

# *Final Course Outline*

## **Part I – Basics**

<b>0.</b> <b><u>Coordinate Systems</u></b> (Fact Sheet B)	<i>Lecture 1</i>
<b>1.</b> <b><u>Vectors 1</u></b> (Fact Sheet A) A.    Definition B.    Components C.    Simple multiplication and unit vectors D.    Position vectors E.    Addition and subtraction	
<b>2.</b> <b><u>Complex numbers 1</u></b> (Fact Sheet C) A.    Definition: real and imaginary parts B.    The complex plane: Cartesian and polar form of complex numbers C.    Simple operations (addition, multiplication etc.) D.    Complex conjugation E.    The division trick F.    Example: a quadratic equation	<i>Lecture 2</i>
<b>3.</b> <b><u>Complex numbers 2</u></b> (Fact Sheet C) A.    Euler's equation for the exponential form of complex numbers B.    Operations with the exponential form C.    Exploring the unit circle	<i>Lecture 3</i>
<b>4.</b> <b><u>Vectors 2</u></b> (Fact Sheet E) A.    The dot (or scalar) product B.    The cross (or vector) products C.    Applications	<i>Lecture 4</i>
<b>5.</b> <b><u>Geometry 1</u></b> (Fact Sheets D & F) A.    Direction B.    Equations of a straight line (in 2D)	<i>Lecture 5</i>
C.    The third dimension	<i>Lecture 6</i>

6. **Linear equations 1** (Fact Sheets G & L)  
A. 2 equations in 2 unknowns (2 straight lines)

B. 3 equations in 3 unknowns (3 planes) *Lecture 7*

7. **Determinants** (Fact Sheet H & B)  
A. Cramer's rule and the determinant of the coefficients

B. Evaluation of  $3 \times 3$  determinants *Lecture 8*  
C. General properties of determinants  
D. Exploiting the properties

E. Machinery for bigger systems: double suffix notation *Lecture 9*

8. **Matrices** (Fact Sheet I)  
A. Basic definition: vectors as matrices

B. Matrices in context: matrix multiplication rule *Lecture 10*  
C. Matrix types and properties

D. Minors and cofactors *Lecture 11*

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## Part II – Development

9. **Linear Equations revisited** (Fact Sheet J)  
A. Matrix inversion

B. The singular case *Lecture 12*  
B. The homogeneous case

10. **Vectors revisited** (Fact Sheet K)  
A. The cross (vector) product with determinants  
B. The triple scalar product  
C. The triple vector product

11. **Geometry revisited** *Lecture 13*  
A. Intersection of planes  
B. Shortest distance from a point to a plane  
C. Shortest distance from a point to a line  
D. Shortest distance between two skew lines

**12. Matrices revisited**

*Lecture 14*

- A. Rotation matrices in 2D
- B. Linear transformations: stretch and shrink
- C. Rotation matrices in 3D
- D. Orthogonal matrices

E. The eigenvalue problem

*Lecture 15*

F. Diagonalisation

G. A  $3 \times 3$  example

H. The matrices of quantum mechanics

**13. Complex numbers revisited**

*Lecture 16*

- A. Powers and roots of complex numbers
- B. Applications of complex numbers

**14. Review**