TIME AND PLACE: TR 2:00–3:15, 102 - CB

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OFFICE HOURS: TR 12:30–1:45, or by appointment

GRADER ASSISTANT: TBA

TEXTBOOK: W. Cheney and D. Kincaid, Numerical Mathematics and Computing (any edition)

PREREQUISITE: MA 213 and CS 221 or equivalent. A knowledge of some high-level programming language such as FORTRAN or C is required.


LEARNING OUTCOMES: Students will learn basic concepts, problems and methods used in numerical computing. Specifically students will be able to:

1. Estimate computed errors
2. Select/propose methods that yield small errors (if possible)
3. Understand important properties for a number of basic methods (e.g., Gaussian elimination, Lagrange and spline interpolation, Trapezoidal and Simpson’s quadratures, Newton’s iteration, Runge-Kutta methods)
4. Modify problems for better algorithm performance
5. Analyze results computed in fl-arithmetic

Course Evaluation Questions: The course has helped me:
37. An ability to apply knowledge of computing and mathematics appropriate to the discipline
38. An ability to analyze a problem, and identify and define the computing requirements appropriate to its solution
39. Understand fl-arithmetic and errors caused by it
40. Learn basic numerical methods
41. Identify efficient methods for specific problems
42. Analyze/understand computed results
43. Understand the relevance of continuous mathematics to numerical computations

GRADING: There will be 5 or 6 homework assignments collected within one week at the beginning of the lecture. Late papers will not be accepted! Homework assignments are to be worked on independently! Illegible work will not be graded!

There will be two exams during the semester and a comprehensive final exam. They must be taken at the scheduled times. In case of legitimate reasons (see Student Rights and Responsibilities), students must inform the instructor in advance to schedule an exam that will take place before the exam for the whole class. Make-up exams after that will only be given in case of unforeseen (legitimate) reasons.

GRADE COMPOSITION: Homeworks 20%, Two exams (25% each) 50%, Final 30%

FINAL GRADE: Assigned according to the following scale:
90 ≤ A, 80 ≤ B < 90, 70 ≤ C < 80, 60 ≤ D < 70, E < 60

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Please note: Any assignment you turn in may be submitted to an electronic database to check for plagiarism.

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Religious Observance: Since I do not check for attendance, I only need to know at the beginning of the term about conflicts with the exam dates.

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