MATH 174/274
Numerical Methods for Physical Modeling
TTh 2:00pm - 3:20pm, AP&M 2402
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Prerequisites
• Completion of a 2-year calculus sequence, including differential equations, and linear algebra.
• Some programming experience.

Textbook
ISBN: 0-13-013054-0

Additional Reading

Computer Language
MATLAB (MATrix LABoratory)
• This software is available in computer labs around campus.
• Student version can be purchased for home PC (NOT REQUIRED).

Goals of the Course
1. Develop numerical methods for approximately solving problems from continuous mathematics on the computer
2. Implement these methods in a computer language (MATLAB)
3. Apply these methods to application problems

Course Topics
1. Introduction (Chap. 1)
2. Rootfinding (Chap. 2)
3. Numerical linear algebra (Chap. 3)
4. Interpolation (Chap. 5)
5. Numerical integration and differentiation (Chap. 6)
6. Numerical methods for ordinary differential equations (Chap. 7)
Grading

Graduate students are required to complete a final project and do a short (20min) in-class presentation of their work during the last week of classes. The project proposal should be developed in consultation with the instructor. Undergraduate students may also elect to do a final project, although this is not required. The grades for this course will be determined as follows, and undergraduates may elect either option:

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40 % – 8 Homework assignments and computer projects
20 % – 1 Midterms (50 minutes, in-class, 1 cheat sheet, front and back, no calculators)
40 % – 1 Final Exam (3 hours, in-class, 1 cheat sheet, front and back, no calculators)

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15 % – Final Project (Project Proposals are due the week of midterms)
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Homework Policy

No late homework will be accepted. Homework will be due at the beginning of class.

Collaboration Policy

Homework is an essential part of advanced mathematics courses. Most students will find that some problems will require repeated and persistent effort to solve. This process is an integral component of developing a mastery of the material presented, and students who do not dedicate the necessary time and effort towards this will compromise their understanding of the material in this course, and their ability to apply this material in their subsequent work.

A student may after working conscientiously on a problem for over 30 minutes, consult with other current Math 174/274 students to develop and clarify their approach to the problem. The written solution should however be an independent and individual effort that reflects the students understanding of the problem and its solution.

As a general guide, a student should be able to independently reproduce any solution that is submitted as homework. Copying of solutions is not permitted and is considered a violation of these guidelines, which will automatically result in zero credit for the assignment, and be reported to the graduate chair of the appropriate department.