

Special Lecture on Natural Resource Economics III B  
(Intensive Course in 2nd-Semester of 2016/2017)

# Mathematical Economics for Agricultural Economists

[AGST#5 Developing & Transition Economies Studies:  
Lecture Series No.1]

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Some basic math techniques are crucial for a proper understanding of modern literature of agricultural economics, resource and environmental economics, as more and more mathematics is introduced into economic literature. The course will offer some basic techniques related to economic analysis and optimization (including static and dynamic optimization).

This course is designed to help graduate-level students in agricultural economics at Kyoto University understand some basic math tools for the analysis in agricultural economics, development economics, farm management, and environmental and resource economics.



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- ❖ **This course is designed to be worth 1 credit.**
- ❖ **For credit:**
  - ✓ Registration is already closed.
- ❖ **For non-credit participation:**
  - ✓ Register with **Mr. KURODA** (kuroda.makoto.6a@kyoto-u.ac.jp) by emailing him your name, affiliation, and student ID number **by January 20 (Fri.)**.
  - ✓ Registration for non-credit participation will be accepted on a first-come and first-served basis and will be closed upon reaching full capacity.

## SCHEDULE

- Jan 25 (Wed.)**  
13:00-18:00  
(3, 4, 5 Periods)
- Jan 26 (Thur.)**  
13:00-18:00  
(3, 4, 5 Periods)
- Jan 27 (Fri.)**  
13:00-16:15  
(3, 4 Periods)
- Jan 30 (Mon.)**  
**Final Exam 13:00-14:30**

Venue: Room E217  
Faculty of Agriculture  
Main Bldg.

## Course Outline

1. Introduction
2. Differentiation and Implicit Function
3. Optimization without constraints
4. Optimization with Equality constraints
5. Optimization with Inequality constraints
6. Discrete Dynamic Programming
7. First-order Differential Equations
8. Optimal Control Theory & Some Numeric Methods
9. Final Exam

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