SI1146 Vector Analysis 4.0 credits

Vektoranalys

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 SI1146 valid from Spring 2017

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

Education cycle
First cycle

Main field of study
Technology

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

Intended learning outcomes
On completion of the course, a student should be able to
• Use vector calculus to describe and analyse physical systems
• Be able to model and formulate basic physical problems within for example electromagnetism and fluid mechanics by means of vector calculus
• Describe different physical situations where singular vector fields arise and use these to describe physical systems
• Apply tensor analysis on basic physical problems within for example solid mechanics
• Use symmetries and basic group theory to draw conclusions about physical systems

Course contents
Concept within vector calculus and their physical applications: the nabla operator, integral theorems and potential theory. Tensors with applications from for example electrodynamics and continuum mechanics. Special vector fields and their importance within physical modelling. Modelling by means of vector calculus. The concept of symmetry with relation to basic group theory and its importance within physics

Specific prerequisites
Recommended prior knowledge: To benefit from the course material it is recommended that the students have read the following courses or gained the equivalent knowledge:

• SF1672 Linear Algebra
• SF1673 Calculus in a variable
• SF1674 Multivariable analysis

Course literature
The textbook(s) is decided by the Department of Theoretical Physics and the students will be informed via the course homepage no later than four weeks before the start of the course.

Examination
• TEN1 - Written Examination, 4.0 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.

Other requirements for final grade
Approved examination.
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.