

How to obtain Mathematica

The regular price of Mathematica is rather high. Fortunately for us, the pricing of the student version is reasonable:

- 27.55 Euro (plus UK VAT of 17.5%) for a semester (=6 months) license
- 42.75 Euro (plus UK VAT) for a one-year license
- 121.60 Euro (plus UK VAT) for a license that is valid as long as you are a student (it's functional as long as you keep your computer).

All these licenses are available for MS, Mac, or Linux and can be purchased online. To purchase go to www.wolfram.com, click on purchasing, as a reseller use "mathemas" (a local Kiel reseller), and then click on student version and on semester/annual at the bottom if you prefer a short license.

A noteworthy alternative is to buy an older version. In particular, Matthias Kleine kleine.matthias@gmx.de sells the student version of Mathematica 4.1 (linux and MS) for about 30 Euros on Ebay. Feel free to contact him directly. You can find the linux version even cheaper at Markt und Technik (www.mut.de and search for mathematica) for 20 Euros with free shipping. Note that 4.1 is what I use on my laptop and hence should not be too outdated.

I strongly encourage you to purchase one of these options as you will definitely need the software for this class.

The department is trying to make Mathematica available in our PC-lab but that might take time as it depends on other institutes also purchasing licenses.