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Solving scientific, engineering, and other problems often requires the use of numerical methods and computers. This course presents various basic numerical methods, discusses their mathematical properties, and provides practice in computer programming.

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Prerequisite: CS 303E or 307 (or any introductory programming course) and M 341 or 340L with a grade of at least C-.

Meeting: MWF 9:00–10:00 a.m. in RLM 5.104. Attendance is required at all class meetings.

Textbooks:

Web Pages: We use the University’s Canvas (http://canvas.utexas.edu) web site. Please check that your scores are recorded correctly in Canvas. You can access Canvas from my.utexas.edu.

Course Description: We will study primarily Chapters 0–3, 5–6 of the Sauer textbook.

0. Fundamentals (3 classes)
   0.1. Evaluating a Polynomial
   0.2. Binary Numbers
   0.3. Floating Point Representation of Real Numbers
   0.4. Loss of Significance

1. Solving Equations (7 classes)
   1.1. The Bisection Method
   1.2. Fixed-Point Iteration
   1.3. Limits of Accuracy
   1.4. Newton’s Method
   1.5. Root-Finding without Derivatives
      — Reality Check 1: Kinematics of the Stewart platform

2. Systems of Equations (7 classes)
   2.1. Gaussian Elimination
   2.2. The LU Factorization
   2.3. Sources of Error
   2.4. The PA = LU Factorization
      — Reality Check 2: The Euler-Bernoulli Beam

3. Interpolation (7 classes)
   3.1. Data and Interpolating Functions
   3.2. Interpolation Error
   3.3. Chebyshev Interpolation
   3.4. Cubic Splines
   3.5. Bézier Curves [if time permits]
      — Reality Check 3: Fonts from Bézier curves
5. Numerical Differentiation and Integration (7 classes)
   5.1. Numerical Differentiation
   5.2. Newton-Cotes Formulas for Numerical Integration
   5.3. Romberg Integration
   5.4. Adaptive Quadrature
   5.5. Gaussian Quadrature
   — Reality Check 5: Motion Control in Computer-Aided Modeling

6. Ordinary Differential Equations (9 classes)
   6.1. Initial Value Problems
   6.2. Analysis of IVP Solvers
   6.3. Systems of Ordinary Differential Equations
   6.4. Runge-Kutta Methods and Applications
   — Reality Check 6: The Tacoma Narrows Bridge
   6.5. Variable Step-Size Methods
   6.6. Implicit Methods and Stiff Equations
   6.7. Multistep Methods

Computer Accounts: An account on the Mathematics network can be obtained in the Undergraduate Computer Lab, RLM 7.122. A free web-based C++ compiler can be found at http://cpp.sh/.

Homework and Projects: Homework and computer projects will be assigned weekly. It is acceptable for groups of students to help each other with the homework exercises and projects; however, each student must write up his or her own work.

Exams: Two exams will be given during the semester on Fridays, October 5 and November 9. A comprehensive final exam will be given Wednesday, December 19, 7:00–10:00 p.m.

Final Grade: In determining the final grade on the letter plus/minus scale, the homework/projects will count 25%, the two midterm exams will count 20% each, and the final exam will count 35%.

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Counseling and Mental Health Services: Available at the Counseling and Mental Health Center, Student Services Building (SSB), 5th floor, M-F 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., phone 512-471-3515, web site www.cmhc.utexas.edu.