MJ2424 Computational Methods in Energy Technology 6.0 credits

Numeriska beräkningsmetoder inom energiteknik

This is a translation of the Swedish, legally binding, course syllabus.

If the course is discontinued, students may request to be examined during the following two academic years

Establishment

Course syllabus for MJ2424 valid from Spring 2020

Grading scale

A, B, C, D, E, FX, F

Education cycle

Second cycle

Main field of study

Mechanical Engineering

Language of instruction

The language of instruction is specified in the course offering information in the course catalogue.

Intended learning outcomes

After completing the course with a passing grade the student should be able to:

1. Describe numerical methods for treating partial differential equations, derive specific expressions for programming, and analyze sources of error
2. Define governing equations for relevant physical processes and construct representative numerical simulations
3. Conductnumerical simulations withcommercial computational fluid dynamics software and analyze results in terms of validity and accuracy, including comparisons to real processes

Course contents

The following topics on computational methods for heat conduction and fluid flow are covered in the course:

1. How computers store numbers (single and double precision)
2. Numerical differentiation (central and forward differencing)
3. Errors in numerical methods (truncation, round-off, etc)
4. Heat conduction in solids: governing equations
5. Divergence Theorem
6. Compressible inviscid flow equations: conservation of mass, momentum and energy.
7. Finite difference method for steady 1D and 2D for heat conduction
8. Euler method for solving unsteady heat conduction equations (explicit time marching)
9. Higher order time-stepping (Predictor-Corrector Scheme and Runge-Kutta method
10. Stability limits for explicit time-marching
11. Crank-Nicolson Method (implicit time-marching)
12. Meshing
13. Advection equation and upwind schemes
14. Lax-Wendroff scheme
15. Introduction to solving inviscid flow equations
16. Introduction to Navier-stokes equations and turbulence

Specific prerequisites

Bachelor of Science or corresponding + MJ1401 "Heat transfer" 6cr or corresponding + SG1220 "Fluid Mechanics" 6cr, or corresponding

Examination

- INL1 - Home assignment, 0.5 credits, grading scale: P, F
- INLB - Home assignment, 0.5 credits, grading scale: P, F
- LAB2 - Computer laboration, 2.0 credits, grading scale: P, F
- TEN1 - Written exam, 3.0 credits, grading scale: A, B, C, D, E, FX, F

Based on recommendation from KTH’s coordinator for disabilities, the examiner will decide how to adapt an examination for students with documented disability.

The examiner may apply another examination format when re-examining individual students.

Ethical approach

- All members of a group are responsible for the group's work.
- In any assessment, every student shall honestly disclose any help received and sources used.
- In an oral assessment, every student shall be able to present and answer questions about the entire assignment and solution.