1-3		Ch.1, Appendices A-B	
Ch.4-5		Ch.2-3	
Ch.6, 7.1-7.7		Ch.4-5	
Ch.7.8-7.12, part of Ch.8, 10		Ch.6-8	
Ch.8		Ch.9	
Ch.9		Ch.10-11	
Ch.15-16	Ch.1	Ch.12-14	
Ch.11	Ch.1-2	Ch.15	
Ch.12	Ch.2	Ch.16	
Ch.13		Ch.17	
Ch.14		Ch.18	

Table 2: Chapter correspondence between textbook Option 1 and Option 2: Option 1) K. Sydsaeter, P. Hammond, 'Essential Mathematics for Economic Analysis', K. Sydsaeter, P. Hammond, 'Further Mathematics for Economic Analysis' Option 2) K. Sydsaeter, P. Hammond, 'Mathematics for economic analysis'