

MAT 581 – Numerical Methods with Programming – Fall 2015

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Course Description: Approximation methods for solution of nonlinear equations. Interpolation problems. Numerical integration. Solution of ordinary differential equations. Other numerical methods, error analysis and writing computer programs.

Prerequisites: MAT 397.

Textbook: "Introduction to Scientific Computing: A Matrix-Vector Approach Using MATLAB" by Charles F. Van Loan, 2nd Ed. ISBN 9780139491573

Grading: The grades will be based on homework and programming assignments (45%), midterm exams (20% each), and final exam (25%). The grading scheme will be no stricter than: 93 for A, 90 for A-, 87 for B+, 83 for B, 80 for B-, 77 for C+, 73 for C, 70 for C-, 60 for D.

Midterm Exams will be given in class on Wednesday, **September 30** and Monday, **November 2**. The cumulative **Final Exam** is scheduled for Friday, **December 18, 3–5 pm**. There will be no make-ups: a missed exam counts as zero unless you present a valid excuse from a physician or the Dean's office. If the absence is excused, your final exam grade will be used to replace the missed exam.

Homework will be assigned in almost every class, and collected at the beginning of next class (written part) or on Blackboard by the end of next class day (computational part). Computational assignments will involve Matlab (available at SU computer clusters), and can be done either individually or in pairs: each submitted program must have either 1 or 2 student names in a comment. Written assignments are individual.

Learning outcomes:

- ✓ Students will be able to use and understand the usage of mathematical notation
- ✓ Students will be able to select an appropriate mathematical model for a given real world problem
- ✓ Students will be able to do hand calculations accurately and appropriately
- ✓ Students will be able to do calculations with the aid of appropriate software
- ✓ Students will be able to apprehend and enunciate the limitations of conclusions drawn from mathematical models

Tips for success in this course:

- It is absolutely essential that you understand how to solve all the assigned problems. Once you understand how to solve a problem, write your solution down neatly and in full detail with explanations that make your reasoning clear.

- Don't fall behind. If you are having difficulties keeping up with the material, see me immediately to discuss the problem.
- Ask questions: in class, during office hours, by email, and via instant messaging.
- Discussing problems with a classmate is very useful.
- Expect to work hard. Don't get discouraged if you find some of the material difficult. Be persistent and patient.

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