

Criteria di valutazione - XXXIX ciclo

Prova orale (max 60 punti)

Sono ammessi alla prova orale i candidati che nel complesso della valutazione dei titoli e del progetto abbiano conseguito la votazione di almeno 32/60. Durante la prova orale verranno verificate le conoscenze di base e due settori disciplinari scelti dal candidato tra i cinque proposti (cfr syllabus) (max 40 punti). La Commissione valuterà inoltre le motivazioni, gli interessi e l'attitudine alla ricerca, attraverso discussione dell'attività pregressa e presentazione di max 3 slide illustrative relative al progetto di ricerca (max 20 punti). La prova orale si intende superata se il candidato ha ottenuto la votazione di 42/60. Il punteggio minimo complessivo per l'ammissione al dottorato di ricerca è di 74/120.

SYLLABUS (40° ciclo)

COMMON TOPICS: These topics are mandatory to all candidates.

MATHEMATICS AND NUMERICAL METHODS

Trigonometry: trigonometric functions, Pythagorean identities, angle transformation formulae, Euler's formula. Complex number and analytic functions.

Analytical Geometry: coordinates, equations and curves, distance and angle, intersection of geometric objects, tangent and normal, coordinate transformation.

Calculus: limits and continuity; differential calculus; integral calculus, series, partial and directional derivatives; vector-valued functions; definite and improper integrals; line integrals; surface integrals; multidimensional integrals; differential operators: gradient, divergence and curl, vector identities. theorems of Stokes, Gauss and Green.

Linear algebra: matrix algebra, linear systems of equations, eigenvalues and eigenvectors.

Ordinary differential equations: first order linear and nonlinear equations; systems of linear differential equations; higher order linear ODEs with constant coefficients, Cauchy and Euler equations, initial and boundary value problems.

Numerical methods: root finding of linear and nonlinear algebraic equations, numerical quadrature; unconstrained optimization methods.

PHYSICS AND ANALYTICAL MECHANICS

Physical quantities, units, and scientific method.

Measurement, probability, errors.

Dynamics of point particles, systems, and rigid bodies.

Newton's laws of motion, cardinal equations, conservation laws.

Macroscopic systems and the laws of thermodynamics: Temperature and heat, First and Second Law of Thermodynamics.

Gravitational and electromagnetic fields.
Waves and vibrations: Oscillations, wave propagation.

PROGRAMMING LANGUAGE

The candidate should have a working experience with at least one of the following programming languages: ForTran, C Programming, C++ Programming, Mathematica, MATLAB, Python

SPECIFIC TOPICS: Each candidate should select two topics for the oral test among those in the following lists.

AERODYNAMICS

Laminar and turbulent flows
Compressible flows: fluid compressibility, sound speed, Mach number.
One-Dimensional Compressible Flow with Area Change, Friction, and Heat
Normal and Oblique Shock Waves
Airfoils and wings: Classification of airfoils, aerodynamic characteristics, Kutta Joukowski theorem; lift generation; wing theory; induced drag.

AEROSPACE STRUCTURES

Aeronautical and Space mechanical and thermal environments.
Mechanical constitutive laws of isotropic and anisotropic materials.
Beam (1D), plates, and shells (2D) theories.
Semi-monocoque structures.
Theoretical foundation and numerical issues on Finite Element analysis.
Structural dynamics of continuous and discretized systems

FLIGHT DYNAMICS

Prediction of aircraft performance
Aircraft modeling
Static stability and control
Dynamics of aircraft motion and response to controls
Basic methods for aircraft closed-loop control

AERONAUTICAL PROPULSION

Thermodynamic cycle analysis in aeronautical engines
Thrust and performance parameters of aeronautical engines
Air intakes in aeronautical engines
Combustion chambers of aeronautical engines
Nozzles in aeronautical engines
Elementary theory of turbomachinery

SPACE PROPULSION

Thermodynamic cycle analysis in space engines
Thrust and performance parameters of space engines
Thrust chambers of space engines
Nozzles in space engines
Elementary theory of turbomachinery

ORBITAL MECHANICS

Newtonian mechanics
Two-body orbital mechanics
Classical Orbital Elements

Rigid body kinematics and dynamics

AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS

Aircraft systems (flight control, avionics, fuel, engine control, electrical, hydraulic, environmental control, emergency)

Aircraft instruments

System and subsystem design and development

SPACE SYSTEMS

Space missions analysis and design (space mission life cycle, mission objectives, requirements and constraints, mission architectures and mission budget)

Space environment and survivability

Spacecraft design

Spacecraft systems (electrical power, thermal control, telecommunications, telemetry and command, attitude and orbital determination, ground control)