

MATH 3650 Section 3: Fall 2014

Numerical Methods for Engineers

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Course Description:

This course is designed to introduce students to the appropriate scientific methods for numerically approximating the solution to engineering related problems.

Topical Outline:

1. Computer representation of number and floating point arithmetic,
2. Solution of linear algebraic equations,
3. Solution of non-linear equations,
4. Interpolation and curve fitting,
5. Least-squares solution to equations,
6. Numerical integration and differentiation,
7. Numerical approximation of Initial Value Problems,
8. Numerical approximation of Eigenvalue Problems.

Learning outcomes:

Upon successful completion of this course, a student will be able to:

1. Understand round-off error and its consequences in computing
2. Master algorithms for solving scalar nonlinear equations
3. Solve square linear systems with Gaussian elimination method with partial pivoting
4. Use the power method to find the largest eigenvalue of a matrix, and know when it will work and when it might not
5. Interpolate functions with polynomials and piecewise polynomials
6. Approximate derivatives with finite difference methods, and quantify the error
7. Approximate definite integrals with numerical methods, and quantify the error
8. Solve ordinary differential equations with timestepping method such as forward and backward Euler, and quantify the error.
9. Be proficient at basic Matlab programming

Attendance

- Class meets TTH 8:00-9:15 in Martin M104

- Students are allowed two unexcused absences during the semester. More than two unexcused absences may result in a student being dropped from the course.
- Attendance at scheduled class tests and the final exam is MANDATORY, unless prior consent has been given by the instructor. No makeup tests will be given. In the event of an "excused absence" from a test that proportion of the students final grade will be added to that of the students final exam.
- Late Policy: If the Instructor is more than 15 minutes late, the class will be considered canceled.

Textbook:

There is no required textbook. Students are supplied with typed lecture notes.

Optional:

"Numerical Methods for Engineers and Scientists: An Introduction with Applications using MATLAB," Amos Gilat and Vish Subramaniam, Wiley, ISBN: 9780471734406.

Course Assessment

Assessment for the class will be based upon class tests, homework assignments/quizzes, and a final exam.

First and second Midterm exam: 45%

Take-Home Final exam: 20%

- more details will be announced in class

Homework/assignments/quizzes: 35%

- Homework is due at the beginning of class.
- Late homework assignments will not be accepted! An assignment will be considered late if it is not handed in by 8:15 on the due date. If your hw is late for a university approved absence, that assignment will not count for or against you.
- Partial Credit: The instructor reserves the right to assign negative partial credit to unrelated or extraneous answers.

Grading Scale

A = 90% - 100%, B = 80% - 89%, C = 70% - 79%,
D = 60% - 69%, F = Below 59%.

Course Etiquette

All course related interactions, including in the classroom and office meetings, will be conducted in a professional manner.

- Any e-mail correspondence with the instructor must adhere to proper professional standards.
- At least 24 hours notice is required for "by appt" office hours.

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