

# LEARNING MODULE DESCRIPTION

## GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Module title: From polynomials to wavelets: introduction to the theory of approximation
2. Module code:
3. Term:
4. Duration: 30 h of lectures + 30 h of exercises
5. ECTS:
6. Module lecturer: prof. dr hab. Leszek Skrzypczak
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8. Language: English

## DETAILED INFORMATION

1. Module aim (aims)  
The aim of the module is to introduce the main concepts and ideas of modern approximation. However, the classical approximation results will also be presented as a background and motivation for the modern concepts. After the course the student should be able to use main approximation schemes in different mathematical problems and in application
2. Pre-requisites in terms of knowledge, skills and social competences (where relevant)  
It is assumed that students have basic knowledge in mathematical analysis, e.g. in the scope of modules Analysis I, II, III offered by Faculty of Mathematics and Computer Science

## READING LIST

1. O.Christensen, K.L.Christensen, Approximation theory. From Taylor polynomials to wavelets, Birkhauser 2004
2. O.Christensen, Function, Spaces and expansions. Mathematical tools in physics and engineering, Birkhauser 2010
3. O.Christensen, Frames and Bases. An introductory course. Birkhauser 2008
4. E. Hermander, G.Weiss, A first course in wavelets. CRC Press 1996
5. G.G.Lorentz, Approximation of Functions, AMS Chelsea Publishing 1986
6. P. Wojtaszczyk, A mathematical introduction to wavelets. Cambridge University Press 1997

## SYLLABUS:

Week 1: Approximation by polynomials: Taylor's theorem, Weierstrass' theorem, Bernstein polynomials  
Week 2: Approximation in norm linear spaces: convexity and the best approximation problem.  
Week 3: Approximation in Hilbert spaces.  
Week 4: Quantitative questions: modulus of continuity and modulus of smoothness  
Week 5: Theorems of Jackson and Bernstein type  
Week 6: Theorem of Stone-Weierstrass  
Week 7: Series in Banach spaces: convergence, absolute convergence and unconditional convergence.  
Week 8: Orthogonal and orthonormal bases in Hilbert spaces  
Week 9: Bases and unconditional bases in Banach spaces  
Week 10: Fourier transform on real line  
Week 11: Multiresolution analysis  
Week 12: Construction of wavelets via multiresolution analysis. Examples of wavelet systems.  
Week 13: Best N-term approximation  
Week 14: Widths: approximation numbers, Kolmogorov numbers, entropy numbers  
Week 15: Approximation of operators.