

achoffSemester	I
Course	Multi-Disciplinary
Paper Code	M1PH230111T
Paper Title	Foundations of Empirical Sciences
No. of Credits	3
Theory / Practical / Composite	Theory (Computer aided)
Minimum No. of preparatory hours per week a student has to devote	3
Number of Modules	1
Syllabus	<p><u>Foundations of Empirical Sciences</u> [36L]</p> <p><u>Units and dimensions:</u> Length, mass, time, charge, temperature, electric current etc. [4]</p> <p><u>Ideas about time, length and Energy scales:</u> Order of magnitudes and the art of estimation: application to problems in quantum physics. [6]</p> <p><u>Techniques:</u> Reading Graphs, Understanding errors in experimental results. Using the iterative method to find roots of nonlinear equations and elementary data statistics using a handheld calculator. [12]</p> <p><u>Mathematical modeling:</u> Notion of infinitesimals and L' Hospital's rules, Approximations: Taylor series and related approximation techniques. Significant figures, Truncation error and round off error. Linear Modeling of Physical systems. <i>The notion of partial derivatives, symmetry of second derivatives, handling of multiple integrals, differentiating under integral sign (simple applications only).</i> [14]</p>

Learning Outcomes	<p>(1) Understand and able to apply the ideas related to scales and order of magnitudes.</p> <p>(2) Able to understand graphical representation of data and functions and extract information from them.</p> <p>(3) Pick up notions essential for the differential models with two or variables.</p> <p>(4) Use the notions to derive benefit from any disciplines of study or research which thrive on experiments and data.</p>	
Reading/Reference Lists	<p>Reference Books:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Principles of Physics. Walker, Halliday & Resnick. Tenth edition. Wiley. 2. G.L. Squires - Statistics / William Navidi - Statistics 3. G.B. Thomas -- Thomas' Calculus 4. James Stewart -- Calculus 5. Shilov -- Plotting Graphs 	
Evaluation	<p>Theory: CIA: 15 (10 + 3/assgn + 2/attn.) Semester Exam:</p>	<p>Practical (if applicable) CA: Semester Exam:</p>
Paper Structure for Theory Semester Exam	<p>15 Marks from 3 marks questions (5 out of 7) 20 Marks from 10 marks questions (2 out of 3)</p>	