

A Refresher Maths for Economics pre-sessional course at Warwick

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Why refresh maths?

Warwick Economics context

- Entry requirements to UG degrees
 - single honours: A in A-level Mathematics (≈ 6 in IB HL Mathematics)
 - comparison to other quantitative degrees
 - joint honours: no A-level Mathematics required, GCSE considered
- Core UG Year 1 Term 1 Mathematical Techniques modules
 - A or B, depending on A-level Mathematics
- Significant share of international students

Considerations

- A-level exams disruption in 2021
- Variety of pre-university qualifications
- Contextual offer contexts
- A-level syllabi vs maths content of UG economics
- General maths skills vs modelling skills

The resources

- First created in summer 2021 by team of colleagues with support of student interns
- Hosted as a dedicated Moodle course
- Also openly available through Economics Network at https://www.economicsnetwork.ac.uk/maths_refresher/
- Suggested workflow
- Brief demonstration

Numbas quizzes

- 327 Numbas questions
- Numbas - open-source e-assessment system developed at Newcastle University
<https://www.numbas.org.uk/>
- Features randomization, work with algebraic expressions, feedback, integrations with JSXGraph, GeoGebra, etc.
- Can be run standalone or integrated to VLE via SCORM.
- Considerations related to server load.

How many students use the resources?

Year	Cohort ¹	Did some	Completed
Number of students			
2021	1049	841	315
2022	758	502	133
2023	674	381	112
Fraction			
2021		0.80	0.30
2022		0.66	0.18
2023		0.56	0.17

¹All students on EC139 and EC140

Thank you!