Short Term Course on

THE SHEER JOY OF MATHEMATICS

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भारतीय विज्ञान संस्थान Course Schedule 01-01-24 to 15-04-24 Mondays and Thursdays from 6 pm – 7 pm Course Mode: Offline Accommodation Not Available

Course Fee per participant: Rs.1000+18%GST Registration Deadline: 20th December 2023 Registration link: https://iisc.online/shortterm/home.html

Minimum Qualification Required

- 1.Students pursuing BSc/MSc (science stream, any year), BE/BTech/MTech/ME (any discipline, any year)
- 2. Teachers (Class 11 and 12 and higher in science stream),
- 3. Those with non-science backgrounds who are curious about mathematics and are
 - willing to learn are also encouraged to apply

Course Content

Introduction

This is a course for those with a healthy curiosity and the cognoscenti. To educate for a purpose is not the intent. Rather, it is to provide a loosely structured mode of engagement to appreciate the ubiquity of mathematics as a human endeavour. The topics listed below have been selected to convey a sense of diversity and harmony. While some of them are taught to some degree, the emphasis here will be on moving beyond existing curricula by retrieving and highlighting lesser-known insights into their structure. The course will be accessible to students (undergraduate and above) and teachers in any science/math program.

Topics

Unit 1 Polynomials: Equations of degree 3, 4 and 5. Chebyshev polynomials, Geometry of polynomials Unit 2 Excursions in Geometry: Inversive geometry and applications, the Hexlet, Conic sections, topics in Euclidean Geometry

Unit 3 Differential Equations: Examples from mechanics, Continuum models (heat flow, fluid flow, vibrations and waves), discussion on some topics from Newton's Principia

Unit 4 Using a 3D printer for math visualization - possibilities and challenges.

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