

# The IMLSN Resources Website Project

## IMLSN Workshop 2022 “Mathematics learning support – linking practice to research in the new normal.”

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# IMLSN Resources Website

- In AY 2020/21 funding from the *National Forum for the Enhancement of Teaching and Learning in Higher Education* allowed us to employ two experienced MLS tutors to curate and collate existing and publicly available online resources on the IMLSN website.
- The aim of this project was to provide easily searchable, reliable and targeted selections of different
  - Notes,
  - Videos,
  - Interactive exercisesfor the IMLSN community, i.e. students, tutors, lecturers from Irish HE institutions.



# Resources Project - What has been done so far?

- Established
  - Principles on how to choose resources,
  - Layout of the website,
  - Structure of the topics and
  - Permissions from authors.
- Developed a first draft version on *Foundation Maths*.
- Gathered first feedback from IMLSN community.
- Developed chapters on [Foundation Maths](#) and [Calculus](#).



# IMLSN Website - Home Page

Click <https://www.imlsn.ie/index.php> and find



The screenshot shows the IMLSN website home page. At the top center is the IMLSN logo, which consists of a blue infinity symbol with the letters 'IMLSN' inside it, all within a grey oval background decorated with mathematical symbols like  $\pi$ ,  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ ,  $\theta$ , and  $\Sigma$ . Below the logo is the text 'IRISH MATHEMATICS LEARNING SUPPORT NETWORK'. To the right of the logo is a green rounded rectangle with the text 'Click here to get to the Maths & Stats Resources'. Below the logo and text is a navigation bar with links: 'IMLSN Home', 'IMLSN Workshop 13', 'Past Events', 'Tutor Development', 'IMLSN Maths & Stats Resources Index', and 'Tutor Award 2020'. Below the navigation bar are two more links: 'Practitioner Area' and 'MLS Contact Details'. The main content area has a heading 'Welcome to the Website of the Irish Mathematics Learning Support Network'. Below this heading is a paragraph of text: 'The Irish Mathematics Learning Support Network (IMLSN) was established in 2009 to promote mathematics learning support (MLS) and support individuals and further education and higher education institutions (HEIs) involved in the provision of MLS in Ireland. The IMLSN has an elected voluntary committee whose members are drawn from a range of institutions from around the island of Ireland, and has a constitution.' Below this paragraph is another paragraph: 'This website has a list of the network's activities, including workshops and developed resources and materials, and, together with the IMLSN mailing list (available via [irishmathsupport@gmail.com](mailto:irishmathsupport@gmail.com)), will provide the latest news from the national and international MLS community.' To the right of the main content area is a 'Latest Articles' section with a list of five items: 'Maths Support in Covid Times Workshop 4', 'Resources Index', 'Maths Support in Covid Times Workshop 3', 'Maths Support in Covid Times Workshop 2', and 'Maths Support in Covid Times Workshop 2'.



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# IMLSN Website - Resources Page

Click the **green button** to get

## Mathematics & Statistics Resources

Here you can find helpful maths resources organised by topics. The resources are collated from various existing and publicly available online resources. They are quick & easy to access, and for most topics you will find each of the following:

- [One or more videos](#),
- [Written notes \(also available as pdf files\)](#),
- [Interactive exercises for you to use for practice](#).

This Resources Section works best in Chrome.

### Foundation Mathematics

Numbers

Arithmetic

Algebra

Functions

Trigonometry

Using Your Calculator

Click here to access **Calculus** resources

This is a work in progress and sections on Linear Algebra, Statistics & Probability, and Applied Mathematics will follow.

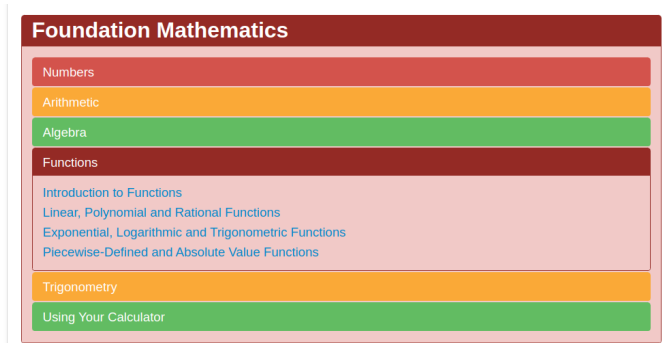


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# IMLSN Resources Website - Example

For example, clicking **Functions** you get



The screenshot shows a navigation menu for 'Foundation Mathematics'. The menu items are: Numbers, Arithmetic, Algebra, Functions, Trigonometry, and Using Your Calculator. The 'Functions' item is highlighted in dark red and expanded to show a list of sub-topics: Introduction to Functions, Linear, Polynomial and Rational Functions, Exponential, Logarithmic and Trigonometric Functions, and Piecewise-Defined and Absolute Value Functions.

Foundation Mathematics	
Numbers	
Arithmetic	
Algebra	
Functions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Introduction to Functions</li><li>Linear, Polynomial and Rational Functions</li><li>Exponential, Logarithmic and Trigonometric Functions</li><li>Piecewise-Defined and Absolute Value Functions</li></ul>
Trigonometry	
Using Your Calculator	



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# IMLSN Resources Website - Example

Click further to get a choice of different resources for the required topic.

The screenshot displays the website's navigation menu for the topic "Linear, Polynomial and Rational Functions". At the top, there are logos for the Government of Ireland, the National Forum for the Enhancement of Teaching and Learning in Higher Education (TL), and the Higher Education Authority (HEA). The main title "Linear, Polynomial and Rational Functions" is centered in orange. Below it, a "Go Back" link is visible. The navigation menu consists of several colored buttons: "Linear Functions" (red), "Polynomial Functions" (grey), "Video" (blue), "Notes" (orange), "Interactive Exercises" (green), and "Rational Functions" (red). A second "Go Back" link is located at the bottom of the menu.



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# Resources Project - What's next?

We are **currently** working on

- **Guidelines** on how to choose and organise resources;
- A **survey** to get insight into students' and instructors' habits and challenges with online mathematics and statistics resources. We are waiting for ethical approval and hope to run the survey in the beginning of AY 2022/23. The aim is to report about findings from this study and to use them for the further development of the website.





# Resources Project - Going forward

We **aim** to develop further chapters on

- Linear Algebra,
- Probability,
- Statistics,
- Applied Maths,
- ...

We see this website as a community project - FOR and FROM the community - which will be of great benefit to students, tutors, lecturers and teachers on the island of Ireland.



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# IMLSN Resources Website Project

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**Please consider taking part in this initiative!!!**

**Thanks for your suggestions and feedback!**



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