

BIWO-02: Continuum Mechanics, Tensor Calculus (Prof. Zastrau / Dr. Schlebusch)

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Prerequisite Knowledge

- Good knowledge in mathematics.
 - Vector spaces and linear transformations
 - Finite-dimensional vector spaces and matrices
 - Normed spaces and Inner product spaces
 - Basics on linear operators
 - Functions of real variables
 - Differentiation
 - Differential operators
 - Integration
 - Integral theorems
 - Differential equations
- Good knowledge in statics and strength of materials
 - Analysis of stress and strain states
 - Equations of equilibrium
 - Equations of compatibility
 - Generalized Hooke's law
 - Strength hypotheses

- Energy principles

Topics of Project and Master Thesis

- See topics offered by the Institute of Mechanics and Shell Structures

Literature

- A. Bertram: Elasticity and Plasticity of Large Deformations. An Introduction. Springer, Berlin, 2005
- R. Bowen: Introduction to Continuum Mechanics for Engineers.
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- G.A. Holzapfel: Nonlinear Solid Mechanics: A Continuum Approach for Engineering, Wiley, Hoboken, 2000

Links for possible Topics of Master Thesis

- Please contact for possible Topics the colleagues of the Institute of Mechanics and Shell Structures directly.