Course syllabus

Beräkningsprogrammering
Scientific Computing

FMNF15, 6 credits, G2 (First Cycle)

Valid for: 2017/18
Decided by: PLED F/Pi
Date of Decision: 2017-04-06

General Information

Main field: Technology.
Compulsory for: V2
Language of instruction: The course will be given in Swedish

Aim

The course provides a basic understanding of how to apply computational tools to write programs to simulate and visualize various problems in civil engineering. The student should experience technical computations as a useful tool. The course should stimulate further studies.

Learning outcomes

Knowledge and understanding
For a passing grade the student must

- be able to answer questions about the MATLAB syntax and the online help function.
- be able to describe the Matlab output corresponding to a sequence of (possible incorrect) commands.

Competences and skills
For a passing grade the student must

- be able to write computational programmes needed in later courses in the civil engineering programme.
- be able to visualize, interpret and evaluate numerical results.
- be able to report solutions and numerical results in written and graphical form.

Judgement and approach
For a passing grade the student must
write a well structured report in suitable terminology on the numerical solution of a
computational project within civil engineering

Contents
Files, editing. MATLAB’s basic functions: arithmetic operations, vectors, matrices, simple
graphics functions. Syntax: [for], [if-then-else], [while]. Built-in functions, user-written
functions, and m-files. Linear systems of equations. Non-linear equations. Least squares
fitting of measurement data. Numerical integration. Interpretation and critical assessment
of results. Applications and project work.

Examination details
Grading scale: UG - (U,G) - (Fail, Pass)
Assessment: Written exam and a computational project.

The examiner, in consultation with Disability Support Services, may deviate from the
regular form of examination in order to provide a permanently disabled student with a
form of examination equivalent to that of a student without a disability.

Parts
Code: 0117. Name: Project.
Credits: 1.5. Grading scale: UG. Assessment: Computational project. Contents: See above.
Credits: 4.5. Grading scale: UG. Assessment: Written examination.

Admission
Admission requirements:

• FMAB20 Linear Algebra

Required prior knowledge: FMAA05 Calculus in One Variable and FMAB30 Calculus
in Several Variables.
The number of participants is limited to: No
The course overlaps following course/s: FMN065, FMN140

Reading list
• Exercise material is provided by the department.

Contact and other information
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Course homepage: http://www.maths.lth.se/na/courses/FMN140
Further information: The applications are taken from structural design, building physics,
hydrology and hydraulics. The students will work on a larger project, which is developed
in cooperation with the teacher in Structural mechanics.